

HDJRLFC&TA Annual General Meeting | MINUTES



Meeting date | time 01/03/2023 6:30 PM | Meeting location Hills Bulls Clubhouse

Meeting called by Board of Members

Type of meeting 2022 Annual General Meeting

Facilitator Mark Mahoney (Treasurer)

Note taker Rick Palin (Secretary)

Timekeeper Rick Palin (Secretary)

Attendees (As per Attendance Register)

Rick Palin, Mark Mahoney, Joanne McCauley (Jigsaw Tax Accountant), Leon Carroll, Graham Marshall, Robert Zecchin, Paul (Griffo) Griffin, Aaron Gonzalez, Ryan Orley, Hannah Withers, Yass Sidaros, Rob Gleeson (Club Photographer), Aaron Gonzalez & Martin Shanahan

Apologies

Michael Gremmo, Craig Culnane, Justin Moynihan & Scott Chalcraft

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Topic **Facilitator Welcome** | Presenter Mark Mahoney

Facilitator Elected: With both the President and Vice-President absent, Rick Palin elected Mark Mahoney (Treasurer) to chair the meeting and all present voted their approval.

Welcome: Mark Mahoney opened meeting, welcomed all attendees.

Rick Palin asked that all attendees ensure they sign the Attendance Register.

Apologies given & read out – Michael Gremmo, Craig Culnane, Justin Moynihan & Scott Chalcraft.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting introduced by Rick Palin (RP) and asked the floor that they be taken as read. No questions/changes arising from 2021 minutes. RP requested that a resolution be passed confirming the previous 2021 meeting minutes are an accurate record of the previous meeting.

Motion Proposed: Graham Marshall

Seconded: Aaron Gonzalez

2. Topic **Presidents Report** | Presenter Mark Mahoney

Discussion: Mark Mahoney (MM) provided an overview on the Club's activities for 2022:

2022 will certainly go down as one of the greatest years in the mighty Hills Bulls history.

Our mighty juniors achieved the ultimate prize winning the 2022 Parramatta JRL Club Championship and the Parramatta JRL Club of the Year. This along with many other accomplishments listed below makes the most successful year in the mighty Bulls history.

We fielded 34 Rugby League Teams, 4 League Tag Teams and a total of 594 players featuring in 21 of 29 eligible teams making the Finals.

With overwhelming interest by several keen Under 14 girls brought the re-introduction of girls Rugby League. We fielded four girls League Tag teams again and the girls had a great season which has set a great platform for the program to thrive in to the future.

The 2021 Under 13 tour was rescheduled for April this year and the 2022 Under 13 Boys and Under 14 girls set off to the Gold Coast in October. They travelled to the Queensland and braved torrential rain but had a great trip and made lifelong memories with their mates. Thank you to all the tour committee, sponsors and volunteers for all that you did to make this happen.

A special mention to all our Representative players that played for numerous representative teams including players in the current World Cup Competition.

2022 Parramatta JRL Awards

Coach of the Year – Sam Rutherford

Modified Junior Incentive Award – Hills District Bulls

Junior Incentive Award – Hills District Bulls

Club Championship – Hills District Bulls

Club of the Year – Hills District Bulls

2022 Premiers & Grand Finalists

Ron Massey Cup 2022 Ron Massey Cup Minor Premiers & Premiers & Presidents Cup Runners-Up

A Grade - Div 1 2022 Minor Premiers

U14/1 - Div 1 2022 Premiers

U13/1 - Div 1 2022 Grand Finalists

U13 Girls League Tag 2022 Grand Finalists

U11/1 - Div 1 2022 Minor Premiers & Premiers

U11/3 - Div 3 2022 Minor Premiers & Grand Finalists

U11 Girls League Tag 2022 Minor Premiers & Premiers

U10/1 - Div 1 2022 Grand Finalists

Congratulations to all of our Coaches, Managers, Volunteers and especially our players for their efforts both on and off the field. Well done to everyone and we look forward to another great year in 2023.

Senior Rugby League

Ron Massey Cup is the highest level of sport played in the Hills District. Playing 2 levels under the NRL is a fantastic achievement for our Club and would not be possible without our sponsor's generous support.

Our partnership with the North Sydney Bears provided a strong platform for the Senior Rugby League which led to the Hills District Bulls finishing as Minor Premiers and going on to win the Ron Massey Cup for the first time. Our Ron Massey Cup team went on to play Maitland in the season extending to the Presidents Cup competition and making the Grand Final. Unfortunately missing 6 players due to injuries, the team finished 2nd best in NSW.

Sydney Shield finished 2nd on the ladder and narrowly missed out on the Grand Final.

A-grade also finished as Minor Premiers missing out on the Grand Final.

