MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TAYLORS LAKES SPORTING CLUB HELD ON FRIDAY, 28th OF NOVEMBER 2025

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MEETING COMMENCED 6.34 PM

President, Ian Robson, opened meeting and thanked those in attendance.

APOLOGIES:
Paul Wolf, Jonathon Ford.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:
Minutes of previous AGM were circulated to meeting.

Motion:
"Previous Minutes be accepted"
Moved Marty Brown, 2nd Mick Stephens. Motion carried.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Good evening all and welcome to Taylors Lakes Sporting Club (TLSC) 2025 AGM. This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act.

I would like to hi-light to everyone that all people on the TLSC Committee are volunteers, giving up their time to contribute to making Taylors Lakes a better place for the community. Therefore, should always be treated with courtesy and respect, and this meeting shall be conducted accordingly.

Tonight we see three members of our committee, not nominating for reselection, firstly, Wendy D'Souza has been out Treasurer for 8 years and had contributed greatly with moving our finances to QuickBooks in a compliant manner, together with the day-to-day tasks associated with the role. Thank you very much Wendy for your contribution.

Rob Stevenson came back on the committee two years ago and contributed to recognising the efforts of TLSC Life members, ill health has prevented Rob continuing and we wish him a speedy recovery and thank him for his long association with the TLSC. Dom Davoli after 4 years on the committee has elected not to continue and we thank him for his contribution.

Sadly, we also said farewell to one of our Life Members, Dennis Ferns and past committee member Bert Richards, both had been involved for many years assisting and supporting the TLSC endeavours.

I can report that the Sporting Clubs financial reports have been audited by our auditor John F Hoffman, with copies available. Wendy will elaborate.

Throughout the year we had some concern with TLCC finances and after their President Paul Wolf, attended one of our meetings and supplied details of the cause and forecast budget for the next year; while we shall continue to monitor as we do for all clubs, but we believe they are back on track. The only other financial concern was football, they made an operating loss for the year, while they still have funds to continue, they need to return to a positive cash flow.

We were extremely fortunate to attend the opening of the TLTC new facility and upgraded lighting throughout the year and it made me look back to reflect on the journey for the Taylors Lakes Recreation Club now the Sporting Club, which was formed in 1979. Commencing with Cricket being played in what could only be called a paddock, which is now the Bunnings car park and Tennis being played on courts on the corner of Sunshine Ave and Keilor Melton Road. To what we have now; a great sporting complex, being two ovals and clubrooms for Cricket and Football, a Basketball Stadium we can call our own and new Tennis Clubrooms with 9 courts and competition standard lighting. I would imagine back in 1979, when the first committee got together, their vision has been exceeded by what we now have.

It is very easy to get locked into the now, but with all sporting clubs, progress doesn't just happen, it's the hard work of a lot of people over many years, and we all must be thankful of the contributions of all the people from 1979 until now that have allowed us to now operate in a first class sporting complex.

While we do have a great sporting complex, we still need to work with stakeholders, to get the lighting upgrades on the main oval and the surface on the Primary school oval repaired. IRT lighting John has been working with Football in getting the funds correctly allocated, so the project can move forward.

In closing I would like to thank all the clubs for their support throughout the year and reinforce the need for all clubs to be represented on the committee. I would also like to say a big thankyou to the TLSC Committee for their hard work and contributions, because without your efforts none of the sporting clubs could operate.

Thanks for your attention.
Ian Robson
Chairman TLSC

CLUB REPORTS:

Cricket Report – Read by Mick Stephens, Secretary TLCC on behalf of Cricket President, Paul Wolf.

- Firstly, I would like to apologise to the Sporting Club Committee for my non-attendance at the Sporting Club AGM tonight, however I am away in the Yarra Valley with my wife for the weekend, and as such I am unable to attend.

- The Cricket Club held its season 2024/25 Senior Presentation night on 11th April 2025.
  - The night was held @ Taylors Lakes Hotel and it gave us the opportunity to recognise the on-field achievements of our playing group, across the 7 senior sides as well as our Under 18, our 3 Under 16 teams and our JG Craig Shield team.
  - We also celebrated our first VSDCA premiership (3rd XI) and 3 junior premierships (in our Under 12B, Under 14A and Under 16C).
  - We were competitive in all grades throughout the season and with an "ounce of luck" we could have had additional senior teams in the finals action. However, moving forward we will NOT be relying on "luck", instead we (the Committee and the Playing Group) are committed to hard work, determination and best in class planning and preparation, to ensure our future success.
  - Additionally, we have continued to build on the on-field foundations to ensure the club's future and long-term success.
  - The Committee and I would like to personally thank all of the players and coaches for their efforts throughout the season, and look forward to seeing them again next season, where we hope to add to our premiership glory.

