



## Old Mentonians Hockey Club Inc. 2018 Annual General Meeting

Main Pavilion at the Mentone Grammar Sporting Fields  
756-768 Springvale Rd, Braeside  
on Friday 17 December 2018

Meeting commenced at 7.10pm.

1. **Present** – Callen Paulauskas, Rod Tansey, Michael Truelove, Dave Callander, Karen Ingram, Torren Woolley, Brenda Boucher, Luke Temby, Sam Temby, Richard Fennel, Grant Robinson, Josh Burt, Tim Holland, Scott Boucher, Tegan Boucher and Steve Quenette
2. **Apologies** – Jeremy Longstaff, Paul Clancy, Tim Ellem, Kate Edwards, Andre Blasse, Carolyn Bell, Tony Austin, Steve Van Druin, Sally Boucher, James Meacher and Todd Blasse.
3. **Confirmation of minutes of AGM held 16th November 2017** Moved by Grant Robinson and seconded by Torren Woolley. Minutes confirmed.
4. **Business arising** – No business arising from 2017 AGM
5. **President's report**

Rod Tansey gave the following report:

I take pleasure in being able to present my fifth Presidents Report, this for the 2018 season.

On the playing side The Men's Premier League achieved their major objective for the year and sustained their Premier League rating, while the Women's Premier League achieved their objective of making top 4, but then going on to once again compete in this year's WPL Grand Final, against arch rival Hawthorn with the match going to a shootout. In fact the Womens section as a whole (Juniors, Open and Masters) exceeded expectations with all bar one of our Women's teams making Grand Finals two of Master's teams making finals with the 35A's achieving their well-publicised "Fourgasm" and all three junior girls teams making finals, two of those Grand Finals. Not leaving it all up to the girls we also had grand final success with the U14 Mixed Pennant and U18 Mixed District teams each winning their respective premierships Club numbers continue to grow sitting at 450 Active members with a target of 600 by the end of 2020. New members have joined in all sections, and our annual Hook-in2-Hockey intake continues to add around 60-70 players. The growth we have is required on an ongoing basis to meet the requirements of the League Entry Criteria. This year we were recognised by Hockey Victoria for delivering the best Hin2H program across all HV Clubs. Thank you, to all those who support this initiative a great team led by Grant Robinson and Steve Quenette.

I'd like to thank those organisations that sponsor and support the Club each including, Echo Cartons, Stewart Insurance Group, Hockey Equipe and the Mentonians Association. Our sport is not cheap and all external support helps. We are always looking for additional sponsors so if you know of a business that can assist we would be of interest in following up

Congratulations to all our members, juniors, seniors or masters, that have been selected in representative teams this year either at School, Zone, State or International levels. A number of notable achievements, Lydia Velzian competed for Victoria in the AHL this year, Abbey O'Brien and Gracie Geddis were selected in the School Sports Australia's All Australian Hockey team which competed against South Africa. Also representing Australia was Tegan Boucher who played in her third Indoor World Cup in Berlin in early February.

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The Club hosted a number of very successful social events this year. We held our first ever Comedy Night this year which was a fantastic night, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We hope to expand on this in 2019. Torren and Callen host a sensational Trivia night this year. If numbers get much bigger we will have to find a bigger venue. Presentation Night continues to go from strength to strength in terms of numbers attending. It was unfortunate that a small group pushed the boundaries as to what is acceptable behaviour. Congratulations to all the award winners this year and particularly the entire Women's Section who took out the Presidents Cup. This was due to the high level of success across nearly all teams in the section. Thank you to those who assisted with organising the event and a special mention to Enza and Jeremy Longstaff who went above and beyond to ensure the night was such a success

The Club wouldn't function without volunteers, so thank you to all those who gave of their time in minkey coaching, Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, Portsea Polo, helping in the kiosk, umpiring, judging and the hundred and one other jobs needing done each year.

Improvements around the ground this year include the new technical bench and umpires dugout, the installation of rubber matting to stop the balls going through the cyclone wire, the installation of sliding gates to give the players dugouts some added protection and a significant painting job to the exterior of the Keysborough change room. Internal painting is also being looked at.

I'd like to thank the entire Committee who do a tremendous amount of work, most of it behind the scenes to make sure the teams we have make it on the park each week, to meet the requirements of Hockey Victoria and to ensure we have the proper the right administration to help the club be successful. We were down on a number of positions this year and I'd call on all members to consider if they can join the committee in some capacity. This year, Callen Paulauskas, Jeremy Longstaff and Torren Woolley, have all indicated they are stepping down from the roles. Callen has been Men's Coordinator for 6 years, Jeremy Vice President for 5 years and Torren Women's Coordinator for 3 years. They have all been tremendous in their roles and their capability and dedication will be sorely missed.

