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### **AGENDA / MEETING MINUTES**

*54<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of  
Doncaster Rovers Soccer Club Incorporated  
Anderson Park – 117 Andersons Creek Road Doncaster East  
Saturday 12th December 20120 at 2:00 pm*

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1. Opening – Nick Trimmatis  
@ 2:08pm
2. Quorum & apologies – Nick Trimmatis

Quorum acknowledged  
Apologies: Vishal Somaiya

3. Minutes of the AGM held in 2019 – John Stavretis

Amendment to issued minutes - Vice President appointed for second half of term, hence up for re-election in 2020.

Previous AGM (2019 minutes) adoptions:

- John Pellarini adoption of DRSC AGM 2019 Minutes
- Kieran McManus seconds the adoption of the previous year's AGM minutes.

4. Presidents Report – Nick Trimmatis

Presidents Report:

- Welcome life members, members and sponsors of Doncaster Rovers Soccer Club 2020 Annual General Meeting.
- Hope you have all stayed safe and healthy in what has been a very trying year for all. Thank you to all our members for your support throughout the year.
- Additionally, I would like to thank our life members and club sponsors: Asko Design, Abelspine, Bendigo Bank, Blue Thunder Security, Capri Ceramics, Carelli Constructions, Diskmandotnet, Dulux, Esprit Limousines, First National (Balwyn North), The Athlete's Foot (Camberwell), Ryan Smith, Marathon Foods, Dan the Minuteman, Splash Coatings, Ultra Football, Vic Medical Doctors - without your financial support, our club wouldn't prosper.
- Unfortunately, 2020 was an unprecedented year for all of us, however while the season was cancelled, the club was busy working with our Community, Football Victoria, Local and State Governments.
- Despite our setbacks, the club and its volunteer community has worked hard to provide a summer competition in partnership with Wonga Wizards and Juventus Academy.
- The Anderson Park Community Cup will be an ongoing annual event enabling broader community engagement.
- I would like to thank our committee for their tireless hours of work that has been achieved behind the scenes and behind our laptops.
- It hasn't been easy to run our club from our homes, rather than in person. However, we somehow managed to get through it, which will show from the various reports you will hear from today.
- I hope you all get a sense of satisfaction that the future of our club is heading in a positive



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and right direction.

- An abundance of work, time and effort has been put into implementing policies and governance for our club to be viable, safe and have the ability to expand and refurbish our facilities, whilst also implementing a football program commencing 2021.
  - Move and acceptance of presidents' report - Ray Shew
  - Second - Kieran McManus

#### 5. Treasurers Report – Belinda Garoufalas

##### Treasurers Report:

The financial statements as provided show a small profit for the year (grants not yet spent).

Essentially the 2 Contributing factors were:

\* the reduction of operation cost- such Council decision to suspend rent due to COVID, then decreased utilities etc.

\*Successful grant applications (\$12k) including : Onemda clinics, Sports emergency COVID relief, VIC government sporting club grants program, First aid training

##### **MEMBERSHIP**

The club achieved a slight increase in overall memberships -2019- 290 to 304. It is to be noted overall revenue shows a slight decrease. This is a result of the strategic decision to decrease club membership prices in order to drive new memberships with 'bring a friend reduced price' policy.

The club is also trying to ensure that current membership is retained and a lot of hard work has been put in to ensure the financial implications of COVID has minimal impact on our members. However, to ensure we continue to remain viable the club has requested each registration rollover to pay a nominal COVID levy.

##### **COVID IMPACT**

Significantly decreased our ability to generate income through CANTEEN, Fundraising/Gate ticketing/Sponsorship.

Looking to the year ahead

##### **CANTEEN:**

The committee is looking to introduce a volunteer system though this will require the support of members.

##### **FUNDRAISING:**

The Committee is mindful COVID restrictions may still have some impact however we are looking to secure key dates for annual activities and are currently working on the introduction of Sunday socials and we are optimistic this will provide revenue opportunity but also a fantastic opportunity to unite the club and ALL its members.

