



Litchfield Rugby League Club Inc

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date and Location: 17th December 2023 - 10am - Bears Clubhouse

Meeting Opened: 10.15am

Attendance Register: as per attached sheet

Previous Minutes: has everyone had time to read the minutes that have been up on our website since January 2023 - if not there a couple of copies here for review.

Would anyone who was present at the 2022 AGM held on the 22.01.2023 like to put forward a motion of acceptance that the Minutes Dated 22.01.2023 are a true and correct record:

Motioned by: Emma Burkitt

Second By: Jacob Speziale

Motion Carried

Order of Business.

1. Reports of the Committee:

- a. President's Report – Spoken by Paul Jensen – see attached.
- b. Treasurer's Report – Spoken by Melissa Arthus – see attached.

PUBLIC OFFICER TO TAKE THE CHAIR

Election of the new committee members:

As advertised all committee members' positions were declared vacant.

(Nominations received in writing have been added):

a. President: Paul Jensen

i. Nominated by Paul Jensen

ii. Seconded by Brian Welch

If the number of persons nominated for election to the committee under Clause 27 does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, the Chairperson must declare the persons to be duly elected as members of the committee at the Annual General Meeting.

iii. As per the constitution Paul Jensen is duly elected and declared President.

b. Vice-President: Brian Welch

i. Nominated by Brian Welch

ii. Seconded by Paul Jensen

If the number of persons nominated for election to the committee under Clause 27 does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, the Chairperson must declare the persons to be duly elected as members of the committee at the Annual General Meeting.

iii. As per the constitution Brian Welch is duly elected and declared Vice-President.



(Nominations received in writing have been added):

a. Treasurer: Melissa Arthus

- i. Nominated by Melissa Arthus
- ii. Seconded by Paul Jensen

If the number of persons nominated for election to the committee under Clause 27 does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, the Chairperson must declare the persons to be duly elected as members of the committee at the Annual General Meeting.

- iii. As per the constitution Melissa Arthus is duly elected and declared Treasurer.

d. Secretary: No Nominations received - nominations of committee members may be accepted from the floor of today's meeting - Nil Nominations & Kristy Fitzpatrick (AKA Pado) has resigned from the position and the position is vacant. No One nominated off floor so the position will be taken up by one the newly elected committee members as per the constitution (Dannielle Novak has declared after the meeting that she will take on this position for the committee).

- i. Nominated by
- ii. Seconded by

If the nominations from the floor do not exceed the number of remaining vacancies, the Chairperson must declare those persons to be duly elected as members of the Committee.

- iii. _____ declared Secretary.

e. General Committee: Committee members (maximum 8)

I. Tony Luchetti

- a. Nominated by Tony Luchetti
- b. Seconded by Paul Jensen
- c. Duly elected.

II. Jacob Speziale

- a. Nominated by Jacob Speziale
- b. Seconded by Paul Jensen
- c. Duly elected.

III. Dannielle Novak

- a. Nominated by Danielle Novak
- b. Seconded by Paul Jensen
- c. Duly elected.

IV. Em Burkitt

- a. Nominated by Em Burkitt
- b. Seconded by Paul Jensen
- c. Duly elected.

V. Mellie Jensen

- a. Nominated by Mellie Jensen
- b. Seconded by Paul Jensen
- c. Duly elected.

VI. Andy Bates

- a. Nominated by Andy Bates
- b. Seconded by Paul Jensen
- c. Duly elected.

VII. Laura Luchetti



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- a. Nominated by Laura Luchetti
- b. Seconded by Paul Jensen
- c. Duly elected.

VIII. Ray Robinson

- a. Nominated by Ray Robinson
- b. Seconded by Paul Jensen
- c. Duly elected.

2023 PRESIDENT TO TAKE THE CHAIR – Paul Jensen

5. Consideration of Life Membership Nominations

- a. Nominations received in writing – John Loveday, nominated by Peter Power, seconded by Paul Jensen
 - i. Paul Jensen asked for the vote – 100% received in favour, it is with great pleasure to announce the 2023 life member is John Loveday.

6. Any other business requiring consideration by the association

- a. NIL raised by floor

Meeting Closed: 10.35am



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2023 Presidents Report

Morning Everyone, I would like to welcome you all to our 2023 AGM and it gives me great pleasure to be here in front of you all to give you my 2023 Presidents report.

