



**Merredin Sports Council  
General Meeting MINUTES  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

The Meeting was declared open by President Andrew Crook at 6.03pm

**Present:**

Andrew Crook, President  
Erica Carlson, Secretary  
Glenn Crees, Merredin Golf Club  
Peter Squire, Burracoppin Football Club  
Steve Gregory, MRC&LC Manager  
Graeme Motzel, Curater Merredin Shire  
Stephen Crook, MDLTC  
John Gearing, Civic Bowling Club  
Phil Van DerMerwe, Fire & Rescue  
Mark Bertolini, Fire & Rescue  
Glen Riethmuller, Turf Alliance  
Camray Gethin, MDLTC  
Ben Jardine, Vice President, Merredin Cricket Association  
Martin Morris, Merredin Show Committee  
Brad Anderson, Merredin Shire Council  
Rebecca McCall, Merredin Shire Council  
Paddy Hooper, Nukarni Football Club  
Julie Alvaro, Merredin Women's Hockey Club  
Robert Broomhall, Merredin Golf Club  
Michael Caughey, Little Athletics

**Apologies:**

Matt Berryman, Debbie Morris, Sally Trunfio, Brett de Lacy, Greg Powell, Tessa Pearce, Clare Kudas,

**Minutes of Previous General Meeting dated 10/12/13**

Minutes from the General Meeting held 10/12/13 were distributed to members via email.

***That the minutes of the General Meeting dated the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.***

**Moved:** John Gearing      **Seconded:** Glenn Crees      **Carried**

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

**Turf Lights**      Reported by John Gearing

John informed the meeting he had discussed with the contractor the possibility of the Engineers attending the site to have a look at the concerns. We must be aware that the contractor has supplied a 500 lux, which is what was required. John has been on leave so he will follow this up again for the next meeting.

**Vandalism**      Reported by Andrew Crook

Andrew welcomed Deputy CEO, Rebecca McCall to the meeting.

Executive met with Shire Representation last Monday and discussed the general tidiness of the MRC&LC and it's surrounds. Dog Poo stations have been installed to assist with the problem of dogs using the oval, and we encourage people to use them.

Graeme Motzel entered the meeting at 6.11pm

As the area is used more, vandalism and general tidiness becomes an issue. We need to ensure rubbish bins are out and about.

Graeme Motzel voiced his concern on the amount of glass being left around the place. Sporting Clubs need to pick it up to ensure the place is kept tidy.

Fire Brigade has also had reports of vandalism on their track and equipment.

Brett de Lacy entered the meeting

**Cleaning of Turf** Reported by Turf Alliance

Kevin Paust informed Turf alliance that a walk behind machine that is capable of doing the job, was in the process of being purchased. A normal machine is worth \$100k. At this stage they are still unaware of what is happening. Meeting resolved for MRC&LC manager to follow up for us.

**Sports Trainers Course** Reported by Peter Squire

Burracoppin Football Club have members interested in completing a Sports Trainers Course. Steve informed meeting the MRC&LC would look into hosting a course in the near future.

**Storage cages** Reported by Erica Carlson

Owners of each cage have now been confirmed and information passed onto MRC&LC. Sports to note the following;

Equipment is being stored on site for non-active sports, Some cages have up to three shelves' and others none, One sport has access to two cages for the full year.

Quote has been obtained from Tompkin Engineering for the purchase of additional shelves.

**That the Merredin Softball Association be contacted and requested that they remove the equipment currently stored in the storage cage at the MRC&LC.**

**Moved:** John Gearing **Seconded:** Glenn Crees **Carried**

**That the storage cages held at the MRC&LC be made available only to current financial Sport Council Sporting Clubs and Associations.**

**Moved:** John Gearing **Seconded:** Ben Jardine **Carried**

Meeting resolved for Erica to contact cage owners and gather interest from those wanting to order additional shelving.

**Treasurers Report**

Monthly Finance Report was presented by Treasurer, Brett de Lacy.

**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 de Lacy **Seconded:** Mick Caughey **Carried**

Paddy Hooper asked if we had received any funds from the donation of grain. Executive to follow up with CBH.

**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:** Phil Van DerMerwe **Carried**

With a request from the meeting, Andrew Crook read out the letter from Marilyn Sayers, Community Liaison Officer at the Merredin Shire regarding 'Destination Merredin'. Old Sporting Club uniforms, photo's etc are being encouraged to put on display. Erica to distribute letter to members.

With a request from the meeting, the Merredin Golf Clubs letter was read by Andrew Crook requesting extra storage space and permission to make an adjustment to an internal wall. Meeting resolved for items to be discussed in General Business.

## Reports/Project Updates

### MRC&LC Building and Maintenance

#### 1. Speaker System Update

Reported by Andrew Crook

Still awaiting the arrival of additional (19m) cable and microphone. Andrew to follow up and arrange instruction sheet.