##### **HALL HIRE**

Whilst the hall hire made a small profit-Looking the year ahead we have already secured short term contracts and engagement with other communities and schools in respect to pitch hire.



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## SPONSORSHIP

Another avenue where COVID has impacted tremendously.

Looking to the year ahead the committee as well as the football department and senior leadership group have already begun the campaign to engage corporate and community support. We welcome anyone who has a company or organisation they would like us to present our sponsorship packages/options to.

## CONCLUSION

The coming year will require all members to help where they can, help does not equate to money but comes in many forms including the most valuable, time. This will be the major contributing factor to curb expenditure and increase revenue to help the club remain sustainable into the future.

The club has a lot to feel positive about. The stability of this current committee ensures the club is set up to be in the best position to make Rovers great again.

- Moves and acceptance of treasures report – Kieran McManus
- Seconded by Ray Shew

### 6. Seniors Report – Steven Pavlidis

- Full complement of staff on board for Senior Group
- Senior team consists of 26 players – 22 senior and 4 reserve players (full)
- Reserves team consists of 14 players (two vacancies)
- Objectives
  - Build the DRSC 'culture' by connecting the senior and junior systems
  - Ensuring the new DRSC dynamics and mechanics of our football program are introduced and begin to become common place.
  - Gain promotion to state 1
  - Assist in the development of the junior program
- Year 1 of a 4 year football program has been rolled out satisfactorily with players embracing the dynamic and mechanics of our DRSC football program. The response from the playing group has been overwhelmingly positive which has led to an influx of young talented players willing to join the program.
- The recruiting process for senior and reserve lists has resulted in a player talent profile that should allow the senior setup to achieve its objectives.
- Senior players are embracing and interacting at junior level and are assisting in connecting both systems by providing support with refereeing and clinics at junior games.

### Questions/Comments

- Are the players and coaching staff the same as 2020? Yes
- Players attending saying the training is better than their NPL prior club
- ACE performance works with Olympic athletes and the senior squad – looking to have them work with the juniors as well in future



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- Move to accept report – John Stavretis
- Seconded by - Nick Trimmatis
  
- Questions:

7. Juniors Report – Faiyaz Aslam

- Teams (5 Junior Teams)
  - U12 All Girls, U12 Boys, 2 x U14 Boys, U15/16 Boys
- Referee development – Green Shirts
  - 2 x Junior Player (Ezekiel McNaughton, Zachariah Creek)
  - 2 x Parents (Arthur Garoufalis, Ahmed Hefnawy)
- Coach development – scheduled FV course postponed
- Juniors membership intake for 2020 increased by approximately 13% due to a directed marketing campaign within our local community. The club will continue to promote our brand of football, engaging with local secondary schools.
- Looking to increase female participation looking forward to the 2023 world cup
- Aiming to grow membership through relationships with schools (e.g. Whitefriars pitch use)

Questions/Comments:

Implement a junior committee to remove administrative burden on committee - acknowledged

- Move to accept report – Belinda Garoufalis
- Seconded by – John Pellarini

8. Mini-Roos Report – Faiyaz Aslam

- Teams (13 MiniRoos)
- 4 x 5/6 (1 all girls), U7, U8, 2 x U9, 3 x U10, 2 x U11
- MiniRoos membership intake for 2020 increased by approximately 10% due to a directed marketing campaign within our local community. The club will continue to work with local primary schools.
  - Move to accept report – John Stavretis
  - Seconded by – Kieran McManus

9. Female Participation – Jenny Jarvis

Female Coaches:

- a. Club development program
  - i. U7 Coaches: Hayley Jarvis & Salma Elbeik
- b. U12 Coach:
  - i. Stefania Tanasi
  
- Successful nomination to the Football Victoria Female Administrators Leadership Program
- Successful acquittal of VicHealth Active Club Girls Grant with the announcement of the U12 all girls team.
- What's new for 2021?
  - Launch of Go Girls and Soccer Mums Programs
  - #ChangeOurGame & #ChangeMakers Program with Football Victoria and Victoria University