To Recap our season, our mighty club had 31 teams from Under 6's through to A Grade with a total of 517 registered players, 146 Support staff totaling 663 registered members through the MySideline platform.

We had 9 out of 11 teams from under 13's to A Grade qualifying for the final series after the regular season. This led us to take out the "Junior Club of the Year presentation" and John "Shadow" Mount Club Champions. "Club of the Year" award at the Frank Johnson Medal. We also had individual award winners at both presentations and the under 18's won team of the year.

4 Teams made it to the Grand Final being the Under 15's Boys, under 16, B Grade and A Grade with U15's, U16's, B Grade winning their respective Grand Finals.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Players, Coaches, Managers, Medics, and LeagueSafe Personnel as we could not achieve our success on the field without all of you.

Special mention goes to our wonderful group of Sponsors, without you, our club could not be as successful and professional as we are. We have come a long way over the past many years and the dedication from the long-term sponsors makes me incredibly proud to be a BEAR. I would also like to thank the new sponsors to the club this year.

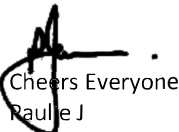
I would also like to thank all our amazing volunteers, without you, our club could not be as successful as we are. I am asking all of us here today to seek out volunteers for the 2024 season as many hands make light work for everyone.

Moving onto the 2023 Committee, we had a different looking committee this year and I personally wanted to thank each and every one of you for the time and effort that was put in. I understand that we had our challenges over the past 12 months, but you know what, we got there in the end, so thank you.

Lastly but not least, I would like thank Mellie for the understanding and allowing me to do what I do for the club, the time away from home and Mellie personally, does take its toll from time to time, but I could not do what I do without Mellie's support, I sincerely appreciate you and thank you.

I wish the new committee all the success in 2024 and look forward to the 2024 season.

GO THE MIGHTY MIGHTY BEARS


Cheers Everyone
Paulie J

President
Paulie J

Secretary
Kristy Fitzpatrick
Secretary@litchfieldbears.com

Public Officer
Paul Jensen



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TREASURER'S REPORT – 2023 (for year ending 31st October 2023)

Dear Members and Supporters,

I am thrilled to share the news about our Club's financial status for 2023. The auditor has once again signed off on our financials with no changes for the third consecutive year, reaffirming the transparency and accuracy of our accounting records.

Overall for the year, we not only successfully weathered some significant increases in running costs but also exceeded our budget expectations. Despite having fewer home games, we managed a surplus (profit), and another successful year for the entire club.

Our community showed tremendous support, and we had a 12% increase in memberships. Additionally, more local businesses have eagerly joined us as sponsors, contributing to a boost in sponsorship revenue. All sponsors have not only been invoiced but have also paid deposits for the upcoming season, securing their valuable support.

Efficiencies from our POS systems are empowering us to order smarter, minimizing wastage across the board. We are also now able to capture accurate information about the \$ amount the Club spends on giving back to the members, volunteers, and the community.

Uniforms have been ordered already for the coming 2024 season, to ensure our teams look sharp on and off the field from day 1.

We are in a healthy financial position with \$191k in the bank, including approximately \$98k in upfront sponsorship payments. We're proud to report that all suppliers are paid up to date, and a 30% upfront payment has secured our uniform order, set to arrive in the New Year.

Our Club remains debt-free, reflecting our commitment to responsible financial management.

This success wouldn't be possible without the commitment and support of our outgoing Committee, dedicated sponsors, hardworking volunteers, committed players, coaches, parents and everyone who gets involved in making our club thrive.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication. We look forward to another Successful year for the Club in 2024.

Gratefully,

Melissa Arthus
Club Treasurer

*2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2023 NT NRL CLUB OF THE YEAR,
2023 NT NRL Junior Club of the Year, 2023 NT NRL Team of the Year Under 18's*



2023 AGM Attendance Register – 17.12.2023

Paul Jensen		
Nick Barker		
LUKE MAHOOD		
David Jacobson		
Laura Luchetti		
Mellie Jensen		
Ruby Jensen		
Lachie Jensen		
Amy Simpson		
Em Burkett		
Ray Robinson		
Greg Fennell		
Andy Bate		
Jarrad Burgess		
Dannielle Novak		
Jacob Speziale		
Shari Togo		
Aaron Barnes		
Tony Luchetti		
John Nerson		