



CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.

**ANNUAL REPORT
2006-2007**

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**MINUTES OF 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC
Carlingford Bowling, Sports & Recreation Club
Monday 1 May 2006**

In attendance:

Andrew Borg, John Butt, Gai Trau, Val Hutchings, Steve Gosper, Robyn Gosper, Garry Butler, Mikael Desaix, Dave Aiston, Karen Aiston, David Perger, Rob Laird, Debby McDonald, Warren Pearsall, Carol Barton, Mike Trau.

Apologies:

Diane Starling, David Downey, Ross O'Shannassy, Mathew Roper

The meeting opened 8.10pm. The President welcomed members and life members.

The minutes of AGM 2005 were read as published.

Motion that the minutes be accepted as published and amended

Moved: Steve Gosper Seconded: Dave Aiston... carried

President's Report was read by Andrew Borg as published.

Motion that the President's Report be accepted

Moved: Mikael Desaix Seconded: Steve Gosper... carried

Treasurer's Report as published, was spoken to by John Butt.

Motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted

Moved: David Perger Seconded: Warren Pearsal... carried

Carol Barton presented the Junior Teams' Coordinators report

Mikael Desaix presented the Senior Teams' Coordinators report.

David Perger presented the Registrar's Report

Dave Aiston presented the Equipment officer's report

Other committee members who did not publish reports were invited to make brief

comments on their roles.

The President declared all committee positions vacant for 2006 and asked Gary Butler to act as returning officer.

Gary assumed the chair and thanked the outgoing committee for their efforts and a job well done.

Election of the new committee followed (see following page). There were several unfilled positions including the Secretary.

Motion that the unfilled positions be considered at the first meeting

Moved: Steve Gosper Seconded: David Perger

After the election, the President Andrew Borg resumed the chair. Andrew thanked Gary for acting as Returning Officer. He also thanked the previous committee .

Motion that the President and Treasurer be given authority to sign annual return on behalf of the Club

Moved: Dave Aiston Seconded: David Perger... carried

Meeting closed 8.40

2006/2007 COMMITTEE ELECTION

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Second	Accepted	Elected
President	Andrew Borg	John Butt	Patrick Fazzino	Accepted	Yes
Vice President	Ross O'Shannassy	Andrew Borg	Dave Aiston	Accepted	Yes
Secretary	No nominations	position unfilled			
Treasurer	John Butt	Steve Gosper	Mikael Desaix	Accepted	Yes
Junior Teams' Coordinator	Carol Barton	Robyn Gosper	Val Hutchings	Accepted	Yes
Senior Teams' Coordinator	Michael Desaix	Andrew Borg	R O'Shannassy	Accepted	Yes
Senior Grounds Officer	Dave Aiston	R O'Shannassy	John Butt	Accepted	Yes
Co-Grounds Officer	Garry Butler	Dave Aiston	Carol Barton	Accepted	Yes
Co-Grounds Officer	Jason Ettridge	Dave Aiston	Carol Barton	Accepted	Yes
Co-Grounds Officer	Graham Cooper	Dave Aiston	Carol Barton	Accepted	Yes
Equipment Officer	Dave Aiston	Andrew Borg	Mikael Desaix	Accepted	Yes
Canteen Manager	Karen Aiston	Andrew Borg	Mikael Desaix	Accepted	Yes
Uniform Manager	Steve Gosper	Andrew Borg	Jason Ettridge	Accepted	Yes
Social Committee	Robyn Gosper	Stephen Gosper	Dave Aiston	Accepted	Yes
Umpire Dev Officer	Mat Roper	Andrew Borg	Stephen Gosper	Accepted	Yes
Coaching Dev Officer	Mikael Desaix	Andrew Borg	John Butt	Accepted	Yes
Registrar	David Perger	Val Hutchings	Carol Barton	Accepted	Yes
Junior Teams' Recorder	Val Hutchings	Robyn Gosper	Dave Perger	Accepted	Yes
Koala League Representative	No nominations	position unfilled			
SML Delegate - senior	Mikael Desaix	Andrew Borg	John Butt	Accepted	Yes
SML Delegate - alternate	Andrew Borg	Dave Aiston	Warren Pearsall	Accepted	Yes
Hills Delegate Junior	Gai Trau	Carol Barton	Val Hutchings	Accepted	Yes
Hills Delegate Junior Alternate	Debby McDonald	Dave Aiston	Dave Perger	Accepted	Yes
Public Officer	Patrick Fazzino	Andrew Borg	John Butt	Accepted	Yes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to report on a very successful and rewarding year for the club.

