Boomerangs Minutes

Mayfield Boomerangs Baseball Club

*Date | Time* 9/1/2024 | 7:05 PM |*Meeting called to order by* Grant Harris (VP)

# In Attendance

**Attendees:** Grant Harris (Vice President), Jake Bramble (Secretary), Josh Voigt (Assist. Secretary), Matthew Reeves (Treasurer), Joel Pettigrew (Assist. Treasurer), Chris Frank, Jane Frank, Ann Voigt, James Foster, John Mossop

**Apologies:** Megan Gleeson, Stephen Petherbridge, Virginia Petherbridge, Kerrie Metcalfe, Josh Neville, Jason Picot, Tanya Picot, Rob Voigt, Kerrie Metcalfe, Elaine Scotney

# Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved: Grant Harris | Seconded: Josh Voigt

# Business Arising from Previous Minutes

* Committee discussed alternative management platforms to address shortcomings of SLACK.
  + - * + Attending members in favor for the use of Facebook Messenger for communication and a shared Google Drive for storage of important documents.
* Jake sought clarification regarding public liability expiry date when organising in-season ground application with council and Active Kids vouchers.
  + Expiry date of previous policy irrelevant, new policy will auto-renew.
* Jane reached out to her contact regarding attainment of club defibrillator.
  + Jane presented 2 quotes to committee. Motion to purchase defibrillator passed unanimously.
  + Jane to send invoice to Matt for payment.
* Incomplete actions carried forward.

# Correspondence

* 8th Dec – Lonn Cooper: Regarding outstanding fees
  + Did not receive any response to prior correspondence regarding fees. Retracts his previous offer to pay 50% fees and considers the matter settled. Expresses his disappointment in lack of communication.
* 13th Dec – Henry George: Registration enquiry
* 13th Dec – Elaine/Bunnings: BBQ Application
  + Necessary club information to include with Bunnings sausage sizzle application.
    - Location/Address of organisation
    - Nature of club (Sporting Group)
    - What the funds will be raised for
    - Public Liability Certificate
    - Preferred Date for BBQ
  + Bunnings will be holding an information session for groups interested in hosting a BBQ. Date of info session TBC.
* 14th Dec – NBA: NBA 2023 AGM minutes received.
* 15th Dec – Sharon Kerr-Reed: Registration enquiry
* 22nd Dec – Hayden Ryan-Hill/Newcastle City Council: Received ground application for pre-season.
* 22nd Dec – Jacqui Mackley/Newcastle City Council: 2024 Sports Sumit.
  + The objective of the evening is to meet club volunteers and present information on CN sportsgrounds.
  + 7/2/24 | 6pm-8pm | McDonald Jones Stadium | 2 club representatives can attend | RSVP by 25/1/24.
* 22th Dec – David Worsley/Good Sports: Regarding Good Sports Policy recently signed.
  + Offered help to complete the actions required to attain the full policy.
* 26th Dec – WIX: Website subscription due to auto-renew on 25th Jan.
  + $244.20 USD

# Treasurer’s Report

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Moved: Grant Harris| Seconded: Ann Voigt

