**2024 AGM Minutes**

Tuesday 19th November 2024

1. **Present –** Peter Warwick, Greg Wark, Carolynne Wark, Sarah Burrows, Elise Burrows, Mabel Chen, William Wark, Ian Warwick, Alex Chen

**Apologies –** Gemma Brettle, Eduardo Lisboa de Oliveira Artiaga

1. **Review of 2023 minutes**
2. **Presentation of Annual Report (secretary)**

In Guildford McCredie Uniting Soccer Club’s twenty-sixth season we were able to field nine junior full field teams: an Under 11s, two Under 12s, an Under 13s, four Under 14s and an Under 15; ten small sided teams: an Under 8s, an Under 9s, three Under 10s, an U9 Girls, an Under 11 Girls, an Under 14 Girls and an AAL and Over 35 mens on Wednesday nights; four mini teams, two Under 6s and two Under 7s and six senior men’s teams two in the Raahauge Cup Reserves and two Premier League & Premier Reserve squads: a total of 29 teams. This does include one U14s team being a combination of players from all our U14 teams, playing an additional game each weekend. This is an increase in total numbers of teams from 2023. The return to 4 minis teams is pleasing and we have again entered teams into every CFA competition. We did lose what should have been an U11s, an U13s, U16 Girls and U16 mixed which was a shame and the committee has looked at each of these situations and identified why, in our determination to avoid this going forward. Each were distinctly different. Our U17s which we did retain unfortunately did not have a CFA comp to play in due to lack of entries so they pleasingly, made the step up into RC Reserves and acquitted themselves well at times and struggled at others.

I had hoped that 2023 was a return to normal, an uninterrupted season, unfortunately I was wrong and 2024 resembled 2022 much too closely for my liking. In 2022 we trained 3 times all year and not until 6 weeks into the season, so this year wasn’t quite so bad in comparison, but it certainly wasn’t good. If climate change is meaning that wet weather is much more frequent we must all lobby our Councils to reconsider when they close grounds and what constitutes a dangerous surface. Closing grounds when they are wet (and not necessarily dangerous) merely serves to leave Everley empty on a Saturday and at the mercy of the motorcycle hoons who think of no better fun than spoiling the grounds for others. If we are there and playing the grounds are actually better protected!!

The rain started just prior to six a side (and in the middle of a Saturday morning ensuring that we all got wet) and continued for over a month. Losing so much football is painful and losing six a side devastating. Thank you to all our coaches and managers for their communication with their teams and for everyone’s understanding. When the ground is closed by Council there is absolutely nothing that we can do. Thank you to CFA and GDSFA for their efforts at getting what could be caught up, caught up; even though it was impossible to play everything.

Our standards are high at McCredie. We entered 2024 with some impressive records to keep – Premier League were defending their title for the third consecutive season (four if you count the Covid interrupted season where they were on top); our All Age Ladies were undefeated since 2021 and had only conceded 3 goals in 3 years (they have also won every six a side competition since 2014); Under 14 Onyx have been premiers since 2019; our U11 Girls have not been beaten since the comp was formed for 2023 (as an aside – this means that the three Abdou children across the girls and Onyx did not lose a CFA game in 2023) and numerous teams were defending their 2023 premierships. As a club we have been six a side Champion Club since 2016 and our PL men were defending their State Cup.

These were lofty ambitions but some will continue into 2025! None of the Under 11 girls, the Under 14 Onyx nor the All Age Ladies are undefeated any longer – but all remain premiers! The Premier League men remain State Cup champions but rain ensured that six a side didn’t happen. Unfortunately none of our other defending premiers were able to defend their titles, despite some going close.

In weekend competition we won seven minor premierships – U9 Girls, U10 Red, U11, U11 Girls, U13, U14 Onyx and PL White Reserves, but we were only able to convert three into grand final wins. Certainly, this leaves something to play for in 2025. The grand final day was played in gorgeous weather, unlike the middle part of the season which reminded us all of 2022 and the more ancient of us, 1989. It is certainly worth appreciating that both CFA and GDSFA did their best to replay as many games as possible and the fact that Premier League at least, managed to play every team twice was a monumental effort and much appreciated. Raahauge Cup missed one team and most junior comps also managed to play each other twice at least.

The club’s executive was elected in November, and I would like to thank the committee who work so hard to keep the club running, Peter W, Carolynne, Ian, Sarah, Elise, Mabel, Alex, Gemma, Pam and Wil. With Peter’s retirement from canteen duties, we were blessed that Jen, Mabel, Pam and Sarah all stepped up to share the running of the canteen and the assistance on Satudays from the army of mums, dads and players meant that we were able to continue the awesome canteen that we have always enjoyed. Remember – no one is paid for their service to your club. Finding volunteers is becoming increasingly difficult. We need you to step up and offer to help out. We need coaches and managers, we need people to help in the canteen, we need you to help put up nets and take them down. It doesn’t matter if you have very little time, no English, your own business, don’t know what to do, or any of the other excuses that we hear – your child needs you to step up and we will have something that you can help with. Your fees do not cover someone else sticking a corner flag into the ground on Saturday morning for you!

