

Hobsons Bay Running Club

Annual General Meeting The Old Gatehouse courtyard 0945 - Saturday 27th February 2021

Minutes

Note: Immediately prior to the AGM, John Condon was awarded with Life Membership of the Hobson's Bay Running Club, in recognition and appreciation of his contribution and service to the Club as a member over many years and our long-standing Patron.

- **Present** Peter Buissink, Mick Beasley, Michael Slee, John Gray, Brony Rowleson, Terry Pearce, Ali McAleese, Rob Falloon, Daryl Sadgrove, Michael Reif, Di Donohue, Jude McCann, Adrian Boyle, John Condon, Kate Milnes, Mark Maloney, Ray Barnard, Aaron McAleese, Alison Sanders
- **Apologies** Tameka Day, Graham Dewerson, Cain Speakman, Gareth Coakley, Eero Keranen, Brian Armstrong, Kieran Leonard, and Matt Davis

- **Minutes of 2019 AGM and matters arising**

Motion to accept 2019 Minutes with no matter arising.

Proposed Terry Pearce Seconded Aaron McAleese

Motion to accept passed without dissent.

- **Presidents Report**

See Schedule 1 (attached). Report from John Gray

Proposed Ray Barnard Seconded Di Donohue

Motion to accept President's Report passed without dissent

- **Treasurer's Report**

- ❖ The Hobson's Bay Running Club has had a decimated year through COVID 19 with 125 members paid up, a slight decrease from the previous year and amazing when considering that 9 months were wiped out.
- ❖ We have a nett operating margin of \$3409.00.
- ❖ Our biggest costs were Athletics Vic insurance payments, Coaching accreditation and training costs, totalling \$1760.00.
- ❖ The 11.5K of revenue was slightly down on previous years but was boosted by grants of \$4.1K.
- ❖ We have continued to save on insurance cover premium. Our affiliation to Athletics Victoria (AV) covers the cost of insuring members for injury. This \$10.00 per member is still well worth it.

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- ❖ We have a bank balance of \$17k as at 30th Oct, 2020.
- ❖ We have shared cleaning cost of \$325 for 6 months (effectively 12 months as Little Athletics pay 6 months during Summer) and the cost of the NPAT is \$115.50 per season (\$231.00 for winter and summer)
- ❖ We have 12 active level 1 coaches in the club and 3 level 2 coaches. Grants and continual fundraising enables the club to fund coaches training and registration to sustain continued growth. We want to continue with this momentum and continue to grow this strong club.

See Schedule 2 (attached). Report from Peter Buissink
Proposed Kate Milnes Seconded Brony Rowleson
Motion to accept Treasurer's Report passed without dissent.

Handicappers Report

- Mick reported that not much had happened over the preceding 12 months, and providing accurate handicapping data was hard without information
- he mentioned that the handicaps had been a little erratic and it was important to know your form. He expected this to settle over the coming months.
- The AGPB will be reconsidered
 - for over 35's
 - best time in 3 years

Proposed Peter Buissink Seconded Michael Slee
Motion to accept Handicappers Report passed without dissent

- **Other Business**

There has been a 50% reduction of subs for members who were financial in 2020, bringing the 2021 membership down to \$25 for those members when renewing.

- **The 2020 Committee**

- John publicly thanked the 2020 Committee for the successful year. It's been hard work during COVID-19, adjusting processes, but that hard work has resulted in membership growth.
- The efforts of Mark Maloney as the Editor of Home Runs over many years, were publicly recognised by Rob Falloon and Michael Slee. The February edition of Home Runs was edited (solo) by Michael Slee, following an extensive handover of the reigns from Mark.
- John publicly recognised the valuable contribution of Rob Falloon, over many years on the Committee. Tremendous work by Rob in the areas of Grants, the Phar Lap Event and the Daylight Savings Series, to name a few, have enhanced the opportunities for runners, provided by our Club.
- John publicly recognised the valuable contribution of Kieran Leonard, over many years on the Committee, in particular his work on the social committee.

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The following members are standing down from the Committee. Thank you for your service:

- Rob Falloon
 - Adrian Boyle
 - Jason Rees and
- Ali McAleese
Kieran Leonard
Dom Tanner

- **Election of Officers 2021 Committee**

POSITION

President
Secretary
Treasurer
Handicapper
Assistant Handicapper
Editor
Patron
General Committee

NOMINATION

John Gray
Bronwyn Rowleson
Peter Buissink
Mick Beasley
Peter Buissink
Michael Slee
John Condon
Terry Pearce
Brian Armstrong
Tameka Day
Andrea Mongan
Shaun McMahan
Kate Milnes
Matt Davis, and
Daryl Sadgrove

Thanks to our returning members and welcome to our new Committee member:
Daryl Sadgrove

Proposed Di Donohue

Seconded Jude McCann

Motion to accept the Election of the 2021 Committee passed without dissent

Meeting closed – There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1025.

