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Meeting: 2014/15 Annual General Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, 2nd December 2014 @ 7pm

Meeting Location: Cabbage Tree Hotel

Attendees:

Al Michaelis	AM	President
Ross Baker	RB	Sr Vice President
Marc Smith	MS	Jr Vice President
Andrew Clifford	AC	Treasurer
Brendan Sheedy	BS	Secretary
Marc Smith	MS	Registrar / Mgmt Committee
Peter Blackett	PB	Mgmt Committee
Grant Vukasinovic	GV	Mgmt Committee
Steve Owen	SO	Equipment Manager
Di Clifford	DC	Scorer / Member
Paul Meehan	PM	Life Member
Josh Herman	JH	Member
Martin White	MW	Member

Apologies:

Brett McKenna	BM	Mgmt Committee
Nathan Fitzgerald	NF	Merchandise Manager
Paul Trinca	PT	Life Member
Elizabeth Osbourne	EO	Member
Dale Jenkins	DJ	Website / Sponsorship Manager
Sarah Smithies	SS	Member
Joey Duldig	JD	Member
Chris McKenna	CM	Member

Distribution: To ALL members

Next Meeting: Gen Meeting #1, Tuesday 6th January, 7pm @ Cabbage Tree Hotel



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Item No.	Action	Responsible	Date/Duration
1.0	Business arising from previous minutes		
	Business Arising:		
	- NIL		
	Presented minutes are agreed as a true reflection of the 2013/14 AGM	Moved –	GV
		Seconded -	PB
2.0	Presidents Report	AM	
	See attached		
3.0	Secretary Report	BS	
	See attached		
4.0	Treasurers Report	AC	
	<u>Income</u>		
	Total Income:	\$32,946.00	
	Breakdown of key income areas include:		
	Rego & Levies:	\$15,385.00	
	Sponsorship:	\$13,000.00	
	Trivia Night:	\$1,721.55	
	Canteen:	\$1,765.25	
	Bunnings BBQ:	\$1,574.15	
	<u>Expenses</u>		
	Total Expenses:	\$31,215.50	
	IBL Fees:	\$9,498.00	
	NSW CBL Fees:	\$6,901.50	
	Training:	\$3,100.00	
	Uniforms:	\$5,155.00	
	Gear / Equipment:	\$3,175.00	
	Presentation Night:	\$1,795.00	
	Grounds:	\$260.00	
	Scorers:	\$144.00	



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	Canteen:	\$700.00	
	Wollongong Touch:	\$375.00	
	Miscellaneous / Other :	\$112.00	
	2014 Profit / Loss:	\$2,230.50	
	Motion raised: that the 2014 Financial Report be accepted as presented	Moved –	AC
		Seconded -	PM

5.0	Registrar's report	MS
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75 players registered in 2014
 The play split was 38 Major League and 37 Minor League
 7 females
 26 current or ex Pirates Juniors
 23 Snrs actively involved in the Pirates Junior Baseball Club in season 2014/15

6.0	Head Coaches report	AC
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See attached

Once the Coaches report was tabled by AC, a special mention of thanks was provided by Brett McKenna to Andrew Clifford, thanking him for the support he provided during the year. It was noted that as a player / Coach, AC had demonstrated great leadership in 2014 and should be recognised at the meeting.

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7.0	Election of Office Bearers
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7.1 **All Positions vacated** – Life Member **Ross Baker** was requested to Chair the meeting

7.2 **President**
 Nominations – Al Michaelis
 By – Brendan Sheedy
 Seconded – Paul Meehan
 Accepted – Yes
 Appointed – **Al Michaelis**