Thank you to Josh Burt, Jon Stebbings, Mark Ford, Matt Guise-Brown, Grant Glutz, Dave Callander Tony Austin along with all the other coaches of the various teams both Senior and Junior. It's not an easy job with lots of competing pressures. Your collective work is greatly appreciated and helps the Club to progress and continue to develop.

With more changes to the LEC, new players interested in joining the Club and other players returning, the 2019 Season holds a lot of promise for the Mentone Hockey Club.

I look forward to watching that future unfold.

Report moved and seconded.

### **6. Treasurer's report**

Brenda gave the following verbal report on the club's finances.

Highlights of the Brenda's report were:

- \$17,458 loss for the year- this is \$10K less than Brenda thought it would be
- \$23K in the bank as at the accounts date
- Bank loan down to \$15K
- Foreshadowed an increase to fees next year
- Larissa Campbell's support in preparing BAS and MYOB accounts was invaluable
- Discussed the fact that we have to be better at fundraising

The financials for the end of the financial year are circulated with these minutes.

Report moved by Brenda and seconded by Rod.

**7. Men's section report**

Callen Paulauskas gave the following report:

Premier League: 14th (out of 16), 3 wins, 17 losses, 0 draws – 31GF 73GA (-42GD)

Premier League Reserves: 14th (out of 16), 3 Wins, 16 losses, 1 Draw – 24GF 71GA (-42GD)

Pennant A: 9th (out of 10), 4 wins, 10 losses, 4 draws – 23 GF 43GA (-20GD)

Pennant F: 4th (out of 10), Lost Elimination Final – 10 wins, 4 losses, 4 draws - 56GF 28GA (+28GD)

Metro A: 6th (out of 10), 9 wins, 8 losses, 1 draw – 42GF 44GA (-2GD)

Metro B: 7th (out of 10), 5 wins, 9 losses, 4 draws, 30GF 39GA (-9GD)

The 2018 season was a grind for the Men's section. There was a lot of tough, unrewarded work completed by the entire playing group. However, numbers alone do not tell the story.

The appointment of Josh Burt as Men's Premier League coach was well received by the playing group and the Premier League team's performances secured a place in Premier League for 2019. The First XI beat Yarra and Brunswick before the highlight of the season, a 5-3 win over Greensborough in Round 18 to secure out position in the highest league. Disappointing last minute defeats to TEM, Essendon and Melbourne Uni would have seen the review on the season looking much more bright.

South African recruits, Grant Glutz and Matt Guise-Brown fitted into our club culture seamlessly and contributed as much off the ground as they did on it. Their tutelage to our Men's Section, the Women's PL and PLR squads and our juniors was nothing short of terrific. I'd like to thank all those involved in assisting Grant and Matt whilst they were here, and in particular Echo Cartons for allowing the boys use of a car. Also a big thank you to Richard Fennell and Carol Pywell for their efforts as team managers.

The Reserves, under the guidance of Mark Ford, put together some impressive performances but unfortunately inconsistency plagued their season some of which may be attributed to a down turn in numbers at training. A greater emphasis will be placed on this team during the 2019 season.

Following promotion from Pennant B, Pennant A had 41 players step on the field for a game in 2018, so building momentum and stability was not easy. Pennant A avoided relegation and had a strong back end to the season which saw them take points of multiple teams in the top 4. Thanks to Trevor Paulauskas for his first time managing a team.

Pennant F had a successful season qualifying for finals and were right in the hunt for promotion until the final rounds. Grant Robinson managed the team of youth and experience well and had the boys playing disciplined hockey. The team has proved a strong breeding ground for junior talent and we hope to put together a team in 2019 which can obtain promotion.

Metro A started the season strongly, but dropped some winnable games in the second half of the season. It was often difficult to manage the development of the juniors and the team's burning desire to win at all costs. Stronger guidelines will be put in place for 2019 in relation to expectations for the team. Thank you to Steven Van Prooyen, Rich Bowyer and Rob Campbell for their assistance.

Metro B was intended to be used as another development side, however, responsibility was too often placed on senior members and Vets players. Greater emphasis on integration of

juniors into the senior program helped this issue later in the season. Tim Ellem was invaluable in assisting with this team.

Training numbers for the Premier League squad was strong, but declined drastically in the Reserves and Pennant A. Recovering these numbers for 2019 will be a big focus and which should drive internal improvement. As always, social events were well supported by the Men's playing group.

2019 preparations are well underway in relation to coaching, recruitment (at all levels) and an improved training program.

Thank you to everyone who gave their time and effort to helping the Men's section.

Report moved and seconded

#### **8. Women's section report**

Torren Woolley gave the following report:

2018 was a great season for the Women's Section with four of our five teams making the grand final and a great cohort of young and experienced selected in representative teams.

##### **Metro A**

Under the leadership of coach Tony Austin and team manager Kaye Harris, Metro A started off the season with a mix of those new to hockey and those more familiar. The team saw a need to recruit more juniors and successfully did this by introducing junior players to senior hockey for the first time. We have consistently found this is the perfect team to provide a safe and encouraging environment for new players. The team finished the season with 10 wins, 1 loss and four draws – ultimately going through to the grand final where they went down in a nail biting 5-4 loss in shootouts.

