



GOODWOOD BASEBALL CLUB INC

ANNUAL REPORT
for Season
2013 / 2014

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**AGENDA FOR THE 96th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
GOODWOOD BASEBALL CLUB AND THE
13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
GOODWOOD BASEBALLERS CLUB
MONDAY JUNE 30th, 2014 at 7.30pm**

1. Opening of meeting and welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies
3. Roll call of Members entitled to vote
4. Adoption of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
5. Presentation and adoption of the President's Annual Report
6. Presentation and adoption of the Secretary and Finance & Administration Directors
Annual Reports, Financial Statements and Balance Sheet
7. Life Membership Nominations
8. Election of Officers
 - a. Patron & Vice Patrons
 - b. Board
 - i. PRESIDENT
 - ii. SECRETARY
 - iii. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR
 - iv. FACILITIES DIRECTOR
 - v. OPERATIONS DIRECTOR
 - vi. JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
 - c. Sub-positions
 - i. GROUNDS
 - ii. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION
 - iii. SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING
 - iv. COUNCIL LIAISON
 - v. EQUIPMENT OFFICER
 - vi. UNIFORM OFFICER
 - vii. LITTLE LEAGUE COORDINATOR
9. General Business
 - Presentation of proposed Constitution modifications and updates
10. Meeting Close

PATRON

KEN DORAN

VICE PATRONS

Mark Brougham

Ian Braddock

Grant Clark

John Mortimer

John Bushell

Ray Binns

Con Guerriero

Dave McCloud

Steve Morris

John Kelly

Mark Haylock

Stephen Baker

Graham O'Connor

LIFE MEMBERS

*B.L. Brooks

*R. Scott

G. Clements

*C Hayes

* A. Ougden

*H. Franke

*M. McGilp

* W. Holmesby

*A. Haynes

*J. Mordaunt

*E.M. Burke

J. Mortimer

*A. Radbone

*D.V. Clements

T. Powell

E. Cousley

*E. Lanthois

*R.H. Baker

*V. Grant-Lyons

*W. Stephens

*J. Baker

*A. Bartlett

*B. Russell

P. Wood

*J.Holland

C. Guerriero

R. Wood

*I. Hunt

P. Pope

J. Braddock

*R.M. Sharpe

*P. White

R. Delderfield

*L. Poole

*M. Mortimer

I. Braddock

*R.E. Sharpe

G. Hancock

D. Dunn

B. Harris

D. Clements

T. Pratt

J. Bushell

M. Brougham

S. Pratt

L. Dunn

P. Graham

M. Rosenzweig

G. Langley

K. Doran

M. Baker

S. Baker

S. Morris

*Deceased

BOARD

PRESIDENT	Grant Clark
SECRETARY	Lorraine Dunn
TREASURER	Suzanne Marshall
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR	Ray Binns
FACILITIES DIRECTOR/S	Kale McBain
	Alicia Simon
JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	Cameron Scott

SUB-POSITIONS

DIVISION 1 COACH	Brian Sanderson
EQUIPMENT OFFICERS	Mike Mullan, Craig Taylor
UNIFORM OFFICER	Michelle Baker
LITTLE LEAGUE COORDINATOR	Scott Pratt
GROUNDS	Matt Fielder, Kale McBain
COUNCIL LIAISON	Grant Clark
SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING	Alicia Simon
MARKETING AND PUBLICITY	Scott Pratt

BASEBALL MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Ray Binns	Darren Fidge
James Bushell	Mark Haylock
Justin Clark	Ben Wigmore
Simon Galpin	

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COACH</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Division 1	Brian Sanderson	Second
Division 2	Stuart Crutchley	Seventh
Division 3	Scott Pratt	Seventh
Division 4	Mark Brougham	SECOND
Division 5	Craig Doyle	Tenth
Under 19	Bradley Roper Hubbert	Withdrawn
Under 17	Jamie Bishop	Second
Under 15/2	Danny Dunn	Sixth
Under 13 Goodwood	Ricky Mitchell	Eighth
Under 13 Indians	Corey Smith	
Under 13 Tyros	James Bushell	