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7.3	<u>Vice President</u> Nominations – Ross Baker By – Ross Baker (written nomination) Seconded – Grant Vukasinovic Accepted – Yes Appointed – Ross Baker												
7.4	<u>Secretary</u> Nominations – Elizabeth Osborne, Peter Blackett By – Brendan Sheedy & Al Michaelis Elected – Elizabeth Osborne & Peter Blackett – as shared responsibility Seconded – Andrew Clifford Accepted – Yes Appointed – Elizabeth Osborne & Peter Blackett												
7.5	<u>Treasurer</u> Nominations – Andrew Clifford By – Al Michaelis Seconded – Grant Vuksinovic Accepted – Yes Appointed – Andrew Clifford												
7.6	<u>Registrar</u> Nominations – Marc Smith By – Al Michaelis Seconded – Ross Baker Accepted – Yes Appointed – Marc Smith												
7.7	<u>Management committee (5 off required)</u> Nominations received include: Peter Blackett, Joey Duldig, Grant Vuksinovic, Brett McKenna, Todd Southcombe Nominations accepted – <table><tbody><tr><td>1. Peter Blackett</td><td>Seconded – AC</td></tr><tr><td>2. Joey Duldig</td><td>Seconded – AM</td></tr><tr><td>3. Grant Vukasinovic</td><td>Seconded – RB</td></tr><tr><td>4. Brett McKenna</td><td>Seconded – AM</td></tr><tr><td>5. Todd Southcombe</td><td>Seconded – AM</td></tr></tbody></table>	1. Peter Blackett	Seconded – AC	2. Joey Duldig	Seconded – AM	3. Grant Vukasinovic	Seconded – RB	4. Brett McKenna	Seconded – AM	5. Todd Southcombe	Seconded – AM		
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2. Joey Duldig	Seconded – AM												
3. Grant Vukasinovic	Seconded – RB												
4. Brett McKenna	Seconded – AM												
5. Todd Southcombe	Seconded – AM												
7.8	<u>Public Officer (as per Consitution)</u> Nominations – Brendan Sheedy By – Brendan Sheedy (written nominations) Seconded – Al Michaelis Accepted – Yes Appointed – Brendan Sheedy												



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7.9	<u>Publicity Officer</u> Nominations – Grant Vukasinovic By – Al Michaelis Seconded – Brendan Sheedy Accepted – Yes Appointed – Grant Vukasinovic		
7.10	<u>Merchandise Manager</u> Nominations – Nathan Fitzgerald By – Al Michaelis Seconded – Andrew Clifford Accepted – tbc Appointed –		
6.11	<u>Sponsorship Manager</u> Nominations – Elected – By – Seconded – Appointed –		
6.12	<u>Grounds & Grounds Assistants</u> Nominations – Paul Meehan By – Al Michaelis Seconded – Andrew Clifford Accepted – Yes, on condition that others make themselves available to assist Appointed – Paul Meehan <i>It was noted that both Chris McKenna and Martin White are willing to assist.</i>		
6.13	<u>Equipment Manager</u> Nominations – Steve Owen, Martin White By – Al Michaelis, Martin White Elected – Steve Owen & Martin White – as shared responsibility with assistance from Al Michaelis as required Seconded – Brendan Sheedy Appointed – Steve Owen & Martin White		
6.14	<u>Website Manager</u> Nominations – Grant Vukasinovic By – Al Michaelis Seconded – Brendan Sheedy Accepted – Yes, on condition that assistance from someone else Appointed – Grant Vukasinovic <i>It was noted that Al Michaelis offered assistance with this role.</i>		



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6.15	<u>Uniforms Manager</u> Nominations – Elected – By – Seconded – Appointed –		
6.16	<u>Canteen Co-ordinator</u> Nominations – AC & DC offered to continue looking after stock - Saturdays – tbc - Sundays – Grant Vukasinovic By – AC & DC; ; Grant Vukasinovic Seconded – Andrew Clifford Appointed – AC & DC (stock); - Saturdays; Grant Vukasinovic – Sundays		
6.17	<u>Events Co-ordinator</u> Nominations – Elected – By – Seconded – Appointed –		
6.18	<u>Head Coach</u> Nominations – Andrew Clifford By – Al Michaelis Seconded – Grant Vukasinovic Accepted – Yes Appointed – Andrew Clifford AC also requested the secretary to email all members of the club to invite people to nominate for coaching positions for 2015. It was agreed the Secretary will forward the email as soon as possible and request all nominations to be put forward before Christmas 2014. <u>Coaching Staff</u> Nominations: - Travis Dutton (3s), Steve Owen (6s), Al Michaelis (as required), Ross Baker (3s), Marc Smith (5s), Brendan Sheedy (4s) Grade Coach appointments to be made by Head Coach. 1 st Grade Assistant(s) – 2 nd Grade Coach - 2 nd Grade Assistant(s) - 3 rd Grade Coach - 3 rd Grade Assistant(s) - 4 th Grade Coach - 4 th Grade Assistant(s) - 5 th Grade Coach -		



