



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

10 December 2022

GUNGAHLIN EASTLAKES CLUB, GUNGAHLIN

Meeting commenced 5:00pm

Attendees:

Attendee	Club
Olaf Schuermann	Gungahlin
Allen Kisbee	Gungahlin
Raymond Kan	Belconnen
Brideen Allen	Southside
Aaron Chuah	CGS
Indu Sealy	Tuggeranong Vikings
Cassandra Yap	ANU
Geoff Megs	ACT Veterans
Walter Lim	CGS
San Neo Ong	Northside
Bas Gintings	Northside
Adil	Gungahlin
Faish Shah	Gungahlin
Peter Yao (Yao Wan Qi)	ANU
Ana Sartbayeva	Northside
Michael Ngo	Gungahlin
Thomas Ochsenbein	Northside
William Cai	Aspire
Cheng Li	Aspire
Don Siriwardana	Young Dragon
Charith Siriwardana	Young Dragon
Goh Xing Huong	Northside Juniors
Elysia Viravong	Northside Juniors

Apologies: No apologies were received.

1. Welcome and Apologies

- The President welcomed members to the AGM noting that the quorum necessary to begin the meeting as per the Association's Constitution had been met.



2. Approval of Minutes of 2021 AGM

- It was noted that the Minutes of the 2021 Agenda were available online via the BACT website (Document Library).
- The motion to accept the minutes was moved by Goeff Meggs and seconded by San Neo Ong and the motion passed.

3. President's Report

- It was noted in the President's Report that BACT faced a challenging year due to the lasting effect of COVID-19 disruptions and the lack of reliable venues across the territory to host competitions.
- It was noted that the sport has continued to grow with more than 900 players; the highest number of clubs in the Association's history.
- The president has spent time lobbying the ACT Government and the private sector on the lack of badminton venues in the Territory.
- The one-year casual contract with Tia Liang Ko and Goh Xing Huong as Junior Development Officers ended in April 2022 with good results. However, the Association was unable to fund this sustainably in the future (thus looking at fundraising through the Australian Sports Foundation, which provides for tax-deductibility, and forming a BACT Sponsorship Reference Group).
- The importance of the integrity matters amongst clubs was raised and it was mentioned that all relevant policies that clubs must now adhere to are available on the BACT website.
- Brideen Allen moved a motion to accept the President's Report, Indu Sealy accepted it and the motion passed.

4. Approval of Treasurer's Report

- Raymond Kan summarised the Treasurer's Report noting that there was a net deficit this year of around \$14,000 due to expenditure on initiatives such as the Junior Development Officer Program.
- It was also mentioned that there was a review underway of the BACT's financial sustainability and organisation structure and a options paper was being developed.
- A motion to accept the report was moved by Walter Lim and accepted by Peter Yao. The motion passed.

5. Approval of Match Secretary's Report

- Brideen Allen summarised the report mentioning that two Interclub competitions were run in 2022 in addition to the ANU closed supported by the Association.
- Lack of reliable venues is a persisting issue.
- A new grading system and Interclubs Teams Competition structure was trialed and this would continue for Interclub competitions in 2023.
- The Association would be looking to run at least three Interclubs in 2023 and a new proposal was put forward for the running of the competition to be supported by a different member club each time.
- The particulars of this proposal were discussed among attendees with a proposal paper provided.



- Club representatives present accepted the proposal with the following clubs agreeing to assist running the Interclubs in 2023:
 - March 2023 – ANU
 - June 2023 – Northside
 - September 2023 – Gungahlin.
- A motion to accept the report was moved by Indu Sealy and accepted by Michael Ngo. The motion passed.

6. Coaching – Junior Update

- It was mentioned that the Junior Development Officer's Report was received earlier in the year and was part of the meeting pack.
- Goh Xing Huong gave a brief update mentioning that the elite development program was the most time-consuming activity.
- The President noted the Association would continue to work with the Badminton Australia development program and the Shuttle smash Program in 2023.
- A motion to accept the report was moved by Aaron Chuah and accepted by Michael Ngo. The motion passed.

7. Proposal for Club-led Interclub Competitions from 2023

- This item was covered under item 5. The Match Secretary noted that she was still consulting with Canberra Grammar School (CGS) regarding free court hire at the school in exchange for free entry CGS school teams. The President noted that this would certainly assist in providing a source of revenue for BACT.

8. Increase Club and Player Affiliation Fees from 2023

- The President mentioned that affiliation fees would be raised in 2023 in line increasing insurance fees and costs more broadly.
- Specifically this was \$250 per club and \$15 per club member (of the 'primary' club if the player is a member of more than one club).
- The President further noted that clubs which hired public facilities such as high schools and colleges could expect an increase in hire costs as the Education Directorate's new centralised facility hire policy came into effect in 2023.

9. Progress in Review of BACT Financial and Operational Structure

- This item was deferred to the first Committee Meeting of BACT in 2023.



10. Election of new office Bearers

- All positions were declared vacant and a summary of the officer bearer election is below:

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Second
President	<u>Olaf Schuermann</u>	<u>San Neo Ong</u>	<u>Brideen Allen</u>
Vice President	Alan Kisbee	Brideen Allen	Aaron Chuah
Treasurer	Raymond Kan	Olaf Schuermann	Bas Ginting
Match Secretary	Brideen Allen	Olaf Schuermann	Allen Kisbee
Secretary	Sheehan Lim	Raymond Kan	Allan Kisbee
Web Master	Aaron Chuah	Olaf Schuermann	Sheehan Lim

- Applications for Associate Committee Members were received and the following were accepted:
 - Indu Sealy
 - William Cai
 - Cassandra Yap
 - Goh Xing Huong

11. Other Business

The President raised matters relating to:

Revolutionise Sports

- The need for members of multiple clubs have a primary club for reporting purposes and a general clean-up of duplicate records within and between clubs.

Integrity matters

- The Association Executive had endorsed all BA and Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) policies (link to BA website via Document No. 27 on the Document Library on the BACT website).
- All clubs need to adhere to these policies.
- It is recommended that clubs appoint Integrity Managers in each club to be the first point of call for any integrity matters within clubs. The BACT Vice President is BACT's Integrity Officer (with support from the President).

New club affiliations

- It was noted that the Belconnen Community Center venue now required hiring groups to have public liability insurance and this could see an influx of smaller clubs seeking to join BACT for this purpose.
- Members debated whether to allow those clubs to affiliate with BACT for this purpose.
- It was generally agreed that the Association should aim to be inclusive as possible and accept these clubs subject to them understanding and accepting BACT and BA policies and the Association's Constitution. Clubs need not be 'active' in all BACT activities.

The meeting closed at 7:00pm.