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Inc



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REPORT

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TO: HARRY WARK FAX NO: 9552-4603

COMPANY: _____

CC: _____ FAX NO: _____

FROM: MICHAEL NEWTON OUR REF: _____

SUBJECT: _____

Harry,

Audited accounts of the Hockey Club for the year to 31 October 2001 are attached.

Regards,



REVENUE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2001

BAR TRADING ACCOUNT	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Sales	8,678.33	16,648.80
LESS: COST OF SALES		
Opening Stock	348.30	475.00
Purchases	3,411.84	7,531.75
	3,760.14	8,006.75
<u>Less: Closing Stock</u>	501.00	348.30
	3,259.14	7,658.45
TOTAL INCOME	5,419.19	8,990.35
EQUIPMENT TRADING ACCOUNT		
Sales	4,431.84	5,523.00
LESS: COST OF SALES		
Opening Stock	5,104.25	3,712.00
Purchases	4,468.55	6,197.00
	9,572.80	9,909.00
<u>Less: Closing Stock</u>	6,619.70	5,104.25
	2,953.10	4,804.75
TOTAL INCOME	1478.74	718.25
UNDER THE ARCHES-BOOK TRADING ACCOUNT		
Sales	0.00	20.00
LESS: COST OF SALES		
Opening Stock	0.00	0.00
Purchases	0.00	0.00
		0.00
<u>Less: Closing Stock</u>	0.00	0.00
		0.00
<u>Add: Provision for obsolete stock</u>	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
GROSS (LOSS)/PROFIT	0.00	20.00

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED**INCOME & EXPENDITURE****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2001**

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
INCOME		
Fees – Playing and Social	30,518.85	38,629.61
Sponsorship, Donations, Prizes	15,634.00	19,300.00
Bar Trading	5,419.19	8,990.35
Equipment Trading	1,478.74	718.25
Social Functions & Raffles	18,315.92	21,384.97
Bank Interest & Dividend	3,384.05	3,268.86
Unrealised Share Gains	(967.68)	(612.99)
Insurance	3,400.00	1,720.00
Turf Levy	5,100.00	5,160.00
Book Trading	0.00	20.00
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TOTAL INCOME	82,283.07	98,579.05
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LESS: OTHER EXPENSES		
Accountancy & Audit	350.00	350.00
Administration Fees	3,524.41	3,434.62
Bank Charges	570.61	736.87
Honorarium	818.19	800.00
Playing Costs – Seniors	22,871.57	18,874.25
- Juniors	11,419.41	15,437.92
- Women	16,077.13	14,793.71
Representation Allowances	1,968.16	1,550.00
Social Function Costs	8,973.82	15,583.15
Trophies	1,952.73	1,532.15
Legal Expenses	8,213.52	0.00
Replacement & Maintenance	2,397.09	0.00
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TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	79,136.64	73,093.04
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NET PROFIT/LOSS FOR THE YEAR	3,146.43	25,486.01
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2001

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at the Bank Contingency Account	5,213.80	0.00
Cash at Bank	10,348.31	11,954.37
Cash on Hand	0.00	313.15
Term Deposits	70,000.00	70,000.00
Telstra Shares (Market Price) 5.41	3,246.00	3,828.00
Tab Shares (Market Price) 2.83	2,181.93	2,397.81
Stock on Hand – at cost	7,120.70	5,452.55
Deputy Commissioner of Taxation	1,706.80	1,706.80
Other Debtors	690.00	470.00
GST Refundable	1,333.70	0.00
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	101,841.24	96,122.68
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NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Plant & Equipment – at cost	14,291.00	14,291.00
<u>Less: Accumulated Depreciation</u>	14,291.00	14,291.00
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	0.00	0.00
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Player Equipment at Cost	4,300.00	4,300.00
<u>Less: Accumulated Depreciation</u>	4,300.00	4,300.00
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	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	101,841.24	96,122.68
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LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Loan -Members	5,225.00	0.00
Creditors	0.00	2,652.87
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,225.00	2652.87
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NET ASSETS	96,616.24	93,469.81
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MEMBERS FUNDS		
Balance Brought Forward	93,469.81	67,983.80
<u>Add: Profit/(Loss)</u>	3,146.43	25,486.01
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TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS	96,616.24	93,469.81
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AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB INC

SCOPE

I have audited the financial report of the Glebe District Hockey Club Incorporated for the year ended 31 October 2001. The elected committee of the Club is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Club.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant account estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the provisions of the Associates Incorporations Act of (NSW) so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the financial position of the Club, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

AUDIT OPINION

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Glebe District Hockey Club Incorporated as at 31 October 2001 the results of its operations and its cash flow for the year ended 31 October 2001 in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, and with the provisions of the Associations Incorporations Act of (NSW).

