



**Merredin Sports Council
General Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday 20th August 2013**

1. Opening of Meeting: 6:17pm

2. Present: John Gearing, Ben Jardine, Mick Caughey, Cam Gethin, Glen Riethmuller, Stephen Crook, Debbie Morris, Brett de Lacy, Andrew Crook, Courtney Stenhouse, Mark Turner, Glen Creees (6:28pm), Scott Cooper (6:31pm), Sally Trunfio (6:55pm), Rob Broomhall (7:01pm), Zoe Burns (7:01pm), Julie Alvaro (7:07pm)

Apologies: Kristy Sharp, Tracey McFarlane, Erica Carlson

3. Minutes of Previous General Meeting dated 23/07/13

The last General meeting was held on the 23/07/2013 at the MRC&LC. Copies of the previous minutes were distributed and read.

Minutes dated 23/07/13 were accepted as true and correct.

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

3.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Letter to the CEO, Greg Powell

- Letters have been sent to Greg as per the last meeting. We have had no feedback as yet from those letters. Debbie advised that the Shire are introducing the fee structure to begin in October as planned, however the charges for lighting may be modified. We have requested a flat fee. We are in agreeance that there has to be a rise in the fees and the amount, just not happy with the calculations. It's confusing too clubs.
- The Shire want to know what Tennis require the indoor playground for. **Tennis to write a list of their uses** for the Indoor Playground and send it to the Shire.
- Shire want us to make a decision on the bar. If we aren't going ahead with it we need to send in a letter to let them know. The Shire believe we are holding them up. Sports Council have been investigating and awaiting Mark Turners findings to make a decision.

RSA Course

- Mark Turner looked in to attendees and missing certificates. All attendees have received their certificates. There are three certificates with Louise Davies, she has these due to misspelt names.



Louise cannot disclose the names of the people. The Police are no longer in charge of the RSA, so there is nothing further they can do in regards to the missing certificates. RSA can be done online for \$50 and Mark Turners can easily organise a course, Sports Council could possibly assist with the funding for this.

4. Treasurers Report

- Memberships are still coming in
- Currently \$74,465.51 in the account

Treasurer's report accepted and endorsed as true and correct.

Moved: Brett de Lacy **Seconded:** Stephen Crook **Carried**

5. Correspondence

Inward

- July Bank Statement
- Membership Payments, MDLTC, Fire brigade, Nukarni Football Club

Outwards

- Email: Sports Council Representatives regarding meeting
- Email: Mark Turner Merredin Sports Council Constitution
- Email: Letter to Greg Powell regarding the usage of the Indoor playground for tennis & Match day box for indoor court users
- Email: Letter to Greg Powell regarding an update of the Fee Structure & the running of the MRC&LC

Correspondence accepted and endorsed as true and correct.

Moved: Courtney Stenhouse **Seconded:** Ben Jardine **Carried**

6. Agenda Items

6.1 Bank Account

- What's the plan with our money? The speaker system is \$16,000, Turf Alliance \$10,000. The money is there to go towards projects which numerous clubs/members will benefit.
- The Shire have put in a request to Collgar for funding for a proposed alfresco area at the MRC & LC.

Motion "The Sports Council move \$50,000 into a Bankwest 3 month Term Deposit with a rate of 3.75%. Signatories on the account to be Andrew Crook, Brett deLacy, Courtney Stenhouse & Ben Jardine"

Moved: Cam Gethin **Seconded:** Stephen Crook

All in favour **Motion Carried**



6.2 Speaker System

- There are four zones in total
- We have 4 microphones, 2 don't have a receiver and can't be used unless the receiver is located, 1 is broken & 1 microphone is ok. They are approx. \$600 each. We have to get a new one so we have two that operate.
- There is also a paging microphone
- The inside and outside court are on one zone but have different volumes
- To have the TV sound play through the speakers there will need to be a set top box, 1 for each TV.
- The server has USB plug ins and CD
- There will be an instruction sheet next to the server for users
- There have been spare wires put in for future sound (eg. Turf)
- An Aerial may need to go on the roof to make the sound reach out on to the oval. They will do what is necessary to finish the job off.
- Once we work out costings, we will send a letter to the Show Committee seeking contributions.

6.3 Mark Turner – MRC & LC

- Is now back on board, he will be meeting with clubs (executives) over the next two weeks to get details (memberships, strategic plans).
- Merredin residents and users of the MRC & LC get a lot for what we pay for. The facilities we have are as good as, if not better than some in Perth. We are trying to maintain the facility on a lesser population and at this present time it is not happening.
- Suggestions would be for the Shire to keep the bar as it's currently a source of income for them, would advise Sports Council to not take on the bar. The Bar is a headache for the shire and that's why they don't want it, not because of the lack of income.

Motion "The Sports Council writes a letter to the Merredin Shire to advise they are declining the offer to take on the management of the bar"

Moved: Sally Trunfio

Seconded: Glen Creees

All in favour

Motion Carried

We need to include in the letter that Sports Council and its members will support the Shire and its manager shall they wish to continue running the bar.

6.4 Tennis & Hockey Turf/DSR Funding

- Met with Jen Collins from DSR to discuss getting the match office for



tennis & hockey. They have to have the application in by the 30th August. They need to meet with Council and John to discuss the pavilion and if there is any in kind contribution from the shire. There won't be a pavilion to service tennis this season.

- John Gearing met with Jen Collins, resurfacing structures (bowling greens etc) are a low priority item for DSR. They only want to fund the original surface and expect clubs to organise their own funds for resurfacing.
- There are other avenues we can go down for the pavilion, we just need to make sure we word it properly.
- **Tennis will meet, write a list** regarding what they require the Indoor playground for & meet with Shire to get authorisation on the building/pavilion for the turf.

6.5 Golf Access

- Golf have no access through 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. **Golf will do up a letter/proposal** of what they require and send it to Sports Council.
- Golf are not on the front sign at MRC & LC as members

6.6 WACOS Governance Course

- The Merredin CRC can run a governance course. It normally takes a whole day. The CRC will look into it.
- It could be something that Sports Council can assist with funding.
- Constitution, Exec have had a look through and discussed, it's not up to date. It needs to be amended to suit the purpose and needs of Sports Council.

6.7 Meeting Times

- Can we have our Sports Council meetings earlier? Will have the next one at 6:00pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday 17th September at 6:00pm.

7. Close of meeting: 8:10pm