B. Rowleson
Secretary

Attachments:

- President's Report – Schedule 1
- Treasurer's Report – Schedule 2

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Schedule 1

Presidents Report 2020

The year 2020 for the club has drawn to a close after 15 long months and three lockdowns. After 25 years of constant, 2020 was an unprecedented and extraordinary year for the club, and for all of us in our daily lives.

The year started as normal, with our AGM after the November 2019 handicap bringing an end to a record membership year for the club.

This was followed by the Christmas Gift, and the December, January and February handicaps, but then...

- on March 14th, what was to be the last parkrun for the year,
- on March 18th, the Hobbos5000 time trial which was to be our last event till December,
- on March 21st, we announced the cancellation of the March handicap and the Easter Gift,
- on March 23rd, we announced the cancellation of weekly track sessions and Sunday group runs.

Some of our early cancellations decisions were taken despite our attendance numbers being below the government limits, but were based on;

- the need to demonstrate social responsibility, and not be seen to be encouraging group activities that could result in breaches that would reflect badly on the club, and
- above all, a commitment to the health and well-being of our members and their families, particularly those with vulnerable family members.

We were acutely aware of the need for physical and social activity to maintain mental well-being, particularly in this time of uncertainty and anxiety, so we encouraged virtual training sessions by continually promoting Brian's track program, and keeping our run leaders and coaches available for remote consultation.

Our ability to restart group activities was dependant on both government restrictions and council permission to use the track facility.

On May 19th, after an 8 week absence, we restarted group track sessions, (under a council approved Return to Training Plan) with a limit of 10 participants for the first 3 weeks, and then an increase to 20.

We had an average attendance of 30 runners per week across 4 track sessions per week, for the first time, offering Tuesday 6am, 7am and 6:15pm, and Thursday 6:15pm to give members as much choice as possible for those working from home or home schooling.

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In May, despite the re-introduction of track sessions, the ongoing restrictions and prohibition of “competition” led us to make the unprecedented decision to cancel the Greenwich and Ted Joy Cups for 2020. This was due to our commitment to preserve the integrity and standing of these coveted awards, by not reducing eligibility to suit the shortened season. We considered reducing eligibility to the best 6 runs, but when even that became impossible, the committee was unanimous that these awards would not be based on anything less, and would not include virtual runs, due to different conditions, different courses (which would be necessary due to travel restrictions), and unverifiable results.

The season was ultimately reduced to 3 actual monthly handicaps.

On July 9th, after 8 weeks of back to track, we re-entered lockdown, which was followed by 18 weeks of virtual track sessions, with each weeks program promoted on facebook.

We also ran the 2020 Phar Lap as a virtual event, with 30 registered participants over the event week providing their results.

On November 17th, we restarted track sessions again, this time with the new requirement of a council approved COVIDsafe plan.

Still offering 4 sessions per week, we were immediately back up to 30 runners attending. We have since returned to 3 track sessions per week by dropping the Tuesday 7am, but we are persisting with the Thursday night sessions and may yet diversify some into non-track activities.

We could possibly have run the November handicap, but with an abundance of caution and an eye on the likelihood of re-imposed restrictions, we ran it as a virtual time trial, with with 18 registered participants providing results.

Further improvements in Victoria and eased restrictions allowed us to hold our annual Christmas Gift, December and January handicaps, the Summer Challenge this week, and now the February handicap. Thanks to Mick for the extra effort in handicapping a much larger than usual number of runners without recent times to accurately handicap.

There were a few wobbles along the way with outbreaks over the Christmas/New Year break, and with this months circuit breaker lockdown, but we've made it this far, and I think an increasing confidence in 2021 is justified.

We are looking forward to a full year of 2021 events, and a bounce back in membership fuelled by increased promotion, events and training sessions, perhaps helped by the local running boom we saw during the lockdowns.