ABL, STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND SABL AWARDS

Stefan Welch	Adelaide Bite, Australian Player
Richard Olson	Adelaide Bite, Adelaide Bite Pitcher of the Year, Australian Player
Darren Fidge	Adelaide Bite
Chris Adamson	Adelaide Bite
Matt Wickswat	Adelaide Bite
Dakota Mitchell	Adelaide Bite
Lorraine Dunn	Adelaide Bite – Scorer, SABL Team of the Year
Blake Schunke	SABL B&F U17s
Scott Pratt	SABL “Volunteer of the Year”

WOMENS STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Zoe Windt Women's National Championships

JUNIOR STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Alex Smith U16 State Team
Braeden Clark U18 State Team
Brett Hattersley U23 State Team
Henry Cann U23 State Team
Adam Baker U23 State Team

GAME MILESTONES

SENIOR CLUB GAMES

100 - Craig Taylor
100 - Henry Cann
300 – Darryl Rankine
400 – Josh Wigmore
400 – Anthony Coxon
500 – Darren Fidge
700 – Scott Pratt

DIVISION 1 GAMES

100 – Brett Hattersley
600 – Matthew Dunn

AWARD WINNERS SEASON 2013/14

DIVISION 1	BEST & FAIREST	Matt Wickswat
DIVISION 1	BATTING CHAMPION	Matt Dunn
DIVISION 1	COACH'S AWARD	Josh Wigmore
DIVISION 1	PLAYERS' PLAYER	James Bushell
DIVISION 2	BEST & FAIREST	Callum Brown
DIVISION 2	BATTING CHAMPION	Callum Brown
DIVISION 2	COACH'S AWARD	Daniel Barry
DIVISION 3	BEST & FAIREST	Jake Wild
DIVISION 3	BATTING CHAMPION	Tim Lavis
DIVISION 3	COACH'S AWARD	Josh Trevorrow
DIVISION 4	BEST & FAIREST	Anthony Coxon
DIVISION 4	COACH'S AWARD	Angus Marr
DIVISION 4	MOST OUTSTANDING	Russell Lescai
DIVISION 5	BEST & FAIREST	Craig Doyle
DIVISION 5	MOST IMPROVED	Jarred Faehrmann
DIVISION 5	COACH'S AWARD	Scott Herde
DIVISION 5	BEST TEAM MAN	Mark Rosenzweig
U17	BEST & FAIREST	Alex Smith
U17	BATTING CHAMPION	Alex Smith
U17	COACH'S AWARD	Zac Bicanin
U15	BEST & FAIREST	Will Mason
U15	BATTING CHAMPION	Will Mason
U15	COACH'S AWARD	Gio Rech
U13	BEST & FAIREST	Joel Colls
U13	BATTING CHAMPION	Joel Colls
U13	COACH'S AWARD	Zach Steele
Jill Baker Memorial Award "INDIAN OF THE YEAR"		Kale McBain, Scott Pratt
Bert Haynes Memorial Award "COACH OF THE YEAR"		Rick Mitchell

GOODWOOD BASEBALL CLUB

**MINUTES OF THE 95th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
GOODWOOD BASEBALL CLUB AND THE
12th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
GOODWOOD BASEBALLERS CLUB**

DATE: MONDAY JUNE 24th 2013

AT THE CLUBROOMS – MORTLOCK PARK

Opening and Welcome by the President, Grant Clark at 7.45pm.

