



Melbourne University Soccer Club

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2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Social Space B, Melbourne Uni Sport, Tin Alley, The University of Melbourne, VIC 3010
and online via Zoom on Monday 7 November 2022 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

Chair: Michael Owen (MO), President

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened by Michael Owen at 6:15pm.

A quorum was confirmed.

MO acknowledged the traditional owners of the lands on which the meeting was being conducted.

MO welcomed attendees and noted apologies had been received from life members Michael Metcalfe and Maria Berry.

Members present and eligible to vote:

Michael Owen	Sasha Naidoo	Nez Ozergen
Ellie Acevedo	Dan Ginger	Cat Hoang
Lachlan Boughton	Philip Aitken	Carlo Di Gregorio
Marco Lecci	Stat Konstantopoulos	Ian Petersen
John Buckley	Kevin Ly	Melvin Thancanamootoo
Anna Leonedas	Angela Christian-Wilkes	Tom Mullumby

Members attending via proxy and eligible to vote (followed by their proxy holder):

Aakarsh Sharma (D Ginger)	Laurenz Watters (D Ginger)
Aarya Thakkar (K Ly)	Lehner Diaz (D Ginger)
Alice Poulton (C Hoang)	Leona Gardner-Chan (S Naidoo)
Amy Royle (N Ozerger)	Liam Shuster (K Ly)
Andrew Walton (M Owen)	Marcus Lo Russo (L Boughton)
Anthony Tran (D Ginger)	Martin Jones (C Di Gregorio)
Aras Mollison (M Owen)	Mat Kelly (M Owen)
Areeya May (S Naidoo)	Matthew Cohen (K Ly)
Beau Bardenhagen (S Naidoo)	Mike Pauw (D Ginger)
Brian Tyrrell (K Ly)	Mitchell Ralston (D Ginger)
Cesar Martinez (K Ly)	Muhammad Noor Ali (K Ly)
Christian Bianchi (M Owen)	Muhammad Khan (M Owen)
Daniel Vokes (K Ly)	Nathan Scott (D Ginger)
Declan Scammell (K Ly)	Nick Munari (K Ly)
Devon Jones (E Acevedo)	Nick Nithirojpakdee (K Ly)
Edan MacCartney (N Ozerger)	Oliver Arthur-Andrews (D Ginger)
Eden Littrell (A Leonedas)	Ollie Blue (K Ly)
Elizabeth Stevens (S Naidoo)	Oscar Black (N Ozerger)
Elysia Patsakos (S Naidoo)	Pablo Wilcox (M Owen)
Florian Watters (D Ginger)	Patrick Kamphuis (K Ly)
Fu Kok Nip (D Ginger)	Ripley Scott (C Di Gregorio)
Goutham Balaji (M Owen)	Robbie Ball (K Ly)
Hannah Sawkins (S Naidoo)	Samuel Day (K Ly)
Hue Lim (S Naidoo)	Sean Hennessy (K Ly)
Isabella Mezzetti (A Leonedas)	Sean Miranda (M Owen)
Jake Jupp (N Ozerger)	Tim Adalin (K Ly)
Kathern Schaffner (S Naidoo)	Tom Tidhar (K Ly)
Kieran Scammell (K Ly)	Victoria Wright (E Acevedo)
Laura Davies (S Naidoo)	Vince Massara (L Boughton)
Lauren Walduck (N Ozerger)	Zoe Siviour (A Leonedas)

2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes of the 2021 AGM as distributed.

Moved: Michael Owen. Seconded: Sasha Naidoo. The motion was carried.

3. 2022 Annual Report

Directors spoke of the activities of the association for the preceding financial year.

MO:

- Thanked MU Sport, Robinson Gill Lawyers and Connect Health and Movement for their ongoing support of the Club;
- Noted the club's 75th anniversary gala matches and function, and thanked MU Sport for their support of those events;
- Congratulated the VPLW squad and its coaches on finishing in the promotion spots for advancement to the NPLW and the VPLW reserves finishing runner-up; announced that the club has been unable to meet the facility requirements so has had to decline promotion to the NPLW; noted that a lot of good information had been gathered from discussions with Football Victoria about promotion to NPLW and the club would develop a costed plan over the next year to be better prepared for if and when the club next earns the opportunity to join NPLW;
- Congratulated Kevin Ly and the Men's VSPL squad and Theo Paraskevas and the MSL4 Reserves squad for both finishing runner-up in their respective leagues; and
- Congratulated Jordon English, Josh Dwight and the Men's Metro 3 squad on their Premiership and Championship double.

Sasha Naidoo addressed:

- Issues with the VicSoccer organisation throughout 2021, with VS not providing a satisfactory response to the club's reports of homophobic abuse; the decision not to participate in VicSoccer leagues in 2022;
- The need for more volunteers; and
- The club's Pride in Sport and All Gender Games initiatives.

