



23rd January 2021

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 15th Annual General Meeting of Briars at Greenlees Ltd trading as Briars Sports will be held in the Club rooms, Cnr. Ian Parade & Wellbank Street, Concord, NSW, 2137, on Sunday, 28th February 2021, commencing at 10.00am.

Apologies

1. To confirm the Minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting
2. To receive, consider and if thought fit adopt the Directors Report.
3. To receive, consider and adopt the statement of financial performance and statement of financial position for the 12 months ended 30th September 2020, together with the Auditor's Report therein
4. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the Special Resolution (set out below) to amend the Club's Constitution.
5. Presentation of trophies
6. Declaration of the ballot (if required) for the Directors of the club for 2021-2022
7. To deal with any business for which due notice has been received.
8. General Business

For those members who elected not to receive a copy of the Annual Report, a copy can be viewed on the Clubs website at www.briarssports.com.au

Summary of Special Resolution and Procedural Matter

This Special Resolution proposes that parents of those that play Junior Sports for Briars be allowed to become Class A, Sporting members of the Club

Resolution to be approved by the members of Briars Sports

That the Constitution of Briars Sports be amended by:

Deleting Clause 22 (b)

A person shall not be admitted as a Sporting Member of the Club unless such person participates in the sporting activities of the Club, **by way of playing, coaching, managing, or assisting in the sporting activities of the Club, provided they satisfy the Board that such member will be able to participate in a sporting activity for a minimum of two years**, or on such other terms as the Board may determine from time to time.

Inserting Clause 22 (b)

A person shall not be admitted as a Sporting Member of the Club unless such person participates in the sporting activities of the Club, **by way of playing, coaching, managing, assisting in the sporting activities of the Club, or be the parent of a person under the age of 18 years that is a registered player of a junior sport**, or on such other terms as the Board may determine from time to time.

Notes to Members on Special Resolution

1. Membership numbers at Briars Sports are growing at a healthy rate. This is great news however Social membership numbers are growing at a quicker rate than Sporting membership.
2. This presents a challenge for the Club as the Registered Clubs Act 1976 (NSW), the Act, prescribes that at least 25% of a Club's total membership must have the right to vote on the election of the Governing Body.
3. At present, only Class A (Sporting), B (Life Members) and Class C (Social Members) at the time of amalgamation) have the right to vote on the election of the Governing Body, Class D (Social) have no voting rights at all.
4. The rate of growth for Class D members is now of concern in that Social membership is approaching 75%
5. The Board are very mindful of the traditions and ethos of the Club.
6. The Board are proposing this Resolution to ensure that those that have the right to vote on the election of the Governing Body are always part of these traditions and ethos.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS TO THE CLUB

Briars Sports ABN 71 001 029 545

- Nominations for two (2) positions of director of the Club are hereby called for, current directors Aaron Boyter and Ric Cilona are offering themselves for re-election.
- Members considering nomination for election to the Board must attend a Board nomination information session as advised within Clubs NSW best practice guidelines. This course is designed to inform candidates of the role, responsibility and commitment a Board member undertakes. Exact date and time of this course will be advised to nominees
- The following persons are entitled to vote for directors:
 - Class A members (Sporting members)
 - Class B members (Life members)
 - Class C members (social members who, as of the amalgamation date, were Social Members of the Club.)
 - Class E members (Country, Interstate or Overseas members)
 - Class D members (Social members of the Club after amalgamation date) are ineligible to vote. Also, ineligible are Junior Members, Honorary Members, Temporary Members and Provisional Members.
- Nominations are to be submitted on the official nomination form, a copy of which can be obtained from the Club's General Manager. Completed and signed nominations may be physically delivered, mailed or electronically scanned and submitted as an email attachment to the Club's General Manager by the close of nominations. Nominations must be received prior to the close of nominations. The onus is on the nominee to ensure their nomination is received by the closing date/time, 12 noon on Sunday 14th February 2021.
- Only Class A and Class B members are eligible for nomination as a Director of the Club provided that the Class A member has been a member for one calendar year immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting. Likewise, only Class A and Class B can propose and second a nomination.
- Duly completed Nomination Forms are to be returned to the Club's General Manager.
- The distribution of 'how to vote' material is not permitted to be undertaken on the premises of the Club.
- Voting will be conducted online.
- Voting will be conducted from Sunday, 21st February 2021. Exact details of the voting timeframe will be provided in the event an election is necessary.
- To assist with the online voting, the Board has appointed an independent Election service provider, Australian Election Company to manage and conduct the post nomination elements of the 2021 election process.
 - Should an Election be necessary, Australian Election Company will send information about the voting process to each eligible Club member, **by email (to those members who have an email address registered with the Club) and by post**. This communication will include step-by-step instructions on how to cast your online vote, a unique, randomly assigned personal password and an online link to the ballot screen and to any details submitted by candidates in support of their nomination.
 - Accessing the voting website and Candidate details will be facilitated if you receive the information by email, so please record your email address with the Club, if you have not already done so.
 - If you do not have access to an internet enabled device, you are welcome to vote at the Club premises during Club opening hours where staff will be on hand to assist if required.
- The By-Law passed by the Board regarding online voting can be found on the club's website.
- If there is an election, voting will be only by internet voting; there will be no postal voting at the 2021 Election.
- The Annual General Meeting will commence at 10:00am on Sunday 28th February 2021 in the Clubhouse.