Present: Ian Braddock, Jenny Braddock, Mark Brougham, James Bushell, John Bushell, Helen Bushell, Grant Clark, Dean Clements, Glen Clements, Ken Doran, Lorraine Dunn, Paul Fairnington, Amanda Goddard, Phil Graham, Con Guerriero, Garry Hancock, David McCloud, Steve Morris, Michael Mullan, Scott Pratt, Trevor Pratt, Lincoln Ridley, Brian Sanderson, Cameron Scott, Alicia Simon, Bob Wood, Suzanne Marshall, Janet Brice

Apologies: Michelle Baker, Stephen Baker, Adam Baker, Aaron Baker, Dylan Brice, Ron Delderfield, Daniel Dunn, Matthew Dunn, Matt Fielder, Simon Galpin, David Guerriero, John Mortimer, Margaret Mortimer, Graham O'Connor, Peter Pope, Trevor Powell, Mark Rosenzweig, Di Smith, Di Wigmore

Non Voting

Attendees: Suzanne Marshall, Janet Brice

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM THE 94th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Moved: - Steve Morris

Seconded: - Jenny Braddock

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Grant apologised that the Board had been unable to act on the motion from last year's AGM in relation to Bert Haynes, in the timeframe requested.

The original motion was read out: "The members be consulted on the permanent recognition of Bert Haynes to be implemented by 1/10/12"

Grant advised that communication about options for Bert Haynes recognition was sent to all members with the letter advising of the AGM, and included a reply-paid envelope. This was sent to 119 members but only 20+ were received back. Of these responses the trophy option was most popular with 10 votes; vote tally for the other options were: bar (5), dugout (5), backstop (2). There were also 2 very considered responses from distinguished members about why life membership is an appropriate level of recognition.

Grant proposed to accept the findings of the membership & have a Bert Haynes trophy.

There were various discussions about what the trophy would be for, whether it would be perpetual, what has happened with perpetual trophies historically. Ian Braddock suggested Coach of the Year, discussion ensued whether for Juniors or whole of Club. James Bushell advised that the Board had been thinking about naming every U13 best & fairest trophy (for each of the multiple U13 teams) perpetually as the Bert Haynes Best & Fairest award.

Con Guerriero suggested if there was to be another members meeting to present financial result, that maybe this should be used to canvas more members. Steve Morris stated it should be resolved tonight & Mark Brougham commented that there were more life members at the meeting tonight who knew Bert, who could make an informed decision.

MOTION: *"There will be a Bert Haynes Club Coach of the Year perpetual trophy that will be presented to the winning coach at the appropriate presentation night and implemented in the 2013/14 season; with the criteria to be developed and this outcome to be notified to the Haynes family"*

Moved: - Ian Braddock

Seconded: - Mark Brougham

CARRIED

RECEIPT OF ANNUAL REPORTS for the following:

- **President**

Grant Clark provided an overview of the content, & provided additional information pertaining to Finance Director difficulties:

- Without active person in this role, Grant ended up picking up much of this but could only do so much
- Thankyou to Bakers for assisting with some MYOB input this year & to Linda Fidge for volunteering to assist in the coming year.
- Disappointing that due to lack of resources, cannot give you Club's financial records at this point.

Moved: - Gary Hancock

Seconded: - Steve Morris **CARRIED**

- **Secretary**

Moved: - Ken Doran

Seconded: - Scott Pratt **CARRIED**

- **Finance & Administration**

Steve Morris questioned if the club was constitutional without a Finance Director. Advice from James Bushell was that we were.

Jenny Braddock questioned timing & availability of the audited financial reports for 2012/13.

MOTION: *"That the audited financial reports be available before the new season commences and will be presented to members at a special general meeting."*

Moved: - Jenny Braddock

Seconded: - Steve Morris **CARRIED**

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Grant Clark advised that a nomination for Stephen Morris to receive Life Membership is proposed to the members.

Con Guerriero, as nominator, then spoke about Stephen's contributions to the Club over the past thirty one years.

A secret ballot for the proposal was taken by the members present eligible to vote. Votes were collected and tabulated by Amanda Goddard & Grant Clark.

Grant Clark then advised that it was his pleasure to announce that Stephen Morris was now a Life Member and congratulated him on achieving this award.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND OFFICERS:

- **Patron**

Steve Morris was nominated by Grant Clark. Steve declined.

Ken Doran was nominated by Steve Morris. Ken accepted.