Ellie Acevedo addressed the club's indigenous initiatives in 2022 including first nations bursary, indigenous kit, indigenous round and planned welcome to country.

MO indicated the Annual Report will be made available to members online once finalised.

4. 2022 Financial Statement

The 2022 Financial Statement was tabled (attached as *Appendix 1*).

Michael Owen provided an overview of the 2022 Financial Statement.

MO opened the floor to questions and comments relating to the club's finances.

Phil Aitken congratulated MO and Lachlan Boughton on the report and state of the club's finances and put forward an opinion that the club should spend more of its money. MO agreed and indicated a desire for more club members to be involved in the budgeting process to determine spending priorities. MO indicated one area of increased spending may be on providing honorariums to more key volunteers to ensure the club's business is conducted, because relying on all members to do a small amount each was no longer working particularly well. If a large pool of members isn't willing to do the work required to run the club, the club is able to provide honorariums to a small number of key people for that work to be done.

MO noted that interested members would be invited to participate in the 2023 budgeting process.

Motion: That the annual financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of MUSC for the financial year ending 15 October 2022.

Moved: Michael Owen. Seconded: Lachlan Boughton. The motion was carried.

5. Election of the Directors

Michael Owen thanked the Board of Directors for their efforts over the past year and announced that Isabella Mezzetti was not seeking re-election as Director. MO thanked Izzy for her contributions.

MO declared all positions as a Director of the Club vacant.

MO handed chairing duties to Sasha Naidoo (SN) for the election of president. SN announced that one nomination had been received for the position of President. SN called for final nominations for the position of President. No additional nominations were received. SN declared the nomination period closed. Michael Owen was declared elected to the position of President. SN handed chairing duties back to MO.

MO spoke briefly about his planned approach to the presidency in 2023, indicating he could not commit to involving himself with club operations, but remained committed and happy to lead the club strategically.

MO announced the seven nominations received for the position of a Director and confirmed that all seven nominees could be elected and meet the board composition requirements specified in the constitution. MO called for final nominations. No additional nominations were received. MO declared the nomination period closed. Each of the nominees was declared elected to the position of a Director.

The 2022-23 Board of Directors:

Director	Nominated By	Seconded By
Michael Owen (President)	Anna Leonedas	Carlo Di Gregorio
Cat Hoang	Cat Hoang	Anika Ramasamy
Dan Ginger	Carlo Di Gregorio	Mario Di Gregorio
Eleanor Acevedo	Eleanor Acevedo	Rachel Sims
Helena Tan	Helena Tan	Elizabeth Stevens
Lachlan Boughton	Philip Aitken	James Cameron
Neslihan Ozergen	Carlo Di Gregorio	Adeodatus McCormack
Sasha Naidoo	Angela Christian-Wilkes	Georgia Manthey

It was noted that Sasha Naidoo is the sole Director expressing an interest in the position of Vice President, Helena Tan is the sole Director expressing an interest in the position of Secretary, and Nez Ozergen is the sole Director expressing an interest in the position of Treasurer. MO noted the new Board would confirm those office bearer positions at its first meeting.

6. Expressions of interest for other roles

Michael Owen indicated the new Board would seek to fill any vacant non-Board volunteer roles at the club in due course.

There was acknowledgement that more volunteers are required to help run the club.

Stat Konstantipoulos and Carlo Di Gregorio both offered to help organise club events.

Tom Mullumby suggested a Director serve in a volunteer coordinator role, to have the one-on-one chats required to engage people and fill volunteer positions.

7. Other Business

No additional items of business were raised.

MO opened the floor to questions or comments.

Marco Lecci asked if there was a realistic prospect of a soccer pitch being built on campus in the future, which might solve known challenges around the club not being able to use studded boots or lights in pre-season. MO answered that the University is currently working on a capital plan and that MO had recently presented to the MU Sport Advisory Board who are aware of our challenges and opportunities. MO provided an update received from City of Melbourne that Council is in the process of replacing the sports lighting at Princes Park with LED globes which will solve the power issues at that site and will hopefully result in a better experience at Princes Park for in-season training.

Phil Aitken asked if there was an update on the appointment of senior coaches. MO answered that VPLW coaches Shannon Flower and Charles Levine were expected to continue in their roles. Dan Ginger provided an update that Vince Massara had just been confirmed as MSL4 senior coach and that the MSL5 senior coach was expected to be confirmed within the next week.

8. Meeting Close

Michael Owen thanked members for attending.

The meeting was closed by MO at 7:10pm.

Signed Michael Owen. (Chair) 14/11/2022 (Date)

Appendices

Appendix 1 – 2022 Financial Statement

Appendix 2 – Submission of financial statements to annual general meeting

Appendix 3 – Schedule 1, Regulation 15, Form 1