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Club membership & participation

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Members		79 -6%	92 +16%	130 +41%	125 -4%
Facebook group		472	547 +16%	611 +12%	718 +18%
Avg h/cap mem		29	29		
Avg h/cap guests		2	2		
Avg h/cap eligible		21.5	22.1	23.3	16
Avg h/cap ineligible		8.9	9.8	10.4	16.3
Avg h/cap total		30.4	31.9 +5%	33.7 +6%	32.3 -4%
Phar Lap members 13		25	23	23	22
Phar Lap guests	1	7	28 +300%	52 +86%	8
Phar Lap total	14	32 +28%	51 +59%	75 +47%	30

Run Leaders & Committee gender balance

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020
Committee Members (female)	2	3	3	6
Committee Members (male)	11	14	14	12
Avg meeting attendance	10	13	11	n/a
Run Leaders/coaches (female)		6	7	7
Run Leaders/coaches (male)		11	9	8

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As a result of our obsessive focus on covid and how and when we could safely resume training and competition, it feels like there would have been few activities and initiatives pursued by the committee last year, but we did achieve the following;

- We introduced virtual committee meetings by Zoom and Microsoft Teams, and introduced email committee voting in order to streamline committee meetings
- We decided to hold 2021 membership fees at \$50 and furthermore to discount the membership fees to renewing members who had paid for a 2020 membership with a long period of no events. Despite this the club remains in a strong financial position.
- We ran a few Zoom social nights, playing online pictionary and similar games, thanks to Matt Davis for organising.
- We up-skilled Brian Armstrong, Kieran Leonard and Tameka Day to Level 2 Recreational running coaches
- We added Andrea Mongan, Donna Davis and Matt Davis to the Level 1 run leader ranks, with Melissa Rutze in the pipeline.
- We formally updated our club nickname from Hobos with 1 b to Hobbos with 2 b's, to address some confusion about pronunciation and spelling amongst potential members, and this is already on our promotional materials and will flow onto our website address.
- We added the Hobbos headskinz to our merchandise range (just in time for summer, and tighter face covering rules)
- Andrea created the “When All is Said and Run” Facebook & Instagram campaign during lockdown to improve awareness of the coaching and training plans we can provide to members. Watch out for Andrea's next campaign, which is in the planning stages.
- We are looking at a website upgrade and improved email facilities, along with a forming a new social media strategy.
- We won a grant to purchase a large inflatable finishing arch, to improve the promotion and visibility of our monthly handicaps and other events. We have shortlisted and recently chosen the supplier, with artwork design now to be completed so the arch can be ordered, along with a portable generator.
- We also won a council covid recovery grant of \$1000 which is being used to fund our clubs contribution to the increased pavilion cleaning, required under all 3 clubs COVIDsafe plans.
- We have successfully reapplied to have our March handicap “Come & Try day” promoted as part of the councils Cultural Diversity Week, which is up right now on the councils website. This was to happen last year, but both the handicap and Cultural Diversity week were unfortunately cancelled.

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- We informally adopted an air quality threshold, made necessary by last summers bushfire smoke health risk, which is to be incorporated into our extreme weather policy.
- We are looking at a joint grant application with Little Athletics for improved storage facilities, and as always, we will be lobbying council to bring forward expenditure on the permanent track lighting towers, which stubbornly remains just outside the councils 5 year capital plan.
- We successfully lobbied council in last years Pitch Your Idea sessions, with the result that Car Park security lighting and a disabled car parking spot will be installed this year, and bench seating will be installed later this financial year as part of councils shade structure replacements.
- We were given the opportunity to run the first post-covid Altona Bunnings BBQ in December. While we made a profit, it was significantly impacted by early closure due high winds making the gazebo's unsafe. As a result we were given another BBQ to assist our fundraising, which is tomorrow! Thanks to Kieran for coordinating with Bunnings and organising the food supplies for both of these BBQ's.
- We have committee members attending club development training over the coming months on: Club member retention and re-engagement, Culturally Responsive Practice, Club Respect, and Governing Community Organisations .
- We have entered an expression of interest to participate in the council facilitated 'Strategic Planning for Sport and Recreation Clubs' project.

If even a few of those items sound like something you could contribute to or lend your expertise, please consider joining the committee later in this meeting. We aim to run a family friendly club and committee, and we will always accommodate your family circumstances and availability for meetings and events.

And lastly, my thanks to Rob for handing over the reins of a well run, happy and growing club, and to Brony for taking on Secretary last year. She'll say she didn't do much this year, and nor should she have, while focusing on her health, but she did light up our lives with her enthusiasm and friendship. And that meant a lot this year. Hopefully Brony will see her Williamstown Breakwater parkrun, or perhaps the Williamstown dog park parkrun come to fruition before too long.