Seconded: - Con Guerriero **CARRIED**

- **Vice Patrons**

Existing Vice Patrons were proposed on block: Mark Brougham, Grant Clark, John Bushell, Con Guerriero, Steve Morris, Ian Braddock, John Mortimer, Dave McCloud, Stephen Baker, Graham O'Connor & John Kelly. Ray Binns & Mark Haylock need to be confirmed.

Seconded: - Glen Clements **CARRIED**

BOARD POSITIONS

- **President:**

Ken Doran nominated Grant Clark – Grant accepted.

Seconded: - Ken Doran **CARRIED**

- **Secretary:**

Alicia Simon nominated Amanda Goddard — Amanda declined

Grant Clark nominated Lorraine Dunn.

Seconded: - Jenny Braddock **CARRIED**

- **Finance and Administration:**

Suzanne Marshall self-nominated & gave a brief biography – she is Tim Lavis' sister, her son used to play for the club and she is a book-keeper by profession.

Seconded: - Alicia Simon **CARRIED**

- **Facilities Director:**

Dean Clements asked what is involved in this position. Grant Clark gave a brief overview of the role & then elaborated that there were smaller sub-roles that looked after some of the areas that came under this mantle, for example:

Matt Fielder & Kale McBain – accepted looking after grounds

Trevor Pratt – as cleaner

Other interested persons – stock buying & inventory management

No nominations were received

POSITION REMAINS VACANT

- **Operations Director:**

Grant Clark advised that James Bushell is stepping down due to Junior coaching commitments.

Con Guerriero nominated Mark Brougham. Mark declined due to his position on SABL Board.

No further nominations were received.

POSITION REMAINS VACANT

- **Junior Development Director:**

Scott Pratt nominated Cameron Scott – Cameron accepted.

Seconded: - Trevor Pratt **CARRIED**

Grant Clark then thanked the outgoing Board members, Cameron Scott for continuing on the Board, and welcomed the new Board.

The following **SUB-POSITION ROLES** were also called for:

- **Grounds Officer:**

Grant Clark nominated Matt Fielder & Kale McBain Matt & Kale accepted prior to the meeting.

Seconded: - Jenny Braddock **CARRIED**

- **Marketing and Publicity:**

Steve Morris nominated Scott Pratt. Scott accepted.

Seconded: - Ken Doran **CARRIED**

- **Social and Fundraising:**

Grant Clark nominated Alicia Simon. Alicia accepted.

Seconded: - Helen Bushell **CARRIED**

- **Council Liaison Officer:**

Con Guerriero nominated Grant Clark. Grant accepted.

Seconded: - Trevor Pratt **CARRIED**

- **Equipment Officers:**

Scott Pratt nominated Craig Taylor & Mike Mullan. Craig & Mike accepted prior to the meeting.

Seconded: - Ken Doran **CARRIED**

- **Uniform Officer:**

Michelle Baker self-nominated.

Seconded: - James Bushell **CARRIED**

- **Little League Coordinator:**

Grant Clark nominated Scott Pratt. Scott accepted.

Seconded: - Cam Scott **CARRIED**

GENERAL BUSINESS:Lack of volunteers

Grant advised that with difficulty in filling positions, it was imperative that we break roles down into smaller tasks and get more people involved. Lengthy discussion followed.

Scott Pratt asked if we could table a list of members with who was doing what, and hence who wasn't... Suggested that we use the thinktank in the room to try to find a solution. Cam Scott suggested that we set up a new Induction into the club that showed roles & showed all the blanks.

Mark Brougham stated that the Board should decree that if anyone is unfinancial last year, they can't play this year.

Con Guerriero said Selection meetings were difficult last season as so many lower grades but a lot of the players then don't turn up to play. People not available & need to look seriously at number of teams in club. Grant has looked at number of senior games of lower grades and he has already found many who have played only 2 or 3 games. Can't afford to carry these transient players – they just use the Club but give nothing back in return.

Outstanding player fees

Scott Pratt said the whole issue with outstanding fees has got to the state it has because there hasn't been a Treasurer. Grant has done a lot of work paying the bills & organising the basics, and doing some chasing but he couldn't replace the whole Treasurer role.