This season 22 Bull's junior players played with our Ron Massey Cup and Sydney Shield teams. Congratulations to Sean Walpole who played his 300th game for the mighty Bulls this season.

Tim Robinson retires this year with a Ron Massey Cup Premiership. Robbo, has been Club Captain and a faultless leader of our senior squad for many years and we wish him all the best in retirement.

The Nathan Gremmo Shield brought in the biggest crowd of the year with some outstanding defence with 2 great wins. It has become a tradition to play against Blacktown Workers winning 45 - 10 and retaining the shield. On behalf of our family, we would personally like to thank everyone involved in organising the day and your ongoing support in raising awareness of organ donation and assisting with saving lives just as Nath did.

Bulls Oztag

Baulkham Hills Oztag is a thriving part of the Hills Bulls Sports Club. Each summer our competition continues to grow with existing and new players from various "winter" sports clubs coming to Crestwood to play Oztag. For some this is all about creating a team of friends in our Boys, Women's, Mixed and Senior competitions to have fun and keep active. For those wanting to take their Oztag to the next level the Hills Bulls State Cup Squads are the perfect pathway competing at the NSW Oztag State Cup each year. This year the Oztag State Cup was pushed back to May and saw the Hills Bulls Squads successfully competing across the championship finishing 3rd in the state. We also had many players selected for the Tigers Competition in which they won the overall State Championships and 13 players going on to be selected to represent Australia – what an effort!

Bulls Summer Oztag

Over 3800 players

2022 NSW Oztag State Cup Championship

18 Junior teams

17 Finalists

11 Semi-finalists

8 Grand Finalists

3 State Cup Champions (U14 Girls, U15 girls and U16 Boys)

3rd in the State Cup Championship

2023 NSW Oztag State Cup Championship

18 Junior teams

17 Finalists

12 Semi-finalists

7 Grand Finalists

5 State Cup Champions (U10 Boys, U14 Boys, U15 girls, U16 Girls (7 in a row) and U17 Boys)

2023 State Cup Club Champions

2022 Wests Tigers Regional Oztag

10 Hills Bulls Oztag Coaches selected to coach West Sydney Tiger Cubs Regional Teams.

123 Hills Bulls Players were selected into the West Sydney Tiger Cubs Regional Teams

2022 Australian Representatives

13 players representing Australia

Thank you

Thank you to our Fundraising Committee who organised key events such as the Colour Run, Sports Lunch and Golf Day. Your great ideas and pulling these events together made it fun for our members and the broader community. The group of volunteers have a tough job and are a crucial part of our team.

Thank you to the parents who volunteer on the field and in the canteen.

I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful support of our sponsors who along with the Fundraising Committee provide the funding to create a professional environment for our players. Many of our sponsors are also volunteers who not only provide funding but go above and beyond to volunteer their time. We appreciate your ongoing support.

Aaron, Aimee, and Cassie thank you for your efforts managing the Canteen.

Personally, I would like to thank our Club Secretary Rick Palin and the Board Members. Not only do they guide our Club with their outstanding business acumen and strategy, but they are also Coaches, Trainers, Managers, OzTag and Touch Footy organisers, medical helpers and set up and pack up our fields each week. Your commitment and dedication to the mighty Bulls makes our great Club what it is today and the envy of many.

3. Topic **Annual Financial Report FY21/22** | 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.

Operating Result: The profit for the financial year amounted to \$311,472. This was a fantastic result considering it was after writing off bad debts of \$76,562.00.

COVID-19 Impact: The 2020 and 2021 seasons were impacted by COVID-19, however the impact in the 2022 season was minimal. All competitions while slightly impacted by weather were able to run as normal. The committee believe the Club has survived the impact of COVID-19 and is trading as normal in the current year.

Joanne McCauley (JM) advised that the Club was transitioning from MYOB to a new accounting platform called Xero which will assist with both bookkeeping and reporting and connectivity with our Square POS system. Xero also has extremely good analysis features.

MM mentioned that we are looking at a number of options to invest in long term deposit some of the money in the Club cheque account to make it work better for us. The board will be advised of what options are the best. JM also advised that it is also better to split long term deposits into 6 Month and 12 Months terms.

Graham Marshall (GM) asked if there was a breakdown of Oztag revenue/costs and JM indicated that on page 17/18 was the breakdown of revenue/cost/expense across the Clubs sports silos. RP also advised we can also get

further breakdowns with the new Xero package, plus the Square system and RPs spreadsheets break some things down further if required.

Current Balance Sheet as at 31/01/2023:

Cheque Account - \$560,226
Petty Cash/Floats - \$3,461
Debit Cards - \$10,340
Long Term Deposit - \$109,461

A motion stating the 2022 Audited Financial Report is accepted by the floor. Report Attached.