Date: 28 November 2001

Firm: Stephen W Van & Co
CPA

Address: 202 St Johns Road
GLEBE NSW 2037

Signed: 

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED

STATEMENT BY OFFICERS


FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2001

In the opinion of the officers of the Club: -

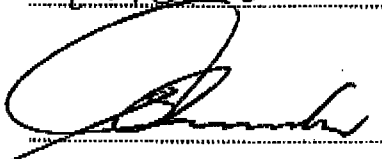
- a) The accompanying Income and Expenditure Statement is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Club for the year ended 31 October 2001.
- b) The accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club at 31 October 2001.
- c) There are no circumstances, not otherwise dealt with in the financial statements that would render any amount stated in the accounts misleading.

For and on behalf of the officers of the Club: -

Officer


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Officer


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Dated this

30th February 2002.

Glebe District Hockey Club Inc
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 9 July 2001
The Club House
Jubilee Oval

Present

Danny O'Brien	Shane Nilan	Bevan Ineson	George Manou
Bob Taylor	Pat Nilan	Geoff Paterson	Carmen Byrne
Les Wark	Oleh Ploskodniak	Graeme Moseley	John Nilan
Harry Wark Junior	Rex Holyoake	Mick Tapsell	Phil Winwood
Harry Wark Senior	Lisa Usher	Ross Tapsell	Col Jones
Eddy Crook	Peter Adrian	Rod Hammett	Paul Robinson
Amrat Parbhu	Ron Cheong	Mary Wark	Shaye Jordan
Liz Howard	Peter Newton	Peter Mitchell	Col Kaylinger
Steve Howard	Dawn Baker	Michael Bougakas	
Marilynne Smith	Jason Taylor	Cheryl Oman	
Narelle O'Donnell	Geoff Bortfield	Jim Oman	

Apologies Andrew Dart, Lee Farlow, Tom Holyoake, Marty Howe, Ken Wark Jnr, Arthur Moir, Natalie White

Papers presented Agenda

Report on Progress with Synthetic Turf for Glebe District Hockey Club at Harold Park Infield

Chair Bob Taylor, Club President

Meeting opened 7.40 pm

Bob Taylor opened the meeting with a summary of the reason for calling this Special General Meeting and explained that it was to bring members up to date with the current situation with the legal proceedings we are taking against the NSW Harness Racing Club with respect to them not allowing us to take out our lease in the Harold Park infield and to build and operate our artificial turf there.

Bob referred to the report presented to the meeting by Harry Wark Junior which is available for members to read, and asked Harry to address the meeting.

Harry Wark Junior opened by thanking the work done by the Artificial Turf Committee, who were present at the meeting, and of the support given by the Management committee, especially over the last four years.

Harry Wark then summarised the report available, highlighting the main points:

- The aim for Glebe District Hockey Club to gain its own artificial turf was started in 1984, with various people being involved.
- In total, 14 possible sites have been investigated, independently and with liaison with the local and state governments with the local and state governments.