Jenny Braddock suggested that now have new Board with strength, they can implement a number of strategies, eg. Don't play until paid in full.

Grant advised that League has new Online Registration process to be available this year. Club has told SABL it needs to be up by July, as we want numbers then to determine number of teams in September.

Scott Pratt said the policy in Little League was that if you don't pay (upfront), you don't play. Glen Clements advised that unfinancial players can't play for other clubs.

Steve Morris asked if there was a plan to re-coup outstanding monies with so much owing. Scott Pratt re-iterated the reason we don't know who's paid properly is because there was no Treasurer. Grant advised that he is going through the Score Books, will speak with the new Finance Director about sending out paper invoices to debtors (not phone calls)

Jenny Braddock said there is a bit of an anomaly about how 'part-time' players are treated financially & this should be reviewed.

Steve Morris questioned involvement in Club by Juniors' parents. Scott Pratt advised that they aren't members & Club would need to look at options because if included, then the issue of obtaining a quorum of a greater number of people could be an issue.

Communication

Responses from the mailout was that over 90+ percent of members have electronic means of communication. Will still keep a list of those who don't & perform mail outs to these, but the bulk of correspondence will now be electronic.

Council Update

Grant Clark advise that the Council is revisiting all plans for all grounds, not just Mortlock. Admin is putting a proposal to Council about how the plans should be amended. Was a 2 part feedback process: 1) online feedback questionnaire, 2) public forum. The public forum went really well. Cam Scott advised that baseball got good representation from non-sporting people at the hearing. Proposal due approx July.

Supporters Club

Ian Braddock advised that as they are moving away, he is looking for someone else to take over the Supporters Club. Glen Clements thanked Ian for all his work, acknowledged the outgoing board and wished the new Board all the best for the upcoming season.

In closing, Grant thanked everyone for attending and CLGFC for the use of their facility.

Meeting Closed: 9:25pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT**2013 – 2014 AGM Presidents Report****Progress or Procrastinate?**

As I reflect on the season that was I cannot help but recall as to where we were the year before and where we ended up this year. This is not only a reflection of our on field performance as all sides performed admirably and we showed we are a Club with strength in both seniors, and now, our junior squads. I reflect more, as always, on our off field performance, our governance, our finances and our operations. In doing so I must thank our Board for their tireless efforts, many of these go unnoticed and most go unthanked.

Progress

The Club has made progress on a number of fronts.

Little League

For a number of years the ever growing Little League program has been the flag ship of our Club. It's influence on the Club is now being seen in our Junior teams as it feeds the three U13 teams we have today. This coming season will see another influx of 9 – 11 year olds become Indians. The success of this programme is not only in the structured on field but also the structured off field activities. A band of regular volunteers who coordinate the new families to the Club to a point where, when they have been involved for a few years, become the next generation of regular volunteers. Scott & Trevor Pratt have certainly created a model junior training programme that is revered by all and copied by many.

Juniors

Our U17 team won the right to host the Grand Final after a successful season. This is a fantastic effort and I applaud the efforts of Jamie Bishop, his assistants and the team.

Our U15 side also played in the finals and were very close to playing in a Grand Final. This is another fantastic effort by Danny Dunn, his assistants and the team.

Our U13 teams had mixed success. The Majors with a young and sometimes inexperienced team played valiantly all year and, if the minors played finals, both our Minor teams would have played in the top 6.

This area of our playing crop is growing and we need to ensure their progress is sustained through coaching, coaching support, scorers and off field activities. None of this comes without the support of the parents, guardians and senior members of our Club.

This involves supporting the Club in the societal expectations with regard to respecting our volunteer coaches and their support teams, respecting Club policy and associated licences and respecting all players, members and supporters.

We have made progress with our Juniors playing finals across many grades. This we have not seen for many years.