Financials Proposed: Rob Zecchin

Seconded: Graham Marshall

Topic Special Resolution / Committee Members | Presenter Rick Palin

Special Resolution of the Members: Adoption of new Constitution and Change of Name to 'Hills Bulls Sports Club Incorporated'

Mark Mahoney gave an overview on how we came to the new Constitution and Name Change. The Club has been using the NSW Govts Model Constitution since 1987 with the Club complying and non-complying with the Model Rules over the years.

Over the last 12 months the Board decided to review the Constitution we were using and enlisted a Legal firm 'Frank Law' to assist by reviewing the Model constitution and compare it to where the Club is now, understand the legal gaps and risks and see if it still fits or needed to be expanded or changed to suit the growing needs of the Club, including protecting the Club assets and its members, Business names and ABNs.

Frank Law after its review, came to the conclusion that we needed to develop our own constitution to bring the Club up from the 80's and ensure we have the correct legalities and protection of the members in the document to stop any litigation challenges. The two main changes were changing the name and the Club constitution.

RP explained that we have always followed the Model Constitution which is 7 Board Members consisting of President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer plus 3 Committee Members, and then we have had Sub-Committees (ie. Fundraising, C&D etc). At the 2011 AGM, in hoping it may assist the Clubs growing needs of assistance, a vote was made in favour of increasing the Board numbers from 7 to 13 people, as instructed by the legal advisors this did not follow the constitution and a special resolution did not take place, so in reality the Board has always ever been 7 Board Members with up to 6 Sub-Committee Members in place.

Martin Shanahan and Hannah Withers both asked to explain why we had moved from 13 Board Members as we had in 2022, down to only 7 Board Members for 2023, as it was know that we were changing the name and constitution, but didn't know the change of Board Member numbers. Hannah said we need to review how we communicate the AGM and what occurs at an AGM including voting of the Board Members. Martin also said we should look at clarifying the terminology of the roles (ie. Board Members and Sub-committee Members) to assist people who may want to be on the Board or a Committee. It was also discussed that Sub-Committee vote at the meeting and may bring proposals to the Board, the Board will then vote on the relative proposal etc.

It was also stated that the vote tonight was a member vote, not a Board vote, so all financial members can vote.

Special Resolution was put to the members to vote, and all financial members at the meeting voted in favour:

1. **Adoption of new constitution** – Resolved that the Club adopt the constitution that is attached as the constitution of the Club.
2. Resolved that the adoption of the Constitution as the constitution of the Club will take effect immediately upon passing of these resolutions.
3. **Change of Name** – Resolved that the Club formerly known as ‘Hills District Junior Rugby League Football Club And Touch Association Incorporated’ and/or ‘Hills District Junior Rugby League Football Club’ and/or ‘The Hills Sports Club’ and/or ‘Hills Bulls Sports Club’ become known as **‘Hills Bulls Sports Club Incorporated’** and the former names shall hereafter be other business names owned by the Club together with the further business name ‘Hills District JRLFC & TA’.

Do all things to transfer the business names referred above to **ABN 93 454 586 812** and thereafter cancel the ABN 50 169 943 676 and ABN 96 514 927 467.

4. **Authority to complete and sign documents** – Resolved that **Richard Palin** is authorised by the Committee of the Club to complete, sign and lodge all documents (Form A6 and Form A7).

Topic **Election of 2022 BOM / Committee Members** | Presenter *Rick Palin*

Rick Palin congratulated the 2022 Board for their time, work and achievements for the last year and asked that all 2022 Board Members step down, so we can start voting in the 2023 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 2023 announced:

Michael Gremmo

Rick Palin

Mark Mahoney

Aaron Gonzalez

Ryan Orley

Graham Marshall

Craig Culnane

Next BOM Meeting – Monday 14/12/2021 – 7:00PM – Hills Bulls Boardroom – For BOM Role nominations

Mark Mahoney congratulated the 2022 Board and welcomed the 2023 Board. Mark also congratulated previous Board Members Paul Griffin and Marty Shanahan on their huge contributions to the Hills Bulls Board over the years.

Hannah Withers asked if that was the only seven paper nominations received or were they the first seven nominations received – RP advised that the only paper nominations received were for the 7 Board Member roles and 3 for the general Sub-Committee. RP also advised that we follow a very strict process when it came to nominating and voting of roles at the Club.

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: No

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

General Discussion was had on:

Life Membership Nomination – Rick Palin.

- Rick Palin was asked to leave the room, so the AGM attendees could discuss and vote.
- Rick was voted in by the members of the floor with a unanimous vote.
- Rob Zecchin invited Rick back into the room and he was congratulated on his Life Membership.

Meeting Closed: 7:14PM