##### **Pennant C**

Dave Callander again took the reins of Pennant C with the team looking a little different this year. The group had a hugely successful season finishing as minor premiers with 16 wins and 2 losses. We thought they might even go all the way but on the day were overpowered by a much stronger TEM, going down 4-1 in the grand final.

Due to the fantastic results the team has also been rewarded with promotion by Hockey Victoria into Pennant B next year.

##### **Pennant A**

Pennant A were the anomaly in the success of the women's section this year and the selection committee would like to note that this was not for a lack of determination shown from the entire team. The women's selection committee set a goal at the start of the season that the success of Pennant C should not be to the detriment of Pennant A and in a recent season evaluation meeting we recognise we could have done more at an earlier stage in the season to support the team. A big thank you to Dave Callander who coached the team alongside team manager Lin Cooper. The team finished 9th on the ladder with 5 wins, 1 draw and 12 losses and it was wonderful to see the heart the group put in at the end of the season to maintain their spot in Pennant A (which they did).

##### **Premier League Reserve**

2018 saw the premier league reserve team co-coached by South African internationals, Grant Glutz and Matthew Guise-Brown. The boys brought a different flair to their coaching and trainings which the girls took to well. A lot of time was focussed on skill development and this clearly worked in their favour with the team finishing in 4th place with 12 wins, 4 draws and 3 losses. The girls went on to have an extremely successful finals campaign under the guidance

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of coach Josh Burt and captain Kate Edwards after Grant and Matt returned to the UK. The team went all the way to the grand final, going down 4-0 in a tough match.

Premier League

The year started off with the appointment of Jonathan Stebbings as the premier league coach and the tone was set for a committed and strong 2018. Due to the impending birth of three panther babies the team looked a little different to 2017 with Jesse Dean taking over the captaincy role.

Finishing 3rd with 14 wins, 3 draws and 3 losses the team had a successful finals campaign and progressed to the grand final. Keen for retribution against last year's winner Hawthorn, the team nearly went all the way leading 1-0 with five minutes to go. Unfortunately Hawthorn's never-say-die approach saw them score a crucial goal in the final minutes leading too penalty shootouts where they edged out the panthers 5-4.

I would like to congratulate the entire section on a wonderful season. To our coaching staff, team managers and club volunteers, thank you for all the work that you do behind the scenes to allow our success, positivity, leadership and development to be possible.

Report moved and seconded

### 9. **Men's Masters' section report**

Dave gave the following verbal report:

- Four teams entered
- 45A and 45C – didn't have a great season. Finished middle to low of the ladder
- 35A – sniggered from a lack of numbers
- For 2019, the club will enter teams in 35B, 35C, 45B and 45C
- Rob Campbell was thanked for his participation and organisation of teams.

Report moved and seconded.

### 10. **Women's Masters' section report**

Brenda gave the following verbal report:

- Three teams entered
- 35As – won their fourth Grand Final
- Of the 2x 35B teams, Gold finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and Navy finished 4<sup>th</sup>
- 12x teams in the Masters B section in 2018
- No Women's Masters' Coordinator – each team looks after their own logistics.

### 11. **Junior's section report**

Grant gave the following verbal report:

- Very successful year for Hook into Hockey
- Massive number of teams in the winter competition
- 5x teams targeted in various shield competitions in 2019
- Every team made the finals
- 23 players played in Sharks Team – 2 through Gippsland
- Won Hockey Victoria award for Hook into Hockey team of the Year
- Nominated for award as Hockey Victoria Girls Club of the year

### 12. **Hockey Centre report:**

No formal report had been received, but the following was noted:

- Sliding gates had been installed
- Quotes had been obtained to change over all internal fluorescent tubes to LEDs

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- The front fascia for the tech bench had been painted.

### 13. Election of office bearers:

The following office bearers were returned as a result of nominations:

President	Rod Tansey
Treasurer	Brenda Boucher
Secretary	Michael Truelove
Hockey Centre	Jeremy Longstaff
Juniors coordinator	Karen Ingram
Men's	Callen Paulauskas
Fundraising	Torren Woolley <sup>1</sup>
Communications	Dave Callander <sup>2</sup>

The following positions were formally declared vacant:

Vice President

Women's Co-ordinator (see above regarding Torren)

Women's Masters

Men's Masters (see above regarding Dave)

14. **General Business** – there were no general business agenda items to be dealt with by the meeting.
15. **Close** – the meeting closed at 8.51pm.

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<sup>1</sup> Torren subsequently agreed to take on the role as Women's coordinator on an ex officio basis.

<sup>2</sup> Dave subsequently agreed to take on the role as Men's Senior's coordinator on an ex officio basis.