- It was recognised that we need a synthetic turf. All top sides in the premier division have their own turf.
- So far, all venues have come to nothing. There are one or two that might remain as long shots. The only secure option we have is the Harold Park infield.
- We did look at Federal Park, and Les Wark organised a community push. This was very successful, but it was not passed through Council.
- In 1992, the NSW Harness Racing Club wanted to expand Harold Park's trotting track. Needing a quid pro quo, Leichhardt Council and the NSW Harness Racing Club agreed that an artificial hockey field could be built infield of the extended track. We supported the Development Application, which was accepted by Council.
- An Agreement for Lease was signed between the Glebe District Hockey Club and the NSW Harness Racing Club, and the Hockey Club submitted a successful Building Application.
- The NSW Harness Racing Club became more and more reluctant about granting us the lease.
- The Hockey Club also pursued various avenues for finance and were successful in securing the amount necessary for us to build the turf.
- The NSW Harness Racing Club were still reluctant, and demanded proof of finances, of which Jim Oman gave details. The NSW Harness Racing Club still did not grant us the lease.
- By mid-1999 it became obvious that the NSW Harness Racing Club did not intend giving us a lease. This left us with two options: leave it; or take legal action. We decided to take action.
- When legal action started, it became obvious that it would cost the Hockey Club a lot of money. Initially Kieran Tapsell was used as our legal advisers.
- A caveat was placed on the infield site at Harold Park to help secure our interests.
- Clayton Utz came on board on a prop bono basis, and in November 1999 legal proceedings started.
- At the Hockey Club's Annual General Meetings of 1999 and 2000, a summary of the situation we were in to get our artificial turf was given with the action we were taking to achieve our goals. The members endorsed our action with clear support.
- In March 2001, the NSW Harness Racing Club wanted the caveat lifted as the mortgagors (Westpac) would not finance the NSW Harness Racing Club with the caveat in place.
- We refused to lift the caveat, and the NSW Harness Racing Club took us to the Supreme Court. We lost the case mainly because the relocation clause in the Lease document, and we lifted the caveat.
- The NSW Harness Racing Club then went to the Supreme Court to strike out our claim altogether as they maintained that we had no case, but Master Macready found in our favour.
- The NSW Harness Racing Club appealed against this judgement, and Justice Santow rejected the appeal, and stated that he thought Justice Simos was incorrect in his judgement handed down which instructed us to lift the caveat.
- NSW Harness Racing Club is now seeking leave to appeal against this. The hearing to assess whether they have the right to appeal will be heard on 16 July, and if not given leave our case will proceed.
- We have submitted all the documentation necessary for our case and are ready to go, but the NSW Harness Racing Club still have to submit their evidence.

- These legal proceedings have been expensive. Clayton Utz have said that it has cost them around \$80,000 so far. However, they think we have a good case, so have asked that we pay them \$30,000 win, draw or lose. The barrister, however, will cost around \$30,000. Is it OK for the Hockey Club to submit \$60,000 to this case?
- There is the option for us to withdraw, but this would mean that we would possibly be liable for the legal costs of the NSW Harness Racing Club.
- It might also be possible to negotiate a settlement whereby we both walk away and pay our own costs.
- The feeling of the Management Committee and the Turf Committee is that we should continue, but the purpose of the meeting is to seek the view of the Club about this. The Committees do not want to be out of touch with the rank and file and wants their views.
- A proposal has been put to the Management Committee that a “sinking fund” be established to ensure that we are able to continue to the end of the case. The proposal is that we seek funds from members (the amount, and whether of not to participate, to be at the discretion of members). If we win, members would get their money back. If we lost, they’d lose it. People who contributed would not be liable for any costs charged to the Hockey Club other than the sinking fund contribution.
- At the recently held meeting with members of the Management and Turf Committees with the barrister and Clayton Utz solicitors, they expressed the view that Hockey as the Hockey Club is incorporated and if the committees and members act in good faith. This is not a final view and is being looked into.
- The worst possible scenario with this case is that the Glebe District Hockey Club would be finished and that needs to be drawn to the attention of members. The best is that we have of new turf and that we can continue the social ethos of our club by having our own field where we can watch our top grades play and socialise before and afterwards as we have done in the past.
- This meeting is to seek the views of members.

Harry Wark then called for members’ contributions and questions.

Before opening up the floor to questions, Bob Taylor clarified the following points:

- At no time had the Management Committee nor the Turf Committee contemplated giving up the case.
- Clayton Utz says we have a 95% chance of winning, but this is clearly not an absolute.
- When Clayton Utz agreed to take the case pro bono, they didn’t realise how costly it would be. They were somewhat embarrassed when they asked for us to agree to the legal costs maximum of \$30,000. They explained that they would bill us the costs as they come, but that we would not have to pay them immediately, and they tried to make the arrangement acceptable to us. The new arrangement would mean that they could claim all legal costs should we be successful and the NSW Harness Racing Club be liable for costs.
- We do have the funds now to do it — up to approximately \$80 to 1000 thousand. The club is in good shape. This money was intended to go towards building the turf, and now we are proposing to us it for the case. Bob then called for questions.

