



**Merredin Sports Council
General Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday 10th March 2015**

The Meeting was declared open by President Ben Jardine at 7.03pm

Present:

Ben Jardine, President
Erica Carlson, Secretary
Brett deLacy, Merredin Mens Hockey
Dennis Hobson, Civic Bowling Club
Darren Gardiner, Burracoppin Football Club
Ian Downsborough, Burracoppin Football Club
Warren Crook, Nukarni Football Club
Craig Lane, Nukarni Cricket Club
Jade Healey-Ratima, Merredin Netball Association
Camray Gethin, District Lawn Tennis Club
James Morris, Merredin Junior Cricket Association
Steve Gregory, MRC&LC Manager
Kate Crees, Burracoppin Hockey Club
Corey Nelson, Merredin Basketball Association
Maxine Christie, Merredin Womens Hockey Club
Michael Caughey, Merredin & Districts Little Athletics Club
Graeme Motzel

Apologies: Glenn Crees, Paddy Hooper

Disclosure of Interest – Nil

Minutes of Previous General Meeting dated 10th February 2015

Minutes from the General Meeting held 10/02/2015 were distributed to members via email.

Motion: That the minutes of the General Meeting dated the 10th February 2015 be accepted as a true and correct record with the amendment of 'Crook' to 'Hooper' in the following motion; That Paddy Hooper proceeds with implementing a 2015 cropping program on behalf of the Merredin Sports Council.

Moved: Craig Lane

Seconded: Brett de Lacy

Carried

Moved: Jade Healey-Ratima

Seconded: Kate Crees

Carried

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Strategic Plans

Sporting Clubs agreed to submit their completed Strategic Plans to the MSC by the end of November. Given the busy time of year this date was further extended, along with the offer from the DCEO to assist sports to complete the plans.

The issue regarding the outstanding plans is that the new by-laws of the Sports Council state that each MSC member shall hold or be working towards a Strategic Plan. We have also received correspondence from the DCEO stating that the Executive Management of the Merredin Shire will be commencing the review of the Corporate Business Plan and Long Term Financial Plan commencing in February 2015. If they do not have strategic plans from the Clubs then capital improvements/upgrades will not be considered and included in the Shire's planning suite.

The MSC Committee is also awaiting the completion of these plans to complete their own planning session.

At the February meeting the following motion was passed: That the MSC financial clubs that have not forwarded a copy of their strategic plan be contacted and asked to either forward a copy of their plan or evidence showing they are currently working to complete their plan before the end of February 2015.

An email to the sports concerned was sent on the 12/02/2015 advising them to submit their plans in either a draft or finalised state by the end of February. To date the members outstanding are; Nukarni Cricket, Fire Brigade, Merredin Ag Society, Swimming Club, Junior Hockey and Little Athletics.

President, Ben Jardine encouraged those sports outstanding to submit their plans as soon as possible.

Hockey/Tennis Carpark

At the November meeting it was indicated that the car park located on the west side of the Hockey/tennis facility would be marked with bays and a clear access path to the Golf Club Shed. This was to avoid the congested parking situation that was occurring during winter when football, golf, hockey and netball was played on the one day. This was to be completed by March 2015. The MRC&LC Manager informed us at the last meeting that this will be completed by March 2015. Members requested that the condition of the road (pot holes) also be brought to the attention of the Engineering and Works Supervisor. Steve reassured the meeting that this project will be completed.

Winter Sports Meeting & Busy Bee and storeroom clean up

The Winter Sports Meeting was held prior to this general meeting. At this meeting it was agreed that Summer sports need to remove their items from the MRC&LC by the 18th April.

Fundraising Avenues

It was minuted at our last meeting that other avenues to raise funds other than a cropping program will need to be discussed at a future meeting, to demonstrate support towards those assisting with the cropping program.

Suggestions discussed included Corporate Sponsorship of the MRC&LC facilities, a Giant Auction (garage type sale) and sporting members working behind the MRC&LC Bar and donating their income back to their sport.

