



# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the University of New South Wales Football Club (UNSW FC), held on Level 2 Glass House Room, The Juniors ANZAC Parade, Kingsford, The Meeting was held Monday, 16th December 2019.

*Meeting Commenced at 6:55pm.*

## 1. Attendees & Apologies

1. Attendees: R. Hofbauer, D. Hofbauer, R. Charlton, A. Kay, A. Field, T. Nikolin, A. Sutherland, D. Helm, X. Taylor, P. Croucher, M. Vandenberg, S. Strati, R. Chan, M. Chen, M. Agapitos, R. Hrovat, F. Binakaj, L. Drakopoulos, G. Knowles, N. Moreno, J. Gollan, C. Phillips
2. Apologies: Tara Casserly (Student President), Johanna Vivanco (Secretary)
3. Meeting Chair: Robin Chan (President)
4. Returning Officer: Richie Hrovat (Registrar)
5. Minute Taker: Michael Chen (UNSW ARC Delegate)

*Quorum was Satisfied*

## 2. President's Opening (President, Robin Chan)

1. The meeting was welcomed and addressed by Robin Chan, President of UNSW FC. The meeting noted the election for the inaugural Board of Directors ("BD") of UNSW FC.
2. Nestor Moreno asked if the nominated BD needs to be present. *Answer: No, but the person must write back to accept the nomination.*
3. Andrew Field raised the question about the terms of the BD. *Answer: 1 year as of now, subject to future change should the committee wish to.*
4. Liz Drakopoulos asked for clarification and Robin Chan clarified the different role for BD Vs Executive Committee ("EC").
5. The proposed change of 2 amendments to current constitutions:
  - a. Club's President is automatically part of the BD (Voted and this clause has passed with 14 votes in favour).
  - b. President cannot chair the Board (Voted and this clause has passed with 15 votes in favour).
6. Discussion about Board of Directors
  - a. BD is not elected but selected by EC from the nominated list.
  - b. Nick Apoifis highlighted that BD is not elected now as it aims to give more power to EC during the transition period.



### 3. President's Report (President, Robin Chan)

#### 1. Facility/Infrastructure

- a. Village Green ("VG") update: FIFA Grade Design. To be made available for National Premier League ("NPL") and selected Eastern Suburbs Football Association ("ESFA") teams on certain dates.
- b. Potential field from Randwick Girls/Boys High School: Ongoing discussion
- c. Cost for potential pitch hire:
  - i. AUD 55,000 for games
  - ii. AUD 40,000 for training
  - iii. Andrew Field asked if UNSW FC is going to pay this fee upfront before 30 December 2019. *Answer: No*
  - iv. Led to some discussion pertaining to pressure on cash flow
  - v. Discussion about turning 6-aside night into NPLs training night to ease training pressure, but might cause cash flow pressure

#### 2. Men's NPL4 partnered with ESFA for Youth Programme

- a. Discussion about review of the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") in 2021 with ESFA
- b. Discussion about financial status about MOU
- c. Sandra Strati highlighted that UNSW FC needs to have more oversight over the operation on the joint project
- d. Nestor Moreno highlighted the need to find out about other sports club's arrangement with UNSW

#### 3. Discussion about VG's and David Phillips ("DP")'s role for the club

- a. A question raised: would ARC try to make money from VG? *Answer: probably yes, but UNSW/student participation would have some priorities from UNSW's perspective*
- b. Nestor Moreno raised the prospect of having more UNSW FC teams in 2021
  - I. New VG facility a boost to the club
  - II. More student participation
  - III. Potential 5-10 new teams possible and compete in higher divisions
- c. Matt Vanderberg asked if DP is available for 5 pm KO on Sunday. *Answer: currently no, but the club will try to find out about the possibility of bringing change.*

#### 4. General Discussion about Sponsorship

- a. Various ideas proposed
- b. Chris proposed to seek players to help to find potential sponsors

### 4. Treasurer Report (Treasurer, Sandra Strati)

- Tabled audited and prepared financial reports for Season 2019
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- a. Some sponsorship could be reflected in the foundation account but might not be reflected in the audited Financial Year ("FY") Annual Report yet.
  - b. Treasurer advised of financial challenges for Season 2020, noting that sponsorship outcomes will need (and have been) significantly increased.
  - c. Auditors highlighted that UNSW FC should try to avoid running a deficit three years in a row (currently two years in a row)
  - d. Richie Hrovat and Sandra Strati highlighted the issue with current auditors
    - i. Some members discussed the possibility of changing the FY Annual Report date
    - ii. Possibility of change of current auditors



- e. Rob asked two questions:
  - i. Is there a budget for the next FY? *Answer: Yes*
  - ii. Is there a cash-flow projection? *Answer: Yes*
- f. Matt Vanderberg asked and highlighted the sponsorship issue:
  - i. How much does Ultra Football (current sponsor) give back to the club? *Answer: Less than 5K, the sponsorship may not continue.*
  - ii. Matt proposed to change to ProDirect as they offer more discount.
- g. General discussion about the needs for more sponsorship
- h. Vote to accept the Financial Report: the Report was approved with 15 votes in favour - it was **resolved** to accept the Treasurer's Report and Financial Reports as tabled to the meeting.

## 5. Election of Executive & Committee Members (Richie Hrovat - Returning Officer)

- Robin Chan thanked the committee for Season 2019 and declared vacant all seats of the Committee.
- Richie Hrovat became the "returning officer" and stated the floor was open for nomination and election. Nominations were tabled previously OR taken from the floor.
- Richie Hrovat thanked all the hard work for Season 2019 by the entire committee, specifically wanting to thank and acknowledge Robin Chan and Sandra Strati for their hard work in such a significant and challenging season.
- Noted restructured committee to be specialised for tasks, rather than representative of different portions of the club.

### 1. Election of 2019-20 Executive Positions

#### a. President

- i. Robin Chan nominated himself. Nestor Moreno seconded. **Robin Chan** is elected (unopposed).

#### b. Secretary

- i. Ashlee Sutherland nominated herself. Tara Nikolin seconded. **Ashlee Sutherland** is elected (unopposed).

#### c. Treasurer

- i. Robin Chan nominated Sandra Strati. Andrew Field seconded. **Sandra Strati** is elected (unopposed).

#### d. Student President

- i. Tara Casserly nominated herself (in absentee). Robin Chan seconded. **Tara Casserly** is elected (unopposed).

#### e. ARC Delegate

- i. Robin Chan nominated Michael Chen. Matt Vandenberg seconded. **Michael Chen** is elected (unopposed).

#### f. Student Secretary

- i. Received no nomination, position still **vacant**

#### g. Student Treasurer

- i. Received no nomination, position still **vacant**



## 2. Election of 2019-20 Remaining Committee Positions

### 1. *Operation & Administration (up to 5 nominations allowed)*

- a. Rachelle Hofbauer is elected.
- b. Johana Vivanco is elected.
- c. Peter Croucher is elected.
- d. Richie Hrovat was provisionally elected, being conditional to the appointment as either a committee OR board member only.

### 2. *Community Engagement (up to 5 nominations allowed)*

- a. Matt Vandenberg is elected.

### 3. *Marketing & Promotions (up to 5 nominations allowed)*

- a. Liz Drakopoulos elected.
- b. Tara Casserly is elected.

### 4. *Partnership/Sponsorship (up to 5 nominations allowed)*

- a. Nestor Moreno elected.

## 6. Nominations for Board of Directors (Richie Hrovat - Returning Officer)

- a. The meeting was advised that up until fourteen (14) days after the AGM further nominations can be submitted to the secretary.
- b. When nominations close it is up to the Executive Committee to elect the board for a term of twelve (12) months from the completion of the previous AGM.
- c. Committee members can technically be nominated to the board under the current rules of association, however it was not recommended.
- d. Any non-present members nominated from the floor have fourteen (14) days to accept their nomination in writing from the date of the AGM.
- e. The meeting welcomed the introduction of the inaugural UNSW FC Board for Season 2020, that was advised to be compliant with Fair Trading requirements for Incorporation and Association.

The following nominations were received at the meeting:

### i. **Alex Smith**

- Nominated by Robin Chan. Tara Nikolin seconded, nomination confirmed. Nomination was tabled previously.

### ii. **Rob Charlton**

- Nominated by Andrew Field. Andrew Kay seconded, nomination confirmed.

### iii. **Andrew Field**

- Nominated by Andrew Kay. Nestor Moreno seconded, nomination confirmed.

### iv. **Nick Apoifis**

- Nominated by Robin Chan. Andrew Field seconded, nomination confirmed.

### v. **Anthony Hughes\***

- Nominated by Andrew Field. Andrew Kay seconded, nomination confirmed subject to nominee accepting in writing to the club secretary.



**vi. David Borella\***

- Nominated by Nestor Moreno. Michael Chen seconded, nomination confirmed subject to nominee accepting in writing to the club secretary.

**vii. Richie Hrovat**

- Nominated by Tara Nikolin. Nestor Moreno seconded, nomination confirmed - noted that nomination was conditional to the appointment as either a committee OR board member only.

***There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:15pm***