

SWBL Annual Report 2020



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25 YEARS

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President's Report:

It's time to close out the SWBL 2020 season, which wasn't. We all had such high hopes for the 2020 season and the celebration of SWBL's 25th year of existence. We came in with plans for an epic celebration and a full day of events designed by Loretta and Marsy! We even had a swath of new recruits following our great showing at Fair Day!

However, 2020 wasn't to be for SWBL as we made the decision to cancel the season in light of COVID-19. It was a hard decision to make as SWBL provides us with so much – from friendship and support to a bit of exercise – but we felt that we could not responsibly push forward with the season. We didn't make this decision lightly, but we very much believe that it was the right thing to do for the safety of the SWBL community and beyond.

We want to thank everyone for continuing to be an integral part of the SWBL community from a safe distance! The Zoom version of our annual Mother's Day bake-off was certainly one that we won't forget any time soon and it was particularly great to see so many of you in person at our picnic in December.

As the outgoing SWBL committee, we have sought to ensure that the league is in a position to continue for many years to come. We know that the year away from baseball has been anything but a break as we all struggled – in our own ways – with what it has meant to live in a pandemic. We recognize that many of you are tired, struggling, and stressed and that SWBL might be at the back of your mind.

However, we want to encourage each of you to come back to SWBL when we take the field for the 2021 season. For the continuation of the league, it's essential that we all pitch in and contribute to next year's season in order to make the transition back to playing a little bit easier for everyone. It might look a little bit different as we continue to manage our COVID responsibilities, but we will play and we can't wait to see you there!

As we look ahead to the SWBL 2021 season, please keep these dates in mind:

- **SWBL needs you! Join the 2021 SWBL Committee**
- **The AGM will be held on 3 February 2021**
- **Open Day will launch on 11 April 2021**
- **Season Games begin 2 May 2021**

As always, SWBL would like to thank ACON and The Golden Barley for their continued support. And, we want to thank all of the SWBL 2019-2020 committee for their tireless work in less than ideal circumstances.



Treasurer's Report

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2020! What can we say?!

As with most community groups, the 2020 season did not go to plan. After our high hopes for celebrating SWBL's 25th Anniversary, the Committee made the hard but unavoidable call that it would not be possible to run the season.

Notwithstanding, during the 'non-season' SWBL did have ongoing expenses and received some income. The SWBL Committee also made some key decisions to ensure our ongoing viability and that we'll be

ready, willing and able to run the League post-COVID.

The Financial Statement covers the period of 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020, in line with the financial year under SWBL Constitution (other than those items that were accrued liabilities from the 2019 which are reflected in the 2019 Financial statement). Given the deferred timing for the Annual General meeting (allowed by Fair Trading due to the COVID 19 disruptions), the financial statement also includes the period 1 September to 31 December 2020.

Expenses

Within the League's 2019-2020 financial year, the new incurred expenses were **\$7192** (not including accrued liabilities from the 2019 season).

Most of this cost (\$4085) was for the van, comprising \$2700 for comprehensive insurance and \$791, for 2020 registration and green slip (6 months), and \$594 for a new cargo barrier.

The other major expense was for the garage rental (\$1900).

The League's 2011 Hyundai iLoad (which was purchased in early 2019 for \$15,999) is being depreciated a constant rate of \$3199 per annum over 5 years.

After many years of hiring the storage unit at Moore Park, this year we decided it was time to end this arrangement and reduce the amount of equipment under storage – thereby saving us \$500 every 6 weeks. This agreement ended in late July, and since then we've been very lucky to securely store the van in Newtown, at no cost.

We also incurred some costs for Fair day and communications, and some small costs from hosting the online Mother's Day event.

In the absence of the season nor any formal face to face social activities, we did not purchase any public liability insurance. This meant we were able avoid this major expense for the year and minimise our governance risk by not holding any face to face events or training.

Income

In the absence of our season and fund-raising opportunities, the League's income was **\$2445**.

This income largely comprised the \$2000 sponsorship payment from ACON. More than ever, we are extremely grateful for ACON's financial support during this period.

The source of the additional income was late payments from the 2019 presentation night.

Given we couldn't support our local pub and given the difficult climate for the hospitality industry, we did not pursue any sponsorship from the Golden Barley Hotel. The hotel did, however, say they looked forward to our return to the pub in 2021!

Surplus/ deficit

As indicated above, new expenditure for the 2020 season was \$7192 and our income was \$2445 – resulting in an operating **deficit of \$4747**.

Cash at bank and assets

At the end of the 2020, our cash at bank is **\$8270**.

Our major fixed asset is 2011 Hyundai iLoad, which was purchased for \$15,999 in 2018. Based on the standard depreciation rate, the estimated value of the van is now **\$9600** (market value would need to be determined separately).

As with 2019, our cash reserves are significantly lower than previous years – largely due to van costs and our inability to raise any major sources of revenue in 2020.

Careful financial management, good decision making and support from our members will be key to ensure that SWBL continues to be financially sustainable over coming years.

Looking forward

For the upcoming season, I'd recommend the Treasurer's key focus will be to introduce cashless payments, develop stronger partnerships with other community groups and Inner West Council, and strengthen our proposals for funding applications. For the next several years, it is likely that SWBL will not be a position to subsidise social events as heavily as previous years and everyone's support and enthusiasm will be needed to shift to smaller-scale and lower-risk events, which I'm sure will be even more fun and inclusive.

The new committee will also be asked to decide on the future of the van and to better understand our storage and transport requirements and opportunities.

Look forward to hopefully seeing everyone back on the diamonds in 2021.

Thanks

Stacy Warren
SWBL Treasurer 2020

Financial statement

2019	Income	2020
14,790	Registration Fees	0
10,260	BBQ & Meat Raffle Takings	0
6,700	Sponsorship	2,000
0	Merchandise	0
2,267	Social Events	0
2,310	Presentation Night 2019	445
132.48	Bank Interest	0
0	Equipment Sales	0
	Other Revenue	0
300	Bake sale	0
150	Sock sales	0
\$36,909	Total Income	\$2445
2019	Expenditure	2020
2,395.31	BBQ purchases	0
2,083.86	Raffle	0
2,522.19	Equipment	0
4,520.50	Ground hire	0
1,638.69	Insurance	0
0	Plate umpire fees	0
0	Merchandise	0
220.98	Website	346
3,155.50	Presentation Night	0
3,847.66	Social events	180
2,000.00	Garage rent	1,900
3,389.05	Vehicle expenses	4,085
1,492.45	Printing and communications	474
300	Donations	0
120	Bank fees	160
0	External memberships	0
0	Miscellaneous	47
1,372.80	Trophies	0
\$32,258.80	Total expenditure	\$7192
(3,199.81)	Depreciation of assets	(3,199.81)
\$4,650.70	Net surplus/ deficit	\$4,747.00
	Assets	
20,141.15	Cash at bank	8,270
12,799	Fixed assets	9,600
0	Accrued revenue	0
\$32,940.15	Total assets	\$17,870.00
	Liabilities	
8,403.85	Total liabilities	0
\$24,536.30	Net assets	\$17,870.00

Note – as above the SWBL Committee carried forward a large liability from the 2019 season (including costs from the 2019 AGM & Presentation night, vehicle expenses and umpiring fees). These costs were paid prior to the planning and preparation of the strategic budget for the 2020 season, which accounts for the difference in the cash at bank between the 2019 and 2020 seasons.