For the first time in several years, we were able focus on baseball with very few distractions from officialdom and external organizations.

The benefits of this include

- growing the number of teams and registered players in the club,
- winning 2 junior premierships,
- 5 out of 7 competitive junior teams reach the reach the semi finals and,
- finishing third in the Hills Junior Baseball Association Club Championship, behind the Big Two - Castle Hill and Baulkham Hills.

Success, however, is measured in many ways and my personal yardstick has always been spirit and enthusiasm of the players and parents within the club. This year I have felt a tremendous energy from within our club. Smiling faces are always the best barometer and I saw many of these this season.

The committee's focus has been on fostering an environment of fun, development, and sportsmanship. Through achieving this, success will and has followed. We need to remember that this is all about the kids.

A great deal of the credit for this goes to Carol Barton, our Junior Teams Co-ordinator, and Lyn Martinson, our Tee Ball Co-rdinator, without whom the above could have been achieved.

Our strategy of trying keep friends playing together wherever possible has improved our retention rates at the older age groups, and this will hopefully continue into future years.

Externally, we have continued what we know will be a "long and difficult process of convincing our local council to upgrade the facilities and amenities at Murray Farm Reserve. The toilets and change rooms are an embarrassment to the club and are long overdue for overhaul." The situation is appalling with we are yet to receive any positive feedback from council.

Whilst we had initially hoped to utilise the merged North Rocks/Harold West/Murray Farm 355 Committee we have found this to be a frustrating and inexorably slow process.

In the development area we have once again put in a great deal of effort into attracting new players to the club, particularly at the under 8 through to under 12 age groups. We were generally very pleased with the number of new under 8s and 10s coming into the club this year.

Of course, very little could have been achieved at the club this year without the commitment and energy of our volunteers and committee members.

The tireless efforts of our Grounds Crew, Dave Aiston, Neil Roach and Jason Ettridge require special mention. In the midst of a drought, Murray Farm Reserve was always presented in the highest standard and was the envy of most other clubs. Further, we were rewarded with a round on the Sydney Junior Cup and semi finals in both under 14's and Seniors.

This year we were blessed to have the talents of many capable and enthusiastic coaches and managers - on behalf on the players and families we would like to thank you for your time and commitment to the club. You people keep it all together on a week to week basis and you all did an outstanding job this year.

I would also like to acknowledge Gai Trau, who will be standing down from the Committee this year as our Hill Juniors Representative. Over the past 2 years Gai has been our life line to the League, communicating the important issues backwards and forwards on our behalf.

Finally, I would like to thank those people who, even though they were not on the committee, still contributed throughout the year. These were the people who umpired games, kept score, did their canteen duty, base coached, or just helped out at training. Thank you, you are the mortar that binds the club together.

Andrew Borg
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's report for the 2006/07 baseball season. We have again finished the year in a sound financial position while accomplishing the goals set by the committee at the start of the year.

Despite the ongoing increase in affiliation fees to NSW Baseball, the committee, mindful of providing affordable membership, was able to maintain membership fees for both junior & senior members at close to last years rates.

