

Minutes

Meeting: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: North Oval Pavilion

Date/Time: Tuesday 29 March 2016 6.00 pm

Meeting commenced at 6.09 pm

Attendees:

Clubs		
Aikido Aiki Kai	Duncan Stevenson	Jonathon Rocs
Aikido JTS	Brad Blumberg	Kelvin Chau
Australian Rules Football		
Badminton	Yonhon Ng	Goh Xing Huony
Boat Club	Nick Hunter	Jacqueline Williams
Caving		
Cricket	Dr John Beaton	Murray Radcliffe
Cycling	Lauren Bartsch	Nathan Coleman
Fencing	Michael Cook	Ash Mills
Football – men	Tom Sharp	
Football – women		
Futsal	Julian Wong	Kenny Lee
Hockey – men	Tim Banks	Neil Parsons
Hockey – women	Ashleigh Morris	Cassidy Boyd
Interhall Sport		
Judo	Peter Chung	Martin Sholten
Jujitsu	Ashley Martin	Ben James
Kendo	Sharyn Wragg	Darren Boyd
Kung Fu		
Mountaineering	Cleo Riddy	James Bailie
Netball	Brigette Boast	Lara Wedding
Quidditch	Merryn Christian	Oscar Cozens
Rugby Union	Joe Ritchie	Ben McDonnell
	John Carver (u5744293)	
Sailing		
Scuba	Charlotte Rouse	Tosslen Schwich
Snowsports	Hope Dyson	Harry Andrews
Softball	Maddison Fisher	Caity Price
Swimming	Sabrina Moir	Mariah Chang
Table Tennis		
Taekwon-do	David Barr	Rana Singh

Tennis		
Touch Football		
Ultimate Frisbee	Ali Bulbul	Matt Daly
Volleyball	Clarissa Tan	Virginia Mazzini
Individuals		
Michael Pettersson	Prof John Carver (staff)	David Cocking
John Orchard	Annelise Corey	David Luchetti
Andrew McPhillips	Georgia Phillips	
ANU Staff		
Mike Rethman	Peter Bradley (minutes)	Michael Brady (Executive Officer)

Item 1. Apologies

The President welcomed all attendees to the meeting and accepted apologies:
Max Wakefield (Cricket)

Item 2:

a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2015 AGM

The President presented the Minutes of the 2015 AGM. It was moved that the 2015 AGM Minutes be adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Annelise Corey
Seconded: Sharyn Wragg
CARRIED

b) Business Arising

The CEO apologised that the ANU Sport annual report could not be distributed prior to the meeting, an issue raised at the 2015 AGM. The extensive nature of the financial audit, which was finalised on Wednesday of the previous week, and the time collating the range of reports for the annual report, precluded the printing and delivery of the report until this date 29 March 2016. Because of the ANU Sport financial year finishing on 31 December and the time needed for the audit process, this practice will continue in the future, making the early production of the yearbook unrealistic.

Item 3. Presentation of Reports

a) President

The President spoke to his report in the annual report. He described the Union Court redevelopment project as a fundamental threat to ANU Sport, due to the privatisation and commercialism aspects of the project conflicting with the ANU Sport model of delivery of services back to students. Although the ANU Council has yet to confirm details, it is anticipated that a pool will be part of the Union Court development, as well as a gymnasium with rent charged back to ANU Sport.

2016 should also see infrastructure development, such as:

- the construction of a child care centre at the Willows Oval tennis court precinct, with an anticipated co-investment with the university in other area amenities;

- the renovation of changeroom facilities at the fitness centre; and
- the overhaul of South Oval, delivering an innovative sporting facility and co-existing rooms.

The Softball Club, recently formed, was also welcomed into the ANU Sport “family”. Council was also able to develop a process to accommodate more affordable loans to clubs, and increased access for students to unused ANU Sport facilities was made available free of charge. Students with referrals were also given access to ANU Sport services.

The Association has a strong financial surplus due to its sound business practices. A governance review, to be described later in the meeting, also underpinned ongoing security of ANU Sport activities. The introduction of a mascot, the powerful owl, provides a symbol for the ANU Sport community.

Lastly, the President thanked staff and volunteers for their efforts throughout the year.

b) Treasurer

The Treasurer reported a surplus of \$193 000 on turnover in excess of \$3 million, with \$2.5 million in reserve seeking on an opportunity to be invested on a project. He pointed out however, contrary to years ago, it is now more difficult to gain University approval to build on campus, noting that the Union Court project has added delay to the process.

The Treasurer passed on his congratulations to CEO Mick Brady and staff for their hard work and diligence in ensuring that the association operates effectively.

A comparison of the accounts now was made to those of 1996, when members’ funds were less than \$2 million and revenue was less than \$1 million, with a higher SSAF contribution, leaving a tight financial position. All ANU Sport facility improvements over the past 20 years (the Dojo Room, café, current gym, ANU North Pavilion, Willows synthetic) have been done without ANU input, except for Willows which was co-funded. Last year saw more than 560 000 recorded visits to ANU Sport facilities, meaning 1500 visits per day for every day of the year, and a \$2 return in services to students for every \$1 in SSAF funding.