Q Does the \$60,000 become immaterial if we win?

A We wouldn’t get all the costs back. Currently they are running at about \$60,000.

We are also asking for damages to cover escalation in costs to build a turf, the costs of renting a field in the future, the costs we have already entailed in building works at Harold Park, and other items.

Q *Wouldn't Clayton Utz get costs anyway?*

A No. Pro bono means "for free". They need the letter of agreement from us so that they can claim costs if we're successful. they won't get any of the costs back from the pro bono period.

All costs incurred by us so far (such as photocopying, barristers fees and others outside the pro bono agreement) have been paid.

Q *Is the loan from the Bank still available?*

A About 2 – 3 weeks ago it was still in place. Council's contribution also was in place 2 – 3 months ago.

Most cases are settled out of court, so it in their (the NSW Harness Racing Club's) interests to delay proceedings.

Q *Was the Walker's matter settled out of court?*

A Yes. It is worth noting that is NSW Harness Racing Club go bust, we won't get anything.

Q *Will Clayton Utz stay with us if we are defeated in court?*

A Yes. They will stay with us until finality. That is, on appeal, if it comes to that.

As a comment:

If there had been an alternative site, it wouldn't have come to this. We've tried to find another venue and haven't been able to. With the situation with the NSW Harness Racing Club, we won't be in a good position even if we do win, but Harold Park is the only options for us at the moment.

The Judge might not order specific performance, so it may be that we get compensation related to loss of facility, evaluated on what would be the value of the lease.

Q *Have the NSW Harness Racing Club tried to influence the Council to find us an alternative site?*

A Leichhardt Council has tried to help.

Bob summarised:

Current costs of the NSW Harness Racing Club are high, and will get higher and we could become liable. We don't think it likely, but it could happen. Clayton Utz think we have a good case, but it is not guaranteed.

Bob Taylor made reference to the motion in front of the meeting and read it out:

That Members of the Glebe District Hockey Club Inc. support the legal action being taken against the NSW Harness Racing Club to gain the Lease for which the Glebe District Hockey Club has fulfilled all conditions in the Agreement to Lease.

This was proposed by Harry Wark Junior

Seconded by Les Wark

Bob asked Harry to speak to the motion.

Harry said that those present were invited to speak out if they were uncomfortable about the motion. He pointed out that fresh ideas were welcomed and needed

Harry said that the opportunity was so strong, we needed to go on with the proceedings. We need the artificial turf for our Club to continue as a viable entity.

Mike Bougakis (from the floor) felt that if we don't get a turf, the club will eventually fail.

Bob Taylor said that if we stop now, we would have a load of debt. We've done the right thing.

Q What would we do for a clubhouse at Harold Park?

A We'd still use the Arch. We were also promised the old Tote building and it is part of the lease. We did have a grant from the Department of Sport & Recreation, but this has lapsed so it is part of our damages claim.

Les Wark declined to comment as he felt that the case had been put.

Bob Taylor put the motion to the vote, and it was carried unanimously.

George Manou expressed gratitude for the work of the Management and Turf Committees on behalf of the members.

Bob Taylor then brought forward the proposal for the creation of a special fund if extra cash was needed. We won't need the \$30,000 now for Clayton Utz, but it is worth talking about the proposal at this meeting.

If we win, the money would be returned to the donors. If not, it would be lost.

Better to establish a fighting fund now, rather than wait for need to become urgent.

Harry Wark Senior asked if it would be a special fund, apart from Glebe District Hockey Club's general funds.

Bob replied that constitutionally we could not do that.

In the general discussion that followed, these points were made:

- If it's there, and we lose, it is more money for them.
- Could Clayton Utz put it into a special account?
- Bob Taylor reported that after discussion with Marty Howe before this meeting, Marty said that we couldn't have a special fund because of our constitution.

Jim Oman said that the NSW Harness Racing Club have been delaying and delaying, and they knew what money we have. If they ask for a surety, and we don't have the money, then we could lose at the last minute. Jim was proposing \$100 per person minimum.

