Mount Martha Basketball Club

2024 AGM Minutes

3rd September, 2024

At Mornington Civic Centre

The 2024 Committee have prepared the following report for members of the Mount Martha Basketball Club. The information in this document outlines activities from the 2023 - 2024 financial year.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of the country on which we meet and play. The Bunurong Boon Wurrung people of the Eastern Kulin Nation have had a continuing connection to the land and waters that surround us and we pay our respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Attendance

Committee Position/Team	Name
President /U 16 Marvels	Simon Waller
Vice President and age group co-ordinator/U 14 Steelers	Melissa Shireffs
Secretary / U 14 Bulls/ U 12 Comets	Kerrie Seager
Uniform Officer / U 10 Sharks	Cath van Wijngaarden
Coach Support/U14 Mavericks/U 12 Redbacks	Lisa Dearsley
Age Group Coordinator / U 12 Lightening Storm	Cara Frankish
Age Group Coordinator / U 14 Diamonds / U 16 Bandits	Mandy Joseph
Age Group Coordinator / U 10 Shooting Stars	Melissa Hoskin
Age Group Coordinator	Ardelle Vinton (remotely)
Age Group Coordinator /u 21 Hurricanes	Amanda Mighell
Age Group Coordinator / U12 Sharks	Tara Moore
Age Group Coordinator /U 10 Phoenix	Cathy Tompsett
U12 Rockets	Tina Perrotta
U14 Cyclones	Stuart Zurner
U14 Ninjas	Maria Cook
U16 Cheetahs	John Cozis
U12 Sharks	Chris Sheers
U10 Wolves	Leischa Collins
U10 Firebirds	Hannah McGrath
U12 Dragons	Rachel Hansen
U12 Stars	Lisa van Beech
U16 Stars	Scott Sulivan

Apologies

Sarah Fountain

Approval of previous minutes

Approved by Cath Van Wijngaarden and second by Melissa Shireffs

President's Report

Welcome everyone and thank you for attending the Annual General Meeting.

The last year has been a challenging one for our Club and a challenging one for many of our members and the community more broadly. For many of us it feels like we are operating in a time of heightened uncertainty and financial constraint and in times like this it's natural for people to become a little more insular. For the Club this has created challenges in recruiting for key roles on the committee and in turn this has limited some of the projects we would like to be able to undertake.

And although I understand that acting more insular and looking after one's own is a natural reaction to uncertainty, I'm also sure it's not necessarily the best one. In difficult time friendships, community and connection with other people become more important than ever and at its core this is what local sporting clubs offer. In fact, it's the number one reason why I'm here. I've always loved the sport of basketball and at my age I feel blessed that I still get to play a couple of games a week, but a love of basketball isn't enough reason to take on a role on the committee or to take on the Presidency of our Club. The only reason to do that is if you believe that basketball is an avenue towards something bigger. Towards the development of our kids, to the support of their health and mental and physical wellbeing and to creation of new friendships both for our kids and for parents. To me, this job is ultimately about building community.

I say all this because the long-term success of our Club is reliant on the willingness of members to continue to volunteer, whether it be as coaches, team managers or Members of the committee. This is a completely volunteer run club and it's only by sharing the load that we can continue to support our members and ultimately to build community at a time when people need it most.

Following my email a couple of weeks back we've had a number of members volunteer to join the committee but before I thank them I'd first of all like to thank the wonderful members of the committee who've worked overtime, some taking multiple roles, some working well past their stated resignation dates to keep the Club going when we couldn't attract new members.

Please join me in thanking all our wonderful committee members.

I'd like to make mention of a couple of significant changes to the committee. First, as a Club I'd like to thank our past President and past Vice President and past age coordinator Elana Welsh who has stepped down from the committee after years of service. Thank you for the time, energy and care you have committed to our Club during your time on the committee and thank you for supporting me over the last couple of years as I've transitioned into the Presidents role. Please join me in thanking Elana.

I'd also like to give special thanks to our retiring Treasurer Amanda Mighell. Once again, Amanda has given years of service to our Club, operated beyond the call of duty and has helped ensure the Club

is left in a strong financial position. Although Amanda is staying on as the Age Coordinator for the U21 boys I would like you to join me in thanking her for her time as Treasurer.

Finally, I'd like to formally thank all the other Committee Members who have left us this year. To Lisa Fraumano, Robyn Blundell and Sarah Ogilvie, Paul Arnold, and Chris Reed. Thank you for your service to our Club, I speak on behalf of all our members when I say that whether you volunteer an hour, a week or a year of your time to the club your contribution is valued. Once again, please join me in saying thank you.

As I mentioned before, the Mount Martha Basketball Club is a completely volunteer run club, and our aim is to keep it that way. Thankfully some wonderful people like Cathy Tompsett, Ardelle Vinton and Tara Moore have stepped up to join the committee as Age Coordinators in the last 12 months. Thank you for helping share the load.

When I first joined the Club in 2021 our President Nat Fowler was undertaking an oversized role in managing the Club. In fact, Nat use to do almost full-time hours as a volunteer trying to fill the gaps and plug all the holes that existed because of a lack of volunteers. But running this Club was even too much for Nat working full time. When I joined the committee, it was because of an email from Nat suggesting that unless more people volunteered the Club may no longer be sustainable.

