

Sydney Women's Baseball League



2024 AGM Minutes

Held at Petersham Town Hall, 6:30pm Saturday 12 October, 2024.

1. Acknowledgement of country: we acknowledged we were all meeting on the land of the Bidjigal people and that sovereignty has never been ceded.

2. Attendance, proxies, and apologies

Attendance:

Shammies: Hayley Lockett, Trish Donohue, Jude Harnett, Kier Velini, Jo Sperring, Aimee Ibister, Tatiana Sibirsky, Loretta Cosgrove, Mary Brewer, Jacqui Brooks, Stacy Warren, Lisa O'Sullivan, Janna Richert, Caroline Patterson, Rebecca Parker, Gabby Rennard, Lauren Hiller, Lauren Austin, Kristin Magill

Sliders: Holly Creenaune, Randi Irwin, Marsha White, Naomi Munro, Julie Kalceff, Ally Ray, Annaliese Constable, Thy Anh, Co Skyllas, Amy Ryan, Kim Ray, Lyn Doherty, Jenny Gunther.

Saints: Heather Craig, Gretel Friend, Hetty Ashton, Samantha Bowen, Christine Haiss, Sexy Galexy, Tina Angelo, Tania Viskovich, Stacey Jane

Cubs: Danielle Castle, Kate Malbury, Laura Barbat, Bec Crick, Lieke Groot, Stephanie Falk, Loren Utterson, Ash Malbury, Heather Gasper, Elle Allsop

Mittildas: Ashley Martin, Shae McLean, Jorja Brymer, Pip Mowat, Noris, Beth Wren, Katina Gregory, Jessica Cassar, Kathryn Murphy, Laura Haylen

Stealers: Adele Bernardi, Paulette Anderson, Anna Needs, Charlotte Price, Antonella Schulte, Allen Jones, Ruth Lonsday, Kel Griffith, Cass Boyle, Anne Condren, Renee De Celis, Sarah Marsden, Brad Watson, Janet Horton, Shauna Trengrove, Stephanie Greaney, Kali Hourn

Lions: Charlie Rose, Caroline Bugeja, Mel Werner, Lily Petrovic, Peta Wallace, Maureen Madden

Devils: Kylie Whittam, Kirby Mugford, Vanessa Braddon, Sam Wellman, Sunny Cunningham, Lucinda Brown, Suzi Frances , Sasha Limpyer, Narelle Macdonald, Kate Gardiner

Angels: Emma Shirt, Bec Bochtler, Kellie Stromborg, Amy Pisani, Natalie Krikowa, Benita McFadzen, Melissa Absalom, Liz Gulson, Lyds Taiarui.

Proxies: None.

Apologies: None

3. Confirmation of minutes from the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Moved by Mary Brewer, seconded by Jacqui Brooks, unanimous decision.

4. Presentation of Annual Report by Ruth Lindsay

Wow, what a year from the start. As we geared up for what is normally our biggest source of new players, Mardi Gras Fair Day was cancelled; despite this, we still had 48 new members join. Clearly, the word's out that we are the place to be.

And these new players stepped right up, they played in all positions, including pitching full games to catching for full games throughout the finals series. Out of the 9 teams, 7 had rookies who came in the top 3 of MVP points for their team, and rookies from 4 teams topped the MVP points for their team. What an effort. We thank you all for being integral parts of your teams and SWBL.

Luckily, we had a resurfaced ground. There was a lot of rain, and we only had 2 games washed out; other baseball leagues lost half of their season. And what a difference did the storage sheds make? Thanks to everyone who helped get the gear in and out each week.

Back in November 2023 we started working on a grant from the NSW Office of Sport to replace a lot of our equipment. Just as the season was about to start, we received the fantastic news that we had been awarded \$7400. I would like to thank Kellie from the Angels who worked tirelessly on this, and we wouldn't have got this grant without her.

We had a committee of 16 brilliant individuals and I would like to thank each and every one of them. A lot of hard work and hours go into making SWBL what it is.

Charlie did a fantastic job on events, bringing us all together on many fun occasions. Rainbow Diamond Nights with the Lip Sync was a super fun night. Congratulations to the Angels for taking the win home, and to all teams - you could see by the performances that a lot of work was put into making it an amazing night.

On the SWBL executive committee this year, we had 3 new people out of 4 and I would personally like to thank Laura, Lisa and Spike. The support and backup they gave me was first-class. We worked as a great team to get everything done.

Finally, a heartfelt thanks to all the coaches and co-ordinators who keep the teams running smoothly and organised, getting people along to team duties. And we wouldn't be playing games without our volunteer umpires who do an amazing job under pressure circumstances.

A big thank you to each and every player who makes SWBL what we are. Bring on our 30th Anniversary.

Acceptance of the Annual Report: moved by Janna Richert, seconded by Kelly Griffith, unanimous decision.

5. Presentation of Financial Report by Treasurer Antoanella Schulte.

Acceptance of the Financial Report moved by Janna Richert, seconded by Sarah Marsden, with a unanimous decision.

6. Thank you outgoing 2024 Committee

- President: Ruth Lindsay
- Vice Presidents: Laura Barbat
- Secretary: Lisa O'Sullivan
- Treasurer: Antoanella Schulte
- Grounds & Equipment: Kylie Whittam
- Publicity: Jess Stagg, Elle Allsop, Renay Jones
- Social: Charie Rose
- General members: Jo Sperring, Naomi Munro, Jude Harnett, Holly Creenaune

7. Election of Office Bearers and General Committee Members 2025

Nominations received one week prior to the AGM supported by two SWBL members:

- President: Ruth Lindsay (Stealers)
- Vice President Laura Barbat (Cubs)
- Secretary: Lisa O'Sullivan (Shammies)
- Treasurer: Antonella Schulte (Stealers)
- Social events: Loretta Cosgrove (Shammies)
- Publicity: Jess Stagg (Saints), Loren Utterson (Cubs)
- Grounds and Equipment: Kylie Whittam (Devils)
- Grants Coordinator
- General Member:
 - Naomi Munro (Sliders)
 - Jo Sperring (Shammies)
 - Jenny White (Lions)
 - Tash Smith (Saints)
 - Kirby Mugford (Devils)

All nominations accepted unanimously and all positions declared filled.

8. General Business: There was no general business.

9. Award of Life Memberships and milestone acknowledgment

NO members were put forward for Life Membership of SWBL.

We celebrated:

20 years of playing – Lisa O'Sullivan (Shammies)

15 years of playing – Natalie Krikowa (Angels), Beni McFadzen (Angels),
Rochelle Peen (Sliders)

10. Presentation of 2024 season awards.

- Rookie of the Year Jenny White. Runner up Natasha Smith.
- Players' Player Winner Ash Martin. Runner up. Hetty Ashton
- President's Award Kellie Stromborg
- Most Improved Ant "Spike" Schulte. Runner up Ace Hooke.
- Slugger Janna Richert
- Most Valuable Player Lieke Groot
- Minor Premiers - Sliders
- Runners Up - Stealers
- Premiers - Angels