Bob further clarified the point by saying that it had been raised at a meeting with Clayton Utz. They said that if they intended to ask for surety, they would have done it a long time ago. there is some uncertainty whether they can do that now. We do not have a lot of cash at the moment, and it would help our cash liquidity.

Q Why would we need it now if Clayton Utz don't need this \$30,000 at the moment?

In the discussion that followed these comments were made:

- It would give flexibility to the Club if a bit more money was available.
- It was being asked if the idea in principle could be approved.
- If passed, the Management Committee would investigate the ramifications of the proposal.
- It needs to be done legally so that members are not exposed to any potential problems.
- The Hockey Club's probity is important. We need to ensure every thing is above board.

Bob Taylor put the following motion to the meeting:

That a special fund be created from voluntary contributions by Members of Glebe District Hockey Club. The structure of the fund to be within the Constitution of the Club and details organised by the Management Committee.

Proposed by Jim Oman

Seconded by Mike Bougakis

Bob Taylor put the motion to the vote, and it was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm



Glebe District Hockey Club Inc

71st Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 28 November 2001

The Clubhouse, Jubilee Oval

6.30 pm

*3,047 per team → SHA for 2002 \$ 277 per player
\$40 per player → umpires
\$50 " " → NSW → Aust*

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Special General Meeting held on 9 July 2001
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 26 November 2000
5. Matters arising from the Minutes
6. President's Address
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Acceptance and Endorsement of Annual Report
9. Motion(s) to amend Constitution
10. Election of Officers
11. Year 2002 Annual Fees
12. General Business
13. Any Other Business

Please note that under our constitution:

Nominations for Election of Officers and Committee Members

must be in writing, duly proposed and seconded by Members and endorsed by the Nominee and shall be lodged with the Secretary not less than 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Alterations to the Aims, Objectives and Constitution

must be in writing, and lodged with the Secretary at least 28 days prior to and annual General Meeting and duly endorsed by at least 12 Members or the Committee requesting the alteration.

Other Motions to be Considered

must be in writing and lodged with the Secretary at least 21 days prior to an Annual General Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB 26 NOVEMBER 2000

70th Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for absence

Chrissie Auld
Carol Wark
Gary Wark
Graeme Gilmore
Helen Howe

Mick Bougoukas
Aaron Nilan
Adrian Howe
Arthur Moir
Steve Casey

Adam Campano
Rod Hammett
Jim Oman

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes are revised, because detailed minutes from the previous AGM have been lost. The meeting was asked to alter the minutes if necessary, otherwise to accept the minutes as presented.

3. Matters arising from minutes

Andrew Dart queried \$3,500 raised in sponsorship. The Treasurer, Glenn Dunn, clarified that actual amount raised was \$8,500, which included an extra \$3,500 raised in sponsorship from the previous year.

Acceptance moved: Andrew Dart
Seconded: Col Rochester

A question was raised re progress on bringing the Constitution up to date. Marty Howe responded and said that, during the year, he and Eddy Crook had examined old copies of the Constitution and minutes of past AGMs. Various members had also been consulted. The current version reflects their conclusions as a result of that research. This is the version felt to be as close to finally correct as possible.

Some copies of the current version of the Constitution were distributed at the AGM, and members were asked to examine the document, and ensure that there are no errors or omissions. Other copies can be produced and distributed on request. People finding errors should write to the Committee with suggested changes and the suggestions will be examined.

The meeting was informed that any changes should be notified before the next AGM, so that the final version can be adopted at the next AGM. It was noted that changes need to be adopted at an AGM or by a specially constituted meeting.

Danny O'Brien noted that there are a number of typographical errors, and some errors and inconsistencies which need to be addressed.

A motion was put that the latest version of the Constitution, dated April, 2000, be reviewed during the coming season, and any amendments voted on at the next AGM.

Moved: Geoff Paterson
Seconded: Col Rochester

The motion was accepted

4. President's Address

Bob Taylor referred the meeting to his report contained in the Annual Report.

He noted that Glenn Dunn would not be standing again as Treasurer, and thanked him for his work as Treasurer.