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	5 th Grade Assistant(s) -		
	6 th Grade Coach -		
	6 th Grade Assistant(s) -		
7.0	General Business		
PB	Provided a very brief update on the Pirates Junior Baseball Club. Like to see Coaching staff sorted and pre-season dates detailed; make sure Jr club parents are made aware.	AM / MS / GV	
BS	Request that the 1 st General Meeting be dedicated as a planning meeting	AM	
PM	Submitted a life membership nomination. It was noted that this was not submitted within the correct timeframe as stated in the constitution and as such would be held over at this time.	AM	
PM	Gave a sincere thank you for the letter that he received on behalf of the club after the Presentation evening.		
AC	Noted that he would like pre-season training to start on Saturday 31 st January Andrew Clifford discussed the tragic loss of Grant Noyce which occurred through the year. It was suggested that a 'Memorial Day' to be arranged in Grant's honour to coincide with Pirates Annual Grey Bears day each year. The Pirates Grey Beards day is the last home game of the season held at Thomas Dalton Park. For 2015 all funds received on the day to be provided to Beyond Blue. Much discussion about Grant Noyce and the ideal of a Memorial Day in his honour. It was agreed this meeting to proceed with Andrew's suggestion and for the club to follow through.	AC / AM	
AM	Requested that the University Hockey field booking for our training be made asap Noted that letters for the Junior Club members who are eligible to begin playing in the seniors are completed and awaiting signatures Need to contact Cabbage Tree Hotel re sponsorship for 2015 and ask what the plans are, if any, for changes to the back room where our functions have been getting held We need to let WB&RC know our proposed date of our pre-season launch	AC AM / MS / AC AM AM	

Meeting Closed at approx: 2020
Minutes taken by: BS & AM
Next Meeting: 6/1/15



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2014 President Report

I would firstly like to acknowledge our Life Members and the great support they continually provide to myself and our club. It was absolutely fantastic to see ALL of our life members at our presentation night this year to help us celebrate such a great season. I would like to give special praise and thanks to three of our life members in particular for the assistance they have provided this year, Ross Baker, Paul Meehan and Col Britton. Everything you do for our great club is truly appreciated and it is the continued example that you set that provides myself and the rest of our club with the standard of dedication that is involved to be a true Buc.

Secondly, I would like to acknowledge all of our truly amazing club members and in particular our players for their outstanding efforts during this past, unforgettable and unmatched season.

We were successful in regaining the Club Championship title for Season 2014 and for this I could not be more proud.

A huge acknowledgement must go to our First Grade side and their "Rookie" coach, Andrew Clifford. Their whole season was truly outstanding, getting off to a brilliant start, leading our top four grades to, I think, 5 weeks undefeated, then having a minor mid-season slump and to finally battle their way through the finals campaign to take out the prestigious IBL First Grade Premiership. What First Grade achieved provided our club not just the Club Championship but also our first First Grade Premiership in 17 years.

I would like to congratulate each and every grade, all 6 of them, on their performances in season 2014. In particular I would like to congratulate our minor premiership winning grades, 4th grade and 3rd grade. Both of these grades continue to lead the way for our club year in and year out. A special congratulations must also go to our FOUR premiership winning sides. What a season!!! It has truly been a historic season especially in this regard and it should be noted that it is believed we are the first club in the history of the IBL to have achieved this feat. What has been achieved this season is truly historic and something our club can be proud of for years and years to come.

Behind this unbelievable achievement is the work of the coaching staff. This includes all the coaches from 1st grade all the way through to 6th grade. I would like to specially thank each and every one of you for the efforts you have put in this season.

I really must acknowledge, Andrew Clifford our Head Coach, for what he has been able to achieve the past season. As a "rookie" Head Coach, he has brought back to our club a level of excitement, fun and enjoyment that we simply haven't seen in our players for quite a long time. This has brought with it an improvement in our players, coaches and performances on the field. A sincere congratulations and thanks to you Jr.

I would now like to congratulate and thank my Executive and Management Committee members for Season 2014. The increased assistance I have received from you all during this past season has been outstanding and unrelenting. Without you all our club would not be able to function as it has and does and would, quite simply, not have been able to obtain the stratospheric achievements that we have. I would like to say a special thank you to Brendan for everything he has done over the last few seasons. He has provided me with a sounding board, an ear to torment and generally has shouldered such a significant amount of work that has enabled me to be more free thinking and observant of how our club is tracking. I sincerely thank him for all of his efforts and know I will sorely miss him.



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I would also like to make a special note of some of our most dedicated members, our scorers. These fantastic people turn up week in and week out, through all sorts of miserable winter weather and ask for little more than a coffee to sit there for hours on end and help us, the players, play the sport that we love. You truly are the most fantastic people and we sincerely appreciate what you do for our club.

In addition to our scorers I would like to make a special mention, once again, of a truly brilliant lady, Di Clifford. The work she continues to do for our club, in particular in assisting with the canteen on both Saturdays and Sundays, is amazing. Di scores for two grades and helps with our canteen on a weekly basis and her assistance with all of this really is remarkable and must be mentioned. Without such people as Di in our club we would be unable to continue as we have done. I would like to say a sincere thank you to Di. She is a very deserving winner of our Clubman of the Year award.

