

IDRU AGM Monday 30th November 2020

Meeting Started: 6.04pm

Attendance:

Board: Darin Croft, John Masters, Andrew Webb, Mark Freund, Steven Tressider, Harvey Cole

Clubs: Camden (Richard Ole, David Black), Shamrocks (Huw Thomas), University (Bob Wheway, Glenn McGuinness) Tech Waratahs (Tony Bourke), Kiama (Jack Smith), Bowral (Mark Freund), Shoalhaven (Greg Murphy).

Life Members: Peter Woods, John Martin, Danny Mahar, Bert Roodenrys, Peter Leiner

Visitor: Ron Wood

Apologises: Tom Ellicott, Dion Miller, Col Parker (Campbelltown), Matt Barnes (Vikings)

Minutes of the 2019 AGM:

Minutes had been circulated to clubs and there were no questions.

A motion for the adoption of the minutes was taken:

Moved: David Black, Seconded Bob Wheway: **Passed**

Presidents Report:

The President summarised 2020 as a difficult year due to COVID-19.

Special thanks to the district's clubs, committees and volunteers for pitching in to get the shortened competition completed.

Darin thanked the Junior Chairman and his committee for the great work they did to get games played under very trying conditions. This was especially important to get rugby played for all our young players.

A full copy of the Presidents report is attached.

Junior Report:

Harvey spoke briefly on junior registrations and advised that the numbers were down less than 100 on 2019 number.

The full report is attached.

Rugby Chairman Report:

It was a difficult year again due to COVID-19. All the work had been done in preparation for a full 2020 competition but it was all bought undone by restrictions from the NSW Government. Stephen O'Brien (Country Executive Officer) kept the District updated on the continual changes in regulations.

Clubs congratulated on working together to get a shortened competition completed.

The full report is attached.

Financial Report:

A summary sheet of the financials was handed out to those present with a full copy of the audited report available for those interested.

Andrew spoke about the details and explained several sections to clarify them.

The IDRU offered refunds to players that had paid their registration and representative contributions. This was mainly taken up by Juniors as there was no representative programme for 2020. The IDRU did not receive any refunds from Country, NSW Rugby, Rugby Australia or the insurance company.

It was pointed out that the Senior Representative expenses had mostly been transferred to 2021 apart from training expenses. Our clothing supplier has allowed for a structured payment programme to assist the District in such a tough environment.

A modest surplus has been carried over to 2021.

There were no questions about the reports from the floor.

A motion for the acceptance of the reports was taken:

Moved: Bert Roodenrys, Seconded: John Masters **Passed**

Election of Officers:

In fitting with the rotation of Board Members, the President, Rugby Chairman and one Director were up for election.

The President vacated the chair and Handed over to the Vice President;

The following nominations as per the Constitution were received:

President: Darin Crofts

Rugby Chairman: Steven Tressider

Director: Dion Miller

There were no additional nominations received from clubs and a motion to accept the above nominees was tabled.

Moved: David Black Seconded: Greg Murphy: **Passed.**

Election of Auditor for 2021:

A motion for Kelly & Partners was moved:

Moved: Steven Tressider, Seconded: Mark Freund **Passed.**

Constitution Amendment:

President explained to the meeting that the Board were proposing to prepare an amendment to the Constitution to allow an additional member to be elected to the Board. This would be the position of **Womens Rugby Co-Ordinator**.

The urgent need to get Womens Rugby moving in the District was explained and it is felt that this is best achieved by having a dedicated Board member concentrating on this role.

A motion was moved to approve the Board moving forward by formulating an amendment to the Constitution which would then be put before the clubs.

Moved Steven Tressider Seconded: Bob Wheway **Passed**

Special Business:

A brief discussion was held about Third Grade and Colts competitions. Clubs were advised that a survey about Third Grade/Colts & U85kg has been sent to all clubs.

President Darin spoke about the IDRU aim for making a pathway between Junior & Senior Rugby and the need to get the information out to all parties.

The discussion on pathways was also spoken about by the Junior Chairman showing how players can progress to Shutte Shield.

Ron Wood raised the question of whether Junior games should be held on Saturday morning before the Senior competition. After some discussion, it was agreed that the majority of Junior clubs are not in favour of this.

Season Launch:

Clubs were advised that the 2021 season launch will be held on Friday 12th March 2021 at the City Beach Function Centre. This will take the form of a Sportsmen's Lunch with guest speakers. It is hoped to play an Illawarriors game on that night.

Steel City Challenge:

This game will again be played in 2021 and will be held in Newcastle at a date to be determined.

District sponsorship and the required logo's was raised by University but due to the climate caused by COVID-19, a decision has not been made at this time. Clubs will be kept up to date with progress in the near future.

Meeting Closed: 7.01pm