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My thanks to the 2020 committee, and to our outgoing committee members – Rob Falloon, Kieran Leonard, Adrian Boyle, Alison McAleese, Jason Rees and Dom Tanner. I just want to let them know it's not too late to change your mind and still be on the 2021 committee.

I'd like to thank Rob for his contribution as a club member and his time on the committee over the last 6 or so years, including 2 years as president. During this time, Rob invented the annual Phar Lap handicap race, which has been a very successful and growing community event. Rob also invented the Daylight Savings Series, as a fun and fast summer competition with easy qualification, particularly to provide an alternative award (to the Greenwich Cup) for participation by newer members and potential members.

We introduced many other initiatives during Rob's time as president, including our run leader program, 3-club coordination meetings, life memberships and winter training lights, just to name a few.

Rob has also contributed to the social side of the club with the annual Falls Creek trips, and his enjoyable flour trail runs. If you want to know what these are, you **could** come along on the Falls Creek trip next month which is open to members who like food, wine, walking and jigsaw puzzles. And it helps if you like running. And hills.

Rob will be continuing as a Hobbos Run Leader and we know will find time to remain a key club member amongst all his other running, travelling and retirement interests.

Last but not least i'd like to thank Kieran for his contribution as a club member and his time on the committee over the last 6 or so years.

Kieran has been a prime mover particularly on the club social committee, and at times, he has been **the** social committee, organising club anniversary dinners, numerous Christmas dinners and barefoot bowling nights, and most recently coordination and food supplies for our fundraising Bunnings barbecues (come along tomorrow!)

Kieran will also be continuing as one of our Level 2 coaches, and we know he will also find time to remain a key club member amongst all his other plumbing and horse racing exploits, not to mention his young family.

John Gray
President 2020
27/02/2021

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Schedule 2



Treasurers Report

2020

Opening Bank Balance	30th Oct 2019	\$	13,405.49	
Cash brought forward		\$	372.79	
Total Cash and Bank	30th Oct 2019	\$	13,778.28	
Income 2020 year				
Memberships 2020		\$	5,170.00	
Christmas BBQ		\$	190.00	
Western Tri Club Donation for Marshalls 2nd Feb	(donation to Bushfire Appeal)	\$	600.00	
Western Tri Club Donation for Marshalls 1st March		\$	375.00	
Shirt sales		\$	243.50	
Sport Power 2020 sponsorship		\$	300.00	
Symmetry 2020 sponsorship		\$	300.00	
BBQ Bunnings 24th April (cancelled covid 19)		\$	-	
5000km hcp for WAC Winter X country		\$	130.00	
Council Grants		\$	3,170.00	
Council Grant re Inflatable arch		\$	1,000.00	
Donations for flowers		\$	75.00	
Total Income 2020	30/10	\$	11,553.50	
Expenses 2020				
BBQ requirements		\$	469.03	
Purchase of TV from Multi Media Grant plus cover		\$	985.98	
Affiliation to Athletics Victoria (1 season)		\$	250.00	
Recreation Running all members with AV		\$	1,001.00	
Newport Pavillion dry cleaning costs Carpet		\$	200.00	
Newport P Athletic Track- summer use		\$	57.75	
Newport P Athletic Track- winter use (no Charge)		\$	-	
Donation to Bushfire WTC		\$	600.00	
Summer Series Prizes		\$	-	
5000km hcp for WAC Winter X country		\$	170.00	
PMT Annual Statement-Incorporated Association		\$	59.20	
Purchase of Hobo T shirts		\$	1,215.50	
Milestone Shirts		\$	-	
Medals/Trophies plus engraving		\$	133.00	
Defibrillator Pads		\$	-	
Key Safe purchase		\$	69.00	
Tea/Coffee/Milk		\$	15.00	
first aid Training		\$	99.00	
Post Office Box and postage		\$	139.00	
Domain Hosting		\$	-	
Coaching Training Accreditation		\$	1,760.00	
Headskinz- headscarf		\$	511.50	
Folders/Pins		\$	-	
250 Business cards/ Printing Costs		\$	149.41	
Pharlap Expenses		\$	46.87	
Office works /Printing/Frames		\$	169.20	
Flowers Brian Armstrong		\$	143.85	
		\$	8,244.29	
Nett Margin 2020				\$ 3,309.21
Total Cash and Bank balance	30/10/2020	\$	17,087.49	\$ 17,087.49
Bank Balance	30/10/2020	\$	17,087.49	
Cash	30/10/2020			
Stock value of Shirts		\$	990.00	