5. Treasurer's Report

Glenn Dunn noted that the report contained in the Annual Report is an interim report, because the Auditor has not been able to review the accounts owing to delays in finalisation of the accounts for the year. The delay has been caused by problems with accounting for the GST introduced on July 1. Thus, the Audit report in the Annual Report is not dated because it hadn't been done as the Report was prepared. However, no problems are foreseen.

A profit of \$25,000 this year has been reported, a record for the Club.

The Club gained \$19,300 in sponsorships, more than double last year and a major contribution to its profitability.

Turf development expenses last year cost \$26,000, but no expenses were incurred this year.

Fees were paid by approximately 85 men, 85 women, and the rest were social memberships paid by junior parents or others (non-players).

Bar Trading raised \$9,000 which is a reasonable result given the limited opportunities. The Junior carnival was a large contributor, as are Wednesday nights. Not as much money was taken from the bar as last year, but a lot of stock was donated from the Toxteth Hotel, so the bar managed to recoup a lot of the income.

Junior expenses amounted to \$15,000 this year, compared to \$9,000 last year, because of one-off expenditures – mainly goal nets and goalie gear.

In addition, an error from last year in attributing U-17's expenses incorrectly to Men's expenses was corrected, so the additional expense attributed to Juniors this year was double what it should have been. This is a one-off problem which won't be repeated next year.

The computerisation of records has allowed a detailed examination of fee-paying patterns, and analysis has shown that there are many half-fee paying members.

\$17,800 this year was paid for men's fees, which is a lot less than it ought to be in terms of player numbers. However, juniors and students pay half fees so there is a significant impact. Thus, the importance of sponsorships and bar trading have a significant effect on the profitability of the Club.

Compared with other Clubs who are informally reporting losses, the Club is financially healthy.

The Women's Club is similar in terms of breakdown of income, because of the impact of large numbers of students and juniors.

The Equipment result this year is a lot better, basically because of better management. There was a 15% return on costs, with \$5,000 remaining in stock. This includes a lot of tracksuits, because the quantity ordered governed the price. There are still about 50 left, but it's felt that they'll sell. It's a healthy position to still have the stock, so there should be a good result next year.

There is a fairly even split among social members, men and women, so the profile of the Club has changed, and it's encouraging to see that reflected in attendances and activities.

Next year, a result of \$19,000 has been forecast. This is on the conservative side, and a better result could be expected. However, some things will not have the same effect. Fees income should increase, and one-off costs should not impact. The Turf cost nothing this year, but there will most likely be a cost in the coming year, so \$10,000 has been set aside.

It was pointed out that the GST will impact on fees. The issue to be debated revolves around whether the GST is added to fees, or whether the Club absorbs the impact either fully or partially. The forecast has been based on including half the impact.

It was pointed out that, theoretically, we should have been paying GST from July 1, but the impact was absorbed rather than passing on the cost.

A question was raised concerning why the \$10,000 forecast for income from socials and raffles was not offset by expenses. It was explained that the \$10,000 was a net forecast (as is usual for these forecasts).

It was further explained that this year's net income was down, partly because of one-off expenses such as the loss incurred by the 70th Anniversary dinner, partially due to the purchase of badges for life members. The decision to incur a loss was made due to the nature of the celebration, and a number of life-member badges remains, and the expense will not be incurred again in the foreseeable future.

A further breakdown of raffles was offered, showing that \$1,500 was earned on the Junior carnival. Raffles are an effective fundraiser, with \$1,000 being made on presentation night; and the major raffle was a major earner making almost \$4,000 profit.

Danny O'Brien asked if fees cover training costs.

The reply indicated that some training costs were collected, but were \$1,000 short for the men. \$2,300 are spent on training costs for men; and women's and juniors' costs would be approximately equivalent. Thus training fees don't cover training costs.

However, a decision had been taken at the Executive to waive training fees, because costs are offset by sponsorships.

It was pointed out that the Women more than cover their costs. Costs are estimated at the beginning of each year, and fees imposed accordingly.

Carmen Byrne said that Women's fees have always included training costs. Usually, the Women aim only aim at breaking even rather than making a profit, and fees even include money for balls and minor gear. The apparent \$4,000 profit this year is only because of an artificial accounting breakdown. There are differences from the Men in the way fees are structured e.g. Women students pay more than Men, and goalkeepers pay full fees. This may change, because Women are looking at aligning their fees more closely with the Men's fees.

