



## NORTH EPPING RANGERS SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED

### 62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### Minutes

for the 62nd Annual General Meeting, held on Sunday, 8th December, 2024,  
at North Epping Bowling & Community Club (132 Boundary Road, North Epping).

Meeting scheduled to start at 3:00pm

A quorum being present, the meeting started at 3.07pm.

#### 1. Attendance

Recorded by the President

#### Apologies

Steve Colquhoun, Jacqui Carlyle-Hoggan, Kristen De Gioia, Ben Heard, George O'Neil,  
Katrina Barnett, Nicole Woodhill, Eleanor Holden, and Chloe Clondie

#### 2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting held on 3rd December 2023

Craig Denyer moved and Matt Walker seconded that the minutes of the 2023 AGM be  
accepted as read.

Carried.

#### 3. Business arising from the 2023 minutes

There were no matters arising from the 2023 minutes.

#### 3. Receipt and adoption of the Annual Report / Financial Report and Auditor Appointment

Craig Denyer congratulated the club and section award winners, thanked the convenors and  
Ben Heard for their contributions

Craig Denyer noted that the club was in a favourable financial position

Craig Denyer moved and Warren Joslin seconded that the Annual Report and the Financial  
Report (as reviewed by the Club's Auditor) and as circulated, be received and adopted.

Carried.

5. Acceptance of nominations and election of officials of the Club, the convenors, and the ordinary members of the Management Committee for 2023

With the current Committee in place until the conclusion of the AGM, and considering there being no other nominations for President, Craig Denyer remained in the chair

With reference to the Rules of the NER Sports Club Incorporated, rules 13 (2) and (3) state that “Subject in the case of the first members of the Management Committee to section 21 of the Act, the Management Committee shall consist of – (a) the officials of the Club; (b) the convenors; and (c) 3 ordinary members.” and “The officials of the Club shall be – (a) the president; (b) the vice-president; (c) the treasurer; and (d) the secretary.”

Rule 14 (1) states that “Nominations of candidates for election as officials of the Club, as convenor, or as ordinary members of the Management Committee – (a) shall be made in writing, signed by two (2) members of the Club and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination); and (2) shall be delivered to the secretary not less than fourteen (14) days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.”

The following nominations were received by the prescribed date, with consent included from the relevant nominee:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
President	Craig Denyer	Greg Friend	Matt Walker
Vice-President	Matthew Walker	Kristen DeGioia	Katrina Barnett
Secretary	Kristen DeGioia	Kathy Fahim	George O’Neil
Treasurer	Benjamin Heard	Matt Walker	Greg Friend
Football Convenor	Greg Friend	Ben Heard	Matt Walker
Netball Convenor	Katrina Barnett	Ben Heard	Kathy Fahim
Tennis Convenor	Kathy Fahim	Kristen DeGioia	George O’Neil
Ordinary Member	George O’Neil	Kathy Fahim	Kristen DeGioia
Ordinary Member	Steve Colquhoun	Craig Denyer	Kristen DeGioia
Ordinary Member	Karen Michie	Craig Denyer	Kristen DeGioia
Ordinary Member	Reinis Grauds	Matt Walker	Ben Heard
Ordinary Member	Sam Lyndon	Kyah Daniels	Joshua Boulos

Craig Denyer announced that following discussions with several of the nominees, he had received nomination withdrawals from Steve Colquhoun and Sam Lyndon, negating the need for a ballot for the Ordinary Member positions.

Greg Friend withdrew his nomination, leaving the position of Football Convenor open.

Craig Denyer asked for nominations from the floor, Greg Friend nominated Warren Joslin, the nomination was seconded by Nicki Walsh, and Warren accepted the nomination.

No further nominations were raised.

Craig Denyer thanked Steve Colquhoun (General Member) for his 30 years of commitment to the NER Committee, and also thanked Greg Friend (Football Convenor) for his effort over the last two years, and Sam for his interest in a committee position.

Rule 14 (4) states that “If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected”.

There being only one nomination received for each position, all positions were therefore deemed to be elected.

Craig Denyer congratulated the new Committee and welcomed Reinis Grauds as the newest member.

### Auditor Appointment

Craig Denyer moved and Matt Walker seconded that Andrew North of North Financial Services Pty Ltd (c/o A North, PO Box 1002, Epping NSW 1710) be appointed as the auditor for 2022-2023.

Carried.

### 6. Election of Life Members and Playing Life Members

In line with the Rules of the Club, the Management Committee recommended that the following be elected as a Life Member of the Club, due to their outstanding service to the Club:

- i. Bill and Fran McCartney – Life Member (citation attached)
- ii. Jacqui Carlyle-Hoggan – Playing Life Member
- iii. Eleanor Holden – Playing Life Member
- iv. Chloe Condie – Playing Life Member
- v. Jaime Galluzzo – Playing Life Member

A vote was held for each and unanimous support was received.

Carried.

### 7. Motions on Notice

None were received by the prescribed date.

### 8. General business

Craig Denyer provided the following update regarding the NER/NEBCC Merger Discussions:

As most should be aware we have been in discussions with the Bowling Club over the last couple of years with the view to a merger of the two Clubs.

The concept of “One Community, One Club” remains to be the focus, as was supported by the member survey results.

Also as a result of our member survey, two main areas of concern for the members were highlighted. These being governance and finance, and the two Clubs have been working together to ensure these two things remain equitable for all.

We are continuing the process of seeking further and independent advice, and performing our due diligence, and are keen to receive the results of that.

We had ambitiously anticipated a merger occurring around now, but crossing the T's and dotting the I's takes time, and I am sure no-one would expect this process to be rushed.

And as a final note, the merger is not about "us" and "them", but "we".

Craig Denyer thanked the members for their attendance, and closed the meeting at 3.25p.m.

**Next Annual General Meeting:**

**Date to be confirmed nearer the time**

## **Bill & Fran McCartney – Life Members 2024**

Most NER members wouldn't know Bill and Fran, but they have all benefited greatly from their contribution to NER. They will have seen Le Specs on most of our previous football playing shirts, on our current Super League playing shirts, and our training shirts, as well as on the A-Frames displayed at NEO and RPP, and on our marquees at Rangers Day and other events. They may have also applied some Le Tan sunscreen to themselves or their kids at these events or on game day.

Personally, and through our major sponsor Le Specs, Bill and Fran have made a massive difference to NER and our members.

Bill and Fran, and their kids and grandkids, have been active members of NER for many years. One of their daughters being on the Club Management Committee for some seven years.

Whilst the McCartney family have been active members within the Club, it is the overarching support of the Club itself, the support of the Club's goals and objectives, and the support of the local community which we would like to highlight as truly remarkable. Bill, Fran, and Le Specs have been Major Sponsors and donators to the Club throughout the time they have been involved.

The financial contribution they have made to the Club and to our sports is substantial.

They are a wonderful couple that prefer to enable the community, rather than seek attention and the limelight. Today however, and in their absence, we would like to shine the light on their contribution.

When the Club has a special need, Bill always steps forward and asks how they can help, and indeed, strongly urges the Club to proactively discuss with him at any time, how they can help.

Bill has also enquired as to how we can help families in our community that may be finding it tough, and through his support, we have been able to assist people in our community to be able to play sport for the Rangers.

As mentioned, Bill & Fran cannot be here today but we are videoing this to share with them. As per our Life Membership program we will provide them both with an embroidered Rangers jacket and life member badges.

It is people like Bill & Fran, and their family, that make this community so great, and we are very very grateful for the support and help that enables many people in our wonderful community to be a Ranger.