

# IDRU AGM Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Meeting Started: 6.10pm

## Attendance:

**Board:** Darin Crofts, John Masters, Mark Freund, Tom Ellicott, Steven Tressider, Harvey Cole

**Clubs:** Campbelltown (Col Packer), Shamrocks (Huw Thomas, Terry Nutt), University (Glenn McGuinness) Tech Waratahs (Tony Bourke, James Letham), Kiama (Mark Bryant), Bowral (Mark Freund), Shoalhaven (Greg Murphy, Doug Rattey).

**Life Members:** Peter Woods, John Martin, Danny Mahar, Peter Leiner

**Visitors:** Ron Wood, Sean Barret, Ian Westwood, Chris Meizer,

**Apologises:** Andrew Webb, Dion Miller, Amanda Puckeridge

Moved: Mark Freund, Seconded Col Packer **The motion was Carried**

## Minutes of the 2020 AGM:

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

A motion for the adoption of the minutes was taken:

Moved: Steven Tressider, Seconded Huw Thomas: **The motion was Carried**

## Presidents Report:

The President summarised 2021 as another difficult year due to COVID-19.

Special thanks to all concerned in the work done to get 12 rounds of the competition completed before the COVID lockdown happened.

Darin commended the Senior and Colts Illawarriors teams both on the performance after a very disrupted preparation and on their excellent behaviour at the Country Championships.

A full copy of the President's report is attached.

Moved: Tony Bourke, Seconded Greg Murphy **The motion was Carried**

## Financial Report:

A copy of the audited Financial Report had been circulated to all parties.

As the Treasurer is unable to be in attendance due to illness, the President advised that he answer any questions (where possible) and would have the Treasurer provide details if necessary.

Question asked about the \$112,343.00 payment to suppliers on page 7.

It was answered by advising that a majority of that was to suppliers for training and playing kit predominately for the Juniors which is mainly self-funded.

Kiama has requested that a Profit & Loss statement be provided.

*The IDRU Treasurer advises that there is a Profit and Loss statement at the end of the Financial Report sent to clubs.*

Question on page 11 “Operating Profit/(loss) After Tax. Members asked if people were being paid to which Darin replied that nobody received payment during 2021. Suggested that the Treasurer remove “After Tax” if no tax is being paid.

This is covered by Note 1 (a) on page 8 of the Financial Statement

Suggestion that “Profit” be replaced by “Surplus” in the report.

*The treasurer will consider this for future reports*

Moved: John Martin, Seconded: Col Packer **The motion was Carried**

### **Election of Officers:**

In fitting with the rotation of Board Members, four positions were up for election.

The following nominations as per the Constitution were received:

Vice President: John Masters

Treasurer : Andrew Webb

Director: Tom Ellicott

Director: Mark Freund

There were no additional nominations received from clubs. Each of the above nominees were asked if their nomination was accepted. All replied yes.

All were duly elected.

### **Election of Auditor for 2021:**

A motion for Kelly & Partners was moved:

Moved: Mark Bryant, Seconded: Mark Freund **The motion was Carried**

### **.Special Business:**

#### **1. Life Membership Nomination:**

Nomination received and endorsed by the Board for Life Membership to be bestowed on John Masters.

The nominee was asked to vacate the room for the nomination to be delivered.

Moved: Tom Ellicott Seconded: Mark Freund

Of the total possible votes, there were a total of 11 votes in favour of the nomination meaning that the motion was carried having passed the threshold of 75% of eligible,

**The motion was Carried**

#### **2. Amendments to Constitution:**

A proposal to amend the current Constitution was put forward for resolution.

The proposal is as follows:

- (1) In section 14. Remove the restriction of only 1 member can be submitted for Life Membership per year:  
Section 14 to read:

“As soon as practicable after receiving the nomination for life membership, the administration officer must refer the nomination to the Board which is to determine at the last Board meeting before the annual general meeting whether to approve or reject the nomination. The Board is not required to give reasons for its determination.

(2) In section 15: Remove the clause “special resolution” and replace as follows:

Section 15 to read:

“If the Board approves the nomination, the administration officer must place the nomination on the agenda for the following annual general meeting. The nomination must be determined at that meeting by **ordinary** resolution”.

Considerable discussion took place and it was eventually decided to split the proposals.

1. The proposal to remove the restriction of only one (1) Life Member nomination per year was discussed and a motion was put to approve this change:

Moved Steven Tressider:                      Seconded Peter Leiner:                      **The motion was Carried**

2. Considerable discussion on the proposal to change “special resolution” to ordinary resolution took place and the following motions was put  
In section 15, “special resolution” be replaced with “ordinary resolution”

Moved Harvey Cole:                      Seconded Mark Freund:                      **The motion was Defeated**

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It was agreed that the Board would revisit this section of the Constitution and provide an alternative recommendation for this section of the Constitution.

**Meeting Closed:      6.50pm**

President spoke on the programme coming up for the Illawarriors (Senior & Colts)

Advised clubs that a proposal from Clutch TV will be circulated to clubs for discussion at the next Rugby Chairman’s meeting.

The 2022 draw is being finalised and will be published in the next couple of weeks. If clubs have any special date requests, please get them to the Rugby Chairman as soon as possible.

The date for the Grand Final is 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022.