# NBA Report

* No NBA meeting to report

# Agenda

* **Sponsorship Banners**
* Committee discussed need to approach new sponsors and be organised early to arrange banners.
* Vistaprint suggested as potential banner manufacturer.
* **Good Sports Policy Update**
* Jake notified committee that he had completed the Good Sports Policy requirement to book ground for pre-season training.
  + Notified committee that during the process he had needed to change the MBBC ServiceNSW password.
* **Bunnings BBQ**
* Committee discussed pros and cons of running a Bunnings BBQ fundraising event.
  + Location and value for effort discussed. Prior experience suggests too much work involved for little return.
* **Sports Summit Attendees**
* Committee discussed which members wished to attend upcoming Newcastle City Council Sports Summit event.
  + Jake and Grant volunteered to attend. Jake to RSVP by 25th Jan.
  + Possible topics to discuss on behalf of MBBC at event:lack of accessible amenities, lack of change room, floodlights for baseball/softball field.
* **Coaches, Managers, Scorers**
* Discussed importance of having coaches, managers and scorers organised early in the year.
  + Little league verbal expression of interest: Johnny would like to be an assistant coach.
  + Jake to reach out to Mark Anderson regarding Junior League coaching.
  + Jake to email junior parents calling for EOI. Post to Team app also.
  + No EOI’s for senior coaching yet
* Scoring and gamechanger discussed
  + Megan knowledgeable in gamechanger and is happy to assist with training new scorers with the software.
* **Pre-season Field Maintenance**
* Committee discussed need to arrange a date for field maintenance closer to beginning of season.
* Discussion regarding dirt for the infield had
  + Before purchasing, Jake to email other clubs and softball to ask if they are interested in purchasing excess dirt. Matt to provide Jake with information regarding previous quote.
* **Lonn Cooper Email**
* Committee discussed recent correspondence received by club member Lonn Cooper
  + Grant to draft a formal email addressing shortcomings regarding this issue.
* **Budget Draft**
* Joel presented draft budget to committee.
  + Suggestion made that committee create revision dates to ensure proposed budget on track throughout the year.
  + Committee asked to consider suggestions regarding expenditure milestones.
* Budget item regarding equipment expenditure discussed.
  + James & Josh N to look at previous equipment inventory and prioritise items required for purchase.
* Committee discussed option of potentially offering payment for imported players.
* Budget item regarding club component of playing fees discussed.
  + Active Sports Vouchers will further lower junior club component to $25.
  + Motion to accept proposed amounts of $75 for all junior players & $175 for all senior players was passed unanimously.
  + Joel and Pettigrew’s Family Funerals made offer to sponsor the difference for junior players, dropping required amount to be paid by junior members $0.
    - Jake to email all members notifying fee changes, including comparison to last year
    - Jake to update website.
    - Elaine to promote new pricing on socials, including appreciation to Pettigrew’s.

# General Business

Joel

* + - * Informed committee that he will send invoices for creation of sponsorship hampers.

Chris

* + - * Proposed that a round table will be more effective for meetings.
      * Raised the importance of locking in volunteers for upcoming come and try days.

John

* + - * Reinforced urgency regarding appointing coaches and scorers
      * Identified need to encourage more player engagement with major sponsors this season.
      * Next MWBC raffle night is coming up
        + Volunteers and advertise on socials.

Ann

* + - * Suggested possibility of moving surplus funds into high interest investing account

Jake

* + - * Discussed need for junior gloves for come and try days.
      * Batting tees were also identified as items needed for purchase.
        + Jake to talk with Josh, James and Matt to arrange purchases before upcoming come and try days.

# Actions Arising (Summary)

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| Action: | Member/s Responsible: | Complete by: |
| Deposit cash made from MWBC twilight markers | Matt | 19th January |
| Create letter in response to Lonn Cooper | Grant | 23rd January |
| Send thank you letter and yearbook to previous sponsors | Elaine & Jake | 23rd January |
| Arrange purchase of junior gloves and batting tees | Jake, Josh, James & Matt | 23rd January |
| Attend Greater Bank Hamilton to sign off accounts transfer | Joel | 23rd January |
| Notify club regarding adjusted club fee component via email, website & socials | Jake & Elaine | 23rd January |
| Sports Summit | Jake & Grant | RSVP: 25th January  Event: 7th February |
| Email other clubs regarding purchasing infield dirt | Jake | 30th January |
| Create inventory and prioritize equipment for purchase | Josh & James | 30th January |
| Clarify 2024 NBA proposed game day scenarios with Duane to assist committee voting preferences. | Jason | 30th January |
| Follow up and identify requirements for liquor license renewal | Jason & Stephen | 30th January |
| Clarify issues with Gamechanger regarding scoring of junior games | Jason & Megan | 30th January |
| Enquire about club attainment of wi-fi modem from Optus to assist in canteen and scoring duties | Jason | 30th January |
| Contact RSA provider for potential dates in late Feb/Early March | Joel | 30th January |
| To seek possibilities regarding temporary batting cage | All Members | 30th January |
| Complete in-season ground booking with council | Jake | 30th January |
| Purchase Gamechanger subscription | Matt | 30th January |
| Purchase defibrillator | Jane & Matt | 30th January |
| Reach out to Mark Anderson re coaching JL  Post on team app calling for last season junior parents coaching EOI | Jake & Josh | 30th January |
| Organise Coles Return and Earn initiative | Matt | 5th March |
| Potentially organise Boomerangs team to compete at Tamworth in June carnival | Josh | 15th May |
| Consider club goals for various areas of the club’s running to promote long term success and improvement. | All Members | Ongoing |

# Next Meeting

30/01/2024 | 7pm, Mayfield West Bowling Club

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:57 pm and was passed unanimously.