



Waverley College AFL AGM

Monday 20 March 2023 - 6:30pm

via ZOOM

Chair: Jacqui House / Simon Morrow

Committee elect

AFL Convenor | AFL 1st XVIII Coach
President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Fundraising
Social

Ben Shorthouse
Jacqui House
Catherine McDonald
Ania Smith & Cameron McAusland
Simon Morrow
TBC
Nik Goldsworthy, Daniella Strbac,
Camille Owen

Minutes

Convenor and 1st XVIII Coach, Ben Shorthouse opened the meeting

Greg Isaac - outgoing President

Greg and Naomi Isaac were the only supporter group members last year, raising funds at the presentation evening. It was noted that some of the funds raised were donated to the Go Foundation.

There were no outstanding items from the previous AGM.

The minutes from the previous AGM were provided to Mr Shorthouse.

The accounts of the AFL Supporters group was discussed. The balance of funds in the supporters group is \$1,574.08 after the donation to the Go Foundation.

Nominations for roles in the committee:

Convenor - Ben Shorthouse
President - Jacqui House
Vice President- Catherine McDonald
Treasurers - Ania Smith & Cameron McAusland
Secretary - Simon Morrow
Fundraising - TBC
Social - Nik Goldsworthy, Daniella Strbac, Camille Owen

No objections raised - motion carried to appoint to Committee.

Mr Shorthouse provided an update on Waverley AFL Status

- New AFL program set-up with new convenor Ben Shorthouse.
- Stronger coaching staff focus

FOCUS ON COMMUNICATION

- Email sent before AGM to all AFL parents
- **Waverley College App** will be the key source for information.
- Most information will be on the google slides link which will be updated weekly.

Waverley College AFL 2023

- Group for supporters designed to build a sense of community around AFL at Waverley.
- 3 x year 7/ 8 teams, 2 x 9/ 10 teams & 2 x Opens teams- based on numbers could nearly push another team in each age group.
- Swans academy and Waverley College AFL- Players are to fulfil all school commitments however we will look to manage player load. They will be required to attend training still.
- Working with AFL to play games with multiple teams at a home base such as Pioneers Park in Maroubra. This will allow BBQ sales, raffles, coffee carts etc.
- New co-curricular admin role- Brooke Kent. She will be chasing up attendance for training and games meaning we should have greater consistency with attendance especially 2nds.

Start of Season & Trials

- Development of High Performance Squad which started in October 2022
- Trials have started today and teams will be graded over the next 3 weeks
- 1sts squad will face UTS u/19s and Cranbrook in trial matches over the next 2 weekends. 9/10 a's will also face Cranbrook (TBC).
- I will be attending most training sessions to help coaches grade the players into the correct team. This can be challenging.
- Opportunities will present themselves to move up or down based on performance.
- Coaches have been given access to a drive that I have created with training session outlines, videos of drills, conditioning activities and other resources.
- Jesse Aish from the "Aish Football Academy" will be assisting Waverley AFL as a skills coach throughout the year. Boys will have an opportunity to join this academy which is outside of school hours. Jesse presented about the [Aish Football Academy](#)

It is hoped Jesse's involvement will provide an opportunity to assist with the development of advanced player skills, but will also enable boys who are developing their core skills to get specific and targeted feedback for drills and skill development.

AFL Supporters Group funds are currently \$1,574.08

- New equipment has been ordered including bottle dispensers and water bottles
- Parent team managers for each team. It is proposed to seek involvement with Parent/s to put their hand up to coordinate communication with their teams eg. via a WhatsApp group and invite other parents from that team to join.

This will help to organise things such as fruit, lollies, drinks, goal umpires, even someone to write a brief match report (could be written with their son) each week. Team manager could be in contact with myself with score updates at the end of each game.

Potential for post match function (parents to bring plates of food).

2023 Home Games at Pioneers, Maroubra

Presents an opportunity for building the Waverley AFL community, opportunity to try and arrange a BBQ, etc.

Saturday 6th May

We have 5 of our teams playing in a row at Pioneers.

Friday 19th May

9/10A and 1sts playing night game at Pioneers.

Saturday 3rd June

We have 4 teams playing at Pioneers plus there are a couple of other games there too.

- We will seek parents to put their name down to help out with BBQ and raffle ticket sales at home games. We have some merchandise we could raffle off. I will try to get some more e.g. signed swans jumpers.
- Purchasing of food for BBQ can be done through Lucas Meats and we need to work out drinks.

Supporters group to coordinate through Mr Shorthouse and arrange food/drinks orders.

- Food will need to be picked up and delivered to the ground. options to be considered E&B roles, Sausages, Hamburgers, water, powerade & soft drinks.
- Cash float and eftpos card machine to be picked up from the college main building in finance on a Friday afternoon at the latest.

\$300 float to start, keep the \$300 for future home games. Monday morning deposit any cash made and the eftpos card machine back to school.

- **A goal moving forward is to develop a tour interstate during the season.**
- 1sts jumper presentation evening Friday 28th April- Night before round 1. Committee will meet and communicate with parents.
- Speak to the Social Committee members about event ideas/ any questions. Social events can be put up on our social media platforms inviting people to attend.
- Unless there is a marquee/ gazebo at the home ground to set up, we cannot facilitate this due to size and help setting up. Seeking volunteers to help set up and pack up for the day then this is more of an option.

Questions from attendees:

What happens with cadets clashing on Fridays? And trials? They'll be on camp

Where there is a clash, students may decide which co-curricular activity to attend, but will need to advise Mr O'Donnell or Mr Shorthouse if they are unable to attend from AFL.

Will a full season draw become available? Rather than only finding out the week before.

AFL is seeking feedback on a draw and they are hoping to release the draw this week.

Is there still an opportunity to join the supporters group?

Yes. Please get in touch with Mr Shorthouse and we will get you involved..

Is there a way to notify before 7am if raining is cancelled due to rain. Some travel from quite a distance

We will be working on some communication channels in coming days. Keep an eye on the powerpoint for information and guidance.

Parents wanting to help? Just let us know where you need us!

If you are able to assist, it would be great if you could let us know what you are able to assist with on game day.

The Committee will setup a WhatsApp group for informal communication.

The meeting was declared closed.

Next Committee Meeting: 5pm, Thursday, 23 March

Action List

Action	Date / Status
AGM NOVEMBER 2023	
1. Meeting of Supporters Committee to discuss next steps Charing Cross Hotel, 5pm. Thursday, 23 March	Thursday, 23 March - planned
Key items for consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1st XVIII jersey presentation- Leveraging key events for fundraising<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Sat 6 Mayii. Sat 19 Mayiii. Sat 13 Jun- Coaches for all team and eligibility for Level 2 coaching course- Marquee and other facilities for key games; develop a stock list and parent group to carry this out- Fundraising options: BBQ, Swans Merch, Swans players, Signed gear for auction- Social events and 'save the date' calendar- Full draw dates and communication to parents (in advance)	
2. Minutes to be prepared for distribution	
3. Committee members contact details to be distributed to school and other committee members	
4. Members of the Management Committee are required to declare any conflict of interest prior to taking up a position on the committee.	
5. Set up Committee WhatsApp group	