To be able to vote you must retain the unique password contained in either the email or mail by post sent by the Australian Election Company & your membership number

Please update your email and address at www.briarssports.com.au

Briars at Greenlees Limited

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of AGM held on 23rd February 2020
at Briars Sports.

The 14th Annual General Meeting was declared open by Brett Howle at 10am

PRESENT

As per attendance sheet (58 present)

APOLOGIES

Ian Blair and Chris Walker

WELCOME

Brett Howle, the chairman of Briars at Greenlees Ltd. welcomes everyone in attendance, to the 15th Briars at Greenlees Limited Annual General Meeting.

Brett declares that there is a quorum in attendance and introduces the members to the Board of Directors.

Matina Moffit (*treasurer*)

Chris Burt

Aaron Boyter

Terry O'Kane

Kylie Norris

Michael Jaroszewicz

Gary Day (*Club Auditor*)

Absent

Ian Blair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Brett Howle moved that the minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting be received, Approved Wayne Comber (2001), Second Terry O'Kane (191), Carried.

FORCAST FOR 2020

- Brett speaks of the successes that Briars Sports has had both on and off the field in 2019.
- Cricket continues to be on the crest of a wave. The Junior girls' teams have grown from 4 to 7 teams and cricket has integration from older junior players into the senior cricket teams.
- Briars Senior Rugby have been promoted to play 3rd division in 2020 after making the finals in the colts and 1st division in 2019.
- Junior Rugby achieved their first premiership in 2019 and continue to have increased participation and are now approaching 9 teams.
- Woman's Rugby, a new sport at Briars is going strong and continues to grow under the leadership of David Lannan.
- Briars Hockey have 28 teams with 8 teams competing in the finals.
- Briars Squash will be attending the 2020 World Masters Tournament in Poland. Squash has 8 juniors in the state squash team of which 1 became a national champion.
- Netball had an extremely successful year; they had a record number of teams in the finals and a record number of premierships. Congratulations to Anne Burt who runs netball for being awarded the City of Canada Bay Sports Citizen for 2020.
- Bowls have had growing numbers both in Men's and Women's Bowls.
- The Club has enjoyed a good year. Overall turnover remains strong and we have increased patronage. We continue to provide modern amenities and services for both our sports and social members, which underwrites the future of the club and Briars sports.
- The Club has no debt and continue to build up cash reserves, maintaining a line of credit.

- Briars has introduced a Courtesy Bus earlier this year which has been very well received.
- The kids play gym was installed earlier in the year and is extremely popular with our social members, creating a point of difference.
- The sports continue to utilise the club by holding their social events and presentation nights at Briars Sports during the season.
- We have been working on concepts to display the club's memorabilia, which will come to fruition once the concepts have been resolved. Thanks to Greg McPhee and the Memorabilia Committee for their contribution through the year.
- Solar panels have been installed on the roof to improve the energy efficiency of the club.
- Briars Sports raised \$4,000 which went towards the Bushfire fund raising appeal.
- We have introduced a quarterly what's on brochure which highlights the social activities within the club during the quarter.
- We are working on a new loyalty program for members, which will be launched soon.
- The philosophy of the board is to reinvest any additional cash back into the club. Future projects include:
 - a) The storage, cataloguing and displays of the club's memorabilia.
 - b) Capital works include an extension to the kitchen area and upgrades to the dining options which will include an alfresco dining option.
- On behalf of the directors, Brett thanks the members for their continued support and patronage and most importantly thanks the sports and their volunteers. The success and reputation of the club is a direct result of the club's sporting achievements.
- Brett thanks the Briars Sports staff & the Backyard staff for their work throughout the year.
- A special mention to the Coronation Club for their continued support of Briars Junior Sport in the form of a junior sports grant to the value of \$25K.
- Brett also acknowledges Canada Bay Council for the wonderful sporting facilities they provide.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