The current position of the organisation reflects the manner in which it is professionally run, balancing the need to operate in a professionally commercial manner while still servicing the support to the ANU community for sporting, fitness and recreational activities.

c) Executive Officer

The Executive Officer spoke of the need for the Association to continue to move forward, in consideration of the changing face of sport. ANU Sport also needs to be part of transformational change which it may be now facing. He thanked the Council, acknowledging the positive blend of the student experience and alumni contribution.

The need to embrace what students are seeking in order for ANU Sport's services to remain relevant underpins the organisation's approach, such as the Excellence in Sport program which engages with student leaders in the provision of sport, fitness and recreational activities.

As universities become more business focused, so too has the business of ANU Sport in providing more effective and increased programs and activities. Perhaps this healthy business model can also see the Association as a victim of its own success. The University is a significant benefactor of the association's engagement with the local community and the student body. Opportunities exist in moving forward, with new revenue streams to be identified and a Community Development Manager appointed for that purpose. The South Oval proposal will be "dipping the toe" into the development arena in this regard.

The CEO mentioned that this was a snapshot of how the Association works cooperatively, with the product of hard work by the staff resulting in participation being "on the up". He thanked volunteers, staff and Council members for all their efforts throughout the year.

It was moved that the 2015 Annual Report be accepted.

Moved: Georgia Phillips
Seconded: Ben James
CARRIED

Item 4. Declaration of 2016 Elections

a) Returning Officer's Report – Election of Council Members

The Returning Officer, Dr Mervyn Aston, tabled his report (attached at A) relating to nominations for 2016 ANU Sport Council members. Nominations were called for on Tuesday 23 February 2016 and closed at 4.00pm on Monday 7 March 2016.

At the close of nominations, the following were received and declared appointed to Council:

President	David Luchetti
Vice President	Josh Orchard
Treasurer	Neil Parsons
Elected Member	John Carver
Elected Member	Max Wakefield
Elected Member	Jacqueline Williams

It was moved that the Declaration of the Returning Officer be accepted.

Moved: Duncan Stevenson
Seconded: David Cocking
CARRIED

The outgoing President, Michael Pettersson, vacated the chair and the incoming President, David Luchetti, assumed the chair of the meeting.

Mr Luchetti thanked the outgoing President, members of the 2015 Council and the Executive Officer and his staff for their work over the previous 12 months. He briefly spoke of his background with the Association, as a former player with the cricket and rugby clubs, an active user of the gym and a member of Council over the years. He stated that he is always happy to talk with members, who should feel free to approach him. With issues confronting the Association, such as the Union Court, Building 19 changerooms and South Oval infrastructure, he expressed his view that engagement with the University is important. He was also keen to see the governance review through to its conclusion and, most importantly, continue with the engagement with and support of students.

b) Call for Nominations for Vacant Council Member Positions (3)

The President then proceeded with calling for nominations for the remaining three vacant ordinary Council Member positions, pursuant to the notice of the AGM. The following nominations were received:

	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
1)	Maya Suzuki	Annelise Corey	Neil Parsons
2)	Andrew McPhillips	Neil Parsons	Michael Pettersson
3)	David Barr	Rana Singh	Sabrina Moir
4)	Caity Price	Madison Fisher	Hope Dyson

Dr Aston was then invited by the President to conduct a secret ballot for the three vacancies. Each nominee was invited to speak to the meeting regarding their suitability for a Council position. Members at the meeting then completed and returned their ballot papers to Dr Aston for tallying.

The following were declared as successful in filling the vacant positions on council:

- Maya Suzuki;
- Caity Price; and
- Andrew McPhillips.

It was moved that the Declaration of the Returning Officer for the filling of the three vacant Council positions be accepted.

Moved: Georgia Phillips
Seconded: Nick Hunter
CARRIED

The meeting thanked Returning Officer, Dr Aston, for his work once again.

The meeting expressed its gratitude to the unsuccessful nominee in registering his interest in being a member of Council.

Item 6. General Business

a) Resolution to appoint Life Membership status – Dr John Beaton

The President spoke to a paper which was circulated to meeting attendees concerning a recommendation from Council for the appointment of honorary life membership status to Dr John Beaton (paper attached at B).

It was moved that Dr John Beaton be appointed an honorary life membership status.

Moved: David Luchetti
Seconded: Annelise Corey
CARRIED

Dr Beaton responded to his appointment as an honorary life member of ANU Sport. He highlighted the following:

- His greatest achievement was in hiring CEO Michael Brady, who has taken the Association forward significantly during his tenure;
- He deeply appreciated the efforts of a succession of dedicated Council members; and
- The underpinning principle for the Association was the care, by its members and Council representatives, for the organisation and what it does.

(NB: At this point, Dr Aston returned to the room after tallying votes to declare the successful nominations for the three vacant Council positions as described in Item 6. b))

b) Governance Review - update

The Executive Officer informed the meeting that, as a result of a request by the Pro Vice Chancellor Student Experience of the University last year for ANU Sport to review its governance. The review covers in such matters as Association membership, Council size and structure, structures and processes. The Council is looking to re-draft the constitution for adoption at a special general meeting late in the year, around August. Comments from members and stakeholders will be sought to ensure balance between the objectives of the Association and those of the University.

c) Other Business

No other business was provided.

The President invited questions from the floor but none were proffered.

The President closed the meeting at 7.03 pm