Seniors

It was proved that 5 Senior teams is a sustainable and manageable number for our Club. Over the past several years we have had up to 7 teams. Whilst I would love to again field seven senior teams, it is quite apparent that the more senior players we have, the more capacity the Club has to sustain. Capacity is the measure of how much you have or how much needs to be done. The more Senior teams we field, the more that needs to be done.

Our A grade team won through to the Grand Final again, Div 2 were close and Div 4 played in the Grand Final also. We did not bring a flag home this year but if we continue this progression we should remain strong across all grades in the coming years.

Governance

This AGM we have suggested changes to the Constitution and I will be suggesting that we allocate some funds to continue to bring this document into the 21st century. The same must apply to our Bi-Laws, Club Administration Policies and Standard Operating Procedures. The laws governing community organisations such as ours have changed dramatically and we must keep up to date and even ahead of these changes. These changes to the current constitution are progressive but more needs to be done.

Treasury

Not having a Treasurer for most of last season was completely unbearable. To have a new person to our Club put up their hand and take on this role was a God send. Then to also have another assist this role was a miracle.

Having our finances independently reviewed and audited by a professional organisation and our books 'put in order' by a qualified accountant has more than enabled us to progress our financial management for the future. This has come at unexpected cost but these costs will now be budgeted for in the future. EFTPOS is not new but it is new to our Club, it has made life and financial management easier, as has internet banking. To think these technologies have been around for over 30 years and it has taken us this long to embrace them shows that we need to move quicker with the times.

Facilities

Other than the volunteers that spend hours preparing food and manning bars to service our members, supporters and guests, this last year we employed a person to manage the Canteen. This role is far greater than many would understand and, as a first endeavour, was managed effectively and I commend our Canteen Manager for their adaptability and perseverance.

Inside and outside the Clubrooms we have had people spend many hours to ensure our member experiences are as our members expect, they have been and to them I thank.

Along with the Colonel Light Football Club and the financial and administrative assistance of the Mitcham Council, by far the greatest visible progress the Club has made is with the Clubroom upgrade. All will agree this is a long time coming and certainly looks and feels fantastic.

Operations

Our Club is measured by on field success and, as I mentioned previously, we are where we are. ??? However, in the field of Baseball Management and Import Management we are, and have always been leaders in this field. Our Senior Baseball Management team continue to strengthen our ties with the World Wide Web that is international baseball and we must not lose sight of the learning's we can garnish from these connections.

Technology

Today we have Facebook and our own Website and this couldn't be possible without the desire of a Board member and their assistance from new parents to our Club with skills we didn't have before. Automated ticketing for events that not only makes the Clubs life easier but that of our members and supporters.

The Leagues, National & SABL, player/member on-line registration must be embraced as it simplifies our Clubs requirements but we need to use it wisely but effectively and efficiently.

Procrastination

Whilst we have made progress on a number of fronts we cannot sit on our laurels procrastinating on our next move or advancements.

Little League

This programme must become self-sufficient. At present there are many great volunteers but we need to formulate and document this programme until it becomes grounded in the Club.

Juniors

We need to be fielding Division 1 Junior teams where possible and expand our Seniors' involvement in their training and support. We must involve the Junior parents in off field and on field volunteering and activities as we have with the Little League parents.

We must also expel the disrespectful and abusive attitudes that have crept into a minority of our Junior players. We will work with their parents to ensure the Clubs expectations are fully known and the consequences for non-compliance fully understood.

Seniors

We need to identify the next level of Club Leaders amongst our Juniors and young Seniors and develop a programme and opportunities to blood these young Indians to ensure the Tribe has leaders for the future.

We must have full engagement from our Senior players across all aspects of the Club. There is no room for Players only. All members must be Player Volunteers and mentors!

Governance

We must continue to get up to speed with the governance required for our type of Community Club. We have made ground but there is more to do.

Treasury

The progress we made with having our financials professionally reviewed and audited have not fully shown their worth. The alignment of income and expenditure accounts is still occurring and more work must be done on clearly defining these areas.