By Matina Moffitt – Club Treasurer

- Matina reports that the club made a \$350K profit for the year and have paid off the line of credit.
- Currently the club has \$500K cash ready to spend on planned upgrades to the club.
- A profit also enables the Club to contribute more funds to the sports.
- Matina acknowledges and thanks the Coronation Club for their contribution towards the development of Briars Junior Sports.
- Matina thanks the board, the sports treasurers and all the people she has worked with during the past year.
- Matina acknowledges Chris Burt and Ian Blair who are both standing down from the board. Chris was instrumental in bringing junior cricket to Briars Sports. Ian Blair is a long-time member of Briars Sports and has served on the board as chair and treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT

- Brett moved that the Annual Report of the Board of Directors be adopted, Approved Michael Laws (1344), Second Anthony Thomas (3227), Carried
- Brett Howle moved that the statement of financial performance and statement of financial position for the 12 months ending 30th September 2019, together with the auditor's report be adopted. Approved Wayne Comber (2001), Second Edward Truesdale (916).

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

JH Stone Trophy	Won By	Andrew Hogg (1366)
Ted Stockdale Trophy	Won By	Louise Sidgreaves (1618)
RB Clark Scholarship	Awarded to	Keiran Brook <i>Briars Hockey</i> Brandon Potts <i>Briars Hockey</i> Mia Singh <i>Briars Netball</i>
Cricket Memorial Trophy	Won By	Lloyd Andrews (805)
Gerard Price Jnr Cricket Trophy	Won By	James Threlkeld
A J Robinson Shield	Won by	Kylie Norris (555)

R D Vanderfield Trophy	Won by	Bailey Scanlon
Anne Gleason Junior trophy	Won by	Zac Giuffre
Geoff Archibald Trophy	Won By	Peter Kosmas (1286)
Gordon Bevan Shield	Won By	Stacey Howcroft (2883)
Mal Blair & Bill McLaughlin Junior Rugby Trophy	Won By	Kian White
Doug Vanderfield Trophy	Won By	Peter Sinodinos (5001)
Anne Burt Trophy	Won by	Kate Campbell (521)
Brian Huttly Trophy	Won by	Gwen Bonett (1702)
Phil McAulay Trophy	Won by	Paul Koziollek (3719)

DECLARATION OF BALLOT FOR THE DIRECTORS OF THE CLUB FOR 2019/2020

Announced by Brett Howle

- Chris Burt, Kylie Norris & Ian Blair stood down from the Board by rotation. Chris Burt & Ian Blair did not re-nominate for election. Kylie Norris re-nominated for her positions on the Board. John Price & Kylie Beckhouse were nominated to sit on the board, as there were no other nominees they were duly elected.
- Ian Blair & Chris Burt decided not to renominate for election.
 - Brett acknowledges Chris Burt's contribution to the amalgamation of junior cricket with Briars and his contribution as a board member at Briars Sports.
 - Brett also acknowledges Ian Blair who has been a member of Briars since 1962 and has served on the board for many years. Brett reads a transcript written by Chris Walker on Ian's administrative contributions and sporting history with Briars. In acknowledgement Briars have a plaque which will be presented to Ian Blair at a convenient occasion due to his absence.

BUSINESS FOR WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN RECEIVED

No business arising for which due notice has been received.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Greg McPhee (175) updates members on the progress that the Memorabilia Committee has made in collecting, storing, and archiving sports memorabilia. The next journey will be to display portions of memorabilia within the club. Greg informs the board & members that David Lewis and himself will be standing down from the Memorabilia Committee due to other commitments.
- Brett thanks Greg for the update and all the work that the committee has done.
- Gladys Barnes (944) thanks Tiffany, Adam, Jason, Ben and everyone at the Club for their help this year and would also like to thank the board for the sports grants that each sport receives annually.
- Peter Sullivan (1728) president of the social golf club. Peter wants to thank the board for excepting the social golf members and helping with the transition from Concord RSL also Peter thanks the staff at Briars Sports and the Backyard for all their support throughout the year.

Brett Howle declared the meeting closed at 11:16 am.