

MINUTES

Latrobe Valley Dodgeball League

Date: Sun 13/11/22 | Time: 2pm | Meeting called to order by Mitch Howell

Minutes taken and prepared by Scott McAlpine

In Attendance

Current Committee members: President: Mitch Howell, Vice President: Nekeisha Dillon, Secretary: Scott McAlpine, Treasurer: Damian Anderson, General Committee Member: Wyatt Dare

Returning Officer: Ash Brown

League Members Present: Shannon Nikodemski, Ruby Callaghan, Emma Chubb, Liam Dillon, Dillon Nolan, Tarni Robertson, Sarina Molinari, Brianna Callaghan, Brendan Greavesy, Josh Svoda, Cassandra Keys, Jade Shepley, Ash Linahan, Jade Linahan, Justin Lay, (Brian Dillon*, Susie Wangman* via online means re Covid safety)

Apologies: Jakey Sting Rae, Ben Conway, Tod Domotor, Jacob Hunt

Agenda items discussed

Introduction - Welcome to all members from the President to the AGM. Agenda for meeting was provided and housekeeping rules advised. No objections raised to the presence of online participants due to Covid safety aspects for Brian and Susie. No objections to Ash Brown as Returning Officer.

EOFY report – Budget is sitting at \$19731 as of 30/6/22. This report is available for anyone who requests a copy.

Plans for the league moving forwards – Covid has been a challenge and has slowed down any real potential for growth both from restrictions and burn out from managing the league affairs. Moving to the new court 1 at GRISS has allowed for the space for growth as 2 games could be run side by side. Mitch advised his original initial motivation as President was to establish the sport of dodgeball and then to develop people to be able to run and maintain the league. Mitch feels the first part of his intentions have been met. Mitch has stated his intention to step down from the Presidency to Vice President and to nominate Damian to this position as part of a potential transition out of the executive committee by next AGM. The limiting factor for growth is manpower to run the league (referee's, organising, set up, etc) for the second part of league development.

Community Hub Project – The project is still under advisement. This venue is looking to be located on McNairn Road, Traralgon and will be shared with Gippsland Roller Derby. The league has plans to buy permanent nets in the new venue should this eventuate.

Upcoming Woman's only training days – LVDL has received a grant from Australia Post for \$1000 after being nominated by Brian Dillon. LVDL is looking to run woman's only training days in January and March 2023. Involving woman in sport has always been a barrier to a mixed league competition and this is planned to help address this issue. The goal is to have Keish run these sessions (with assistance) post AGM if not re-elected into the committee. Vote cast – Keish to run the woman's only training days planned in line with the Aus post grant requirements. Vote passed unanimously, no objections or abstaining.

Question – Can the league make flyers so that we can hand these out and leave at our workplaces?

Answer – Yes, this was the intent. Looking to make them in the near future. If anyone is interested in designing one, please approach the committee.

Uncalled hits – The committee gets a lot of feedback and extra work due to uncalled hits. Uncalled hits are when people are hit during gameplay and should know they have been hit, but do not exit the court in line with the rules, (regardless of the umpires call).

The expectation is that people will take their outs.

The committee collects and uses this feedback to establish a pattern of behaviour to allow a conversation to be undertaken with captains or affected members directly. The committee uses this to help people understand and learn to be aware and change, this is not about attacking the player. White line fever is a recognised sporting phenomenon. This data can also be used in combination with Game Official records and a penalty can be applied as relevant depending on the context, history and intent displayed. The lodger of this feedback will not be made aware of any actions taken by the committee in response.

For a league to run successfully, players need to believe that other players will be honest.

If you feel the ball hit you, (excluding dead, grounded or caught balls) you are out. A ball is not dead after being blocked until it grounds/hits a "dead" object.

Experienced players should help new players to improve. It can be confusing or intimidating communicating to your teammates when they were hit. Be receptive and proactive with talking to each other.

Help each other to be the best you can be.

Remember when lodging feedback - Everyone sees a different game

Volunteering – This can be a thankless thing to do. Please help us (without being asked). This can be setup, washing balls, helping with random jobs as needed etc or undertaking the ref course and helping with refereeing. Every little bit helps. Without this, we do not have the capacity to run more teams. Proposed plans moving forwards is to alter the subcommittee roster to help develop other people's skills and capacity. This will be determined by the incoming executive committee.

Job Shadowing/Succession planning – Idea is to have people "shadow" existing committee members positions or to be delegated work items to undertake to help prepare people for these roles in the future and to feel confident in being able to step into a position. Eg - this may include attending committee meetings.

If you are interested, please advise Scott so that planning and actions can be taken. Please be proactive if interested in this, do this now, do not leave until next AGM as this will take time.

WWC requirements for Committee/Subcommittee – Please be aware that you must have or be willing to obtain a free Working with Children's check from www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au to be on either of these committees.

Open Questions & Suggestions -

Q) Tarni – What is the process if there is an incident (injury) within the League and having First Aid Officers?

A) As we operate within Latrobe Leisure venues, this requirement to meet this need is held by them. LVDL can voluntarily offer to help or we refer to Latrobe Leisure as needed. It is possible that this could be made into an official position, but we are covered under the current arrangements.

Thanks and Acknowledgements – A big thank you to the current Executive Committee and Sub Committee for all their hard work since the last AGM. Your hard work has been appreciated.

Voting and Nominations –

No requests were received for clarification of any executive committee roles and duties before voting.

President- Damian Anderson was nominated by Mitch Howell and seconded by Nekeisha Dillon with no contest and accepted the position.

Vice President- Mitch Howell was nominated by Nekeisha Dillon and seconded by Damian Anderson with no contest and accepted this position.

Secretary – Scott McAlpine was nominated by Wyatt Dare and seconded by Shannon Nikodemski with no contest and accepted this position.

Treasurer – Nekeisha Dillon was nominated by Shannon Nikodemski and seconded by Ruby Callaghan with no contest and accepted this position.

General Committee Member – Shannon Nikodemski was nominated by Brianna Callaghan and seconded by Ash Linahan. Shannon Nikodemski accepted the nomination.

Wyatt Dare was nominated by Mitch Howell and seconded by Liam Dillon. Wyatt Dare has not accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

With Wyatt declining the nomination, Shannon has accepted the role uncontested.

The New Committee would like to thank everyone for attending and offering their support and participation in the AGM proceedings. Thank you to all new position holders for their interest. Thank you to departing committee member Wyatt Dare for all his work and support. Thank you to returning officer Ash Brown for your assistance.

Meeting Closed