At times this year I've felt the same way. Although we no longer have Nat and thankfully, we no longer expect anyone to do full time hours we have had an issue over the last few years where we've constantly been short of volunteers. Unfortunately, that's also led to some poor practices within the committee. Specifically, it's recently come to my attention that the way volunteers have been elected to the committee has not happened in accordance with the Club's constitution.

As it stands it's a requirement under Division 3 of the Constitution that the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer be elected my members at the Annual General Meeting. None of those Club officer roles, including my own have been appointed in this way. In addition, other members of the committee, including our age coordinators also need to be appointed by a ballot at the AGM and this hasn't happened either.

Due to a combination of volunteer shortages and a poor understanding of the requirements of the Club Constitution members of the committee, including office holders have been appointed via a vote of existing committee members at one of the monthly committee meetings.

I don't know how long this practice has gone on, but it's existed for as long as I've been a member of the committee. But regardless of how it came about this is neither a desirable nor a sustainable practice. Ultimately this Club belongs to its members and it's important those members decide how it's run and who runs it. It's also important that office holders can be held to account and voted out of office if necessary and finally it's important that members know that they are encouraged to stand for office.

Unfortunately, this has all only come to my attention in the last two weeks which hasn't given us enough time to call for nominations and hold an open and fair election for office holders at this AGM. In consultation with other office holders, it has therefore been decided that although it is constitutionally required, our preference is to pass a resolution calling for a Special General Meeting of the Club to be held within the next three months. This will give us enough time to call for

nominations and hold elections for the office bearer positions in accordance with the Club's Constitution.

Moving forward from this I'm keen to continue to raise the level of professionalism within the Club. This needs to start with how we operate as a committee but extends to everything we do. I'd like us to get better at holding events, attracting sponsors, how we develop our players and how we support coaches.

Ultimately, I believe all these things make your Club stronger and the stronger your Club is, the better positioned it is to support your children, build friendships and build community.

Simon Waller

President MMBC

Treasurer's Report

Financial Report – 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024

Opening balance	**$ 94,105.75**
Receipts	
Player	$ 26,543.53
Uniform	$ 23,565.75
Presentation Day	$ 2,672.64
Total Receipts	**$ 52,781.92**
Outgoings/Expenses	
Player Refunds	$ 220.00
Website/Domain/IT	$ 1,826.51
Uniform Purchases	$ 31,423.86
Club Registration	$ 63.60
Storage Yearly	$ 2,496.00
Operating Costs	$ 799.81
Presentation Day	$ 14,637.22
Total Outgoings	$ **51,467.00**
Closing balance @ 30.6.24	**$ 95,420.67**
Surplus/(Deficit)	**$ 1,314.92**

General Business

1. Resolution to hold a Special General Meeting within three months to elect office holder roles. Resolution passed – unanimously. No one opposed.

2. Lease of MMPS gymnasium – The Club has been approached to take over the head lease of the Mount Martha Primary School Stadium. We estimate this would provide training facilities for up to half of our Club's teams. We'd like feedback from members as to whether they'd be interested in such an arrangement and how they might like to see it work.

3. Increase in fees – The Club fees were increased from $20 to $25 for the Summer season 2024-2025 and will be increased again to $30 for the Winter season 2025. These funds will be used to provide some additional support to the committee and if excess funds are available coach development opportunities. We'd like to hear feedback from members as to how excess funds could best be spent to support the objectives of the Club.

4. **General business from the floor in response to questions**

   a. The intention with the lease is to maintain the existing training bookings. Earlier times will still be prioritised for younger players/team in younger age groups.

   b. In terms of liability and cover. The liability and cover will still sit within the Basketball Vic registration for games and also covers training. The specifics of exactly what Basketball Vic would cover needs to be confirmed.

   c. In regard to public liability, MMBC would need more details from the school.

   d. MMBC would also need to confirm the responsibility of locking up and returning the keys.

   e. The costs of the gym hire could either by incorporated into the club fee (cost to be confirmed) or players/teams would be charged extra.

   f. MMBC president has been consulting with Osborne Basketball Club and Mt Eliza Meteors because they have a similar arrangement with court hire and MMBC can learn from these other clubs.

   g. There will not be the capacity for all MMBC teams to train at the MMPS gym, however there is potential to look at other sites if the MMPS arrangement works well.
   h. Currently there are 23 teams (20 MMBC teams) currently using the gym for training with 8 on the waiting list.

   i. There is a small risk with the gap between receiving and making payments to MMPS and if there are any training slots that are not filled MMBC will still be charged.

   j. Potentially there is 5 hours of training slots at the gym from Monday to Friday. There could be more if training slots were made 45 minutes. Training uses half

the court and potentially teams on each half could have a practice game at the end of their training session against each other.

k. There could be an opportunity to run sessions there to support coaches.

l. There will be further discussion and negotiation with how to best manage the administrative undertaking. Further communication will be sent out to MMBC members once we know more.

No further questions raised. The president thanked everyone for their attendance and the AGM officially closed at 7.40pm.

Stay Connected

Please remember to communicate through your Team Manager or contact your Age Group Coordinator for any issues. We are there to represent you to the Associations.

Please let us know about any team or player highlights via the Facebook Page (photos with consent of parents/ adult please)

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