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- Successful nomination to the Football Victoria Youth Leadership Program, Demi has agreed to act as mentor to our young women at the club
- Move to accept report – Belinda Garoufalis
  - o Seconded by – John Stavretis

#### 10. Onemda Report – John Stavretis

- Term 1 commenced successfully for six weeks prior to COVID-19
- An alternate way to run the program reducing administrative burden on the club has been tabled with Bendigo Bank, further discussion with Onemda has been delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions.
  - Move to accept report – Jenny Jarvis
    - o Seconded by – Demi Anastassiou

#### 11. Council and Maintenance Report – John Stavretis

- Continued engagement with council (David Price - New Parks and Recreation Manager)
- General maintenance items reported via council portal
- Future Facility Fund Discussion with Council
- Key discussion points:
  - o Drinking fountain request supported by council. DRSC successful in receiving Yarra Valley Water Grant - Installation for pre-season schedule
  - o The club provided feedback to Councils Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Policy – Setting the agenda for council sports investment strategy for the next 3 years.
  - o The club provided feedback to Councils Seasonal Sports Pricing Policy
  - o Cool room compressor replaced – Council funded.
  - o Quarter pitch (Synthetic) application and upgrade slated for end of season 2021 – Council funded (Delayed)
  - o 2020/2021 – Full Size Synthetic Pitch upgrade. Council has initiated a state government application requested 500K funding for a single full size pitch upgrade. Project would be worth an estimated \$1.4m (Delayed and part of DRSC strategic 3 year plan – strategic plan shared).

#### Questions/Comments

- Is money committed from council given construction of petty's and yarra? For synthetic - yes
- How are we holding council accountable for maintenance report? Need to engage better with council like sharing our strategic plan and on-going meetings/engagements – having them a part of our functions
- - Move to accept report – Jim Anastassiou
    - o Seconded by – Kieran McManus

#### 12. Life Membership – Nick Trimmatis

- Policy on Life member, Person of the Year and Years Membership shared
- No nominations this year



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- On behalf of the club, Ray Shew recognised the passing of Alan Pearson, a founding member of the club in 2020, and Margaret Hall – wife of Des Hall, club secretary through 1970's/80's. The club sends condolences to the families at this difficult time.

### 13. Ratification and Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members – Nick Trimmatis

- Ratification and Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members opened by Nick Trimmatis
- Nomination and election of new office bearers:
  - Secretary – John Stavretis
  - Vice President – Jenny Jarvis
  - General Committee A – Demi Anastassiou
  - General Committee D – Jim Anastassiou
  - Committee E – vacant
- Continuing office bearers:
  - President – Nick Trimmatis
  - Treasurer – Belinda Garoufalis
  - Juniors Coordinator – Faiyaz Aslam
  - MiniRoos Coordinator – Vishal Somaiya
- Move to accept nominations as presented above – Kieran McManus
  - o Seconded – Ray Shew

### 14. Amendment to the constitution – to be ratified by Club Members – John Stavretis

Constitution – No Changes

Other Changes –

- Updated Privacy Policy
- Updated Membership Terms & Conditions
- Retiring DRSC Code of Conduct – in lieu of FFA & FV documents
- New Child Safety Policy
- New COVID-19 Safe Plan
- Move to accept as presented above – Ray Shew
  - o Seconded – Kieran McManus

### 15. General Business – Nick Trimmatis

- VCFA – affiliate memberships no dramatic changes, thrilled to be associated with DRSC, third year with the club in 2021, look to field 2 teams, possibly a third team if enough interest. Social competition, many are past members and have children who are also past players. Look forward to continued great relationship with the club.
- Life Members – Team App help. How do life members connect with the club? Keiran McManus life member focal point.
- No/Low level of membership details available for historic members, i.e. those who were at the club for decade.



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16. Close – Nick Trimmatis.

- DRSC AGM 2020 officially closed @ 3:35pm by Nick Trimmatis.