- Season 2025/26 kicked off in earnest well before presentation day, firstly with the re-signing of a host of senior players (such as Chali Chamoda, Nilan Fernando and captain Steff Roberts). We also added new players to our ranks, Shijit Chandran coming to us from rival Hoppers Crossing, Aidan Brasher returning from Premier Cricket and Kavin Ravi who has 1st class experience in India.

- And secondly and just as importantly we continue working with our existing and loyal Community Partners. We have a huge list of Community Partners and we are extremely proud of our existing relationship with each and every one of them, including:
  - The Taylors Lakes Hotel
  - The Professionals Taylors Lakes
  - Sunshine Roofing
  - Carbones Café
  - Parmelia Pizza
  - Auswide Transport
  - Simply Orthodontics
  - Resolve Finance
  - Diamond Clear Pools
  - Keilor Downs Dental
  - Schnitz Watergardens
  - SmashX Sports
  - Grill'd Watergardens
  - Bridgestone St Albans

- Bunnings Taylors Lakes
- Bendigo Bank Community Branch Strathmore

- In 2025/26 season we have added the following new Community Partners to our stable:
  - Nexar Group
  - Lakes Fresh Food Market
  - Amazon Pest Exterminators
  - SMEG appliance

- Other notable achievements and changes leading into season 2025/26 season include:
  - Creation of clubs new "Tagline" (ONE Club, ONE family, ONE purpose)
  - A new operating rhythm an approach with Club Executive and Committee activities and responsibilities.
  - The promotion of our 3rd and 4th XI to Division 1 of VSDCA North/West.
  - A huge growth in junior numbers and memberships. o And most notably the creation and fielding our first Women's team, including the appointment of Senior Coach of the Women's Program. The Women's team played their inaugural game on 12th October. A big thankyou and congratulations to the TLCC Female Cricket Sub Committee for this outstanding effort in getting the team together so quickly and efficiently.

- As far as on-field success in season 2025/26, at the point of writing this report (28th November) we are in a reasonable position with all teams being competitive, albeit some have a little extra work to do than others, current standings as follows:
  - Men's 1st XI – 10th (out of 16 teams).
  - Men's 2nd XI – 7th (out of 16 teams).
  - Men's 3rd XI – 1st (out of 8 teams).
  - Men's 4th XI – 1st (out of 8 teams).
  - Men's 5th XI – 6th (out of 10 teams).
  - Men's 6th XI - 2nd (out of 6 teams).
  - U18's – 5th (out of 10 teams).
  - Women's XI – 9th (out of 10 teams).

  NB: It should be noted that our men's 5th Team and Women's team who both play on Sundays have only played 3 and 2 games respectively due to weather.

  In addition, all of our 12 junior teams are competitive I their respective grades.

  In conclusion the club is in a great position both on the field and off the field our financial position is strong, we look forward to celebrating more success as season 2025/26 progresses.

Paul Wolf
President TLCC

Basketball Report – Jonathan Ford President TLBC

Dear Members, Families, and Supporters,

It is with great pride and gratitude that I present the President's Annual Report for the Taylors Lakes Basketball Club for the 2024–2025 financial year.

As we reflect on the past twelve months — and indeed the last few years — it is clear that our club is experiencing a period of significant and sustained growth. From humble beginnings, we have developed into a vibrant, successful, and community-driven organisation that continues to deliver opportunities and experiences for players of ages 5 through to 18 and all skill levels.

Club Growth

Over the past three years, our team numbers have increased from 19 to 30, marking a 58% growth in participation. This expansion is a direct reflection of the culture we've built at Taylors Lakes — one that values inclusion, player development, and a genuine love for the game.

This growth has also been supported by the dedication of our volunteer coaches, team managers, committee members, and the families who form the backbone of our club. The increasing number of teams not only strengthens our presence in the local basketball community but also ensures that we can cater to more juniors across both boys' and girls' competitions.

We strive to be one of the most accessible clubs in regard to fees and keeping the cost of each season as low as possible.