#### 2. Turf Report

Reported by Glen Reithmuller

Quotes obtained for pavilion in the past have been at \$150k, (24m). After a meeting with the Shire regarding costs, pavilion needs have been reassessed and a new quote for approx. \$44k, has been obtained for a 18m long hay shed, without an office and flooring.

Given the short time frame, the meeting was concerned that this new quote had not been formally agreed on by Turf Alliance. Hockey & Tennis must agree before the Sports Council will support it. It was suggested that Electrical, Plumbing, Power and flooring costs, be included in any funding application.

Andrew suggested that Turf need clarification on what is happening with the surrounds of the turf. Rebecca informed meeting that grass is to be laid on three sides, however further details would need to be followed up.

**That the free standing structure discussed by the Turf Alliance, measuring 24m x 10m located on the eastern side of the turf, be approved by Sports Council.**

**Moved:** Glen Reithmuller

**Seconded:** Julie Alvaro

**Carried**

#### 3. Maintenance Issues

##### 1. Store Room Clean up

**That the relevant Summer and Winter sports be contacted to participate in a store room clean up set for late March, early April.**

**Moved:** Mick Caughey

**Seconded:** Julie Alvaro

**Carried**

##### 2. In the August meeting it was reported Golf did not have access

between the turf and bowls because it's all blocked off. The proposed access (east side of bowls) for golf is unfinished. The path is only half paved, on wet days it's muddy and all the mud gets trampled through the bar. Meeting resolved that if this is an issue for Golf they need to formally write to the Sports Council outlining their concerns and ideas to fix the problem.

##### 3. Turf Wicket

Andrew informed the meeting that the turf cricket wicket had been damaged and expressed concern on the cost associated to replace/fix the wicket and the potential loss of revenue over the bar from the Cricket Association.

Graeme Motzel defended the state of the wicket and explained that he was forced to take holidays over January, that a Verti cutter was put through the turf wicket as recommended by WACA, however a heat wave in January and a 'Jumper' put over it by himself has contributed to the problem. Motzie has accepted responsibility for this half of the wicket. However the other half is a different problem. The pitch won't be ready for this year, but it can be redone ready for next season. The cost is not the problem it is just very time consuming to replant.

Sports Council to write to MRC&LC Manager noting problems raised regarding operational procedures.

### Education Courses

#### 1. Strategic Planning

DSR have notified us they are happy to support our Strategic Planning sessions with the CRC co-ordinating the project. Quotes now have to be obtained for the funding agreement to be finalised.

#### 2. WACOS Governance Course

Awaiting the outcome of the funding application to be advised.

#### 3. MSC Constitution Review

The Executive continues to work on this project.

### MRC&LC Administration

#### 1. Rec Centre Manager

Mark Turner will not be returning. Steve has been appointed the MRC&LC Manager and will still also continue to run the bar area. Steve briefly addressed the meeting and requested meeting to

ensure communication lines remain open. If we don't know about problems we can't fix them.

## 2. Shire Fees & Charges

Summer sports will be invoiced in the coming weeks. Winter Sports will be in June payable in July. If you are unaware of the amounts please see Andrew at the conclusion of the meeting.

## 3. Calendar of Events

Winter Sports meeting to sort through fixtures, canteen items etc to be arranged by the Sports Council.

## 4. Updated MRC&LC Management Plan and Sport Guidelines

Shire will be undergoing a review of the current management plan and updating our sport guidelines. There will be an opportunity for sports to input.

## 5. Bar Report Reported by Steve

The bar has been well supported to date, although as expected the holiday period was a little quite. Bar is still aiming to be volunteer free over the winter period, but this means winter sports need to patronage the bar to keep it open. During the busy sessions, RSA volunteers can give a hand just ask the bar attendant if they need help. Looking at obtaining some outdoor furniture.

## General Business

### Swimming & Hockey Club Fees

Andrew informed the meeting that the Executive met with CEO, Greg Powell to discuss recent invoices received from the Swimming Club and Hockey Clubs.

### Golf Club letter

Andrew, re-read the letter received from the Merredin Golf Club. First request for use of the Show shed is declined, as it is currently full and used by the Show Committee. Meeting resolved that the Golf club can formally submit an application to the MRC&LC manager requesting approval to move an internal wall for the purpose of displaying some Memorabilia.

### Fire Brigade

**That the Fire Brigade have approval from Sports Council to build a shed up to 12m x 12m on the parallel, northern side of the Fire Brigade running track and eastern side of the cricket nets.**

**Moved:** Phil Van DerMerwe

**Seconded:** Martin Morris

**Carried**

### Bowling Greens

John Gearing informed the meeting that the Bowling Greens are into their 7<sup>th</sup> year, and the cost to replace these rinks is approx. \$400k. Funding has not been secured and will need to be an Agenda item in the near future.

### Meeting Dates

**That the monthly Sports Council meetings be held on the second Tuesday of the month.**

**Moved:** Martin Morris

**Seconded:** Phil Van DerMerwe

**Carried**

With no further business Andrew Crook closed the meeting at 8.13pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014, 6pm at the MRC&LC.