Income from Men's fees are greater – Men paid \$21,000 and women \$15,000. This is due to fewer Women's teams, no U-17s, and possibly fewer games. Thus, it may not be possible for Women and Men to pay the same fees because of the different issues.

A motion was put that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Danny O'Brien
Seconded: Peter Mitchell

6. Acceptance & Endorsement of Annual Report

Thanks to Eddy Crook and Marilynne Smith for production.

Bob Taylor referred the meeting to the list of Club games for Men on the last page and thanked Les Wark for reviewing games played and coming up with a more definitive list, derived from a comprehensive database. He pointed out that 1997 records are missing, so those games have not been counted. Players were asked to come forward with records, so that the numbers could be added to the database.

It was also pointed out that some individuals are still missing, but the view that as many life members as can be included, should be included, so long as the number of games are available. The discussion included views that social members who have played should also be included; and any current members should be included. This was generally agreed.

There was a view that anyone who had played more than 200 games should be included in a separate list. Generally agreed that it should be done. Harry Wark was asked to do a list of past players who have played more than 100 or 200 games.

A motion was put that a list of games played which included current members, and a separate list of all past members who had played more than either 100 or 200 games (whichever is practicable) be constructed.

Moved: Carmen Byrne
Seconded: Andrew Dart

7. Motion(s) to Amend Constitution

None received (see discussion in Section 3: Matters arising from minutes of last AGM)

8. Election of Officers

Chair assumed by Secretary, Eddy Crook, who thanked past President Bob Taylor for his work and noted his nomination for the Presidency for 2001. Votes were called and Bob Taylor re-elected.

Bob Taylor resumed the Chair, and called for nominations for other officers, and any relevant discussion.

Nominations and elections proceeded, and the discussion and results recorded below.

Treasurer: It was noted that Liz Howard had nominated, and would take up the position. It was also noted that, because she is a non-player, some practices may have to change, e.g. collection of fees. Means would need to be found of collecting fees.

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Adam Campano is unable to take up the office this year. The job mainly entails taking minutes at meetings, collecting mail etc. In the coming year, it may have a lot more with collection of fees. No nominations were received, and Carmen Byrne undertook to find an appropriate candidate.

Club Captain: It was pointed out that titles should be "Club Captain Premier Division" and "Club Captain Other Divisions" (rather than Assistant Club Captain as has been the previous title used) in accordance with the Constitution.

Clubroom Manager: Harry Wark has withdrawn from the position as Ann Wark has retired. Harry offered assistance, but didn't wish to re-nominate. It was pointed out that the job would be best done by someone from the Junior club because of the significance of Wednesday night and Saturday morning to Bar Trading.

It was mooted that it should be a committee rather than an individual.

No nominations were received, and it was the view of the meeting that Andrew Dart and Bob Taylor should approach individuals with a request to assume the office.

Records Officer: It was pointed out by Les Wark that Records Officer and some others listed in the Annual Report for election are appointed by the incoming Executive, rather than the AGM.

Bob Taylor offered congratulations to all appointments.

Congratulations were offered to Bob Taylor on his election as Vice President of Sydney Hockey this year.

List of officers elected:

Patron	Harry Wark
President	Bob Taylor
Vice President	Marty Howe
Secretary	Eddy Crook
Treasurer	Liz Howard
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer	no nominations
Club Captain	Danny O'Brien
Clubroom Manager	no nominations
Equipment Officer	Arthur Moir
Publicity/Social/Carnivals	Lee Farlow
Club Captain (Other Divisions) (formerly Assistant Club Captain)	Amrat Parbhu
Associate's Exec Cttee Member	TBA
Junior Development Officer	Andrew Dart
Records Officer	to be appointed by Executive Committee
Promotions & Development Officer	to be appointed by Executive Committee
Provisional Selection Committee (Club Captains automatic)	to be appointed by Executive Committee

9. Year 2001 Fees

Bob Taylor informed the meeting that Sydney Hockey was moving to pay Umpire fees in cash on the day of play, before the game. There is a problem with supplying umpires, and they are asking to be paid on the day in cash. He pointed out that this will be difficult for clubs like Glebe, because cash will have to be held for the purpose. There was discussion on the potential for corruption of umpires, who could be paid extra by some clubs. There was a suggestion that they be paid on production of a chit, signed off by each team and paid by Sydney Hockey. It was pointed out, however, that Sydney Hockey would determine the outcome.