In 2024 the CFA was able to further expand through advertising with two more brand new clubs and enough growth in other clubs to create an additional girls comp, extra junior divisions, significant growth in the AAL and O35s and an U14 competition. It was a shame that the U17s didn’t happen but pleasing that the teams that entered stayed to play AAM and develop their football and strengthen those comps. The return of National Titles provides an opportunity for some of our most talented players to experience a week away with new friends and competition at a level that they may not have previously experienced. The plans are for further growth to include U15s in 2025 as well growth in senior and Ladies numbers. It is exciting! At McCredie we will continue to be innovative and provide suitable competitions for all our members. The U15 development program will continue.

Don’t forget that the registration days are the first two Saturdays in February at Granville Park between 9am and 11am. All registrations must be accompanied by full fees. Remember if everybody brings a friend, we will double our team numbers, but we also need twice as many volunteers. Nobody is paid, so please think how you can support your children in their participation in sport.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

See below for report

Request going forward that particular care is taken to write receipts from canteen whenever shorts, socks or jackets are purchased but also when fees are paid.

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| **INCOME** |  |
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| Registration Fees |  |
| - Current Season | $75,688.28 |
| - Previous Season | $935.00 |
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| Uniform Sales | $4,242.53 |
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| Canteen Sales |   |
| - Home Games | $11,738.91 |
| - 6 a side | $0.00 |
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| Fund Raising |  |
| * Lapathon 2024
 | $2,725.25 |
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| Other |  |
| * Interest
 | $742.16 |
| - Linesman Fees 2024 | $1,040.00 |
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| **TOTAL INCOME** |  **$97,112.13**  |
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| **EXPENDITURE** |  |
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| NSW Churches Football Association Fees |  |
| * Club & Team Registrations - current season
 |  $51,117.78  |
| * Appeal / Bond / Forfeit / Withdrawal fees
 | $280.00 |
| * Sponsor 2 x players to National Titles in Victoria
 | $1,500.00 |
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| Granville & Districts Soccer Football Association Fees |  |
| * Club & Team Registrations - current season
 | $6,037.92 |
| * Referee Fees - current season
 | $1,140.00 |
| * Appeal / Bond / Forfeit / Withdrawal fees
 | $0.00 |
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| Refund of Registration | $1,590.00 |
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| Uniforms & Equipment | $8,525.00 |
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| Canteen Expenses |  |
| - Home Games | $6,769.19 |
| - 6 a side | $0.00 |
| - Lapathon  | $0.00 |
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| Presentation Day 2023 |  |
| * Trophies
 | $3,592.85 |
| * Catering
 | $1,074.75 |
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| Administration |  |
| * Ground Fees & Line marking
 |  $5,234.40  |
| * Stationery, EFTPOS, Website, etc
 | $1,484.83 |
| * Sympathy Flowers x 2
 | $231.85 |
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| **TOTAL EXPENDITURE** |  **$88,578.17** |

1. **Constitutional Amendments –** None proposed
2. **Election of officials for 2024**

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| Position | Nomination | Nominated by | Seconder for nomination |
| Secretary | Greg Wark | Pam Abdou | Sarah Burrows |
| Assistant Secretary | Sarah Burrows | Elise Burrows | Pam Abdou |
| Treasurer | Carolynne Wark | Sarah Burrows | Mabel Chen |
| Registrar | Carolynne Wark | Sarah Burrows | Elise Burrows |
| Fundraising Coordinator | Mabel Chen | Alex Chen | Greg Wark |
| Club Coach | William Wark | Peter Warwick | Pam Abdou |
| Ladies Coordinator  | Elise Burrows | Greg Wark | Sarah Burrows |
| Councillors to NSWCFA (2) | Alex Chen | Peter Warwick | Greg Wark |
| Councillors to NSWCFA (2) | Elise Burrows | Greg Wark | Sarah Burrows |
| Delegates to GDSFA (2) | Peter Warwick | Greg Wark | Sarah Burrows |
| Delegates to GDSFA (2) | Sarah Burrows | Sarah Burrows | Pam Abdou |
| Webmaster/newsletter editor | Greg Wark | Elise Burrows | Sarah Burrows |
| Equipment Officer | Pam Abdou | Greg Wark | Sarah Burrows |
| Grounds person | Ian Warwick | Greg Wark | Carolynne Wark |
| Committee Members (2) | Gemma Brettle | Greg Wark | Mabel Chen |
| Committee Members (2) | Eduardo Lisboa de Oliveira Artiaga | Sarah Burrows | Elise Burrows |

Commitee Meeting

1. Appointment of President
* Peter Warwick asked and accepted
* Canteen Manager – passed over until start of 2025 season
1. Canteen 2025 – canteen was very well run by Jen Griffiths in 2024. Decisions for 2025 deferred until start of 2025 season.
2. Presentation – shame that globe blew on projector prior to presentation, thanks to Mabel & Alex for work around. Slides well received – great innovation. Suggestion to upgrade photo area, but idea to have separate photo area well received. Sound much better in 2024. Still a mess left for clean up – perhaps create signs for no food in hall for 2025
3. Updates of recent uniform and merchandise purchases
* New jerseys ordered - Matoma
* New shorts ordered - Kingsgrove
1. Fees for 2025
2. Registration – 2025

Greg Wark

Secretary