

Hills Bulls Sports Club AGM | MINUTES



Meeting date | time 15/11/2023 6:30 PM | Meeting location Ettamogah Hotel Ridge Room

Meeting called by Board of Members
Type of meeting 2023 Annual General Meeting
Facilitator Michael Gremmo (President)
Note taker Rick Palin (Secretary)
Timekeeper Rick Palin (Secretary)

Attendees (As per Attendance Register)
Rick Palin, Michael Gremmo, Joanne McCauley (Jigsaw Tax Accountant), Craig Culnane, Graham Marshall, Robert Zecchin, Aaron Gonzalez, Ryan Orley, Scott Chalcraft & Martin Shanahan

Apologies
Mark Mahoney, Leon Carroll, Paul (Griffo) Griffin, Barry Rudd & John Abbott

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Topic **Facilitator Welcome** | Presenter Michael Gremmo

Welcome: Michael Gremmo opened meeting, welcomed all attendees & Life Members – Rob Zecchin & Rixk Palin.

Rick Palin (RP) asked that all attendees ensure they have signed the Attendance Register.

Apologies given & read out – Mark Mahoney, Leon Carroll, Paul (Griffo) Griffin, Barry Rudd & John Abbott.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting introduced by Rick Palin (RP) which had been distributed with the AGM Notice on Club website.

Rick asked the floor that the 2022 AGM minutes be taken as read.

No questions/changes arising from 2022 minutes.

RP requested that a motion be proposed confirming the previous 2022 AGM meeting minutes as a true and accurate record of the last meeting.

Motion Proposed: Ryan Orley

Seconded: Graham Marshall

2. Topic **Presidents Report** | Presenter Michael Gremmo

Discussion: Michael Gremmo (MG) provided an overview on the Club's activities for 2023:

2023 was another great year for the Mighty Bulls

Senior Rugby League:

Sydney Shield pulled off a remarkable win with a lot of our juniors proceeding to the senior ranks.

We have secured David Heath (Ron Massey) and Matt Kelly (Sydney Shield) as the Clubs senior coaches for 2024.

Senior RL signings are progressing well with a bigger base of Massey players full-time for season 2024.

2024 Pathway through North Sydney and then Melbourne Storm.

Junior Rugby League:

Parramatta Junior RL Awards – 2023 season saw Parra JRL change the criteria for the Major Awards that had been in place since 1942 by using the points awarded averaged by the number of competitive teams. If the criteria remained as it had been, the Bulls would have won the Modified Shield, Junior Incentive Shield and Club Championship back to back.

Common sense has prevailed at the Parramatta JRL Forum a couple of Sundays back, with the criteria being reviewed and aimed at larger clubs, with consistent points awarded across all competitions averaged by teams across clubs with 15 or more teams and points awarded for teams reaching Grand Finals.

2023 the Club had 43 teams and 668 players with 21 of 29 eligible teams making the finals – eight teams making the Grand Final with five premierships won.

2023 also saw the inaugural Women's Open Team and All-Abilities team which were both outstanding successes.

Oztag:

Oztag 2023 will go down as our most successful season to date.

Over 4,500 players

Bulls 1st in State Championships to be the 2023 NSW State Champions.

17 Australian representatives.

In the National Championships we saw 18 teams made up mostly of Bulls players, with 13 teams making the Grand Final and 12 teams winning – Unbelievable effort.

Club:

The Gym is underway with frame expected to be up pre-Christmas and brickwork over Christmas – The \$100k grant we received for the Gym covers over 50% of the cost.

The 60th Anniversary is on Saturday 25th November and the take up by current members and parents is poor – PLEASE make an effort and get on board with us to make this the memorable effort it is going to be.

Lastly, a huge Bulls thank you to all for making our Club the envy of many.

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3. Topic Annual Financial Report FY22/23 | Presenter Joanne McCauley

Discussion: Joanne McCauley (Club Accountant – Jigsaw Tax & Advisory) gave an overview of the finances for the club. Financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022 prepared by Jigsaw Tax Accountants was provided to all attendees and tabled at the meeting (attached to minutes).

Operating Result: The loss for the financial year amounted to \$102,596. This was primarily due to the realignment of Financial Year End. Previously the financial year ended on the 31st August, but as a result of the updated constitution, the financial year end is now 30 September. This years report is for 13 months rather than the usual 12 months.

September is also a month where the Club traditionally is impacted by large costs for Oztag and Senior Player payments which impacted the 2023 result greatly.

In comparison, the period 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023 showed a profit of \$11,725.

Joanne also noted that the Club was in great financial shape and this can be seen in the report with 2022/23 revenues exceeding \$1.5 million.

Balance Sheet as at 30/09/2023:

Cheque Account -	\$383,799
Petty Cash/Floats -	\$4,280
Debit Cards -	\$31,666
Trade and Other -	\$121,740
Long Term Deposit 1	\$150,000
Long Term Deposit 2	\$200,000
Long Term Deposit 3	\$200,000
TOTAL	\$1,091,485

A motion stating the 2023 Audited Financial Report is accepted by the floor. Report Attached.

Financials Proposed: Rob Zecchin

Seconded: Scott Chalcraft

Topic Election of 2024 BOM / Committee Members | Presenter Rick Palin

Rick Palin congratulated the 2023 Board for their time, work and achievements for the last year and asked that all 2023 Board Members step down, so we can start voting in the 2024 Board of Members and Sub-Committee Members.

Board Of Management Paper nominations received: Rick Palin, Michael Gremmo, Mark Mahoney, Aaron Gonzalez, Ryan Orley, Graham Marshall, and Craig Culnane – All 7 members for 7 positions are elected.

Nominations from the floor for remaining positions: N/A

New BOM for 2024 announced:

Michael Gremmo	President
Aaron Gonzalez	Vice President
Rick Palin	Secretary
Mark Mahoney	Treasurer
Ryan Orley	Executive Member
Graham Marshall	Executive Member
Craig Culnane	Executive Member

General Sub-Committee Paper nominations received: Hannah Withers (Girls Rugby League Liaison & assist with Social Media), Robert Zecchin (Registrar) and Scott Chalcraft (Marketing).

Nominations from the floor for remaining positions: Martin Shanahan (Members Protection Information Officer – MPIO)

4. Topic **General Business** | Presenter *All*

General Discussion was had on:

- No General Business was raised.

5. Topic **Life Member Nomination** | Presenter *Rick Palin*

Life Membership Nomination – Michael Gremmo (Jnr).

- Rick Palin read out a Life Member nomination (attached) from Barry Rudd and seconded by John Abbott.
- Michael Gremmo was asked to leave the room, so the AGM attendees could discuss and vote.
- Michael was voted in by the members of the floor with a unanimous vote.
- Aaron Gonzalez invited Michael back into the room and he was congratulated on his Life Membership.

Meeting Closed: 7:07PM