The past season saw, once again, an increased number of people involved with the running of our club. I would like to sincerely thank each of you for the part you have played and for the assistance this has provided me in particular. I would like to note the assistance from Steve Owen with the transport of our equipment for each and every one of our training sessions. Most of the work that each of these people do goes on behind the scenes, or at least as far as our players are concerned, and it is conducted without thanks or reward and I wish to make special acknowledgement of all of their efforts.

Once again, an extremely special mention must also go to our favourite son and voluntary groundsman, Paul Meehan and of course his off-sider Col Britton. Their ongoing dedication, commitment to, and sheer love of our club is undeniable. Not only do they prepare a baseball field for us to play on but they present a fantastic ground that our club can be proud of. Whilst their work brought praise from the umpires each week, they receive very little thanks from elsewhere for their efforts and yet continue to prepare a great field for us to play and enjoy our baseball on. I would like to offer them both my sincere thanks for all of their efforts.

With the continued vision and commitment of our committees and members, we continue to be the club delivering the greatest number of teams to the competition and therefore the club with the largest member base. With this has brought the accolades that I believe our club so richly deserves. We are the club that is clearly leading the way and showing how a club should be run and can continue to grow in what is otherwise a league with dwindling numbers. I would like to note that it was my desire and ambition since accepting the role of President, to be able to return to being a 6 grade club in the IBL and this year we were able to achieve this dream of mine. I am so extremely proud of this one achievement on its own. I hope and believe that we can continue to maintain this level of membership and enjoyment within our club.

I look forward to sharing in the new season with all of our Life Members, players, coaches, scorers and non-playing members and to enjoying another exceptional season for our proud Pirates Baseball Club.

Al Michaelis

President



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Al Michaelis
President, Pirates Baseball Club
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Dear Al,

RE: SECRETARY REPORT – 2014

I would like to publicly acknowledge the work & effort you have personally done and continue to do for this great club of ours during the 2014 season. Much is done by yourself with not much said.

For the club many milestones were achieved both on and off the field during the last 12 months. For me the key highlights & successes that were achieved didn't come by accident; but rather a lot of work by a dedicated bunch of individuals for the club and determined leadership by our President. Key off field 2014 milestones included:

- 30% increase in sponsorship revenue for 2014 V's 2013;
- Two (2) venue based sponsors i.e. The Patch Hotel and Woonona Bowling Club;
- Improved financial management of the club;
- Nomination of 6 grades within the 2014 IBL competition;
- Funding approval from Wollongong City Council of up to 70% of the anticipated costs for a dual batting cage;
- Increase participation by members for all social and club held events during the year;
- Very close ties with the Pirates Junior Baseball Club and the development of talented players;
- Pirates' representation within the Illawarra Baseball League Association both on the executive and within publicity.

Of course the many on field achievements, will I'm sure be covered off in the Presidents report for 2014, demonstrates to be a successful sporting organisation, we need strong leadership, determination and persistence to achieve a common goal.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to mention the support of my wife and family for these last two (2) years in allowing me to assist in a small way to the success of this great Baseball Club.

Yours in Baseball

Brendan Sheedy



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2014 Coaches Report

Well where does one start. To say that season 2014 was a great season would be a massive understatement. At the end of the season you would not have found a more proud pirate than me.

With a lot of hard work we were able to fulfil one of Al's dreams of having 6 grades making our club the biggest and probably the only growing club in the Illawarra.

It had been 17 very long years since we had tasted 1st grade premiership glory but this was always going to be our year. I felt we had an excellent chance when the season began and even though we went through a little rough patch in the middle of the year, I knew we had the team to compete and win when it really counted.

A big congrats to 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade for also winning premierships, helping make season 2014 our most successful in our clubs history. All those premierships are fantastic but most importantly above everything we are CLUB CHAMPIONS!!!!

To achieve a feat like this as you all know it takes a lot of hard work and many, many people helping out.

I would firstly like to thank the executive for giving me the opportunity to be head coach of this wonderful club. I couldn't have asked for a better 1st season to be head coach.

A big thank you to all the coaches that put their hands up to coach our teams this year and a special mention to Smurf for not only coaching 2nd grade but also for the most part being my 3rd base coach in 1st grade and to Al, Ross and Doc or all your help and guidance with player gradings and weekly team rosters.

Thanks to Steve for putting up his hand for taking on the 6th grade coaching role this season and for also getting the trailer to training on Wednesday nights. A lot of our success this season came down to how we trained this year and our training wouldn't have happened without you mate.

A massive thanks to Chubby and Col for giving us the best surface to play on every home game.

There are just so many people to thank for helping make season 2014 as great as it was.

I look forward to seeing everyone dust off their gear on the 1st weekend in February at preseason training for 2015.

Cheers

Jr