Financial Performance

Our club's financial performance over the past three years has followed an equally positive trajectory. Revenue, primarily driven by increased membership (players and teams), as well as improved fundraising initiatives, sponsorships, and successful grant applications, has grown strongly:

FY23: $87,900
FY24: $109,049 — a 24% year-on-year increase
FY25: $144,284 — a 32% increase on the previous year and 64% growth over two years

This level of financial growth enables us to reinvest directly back into the club — improving uniforms and equipment, subsidising development programs, supporting our coaches, and ensuring the affordability of participation for families wherever possible.

Looking Ahead

While we're proud of our achievements, we remain committed to continuous improvement. The next 12 months will see us explore further development opportunities, strengthen our community partnerships, and continue working towards long-term sustainability.

Our focus will remain on maintaining a welcoming and supportive environment for all members — one where players can learn, compete, and thrive.
On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all players, parents, volunteers, sponsors, and partners for your contributions throughout the year. Your ongoing support is what makes this club special.

Here's to another exciting year ahead for the Taylors Lakes Basketball Club.

Warm regards
Jonathan Ford
President TLBC

Football Report – Matt Noy President TLFC

This last year has been an important one for the club, Football Club wise. The last four years have been about finding a level of stability in the club in relation to many issues we had. We re-established our place in the EDFL and moved back into Division 1. Our biggest priority is our lights and we have been working with the Sporting Club, Brimbank Council and the Federal Government to find funding for the lights and to make our club even better. We need new lights and with the support of the Sporting Club we need to achieve this.

The club did make a loss of $33K last season for many reasons but it is my intention to do better next season and my expectation is that we will make a profit. With the new lights we can do so much more and it will be for the benefit of the whole club to attract people to us. This is the last piece of the puzzle for the club and for the last 3 years has been the priority as I believe it is our future.

Over the last three years I have been very dedicated to the Football club and in some discussions I may have argued in a way that some people may not have liked but I have never meant to be disrespectful. I just want the best for the Football Club going forward.

Matt Noy
President TLFC

Tennis Report – Rick Dal Bon President TLTC
In 2025 the TLTC has approximately 280 members. We have 11 Junior Teams playing in competition and 12 teams playing Night Competition. The club is in a great financial position and we have fundraising and sponsorship programmes underway.

The new club rooms where handed over to the Tennis Club on the 31st of July with an official opening by Minister Hutchins and the Mayor of Brimbank being held on Friday the 21st of September. It was a great day for the Tennis Club and for the Sporting Club. All nine courts now have upgraded lighting to the latest technology which was completed in August and the lighting has recently passed all competition tests and requirements. The total cost of the upgrades being a staggering $4.79M, funded by Brimbank Council and the State Government.

Our ongoing issue now is the resurfacing of Courts 7-9 which was supposed to happen with the upgrades, but it is now apparent the court base is badly cracked and will likely all three courts will need to be have new bases before any resurfacing can be done. The cost will be high and will likely make the project to upgrade those courts extend over at least two financial years. The positive is that we may be able to get at least one hardcourt, which will allow the club to have wheelchair play and also pickle ball which is all the rage at the moment.

Rick Dal Bon
TLTC President.

TREASURERS REPORT:
A signed Audit report on the financial results for the club was provided to all attendees.

As the Treasurer, Wendy D'Souza is not in attendance the report was spoken to by Secretary John Rumbelow.

The report has been compiled and signed off by independent Auditor, John Hoffmann. There are no issues identified in the trading of any club. Some minor queries were raised on the identification of items, namely the identification of Basketball's container as a Long Term Investment rather than an asset and the recording of inventory that no longer has value, but those issues did not alter the bottom line. They were just classification issues.

The Auditor commented that the books were improving every year and this year had been particularly clear and easy to follow, a great improvement on 10 years ago and the club should be congratulated on that improvement.

The Auditor commented on the performance of football and sought information on that. He was informed of the report on Footballs performance delivered at the Football AGM and the issues they had identified that contributed to the year's outcome of a 30K loss. The Auditor was satisfied with what had been identified and what the Football club proposed to do to in the next season and had no further comment.

Matt Noy stated from the floor the Football Club was putting together an operating budget to ensure how the Football club were going to change their financial position going forward and he expected to make a surplus.

There were no questions on the report

Presented by John Rumbelow on behalf of
Wendy D'Souza
Treasurer TLSC
Treasurers Report accepted on Motion of I. Robson, 2nd J. Stacey.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

President, Ian Robson advised the meeting Committee elections would now be held and as the Secretary to inform the meeting of vacancies and nominations.

The Secretary, John Rumbelow, declared the positions held by Michael Stephens, John Rumbelow, Rick Dal Bon, Wendy D'Souza, Michael Carr, Domenic Davoli and Rob Stevenson to be vacant. Positions held by Ian Robson, Sandra Eliot, will continue for another year.

