

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WESTERN SUBURBS DISTRICT RUGBY  
LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED HELD AT WESTS ASHFIELD LEAGUES CLUB ON  
SUNDAY 10:00 AM 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2019.**

**Meeting opened:**

Mr Mick Liubinskas (Chairman) declared meeting open.

**Attendance: As per attendance sheet:**

**One minutes Silence request:**

Mr Mick Liubinskas (Chairman) acknowledging those who have passed away.  
He asked for a minute silence from the members.

**Introduction of Board Members:**

Mick Liubinskas (ML) introduced fellow Board Members – Deputy Chairman Michael Bailey (MB), Bob Cairns (BC), Rick Wayde (RW) Mick Pinkerton (MP), Tony Andreacchio (TA) and David Towells (DT)

PLUS: Introduction of Leo Epifania (General Manager)(LE), Simon Cook (CEO Wests Ashfield)(SC) and Brett Hodgson , Canterbury Cup Coach for Wests Magpies 2019

**Apologies:**

Noel Kelly , Bruce Clark , John Jacobs , Richard Keats, Keith Topolski , June Romero , Carl Ross , Chow Hayes , Brian Cook, Maurie Zoeller , Dennis Burgess , Paul Stamoulos , Steve Reeves , John Hargrove , Dennis Poole , Mark Mullins and Steve Hartas.

**Suspension Of Standing Orders for Brett Hodgson:**

Brett outlined the Wests Magpies CC team for season 2019

**Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting:**

Call that minutes be received.

ML asked the membership to receive those minutes.

***Moved and Seconded that minutes be received - CARRIED***

MB asked that any business arising can be put forward in General business questions.

Call on meeting to accept the minutes

***Moved and seconded that they be adopted - CARRIED***

**Annual Report:**

ML advised the Annual report has been issued on website and in print.

MB spoke in support of the Annual report and commended LE on the overall report.

Move to receive and adopt Annual report 2019

***Moved and Seconded that Annual Report be received and adopted - CARRIED***

**Financial Statements:**

MB advised that the financial statements have been provided in Annual report.

Call to receive and adopt the Financial Report for 2019.

***Moved by and Seconded to receive and adopt the financial statements and auditors report for 2019 - CARRIED***

**ELECTION of Director:**

Michael Pinkerton nominated.

There were no other nominations, therefore Michael Pinkerton elected unopposed.

ML endorsed MP as director and congratulated him on being back on the board



## **Life Membership Proposal: Bob Cairns**

Nominated by John Wiles

Spoken in support of the nomination by Michael Pinkerton.

Bob Cairns replied with thanks and accepted the Life Membership.

ML congratulated BC on his Life Membership

## **General Business:**

ML advised that the club received a list of questions via Paul Taylor (PT) MN 590

ML reviewed each question as requested:

Q: Why has Wests Magpies allowed the degeneration of Wests Juniors

ML advised the relationships with WSJRL was a non-event and that in the last 8 years WM has tried its best to work with WSJRL but had been brick walled on every attempt. The WSJRL was a separate entity and did not affiliate with WM , although we attempted on many occasions. WSJRL is now defunct and gone into administration.

Q: Were WM consulted of the change of Junior League to Wests Tigers Macarthur Junior Rugby League.

ML: Yes, WM has endorsed the Wests Tigers to be a part of Macarthur and believe this is the best solution for the growth of Rugby League in Macarthur.

Q: How many football club members attended the launch.

ML: None, WM have a direct relationship with WT and take into account that WM had advised the WT on Junior League and are continually consulted on all aspects of Juniors and provide advice via LE and the club.

PT: Quoting from WM Constitution that why has WM not continued to look after and support the Junior League as per the constitution.

ML: WM in accordance with the relationship and setup 20 years ago that Wests Campbelltown Leagues supported the Junior League and that WAL /WM would support the senior teams.

Q: Why isn't the WM board acting in the best interests of the members.

ML: WM have and always will act in the best interests of the club and its members.

WM have CC team and RMC team, the top 2 grades of the NSWRL.

Plus Junior Rep teams of HM and SGB , plus supporting WT junior development teams of 13 ,14, 17

Planned, promoted and held Heritage Nights, we have had 7 times in a row.

Provided Return To Lidcombe days each year for our members and ex players



Provide Merchandise- ready and available ranges for members

Provide a Website and Social media platforms – to keep members fully informed

WM are Keeping and Growing memberships.

The WM board is fully supportive of everything outlined. Grown in last 2 years.

Q: A must of all Magpie on WT merch.

ML: Advised of the Magpie on WT jersey and its standout on the sleeve.

WM symbol with Balmain on the back of Jerseys.

ML explained WT must comply with NRL standards and with Sponsor outline.

ML explained WT control their own merchandise.

Inaudible response from the floor, question was out of order.

Q: What guarantees can the club give to WM being in the State Cup and HM and SGB for the next 5 years.

ML: This board and this club will push to continue to have representation in all those grades.

ML asked PT if he had any response, PT said no.

STEVE WALKER (257)	What is the WAL/WM going to do about the tiger?are we going to keep the Tiger? ML: Explained further on WAL and WT , WAL put Statement on the website about a commercially viable business. Is there a push to get the Magpies back in NRL? ML: No, license is by WT via NRL. RW: WT is an ongoing business and provided further info on WT and how WM is involved. SW asked where the fans for WT are? RW: alluded to support of WM teams? where are the WM fans supporting us. SW: why have you not backed the Magpies? ML: Provided further detail on our supporters and who they are. More people at Magpie games would show more support of the Magpies SW: Where is the budget to support the Magpies. ML: Advised further on WM and WAL support of the club and the teams plus support of the WT. SW: Why after 20 years are the media calling them Balmain. ML: Go and ask the media. Further discussion ensued and SW spoke further, about a Magpies song. SW continued to speak on matters about constitution, RW replied on the matter.
WAYNE ELLISON (209)	WE: Juniors, persons in Campbelltown district don't like WT . ML: advised about the old WSJRL and the way they worked. WM cannot control outside influences of managers or parents. RW outlined the progress of the new junior league. ML advised the sponsorship by Wests Campbelltown and the new junior league setup. WE: Parents advise about apparel, its poor. ML: We paid for junior reps training gear and its in our eyes the right gear. WE: Photo out of telegraph, provided a photo of Robbie Farah. ML: Provided further info on Magpie emblem WE: Thanks for info sent out, but except Heritage night info.



Dave Ashley (339)	Question regarding the WM CC Polo, and why Brett Hodgson was not wearing A proper WM team shirt. ML: Unsure but will check, BH is part of NRL coaching staff, and maybe its his preference on the day. ML advised about WM CC polos.
ML advised about Noel Cummings retirement	ML advised about NC retirement and outlined his service to the Magpies. WM thank him for his service.
ML updated about the WM archives	ML provided thanks to the Archives. RW asked if anyone wants to donate items to let him know,

**Meeting Closed:**

Mr Mick Liubinskas (Chairman) declared meeting closed.