The discussion on fees for 2001 was opened. It was pointed out that the fee debate would need to be informed by the impact of the GST.

Glenn Dunn explained that the present structure for full Men's fees included:

- \$30 social fees
- \$20 insurance
- \$30 turf levy
- \$220 playing

Total Fee: \$300

Juniors playing in Men's teams paid all the same fees except for half playing fees of \$110; for a total of \$190

Goalkeepers pay \$80, and are exempt from the playing fee.

The question was then put as to whether the full 10% GST be added to the fees, or whether the structure should be modified to absorb some of the GST.

Glenn explained that the impact would be that the full 10% would cost each player an extra \$30.

The full effect for the Club would be an additional \$7,000 income for the Club, payable as GST.

Discussion ensued, and included the following points:

- Other clubs have passed on fees.
- Sponsorship has offset costs, so fees shouldn't rise - fees should remain at \$300.
- GST should be viewed as a separate issue. The debate on fees should be separate.
- Suggestion that training fees should be included in other fees as for this year.
- Training fees are set by the Committee and will be dealt with there.

A motion was put that the fees for the 2001 season remain the same as for 2000, at \$300, GST inclusive.

Moved: Marty Howe
Seconded: Col Rochester

Further debate ensued, and it was pointed out immediately that passing the motion would mean that the club will absorb the full effect of the GST.

Glenn Dunn pointed out that this would have the net effect of reducing forecast income by about \$3,000. He explained that, when invoiced by Sydney Hockey, the Club would be obliged to pay 10% GST on the amount invoiced. Because of the way in which GST works, the Club would be obliged to remit GST on the fees paid, and would then have that rebated. However, GST was still payable on invoices, and the net effect would therefore be whatever was paid to Sydney Hockey as GST i.e. the Club gets the tax credit, but the tax must be paid to the originating creditor

The following views were put:

- The Club should rely on sponsorship to keep the fees down, as the Club is not meant to make a profit.
- The GST constitutes a tax saving, so should have no impact on players.

At this point, Col Rochester said that he had misunderstood the original motion, and rescinded his support. He stated that he wished to put an alternative motion, that the same fees be paid, and increased by \$30 to cover GST.

At that point, the original motion was moved again by Marty Howe, and seconded by Col Brown.

Motion: That the fees for the 2001 season remain the same as for 2000, at \$300, GST inclusive.

Moved: Marty Howe
Seconded: Col Brown

The motion was put to the vote:
RESULT: FOR 14
AGAINST 11

The motion was declared carried.

It was pointed out by Col Rochester that this constituted a \$30 pa reduction in fees.

There was further discussion on whether this reduction be passed on to students and juniors.

During the discussion, it was pointed out that the Women's fees are structured differently, to cover all costs. Essentially, full paying members subsidise the lower-fee-paying players. They have an approximate \$50 differential.

There was general agreement that the reduction in fees for Men should be passed on to lower-fee-paying members.

There was a question on whether Sydney Hockey fees will be increased. This remains an unknown at this point, and it was pointed out that this means that the fee reduction agreed at this meeting may mean a greater loss for the Club if the Sydney Hockey fees are increased.

10. General Business

Nominations for life memberships:

Carmen Byrne spoke to the motion that Margaret Howe be made a life member. Her presentation in favour of the nomination is at Attachment 1.

It was mentioned that the nomination had been raised at the last Executive Committee meeting, and unanimously endorsed.

Motion: That Margaret Howe be declared a Life Member of the Glebe District Hockey Club.

Moved: Carmen Byrne
Seconded: Natalie White

The motion was carried unanimously.

Marty Howe responded on behalf of Margaret, thanking the Club.

Col Rochester spoke to the motion that Robert Wark be made a life member. His presentation in favour of the nomination is at Attachment 2.

It was mentioned that this nomination had also been raised at the last Executive Committee meeting, and unanimously endorsed.

Motion: That Robert Wark be declared a Life Member of the Glebe District Hockey Club.

Moved: Col Rochester
Seconded: Arthur Moir

The motion was carried unanimously.