Facilities

Along with the great assistance of the Colonel Light Gardens Football Club and their members with their eyes to the future we have together embraced a revived partnership with regard the facilities we share. We need to grow this partnership to ensure the joint facilities provide for both Clubs.

Technology

We will continue to embrace technological advances to improve our services to our members.

We must continue to move forward and ensure procrastination does not stifle our speed or enthusiasm.

Audited Financials

Unfortunately we again this year only have draft financials for both entities. On the surface we have a total loss of \$30k for the year. When reviewing the numbers it is apparent that we are still trying to align accounts from the last few years. The lack of Division 1 home games and Senior Presentation having to be held off site are 2 of many causes for this and the fact that in 2012 – 2013 the Finals series at home heavily boosted our position the year before. Much more effort must be put into our financial decision making which can now be done with the newly revised financial reports.

Closing

I have specifically not mentioned or thanked many people by name throughout this report. This is deliberate as the persons I am talking about should know who they are, I would have thanked them many times this season and they are people who do not do what they do for thanks. However I would like to thank all the volunteers who contribute to our club.

THANK YOU

We pride ourselves in being the 'oldest baseball club in the land' and probably the most successful over the past dozen years with many Clubs wondering what makes us what we are but I know what it is. **THE PEOPLE!**

Just imagine what we could be if we had more people to spread the load? 'How mighty good we'd be!'

Grant Clark – GBC President 2013/14

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2013/14

Season 2013/14 has been another productive and successful twelve months for Goodwood Baseball Club, with some teams cementing spots in finals and others developing their skills, but with all expanding their understanding and love of the game.

Season 2013/14 has also provided an opportunity for me to get more involved in the Club's administration processes, which was further chance to serve with a diverse group such as the Board members who have spent countless hours keeping the "wheels turning".

Of course, there are the usual army of volunteers who underpin the day to day running of the club without whom we would all be struggling with the work involved. It would be impossible to name all these volunteers, but a big THANK YOU. It would be remiss not to encourage others to volunteer in the upcoming season/s, as it is a rewarding experience with potential for many relationships to be formed and maintained at this "Family Ball Club:.

The new database implemented on and off field by Baseball SA created its own issues at season start and at some level throughout the season. All in all though, our member records were perhaps more accurate than sometimes in the past as team coaches were given the responsibility to ensure every player was registered, and therefore insured, before stepping on the diamond. Compulsory factors in the database gave us opportunity for a better communication link with members. This system is definitely a work in progress, however.

As the Financial Audit was unavailable for the 2012/13 AGM, it was a relief to have it arranged and presented shortly after that AGM, and the Board has confidence in the recommended ongoing report and record keeping maintenance.

Little League has again been an outstanding success built on a wonderful base created and driven by Scott Pratt. The club can now reap the rewards of this effort and initiative, as some of these Little League graduates move into our Club junior teams; what a wonderful baseball and Goodwood grounding they will have had.

On this basis it was no surprise that Scott was again nominated as a joint winner of the "Indian of the Year", along with Kale McBain who was a willing hand and a cool head in all circumstances. Gratitude and congratulations to both these great guys.

Congratulations also to Scott Pratt on being awarded the SA Volunteer of the Year at the Baseball SA annual Capps Medal Awards night.

You will have all noticed the clubroom upgrade and we must acknowledge not only the effort applied by our Council Liaison Officer Grant Clark, but also by the Colonel Light Gardens Football Club, in this great outcome, which was supported by a grant provided by the Mitcham City Council. I look forward to having the opportunity of using the new kitchen now that a better catering facility will be at our disposal.

On a sombre note, we are deeply saddened at the loss of treasured Life Member Margaret Mortimer and former player/Capps Medallist Peter Box.

We should now look forward to an even better 2014/15 season.

Let's celebrate 2014, our 125th anniversary.

***Yours in Baseball
Lorraine Dunn
Honorary Secretary***

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

From all accounts we have had a challenging year as we have had a number of unusual expenses, and to compound matters we did not have a significant amount of div 1 games at home on the weekends which made a big difference to our bottom line.

We also had two imports this season and this is also represents a reasonable expense for the club.