Income and Expenditure

The club finished the year with an operating surplus of \$2,089.22 (\$2,150.48 in 2005/06). The majority of the income was received from registration fees, canteen sales and the sale of uniforms, jackets, socks and caps. The variance in registration fees is due mainly to the timing of the receipt of fees for the respective seniors winter seasons.

Our term deposits continue to return a very good rate of 5.13% which is very competitive in today's markets.

The canteen has continued to operate profitably generating a net surplus for the year. The overall profit is lower than last years impacted by a reduced number of games played at Murray Farm and a small reduction in margin reflecting the increase in the costs of goods. Uniform sales were significantly up on last year reflecting the ongoing popularity of the players/supporters jacket and other branded merchandise.

Overall expenses are in line with last year with major expenditure occurring in the area of affiliation fees, clothing & uniforms, equipment and grounds.

As experienced in previous years, whilst not as significant, affiliation fees have continued to rise. This will need to be monitored and taken into account when reviewing next year's fee structure.

Despite the drought conditions, as we have come to expect, our hard-working ground crew has again worked miracles this year ensuring all diamonds were presented in top class condition throughout the season. Overall, expenditure on grounds was slightly up on last year.

Sundry expenses include items such as hire of our PO Box, statutory incorporation costs and support of our representative players.

Assets and Liabilities

The club has no material liabilities. Assets include ground marking and maintenance equipment, 3 pitching machines, uniforms and club clothing, baseball equipment such as bases, balls, bats, helmets, catching and umpiring protective gear as well as canteen

hardware such as fridges, BBQ and utensils. As many of these items have a life expectancy of less than 3 years, it is of little benefit to try and accurately calculate the net asset position of the club.

JOHN BUTT, TREASURER

**CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.
INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2007**

	2007	2006
Income		
Registrations - Junior	12,843.40	13,173.00
- Senior	15,880.00	13,835.00
Canteen Takings	6,976.37	7,861.92
Uniform Sales	4,274.00	2,910.00
Functions	0.00	2,732.10
Sponsorship	673.00	700.00
Interest Received	719.64	955.26
Sundry	24.00	140.25
	41,390.41	42,307.53
Expenditure		
Affiliation Fees	9,961.27	9,203.90
Bank Charges	593.36	549.85
Christmas Party	1,125.00	1,269.98
Clothing & Uniforms	4,539.43	3,947.11
Canteen Goods	5,131.16	5,959.54
Equipment Purchases	7,494.63	8,820.51
Ground Expenses & Equipment	5,048.68	3,335.34
Printing, Postage & Phone	323.43	225.00
Trophies/Badges	1,488.45	1,556.80
Electricity	818.04	1,132.78
Function Expenses & Catering	944.60	2,609.00
Umpiring Fees	622.00	508.00
Sundry Expenses	672.35	452.10
Try Baseball Program	340.79	345.14
Coaching Clinics	198.00	242.00
	39,301.19	40,157.05
Surplus for the year	2,089.22	2,150.48

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2007**

	2007	2006
Accumulated Funds		
Opening Balance	36,489.61	34,339.13
Add: Surplus/ (Deficiency) for the year	2,089.22	2,150.48
Closing Balance	38,578.83 =====	36,489.61 =====
 Represented by:		
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	23,852.82	22,354.52
Term Deposits	14,726.01	14,037.34
Cash on Hand	0.00	97.75
	38,578.83 =====	36,489.61 =====

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrations for the 2006-2007 Season once again, were similar to those of last year. Carlingford was able to field one more Junior team but fielded one less Senior team. Comparative numbers for Carlingford for this season and last were:

	2006-07 Season	2005-06 Season
Junior registrations	114	112
Junior teams	11	10
Senior registrations (Summer)	43	49
Senior teams (Summer)	4	5
Senior registrations (Winter)	41	49
Senior teams (Winter)	4	4

The breakdown by age group (previous year in brackets) was:

Age Group	Players	Females	Teams
Under 7	20 (14)	5 (3)	
Under 8	12 (6)	0 (2)	3 (2)
Under 10	12 (23)	2 (5)	1 (2)
Under 12	30 (35)	3 (3)	3* (3)
Under 14	19 (22)	0 (1)	2 (2)
Under 17 (16)	21 (12)	1 (0)	2 (1)
Total Juniors	114 (112)	11 (14)	11 (10)
Seniors (combined)	70 (77)	0 (0)	8 (10)
Total	184 (189)	11 (14)	19 (20)

* NOTE: one of the U12 teams actually played in the U11 competition.