The President advised he had nominations from the following persons, John Rumbelow, Michael Stephens, Michael Carr, Rick Dal Bon and Christine Szostak, and asked the meeting accept those nominations.

Members of the meeting queried why there was to be no election and why the nominations should just be accepted. There were repeated calls for the names and persons being nominated be identified again. President, Ian Robson, read the nominees names again and each nominee identified themselves to the meeting.

President informed the meeting an election was not required as nominations received did not exceed positions however as the nominations did not fill all available positions and called for further nominations from the floor.

M. Brown nominated Matt Noy. Matt declined the nomination.
T. Davoli nominated Glenn Franzi, 2nd by M. Brown. Glenn accepted the nomination.
J. Rumbelow nominated John Stacey, 2nd by D. Davoli. John accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations from the floor. As the number of nominees did not exceed vacancies Secretary declared the Election of Office Bearers now completed. One position remains vacant.

The Current Committee is Ian Robson, Mick Stephens, John Rumbelow, Christine Szostak, Rick Dal Bon, Sandra Elliott, Michael Carr, Glenn Franzi and John Stacey.

The President informed the meeting the incoming Committee will confirm all Executive positions at next committee meeting as per the requirements of the Rules.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

Motion:
"John F Hoffmann be appointed as Auditors for the next 12 months".
Moved I. Robson. 2nd J. Rumbelow. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. President advised the meeting of an anomaly in the Rules of the Association and asked the Secretary to give more details.

   Secretary stated he intended to move a motion to remove wording relating to Proxy voting that appears in Rule 19 of the Rules. The Rule relates to the Quorum for Special Annual General Meetings. The anomaly being Proxy voting is not identified in any other part of the Rules and is not allowed for Annual General Meetings or any other meeting where voting is to be by a show of hands or by a ballot. The reference to Proxy voting at Special AGM would appear to be out of context and may have been left in the Rules when drafted from another document.

   The meeting discussed the issue of Proxy voting with the general consensus being Proxy voting was not supported. M. Brown raised the point that he was in favour of Proxy voting as he would like to be involved in club business even if he was not able to make the meeting for instances like bad health for example. The issue of whether the clubs themselves could use Proxy voting was also discussed. It was advised this change is for the TLSC Committee and meetings of the TLSC and clubs could agree to a version of Proxy voting if their members wanted to have that provision for their meetings, as long as that provision did not conflict with the Incorporated Bodies requirements or rules.

   MOTION: The Secretary is directed to remove the following words from Rule 19.1 of the Associations Rules "Members are entitled to vote by proxy who must be a Member of the Club entitled to attend and vote at any meeting of Members of the club". Moved J. Rumbelow, 2nd I. Robson. Passed Unanimously. No votes against.

2. President tabled three documents for advice of members, but were not up to debate. He advised the meeting the Committee were reviewing and updating policies with the clubs Policies and Guideline documents and the three being tabled for their information were an update on banking and payments policy, a behaviour guideline and policy on debit card and gateway payments for advice and a procedure to club Treasurers.

   Members of the meeting queried the need for the behaviour policy and it was explained an issue had arisen in relation to social media that identified the club did not have a set policy on such issues. Matt Noy challenged the comments stating he believed this policy was pointed at him and his dealings with the committee. Matt was informed it had nothing to to do with him, or Football, but the details of which club and who was involved would not be disclosed at this meeting.

   There were then several minutes of heated debate over the purpose of the behaviour policy and relationship issues between Matt and President Ian Robson and Secretary John Rumbelow. Matt stated the issues should be discussed now and put on the table and that he was aware there was an ongoing task in the Committee minutes relating to an apology from Football over comments made by him. Ian Robson agreed there a task had been on the Committee minutes for over a year and requests had been made to Football to formally retract comments made, but had received no response from Football. Ian Robson stated this was not the place to discuss those issues and suggested Matt attend a Committee meeting in the new year at which time those issues could be addressed.

   President Ian Robson then stated the meeting needed to move on.

3. Glenn Franzi queried whether Basketball had any expectations of fielding an adult side. Michael Carr responded on behalf of Basketball stating it was certainly being discussed. Numbers were always an issue but the intention would be to register a team in the Open Competition at the KBA. Basketball were certainly hoping to make it happen.

No other business raised.

Ian Robson thanked all attendees and closed the meeting.

Meeting Closed 7.56 pm.