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# 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 22 MAY, 2025

Education Room, Hills Basketball Stadium,  
Fred Caterson Reserve, Caterson Drive, Castle Hill, NSW, 2154.

## 1. Meeting Opened

The meeting was opened at 7.33pm by the President, Russell Graham (Life Member and meeting Chair) who welcomed all members and extended a special welcome to HBA Life Members Mitzi Crawford (Director), Trish Nicholls (via Teams), Steve Nicholls (via Teams), Lauretta Claus, Ros Graham, Jim Roditis and Kathleen Parker.

A quorum of members was confirmed.

The Chair noted that copies of the papers for today's meeting were available in hardcopy and online and gave an Acknowledgement of Country, recognising the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which the meeting was held and paying respects to Elders past and present.

## 2. Present

The following Committee Members were present;

1. Russell Graham (RG) – Director & President (Chair)
2. Olivia Nicholls (ON) – Director & Vice President
3. Mitzi Crawford (MC) – Director
4. Michael Paino (MP) – Director & FARM Committee Chair
5. Robert Davidson (RD) – Director & VM Committee Member
6. Tracey Hudson (TH) – Director
7. Bronwyn Martin (BM) – Director
8. Sally Ryan (SR) – Director
9. Steve Burke (SB) – CEO & VM Committee Chair
10. Natalie Kalouche (NK) – Company Secretary (Via Teams)

Members, including Committee Members signed the attendance register or if attended via Teams their names were noted in the attendance register.

## 3. Apologies

The following apologies were received and noted.

1. Karen Burke
2. Paul Nelson
3. Ros Graham

## 4. Minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting

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The minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting were considered, no new business in relation to this agenda item were noted.

**Motion:** That the Minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 1 April 2024 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**Moved:** Laretta Claus

**Seconded:** Jim Roditis

Motion carried unanimously.

### 5. 2024 Annual Report

The HBA 2024 Annual Report was considered, no new business in relation to this agenda item were noted. The Chair extended his thanks to Karen Burke for her efforts in producing the Annual Report.

**Motion:** That the 2024 Annual Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Laretta Claus

**Seconded:** Michael Paino

Motion carried unanimously.

### 6. 2024 Year End Audited Financial Accounts

The 2024 Year End Audited Financial Accounts were considered, no new business in relation to this agenda item were noted.

**Motion:** That the 2024 Year End Audited Financial Accounts be accepted.

**Moved:** Jim Roditis

**Seconded:** Laretta Claus

Motion carried unanimously.

### 7. Presidents Report

The Chair referred to his Presidents Report included in the above approved 2024 Annual Report and highlighted;

1. Last Year HBA celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and now with nine courts is the largest in NSW;
2. HBA continues to grow and the Board is focussed on growth and the strengthening of HBA's governance and management;
3. There have been several changes in the Board, namely the:
  - a. retirement of Director Jaymes Murray;
  - b. resignation of Company Secretary, Darrell Anderson;
  - c. appointment of Director Tracey Hudson;
  - d. appointment of Director Sally Ryan;

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- e. Appointment of Director Bronwyn Martin;
- f. appointment of Michelle Shiers as a member of the Nominations Committee; and
- g. appointment of Company Secretary, Natalie Kalouche.

The Chair provided extended his thanks to outgoing Director Jaymes Murray, for his contribution to HBA over a number of years. A special thanks was also extended to Olivia Nicholls who acted as the interim Company Secretary until a replacement was able to commence in this role.

Finally, the Chair provided his thanks to all HBA staff and volunteers, noting the continued growth of the HBA.

## 8. CEO's Report

SB thanked the Chair and acknowledged that the Chair is also a Life Member of HBA.

SB referred to his report included in the above approved 2024 Annual Report, highlighting;

1. HBA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration last year, reflecting on the organisations growth;
2. the recognition of HBA members by external bodies, specifically congratulating:
  - a. Ros Graham and Jayna Bonney for receiving awards from Basketball NSW;
  - b. Loretta Claus and Trish Nicholls for being named in the Australia Day Honours List; and
  - c. Trish Nicholls receiving a Member of Honor award from FIBA Oceania for contributions to the Oceania basketball community.
3. that as part of HBA's story of growth, HBA moved from an incorporated association to a company limited by guarantee, SB acknowledged the efforts of staff who were involved in reviewing and amending systems and policies to align with this change;
4. his thanks to Jaymes Murray who has retired from the Board;
5. that the financial position of HBA has showed improvement since last year; and
6. that as the HBA's court footprint is limited, the HBA has begun diversifying in areas including a High Performance Centre, gym etc.

## 9. Appointment of our Company Auditor

The HBA Constitution requires that the HBA appoint, or renew the appointment of, our auditor each year. Atanasov Audit & Consulting have agreed to continue as auditor this year.

**Motion:** That Atanasov Audit & Consulting be our auditor for the 2025 year.

**Moved:** By a show of hands

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### 10. Election of Directors

The Chair noted that:

1. the HBA Constitution requires that the positions of four elected directors be considered for election at this AGM;
2. the four elected directors retiring this year are MC, RD, TH and BM, each of which have offered themselves for re-election;
3. this action will effectively complete the transitional provisions under the HBA Constitution;
4. the HBA no longer elects Directors to positions, but elect Directors to the Board; and
5. positions of office, such as President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Company Secretary are appointed by the Board.

As no other nominations for directorship have been received, in accordance with the Constitution, MC, RD, TH and BM are deemed to have been re-elected to the HBA Board.

### 11. Appointment of Life Members

There are three Members that have been put forward for Life Membership. They are Matthew Townsend, AJ Ogilvy and Luisa Chapman. SB discussed the achievements and history with the HBA of each candidate.

**(a) By Special Resolution the Motion:** That Matthew Townsend be granted Life Membership of HBA.

**Moved:** By a show of hands

Motion carried unanimously.

**(b) By Special Resolution the Motion:** That AJ Ogilvy be granted Life Membership of HBA.

**Moved:** By a show of hands

Motion carried unanimously.

**(c) By Special Resolution the Motion:** That Luisa Chapman be granted Life Membership of HBA.

**Moved:** By a show of hands

Motion carried unanimously.

### 12. General Business

SB provided a brief status report on the leases and progress of the HBA's courts, namely that:

1. the lease for the stadium was recently renewed;
2. the courts at dural have been recently renewed until 2033; and
3. work continues to pursue a renewed lease for the courts at Bernie Mullane.

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No other business was raised.

There being no general business the meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

Signed as true record of the AGM 22/05/2025.

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