

VCBA AGM 2023

Attendance 100%

team name	allocated grade	team organiser name
Belgrave South	Men's A&B	Daniel Edwards
Berwick	Men's A&B	Brett Small
Burwood	Men's C	Tom Smith
Discovery	Men's A&B	Ryan Mangalon
Doncaster CoC	Men's A&B	David Coulter
Edge	Men's C	Ash Price
Essence	Men's A&B	Cody Norman
Glen Waverley	Men's C	Brad Jackson
Hills	Men's D	Dan Martin
Holy Trinity	Men's C	Peter Horn
Kilsyth South 1	Men's C	Andrew Roberts
Kilsyth South 2	Men's C	Ben Hayward
Kilsyth South 3	Men's D	Paul Lock
Light Community Church	Men's D	Nathan Pollard
Lilydale	Men's A&B	Richard Charles
MCF Eagles	Men's D	Matt Bellingham
MCF Wonga Park	Men's C	Levi Jackson
Mitcham	Men's D	James Law
New Community 1	Men's A&B	Jonah Read
New Community 2	Men's D	Gavin Gaskill
New Community 3	Men's D	Ben Clarke
New Community 4	Men's D	Samuel Box
Nunawading Christian College	Men's A&B	jordan Hutchinson
One Community Church	Men's A&B	Matthew Swansson
Resound	Men's D	Chris Littlechild
Steeple	Men's A&B	Brenton Purdie
Syndal 1	Men's D	Jonathan Beard
Syndal 2	Men's C	Aden van Langenberg
Wantirna	Men's A&B	Andrew Hoffman

Opening

Preview of agenda

- Opening comments
- President's report
- Competition managers' report
- Treasurers report
- Voting of committee
- Other business

Questions during the meeting

To assist with the online platform and flow of the meeting, we request that any members wishing to ask questions please submit their question in writing by replying to this email. The committee will address the questions during the Other Business segment of the meeting.

Presidents Report

Everything has its ebbs and flows and the life of the VCBA is no different. In years gone by, stadium stands would be full of onlookers happy to socialise as much as take in the game, the Women's competition was made up of several grades, and there was a robust connection between church and basketball, aided strongly by the regular presence of an older generation that did things well, albeit differently to today.

Warren Andrews, in some regard the founder of VIC church basketball as we know it, is no longer a regular presence, people don't 'mill' in the same way, and we have no Women's comp to speak of- thanks in part- to the covid effect. Things change though, and that's ok. I believe the VCBA is looking to a new future, and this gives us a chance as an organisation to take a new direction, be relevant for today, build new pathways to serve and do community.

So I encourage you to consider giving back or chipping in to our association. As we look to build a new direction and shape the things to come, we will need more hands, fresh eyes, additional skills. Speak to me or another committee member if you would like to consider further.

I'd like to thank those of you that have stuck with us though the past couple of trying years- it really is our people that makes us a unique competition in the domestic basketball landscape. Maybe it's time to reach out to past players and get them back in the fold.

Lastly, I'd also like to warmly thank my fellow committee members for managing the additional tasks, queries, scheduling, and such over these past few years. Your dedication is duly noted beyond my own acknowledgment.

So keep turning up and competing, and take the time for connection, remembering that we are a community at the VCBA in our own right.

Report	Motion	Second
Presidents' Report – Stephen Smith	Paul Chessum, Holy Trinity	Jonathan Beard, Syndal 1

Treasurers Report

As reflected in the financial reports, despite the past few years' ups and downs we are in a healthy position. We continued to make a small profit for each year from 2020 – 2022 with our final bank balance in December 2022 at \$20,133.75 after expenses paid.

With the major change over of how basketball insurance is handled in 2020 – each player now paying their insurance directly to Play HQ – this has removed a big expense and resulted in the seasonal registration fees being drastically lowered, now standing at \$65.00 per team.

Due to our records being completed in line with cash accounting, the expenses payable for 2022 are listed in the report separately, with some to be finalised in the AGM with the members input. Namely the donations that we have pledged each season to a charity are yet to be nominated, and the annual honorariums for the committee to be confirmed.

These honorariums have been a long-standing token of appreciation to the committee members, valued at each one's contribution. These have not been paid since 2019 due to the AGM's not being held in 2020 or 2021, but due to the downtime we have not increased the amounts.

The proposed \$900.00 breakdown would be:

Steve (President) - \$200.00

Athalia (Treasurer) - \$200.00

Dan (Competition manager and IT) - \$500.00

All the finances have been audited by Keith Talty, a Certified Practicing Accountant, and we are truly grateful for his generosity in completing this. You will see 3 audit reports, one for each calendar year.

In closing, considering where our finances stand, we are in a good position to expand our outreach into the basketball community, and would welcome the input of others in this space.

Report	Motion	Second
Treasurers' Report – Athalia Martin	Paul Chessum, Holy Trinity	Jonathan Beard, Syndal 1

Competition Report

It's been a challenging few years for the competition for reasons all known. Our pre pandemic numbers at its peak reached 52 teams across 4 courts with several byes a night. We are currently averaging team numbers in the low 30's running 3 courts and only the need for a bye if we have uneven team numbers in a grade.

The loss of the women's team has been a huge blow for the comp, with pre pandemic number peaking at 10 teams in the grade. Men's A dropped to 3 teams requiring us to run a Mens AB grade with split finals. These have been the lowest numbers I have seen in 20 years.

Over the past 2 seasons we have seen the introduction of a handful of new teams, but equally the loss of long standing teams to counteract the growth. The main reasons sited have been change of lifestyle, injury, and player numbers.

I am always encouraged by the churches that are embracing the sport and actively driving it within their local community. I would also like to acknowledge those churches consistently providing multiple teams such as Syndal, Kilsyth South, New Community, MCF etc some of these churches provide up to 4 teams throughout a season!

The introduction of PlayHQ has been widely accepted by Basketball Victoria and has made a huge impact on the competition management resulting in a reduced amount of administration. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind teams that we use our VCBA facebook page to communicate with our members. This includes all weekly comms, registration, and enquiries.

As my colleagues have mentioned, there have been significant growth challenges of late and we are doing our best to combat these. Advertising has become a lot harder as I recall back in the day it was as simple as an ad in the Baptist Witness, now we combat a digital world where a Christian presence is no longer tolerated and running ads and channels of messaging is censored.

Whilst we are in the midst of challenging times, I am continuously reminded we serve a great and faithful God who has had his hand over the VCBA for many years and will have for many to come. As a committee we are thankful for our members, venue staff, referees, and spectators that turn up week in week out.

We look forward to what God has in store for the VCBA comp over the following season and where he is taking us.

Report	Motion	Second
Competition Report – Daniel Martin	Jordan Hutchinson, Nunawading	Ryan Mangalon, Hills 1

Committee Appointments

Noted, no nominations, all members re-elected.

Committee Appointments	Motion	Second
President – Stephen Smith	Jonah Read, New Community One	Ryan Mangalon, Hills 1
Treasurer – Athalia Martin		
Competition Manager – Daniel Martin		

Meeting Close

No questions from members.