This year, both the U7 and U8 age groups were significantly increased (allowing 3 teams to be fielded), due in a large part to the Try Baseball days. It was also great to see the U17 competition expanded to 2 teams. Unfortunately, we also saw the U10 competition reduced by 1 team. Other age groups had very little change.

In the Seniors, total numbers were also down on last year. The fact that the number of teams did not change was due to the number of players involved in both the Winter and Summer competitions.

Across the Hills association the total number of teams was, once again, up on last year, continuing the upward trend at the association level. Surprisingly, the strongest growth was in the Under 17 age group. The numbers of teams in each junior age group in Hills, compared to the previous two seasons, were as follows:

Age Group	2006-2007	2005-2006	2004-2005
Under 8	23	26	26
Under 10	24	23	24
Under 12	24	24	21
Under 14	17	20	14
Under 17	19	10	13
Total	107	103	98

By Club, the number of teams making up the competition breaks down as follows (last season's totals in brackets). The clubs are ranked in order of size.

Club	U/8	U/10	U/12	U/14	U/17	Total
Castle Hill	5	5	3	2	3	18 (20)
Baulkham Hills	4	2	5	2	2	15 (16)
Carlingford	3	1	3	2	2	11 (10)
Kellyville	3	2	3	2	1	11 (10)
Winston Hills	3	3	2	1	1	10 (9)
Hawkesbury	1	1	2	1	2	7 (8)
Rouse Hill	2	2	2	1		7 (6)
Others			2	1	4	7
Kings Langley		2	1	1	2	6 (9)
Schofields	1	2	2	1		6 (4)
Oakville	1	2	1	1		5 (5)
Quakers Hill				1	1	2 (2)
Blacktown				1	1	2 (1)
Total	23 (26)	22 (24)	26 (24)	17 (16)	19 (10)	107 (100)

Across the board the numbers are fairly static, with the largest increase experienced by Schofields, and the largest decreases experienced by Kings Langley and Castle Hill.

In conclusion, the ongoing issues of retaining existing players and attracting new players still exist. In both cases, the primary emphasis must be on ensuring that players are given the best possible, and most enjoyable, experience.

David Perger
Registrar

SENIOR TEAMS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

WINTER 2006

This season the club entered 4 teams in the Metropolitan Baseball League, which is back in action..

Plenty of teams saw G grade being split in to 2 conferences once again. The Braves finished in 6th place in one conference and in the other The Redsox were the strongest of the two teams there, managing to go all the way to the Grand Final. Lots of spectators ventured to Boggabilla for a nail biter vs Quakers Hill that saw The Redsox runners up that day. In H grade Carlo just missed out on a spot in the final four.

SUMMER 2006/2007

Another summer has passed and 4 teams battled it out on the diamonds, competing in the Sydney Metropolitan baseball League. One in F, one in G and two in H grade. Towards the end of the season the two H grade teams ended up having to face each other in the minor semi final. One of the teams did go all the way to the top but losing the big one to Holroyd. Well done, Gentlemen!

Although we did not have sufficient interest to field an Under 19s side this season, please note that there are still opportunities for all juniors, 14 and up, to play with the seniors in which ever grade is appropriate.

WINTER 2006

The new winter season is just upon us. The Club will probably field 4 teams in Metro League again, when the season starts in April. Our home ground is still Muirfield High School with Upjohn as an overflow ground.