The other large outlays of funds are for the audit fees, as we needed to make sure that the accounts were correct to industry standard.

But on a positive note we have all the renovation to the clubrooms and this has only been a small expenditure due to the council allocation of funds and also working well with the football club to make the funds go further. As a total the club has paid less than \$12,000.00; this will be seen in the next season's financial year's figures but I am sure that you will all think that it looks fantastic and well worth the funds.

As a treasurer I have had a lot of support in the club and with fellow club members

Alicia has done all the work with regards to the LL canteen/canteen and bar along with Kale being in charge of the facilities. I think you would all have to agree that this has worked well.

We also had Josh who worked for us in the canteen and found this generally worked well as this was the first year that we have tried this as a role.

I have also been guided by Lorraine and Grant about the role and whenever I needed help were always there for me. I would like to acknowledge this and thank all the board for their help and guidance.

I am sorry that I am not able to be there on the 30th of June but I am happy to catch up with anyone if you have any questions. I will be returning back to SA on the 4th July.

I have enjoyed the role and found the club to be a great community and look forward to seeing what next season brings.

I am sorry to say that I will not be looking to continue my role as treasurer as I am not sure I will be in SA for all of the season.

Suzanne Marshall
Treasurer

OPERATIONS REPORT

Season 2013/14 was on field a slightly disappointing season with only two of our senior teams making finals, having said that both those teams made Grand Finals and represented Goodwood Indians to the end. Having only four senior teams in season 13/14 was disappointing also as we have had as many as six so numbers around the Reservation were down but I thank each and every person who represented our great club.

Our Div1 side is expected to play finals and that's non negotiable, we put in a lot and we expect a lot and our boys deliver year after year, coached by Brian Sanderson the side fought hard to make the GF and we are proud of their efforts. This season we again improved our squad with two imports both of which played their hand in us making the Grand Final. Brian has stepped down as Head Coach but will still be involved with the squad in 14/15. I thank him for his time and effort and wish incoming coach Ben Wigmore all the best.

Div.2 coached by Stu Crutchley had a season of what if's, they missed finals by again dropping games that should have been won which I'm sure the coach will agree with me. Stu has been a great pick up for our Club and having him resign for 14/15 is only going to help develop our Div.2 squad further. Stu does not like losing and this season did well to keep a lid on his emotions but look out in 14/15 we are taking the muzzle off.

Div.3 coached by Scott Pratt missed finals for the first time in a while mainly through injuries and availability and maybe some players getting a little older. When you're the top dog for a few seasons teams come gunning for you, they improve their list and look to knock you off even in the lower grades. Div.3 has been a tight unit for four years or so and has represented Goodwood in a number of finals including grand finals and I'm sure they will bounce back this season under new coach Tim Lavis. Thanks to Supe for his time and effort and his guidance when I needed it. I won't go on about the man here because it's all been said, good luck in your retirement from playing the game.

Div.4 coached by Mark Brougham started a bit shaky but rallied to make the GF. Mark put together a team he thought would lift the status of our Div.4

performance over the last few years and went on to prove the point. The 4s were solid all year and managed to keep sound with very few injuries which helps when your squad is around ten players, both 3s and 4s were very thin this season and to make the GF the coach and players did a fantastic job for Goodwood. I thank Mark for his time and effort. Mark has also re-signed for 14/15.

Div.5 coached by Craig Doyle had a tough season and should have played in Div.6 but still represented Goodwood with their heads held high. It's a tough gig being the lowest team in any club because you get pecked at by everyone. Some weeks they travelled way north with 5,6 players and I won't say Craig didn't complain because no-one would believe me but they still played and hopefully enjoyed themselves. I thank Craig for his time and effort also the junior players who helped out in Div.6.

I would like to thank the Board of Goodwood for their support in my position as Operations Director and also Mark Brougham and Lorraine Dunn for their guidance, two very knowledgeable people to have at my disposal. I have reapplied for my position in 14/15 and hope to be accepted.

Cheers

Ray Binns.

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