Bar work idea was discussed in length with the following outcomes;

- Sport members to work casual hours in the bar, with the hours being paid to sporting Clubs not the member.
- Steve to manage the bar and roster the volunteers.
- Conditions would need to be put into place.
- Clubs to put the money aside for capital works,
- Volunteers would need to obtain the correct qualification.
- CEO approval would be required.
- Good way for sports to be able to raise funds. Ideas and feedback would be appreciated.

That the MSC Members approve in principle the idea of casual bar hours being paid to sporting clubs and request that Steve further investigate this option.

Moved: Craig Lane

Seconded: Warren Crook

Carried

Volunteer evening

The MSC received a certificate of recognition at the CRC Volunteer evening held on the 18th February. President Ben Jardine, represented the MSC at this event.

MRC&LC User fees

The MSC presented the letters received from its members to the CEO on Friday 13th February 2015. A copy was also given to the DCEO and the MRC&LC Manager. To date a formal response has not been received, however the following is an extract from the minutes of the Shire's February meeting;

Moved: Cr Crees **Seconded:** Cr Young

81511 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 January 2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings subject to clarification on CMRef 81504 being that: The new fee structure is implemented from the winter season 2015 with 5% annual increases for 5 years (i.e. 2020) with the 5% increase to be effective from the winter season 2016 .
CARRIED 6/0

This means the 5% stands as the amount the fees will increase by, however the 5% increase will not come into play until 2016. Hopefully a formal response will be received by our next meeting. MDLAC has a meeting next week with the CEO.

Treasurers Report

Monthly Finance Report was distributed.

That the members receive and accept the monthly Treasurers report as a true and correct record of the financial position of the Merredin Sports Council.

Moved: Brett deLacy **Seconded:** Maxine Christie **Carried**

Reimbursement of \$158.55 to be paid to Steven Crook from the Turf Alliance proceeds previously transferred to Sports Council.

Moved: Brett deLacy **Seconded:** Mick Caughey **Carried**

Correspondence

Monthly correspondence records were distributed.

That the Merredin Sports Council members receive and accept the inward and outward correspondence record.

Moved: Erica Carlson **Seconded:** Corey Nelson **Carried**

Reports/Project Updates

MRC&LC Administration

MRC&LC Manager presented his report.

- Karen's last day is the 27th March 2015, Erin Keamy will finish the 20th March, Zoe Burns will also finish up. Advertising for staff has commenced. Programs will need to be contracted out, until the position is filled.
- Bar Meals roster working, Please ensure we use the Kitchen check-list. Basically just cleaning up after yourself. Please put the tea towels in the machine.

General Business

Funding opportunities

Holden – have grants up to \$10k currently available. Conditions can be found at www.holden.com.au

DSR Community Sporting Club Subsidy for \$500 opens on the 17th March

BBQ area

Email from CEO Greg Powell, and the relevant attachments to the request were distributed to members. Members discussed the importance of retaining the grant already received and the positives of a BBQ area at the MRC&LC. Ben to discuss the reasoning behind the gap between the roof and the shade structure with John.

That the MSC support s the idea of a BBQ area at the MRC&LC and contributes \$18000 to ensure its completion. President, Ben Jardine to liaise with the Merredin Shire on the finalise design.

Moved: Mick Caughey **Seconded:** Kate Crees **Carried**

Photos

For out Information the Merredin Shire has advised us that they have commissioned Bill Last to take community photos for the purpose to create a photo library for Council. They are hoping to depict Merredin's liveability and community spirit, and wish to capture as many photos of

community members 'living and playing'. Examples where the photos could be used include – council publications, council website, print advertising, tourism brochures and promotional material. Community groups and sporting club will be notified in the coming weeks about the project.

With no further business President Ben Jardine closed the meeting at 7.55pm

The next scheduled meeting for the Merredin Sports Council will be held Tuesday 12th May 2015 commencing at 7pm.

These minutes have been approved as a correct record of the meeting held on the

Signed:

Position:

Date: