

Minutes of the 2025/26 Annual General Meeting

Date: 12th August 2025

Time: 7.30 pm

Location: Caulfield Cricket Ground

Committee: **President:** Colin Newport

Vice-President: Darren Clifford

Secretary: Rudy Fernandes

Treasurer: Marino Bovo

Committee Members: Gary White, Robert Watts, Leo Collins

AGM Minutes

1. Open Meeting & Welcome

Colin Newport

Meeting began at 7.45pm

Colin Newport welcomed all umpires, VSDCA Deputy Board Chairman & Cricket Operations Manager Dr Geoff Hart, VSDCA Umpiring Department members Brian Goodman, and John Doig and new umpires. He also thanked the members of the Caulfield Cricket Club who were present. Also, members observed a minutes silence in honour of Ex VSDCUA colleague John Robinson wife Dorothy Robinson, and Derek Kiel (Derek attended our last AGM but sadly passed a couple of days prior to the next GM)

2. Apologies

Rudy Fernandes (All)

James Barrrrett	Josh Pereira	Francis Henry
Gary Stokie	Michael Lawson	Graham Hill
Craig Atkins	Brian Farrow	Greg Rollo
Joe Pozello	Matthew Raby	Mick Moore
Mark Russell	Frank Ekenaike	Karl Mccann
Ray Stokes	Frank Stokes	Neill Murray

3. Minutes from previous AGM 20th August 2024

Rudy Fernandes

Minutes were tabled at meeting having previously been emailed to all members. No questions arose as to these minutes. Motion of acceptance was moved by Colin Newport, seconded by Leo Collins.

4. Treasurers Report

Marino Bovo

Treasurer's Report and audited accounts were presented to members. The motion of being a fair and accurate summation of year's accounts was moved by Rudy Fernandes and seconded by Colin Newport.

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After acceptance of the Treasurer's report, President recommended umpire registrations fees for Season 2025-26 be set at \$135.00, and if paid before the 18th of November 2025 they will be discounted to \$125.00. The motion was moved by Colin Newport and seconded by Marino Bovo.

5. Election of Office Bearers

Dr Geoff Hart

Colin Newport presented Retiring Office bearers

Marino Bovo stepping down as Treasurer, thanked for his service.

Nominations received for Committee for 2025-26 season are as follows:

- President – Colin Newport
- Vice -President -Darren Clifford
- Treasurer – Justin Toohey
- Secretary – Rudy Fernandes
- Committee – Gary White (replacing Justin Toohey)
- Committee – Leo Collins (Complaints Officer)
- Committee –Robert Watts (Child Safety Officer)

As the nominations received were equal to the number of vacancies, a vote was not required, and the nominated members were overwhelmingly appointed to positions by all members present – note no proxy votes were received.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

1. Welcome

Colin Newport

Detailed meeting locations for forthcoming season, these will be subject to change. Detailed the new umpire honorariums, introduction of consent form for permission to use umpires images on our social media sites.

2. Minutes of VSDCUA Monthly Meeting on 11th February 2025.

Rudy Fernandes

Minutes were tabled at meeting having previously been emailed to all members. No questions arose as to these minutes. Motion of acceptance was moved by Rudy Fernandes, seconded by Colin Newport.

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3. Treasurers Report

Justin Toohey

Presented a draft budget for 2025-26. Also reported on changes to purchasing apparel and the new prices for the various items.

4. Apparel report

Justin Toohey

Apparel details included in the Treasurers Report

5. Child Safety Policies

Robert Watts

Policies detailed as per AGM Agenda were presented by Rob Watts who recommended that the VSDCUA officially sign the Victorian Cricket Integrity declaration to demonstrate our support for the aforementioned policies. Endorsed by all, seconded by John Doig.

6. Umpires Coach

Brian Goodman

All umpires must express availability to Neill Murray via officials HQ.
VSDCA board was very appreciate of the contributions to the amendments to VSDCA Pennant Rule 16. Thanks to the inputs from Justin Toohey, Warren Pump and Dr Geoff Hart .

Player Behaviour – don't prefer conflict on the pitch , handle it well thru crisis management , if serious call Brian first after the game or later in the evening
Your Problem today should not be someone else's problem next week –nip it in the bud first time.

Call Neill or Brian for changes in teams for Day # 2, to confirm if approved by Dr Geoff Hart.

Rotation process – all 1st umpires will be rotated throughout the season. Will have some Senior umpires standing in lower grades to help mentor new umpires.

All Club umpires will be required to have a Google meet online with Brian Goodman prior to season start. attendance will be recorded.

Umpires need to be aware that they are there to manage games – if Captain's behaviour is considered un-professional, he should be warned and reported if behaviour continues to be out of order.

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7. VSDCA Report

Dr Geoff Hart

VSDCA held its AGM prior to our meeting

Phil O'Meara has stepped down as Chairman - Neil Burns the new Chairman, will be present at VSDCUA 30th September meeting at Brunswick

VSDCA Board otherwise remains the same as 2024/25 season.

Fixture for 25/26 season will be sent out soon.

Pennant Rule #16 rewritten thanks to Brian Goodman, Justin Toohey, Warren Pump for their input.

Craig Shield – David Anning Board member to oversee Craig Shield operations

Honorariums have increased as advised for 2025/26 season.

8. Umpires Appointments

Neill Murray unavailable for this meeting.

9. New Umpires / Recruitment Update

John Doig

John welcomed all the new umpires, as of date have 37 in number and a few on standby.

10. Next Meetings (Brunswick 9th & 30th September 2025)

11. Meeting concluded at 8:50 pm

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