

**WESTERN DEMONS SUPPORTER GROUP
MINUTES OF TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY 2018
AT PADDINGTON ALE HOUSE @ 11.30AM**

Greg opened the meeting at 11.30pm and welcomed members and friends.

PRESENT: Greg Harper, John & Josie Della, Troy Sumpton, Darren Theta, Geoff Davis, Dee Hayes, Mike Collins, Michael Pinches, Ian Guthrie, Peter Parsons, Peter Koenig, Iain Fisher & Joan Lawson

APOLOGIES: David vonStieglitz, Ian Mills, Martin Maloney, Roger Wingate, Neil Randall, Laura Chubb and Judy Collins.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM. Moved Iain Fisher, seconded Troy Sumpton, that the minutes of Twenty third Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 5th February 2017 be accepted as a true record. CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Greg Harper presented his Report for 2017.
A full copy of Greg's Report can be viewed on the Western Demons website – www.westerndemons.com
Moved Iain Fisher, seconded Joan Lawson that the President's Report be accepted. CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of David vonStieglitz, Greg Harper, President, presented the Treasurer's Report to 31st December 2017. Carry-over figure for 2017 is \$12094.64. Donations to MFC for 2017 totalled \$4869.00 which included \$1595.00 sponsorship for Dean Kent, \$2,700.00 "Pledge to Win", \$200.00 to MFC Past Players' Association \$284.00 for 2x Interstate MFC memberships for Neil & Jon Randall (Paddo) and 2 x Demon Army memberships \$90.00.
Western Demons have so far donated to MFC a total of \$105,636.00 since 1993.
A detailed copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes.
Moved Geoff Davis, seconded Dee Hayes that Treasurer's Report be accepted as a true record. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: Emails received from – Roger Wingate, David vonStieglitz, Ian Mills and Martin Maloney – Non attendance at today's Annual General Meeting.
Moved Geoff Davis, seconded Dee Hayes that above correspondence be accepted. CARRIED

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2018

Mike Collins agreed to conduct the 2018 elections but due to the fact that only the outgoing 2017 committee people had once again nominated the official election process was not necessary.

2018 Committee -

President	Greg Harper
Vice Presidents	Geoff Davis and Ian Mills
Secretary	Joan Lawson
Treasurer	David vonStieglitz
Committee	Troy Sumpton, Iain Fisher, Dee Hayes, Ian Mills, Martin Maloney

Greg thanked the outgoing 2017 committee for their dedication and commitment and at the same time welcomed them back as the 2018 committee.

PATRON 2018: Greg spoke to Neil Randall and he accepted the role of Patron for 2018.

Thank you Neil.

RADIO SHOW: Troy Sumpton presented his report on the Radio Show for 2017.

- The radio show in 2017 started with a new name – DeeTeam radio which went to air at 6pm on Tuesday nights on 91.3SportFM.
- The panel consisted of – Roger Wingate who produced and was on the panel along with Iain Fisher, Ian Mills and Troy Sumpton.
- Sponsors for the radio show were The Paddo and Western Demons.
- The show provided listeners with an insight into all things Melbourne with MFC player interviews, match analysis of Melbourne and Casey Demons games plus information on Western Demon TV and match day functions.
- Thanks to Matthew Goodrope from MFC for coordinating player interviews with Josh Wagner, Sam Wiedemann, Cam Pedersen, Alex Neale-Bullen, Tom Bugg, Mitch Hannan and James Harmes. Thanks also go to Matt Burgan the chief football writer for MFC.
- Special thanks to Roger Wingate who has been part of the Radio Show since its inception and has decided to 'retire' – Roger produced the show in 2017 – once again thanks Roger.

FOOTY TIPPING: Geoff Davis presented a report for the 2017 Tipping Competition which had 76 happy tipsters and a significant increase from 2016.

Our aim this year is 100+ happy tipsters so please encourage your friends and family to join in. All details for our 2017 tippers will automatically be rolled over to 2018.

TV FUNCTIONS 2018 In the absence of Ian Mills, Greg Harper presented a report from Ian, copy attached.

WEBSITE: Dee Hayes advised members present that the website had been 'hacked' late last year and it was a difficult time trying to contact our provider – seems they may have got too big too quick and the ability to liaise with their customers went out the window. We are back on track but will possibly be changing providers in the next month or two.

Dee also gave members an insight into navigating through our site and encouraged members to use the website for information – which is downloaded by Western Demons as and when we receive information from MFC.

Also our live TV functions at The Paddo can be found with weekly updates.

GENERAL BUSINESS: 1. **Fund raising for 2018.**

Greg explained how hard it was to think of some way Western Demons can raise funds for MFC and how expensive it was to organise a raffle these days. –A licence, printing of books, prizes and postage which is so expensive (\$2.00 for each book we send out to members) and of course with the Privacy Act in place the only data base we have dates back to 2014. All in all not a viable fund raising exercise.

ANY SUGGESTIONS???? Geoff Davis, our Vice President suggested a **Brownlow Sweep** (similar to Melbourne Cup Sweep). Say we open it to 100 people at \$20.00 per person. 150 players are selected then Western Demons committee cut it back to 100. Members present thought this was a good and novel idea.

Geoff to make up a set of rules and present to our first committee meeting, late February.

NEW COMMITTEE: First meeting to be held on Monday 26th February at 118 Doveridge Drive, Duncraig at 7.00pm

There being no other business Greg thanked everyone for their attendance and invited members to share light refreshments.

Meeting closed at 12.20pm