I wish all our teams an enjoyable, and hopefully successful season this winter. Please give them your support

Also, a big Thank You to Andrew Borg, our club's President, and to the committee for all your help and assistance in the past year. A special thanks goes to Dave Aiston and the grounds crew as well, who make our diamonds look like a million bucks.

**Keep in mind our free clinics, on how to assist your child learning baseball. Clinics are to be held just before next Summer. Sign up on registration day and help your kids excel in this wonderful sport of Baseball.
See you on the diamond!**

**Mikael Desaix,
Senior Teams Co-ordinator**

JUNIOR TEAMS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Congratulations to all players who participated in Saturday baseball this season and a special thank you to the Coaches and Managers who have given up their time to ensure that the players had a good year.

The teams this year consisted of:-

3 X U8
1 X U10
3 X U12
2 X U14
2 X U17
1 X Koala League

We had an extra U/8 team this season, which is great for the Club as "mini's" are the Club's future. I am hoping to increase that number to four U/8 sides next season.

We had a great season with 5 of our 7 competitive teams making the semi finals. Congratulations to the U/17 Braves and U/14 Cubs who were both Premiers. Our U/17 Cardinals made the Grand Final but were defeated by the narrowest of margins. Our U/14 Braves and U/11 Cardinals made the Semi Finals and certainly deserved to go further.

Congratulations go to Travis MacDonald who has been selected in the NSW and Australian U/16 team. Other representative players this year were Mark Trau and Victor Woo who represented Hills in the Sydney Junior Championships. These are all great achievements.

As usual there was several clinics that players could attend to improve their skills during the season. Also the Hills Association provides a Winter Development Program and anyone interested in attending can contact Andrew Borg or myself.

One of the most notable things this season was that the two teams who were Premiers, both had Coaches who concentrated on the fact that the players had fun at training and during games, as opposed to taking things too seriously. They also ensured that the players supported one another no matter what. These two teams had several players who had never played before. But the whole team loved going to training each week and that carried on through to games.

The Club and Coaches and Managers must remember that the children are playing the game for fun and if they are not enjoying themselves then it is unlikely they will continue to play next season.

Baseball is a great sport to get children involved in as it only takes up a relatively small amount of time - training one afternoon a week and part of the morning so you have

Saturday afternoon for other family/social activities. Children now more than ever need to get out in the fresh air and be encouraged to participate in team sports. It is character building as well as good fun.

We love to encourage the children with their baseball and it takes a bit of organisation to be able to provide this for them. We have a great bunch of parents who volunteer some extra time to help out, not just only their children, but also to organise the things that need doing for baseball to take place. The bulk of this work is done by the Committee, who give up considerable time to ensure this happens. However we are always looking for new Committee members, (job sharing is a way to ease into a position), so if you have any spare time to help out we would be grateful.

A big thank you to all the parents who give their time in any way (including your turn on Canteen duty) to help baseball. There is never too many people to help.

Each year we struggle to have enough parents helping out. Please remember that the Coaches and Managers are giving up far more of their time and a couple of hours out of a season by all parents will ensure that we have a successful season.

Please remember that if you or your child had any problems this season that you are concerned about, then I would like to hear from you. Even though I try to see each team play at least once each season, sometimes I am unable to do so and as a result some parents may have had problems that I don't know about. That is what I am here for, to ensure that the children are happy and contented in their teams.

I trust that all players had an enjoyable season and that we will see you all back next season.

Carol Barton
Junior Co-ordinator

CANTEEN REPORT

This year I have kept the prices as low as possible for our club members and with their support the canteen subsidised the Christmas Party and made a profit for the club.

Karen Aiston
Canteen Manager

EQUIPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Our ongoing program of kit replacement has neared its' completion with new kit bags, bats and catching gear purchased through the year.

New home plates, pitchers plates were also purchased.

Thank you for the support of the Dugout at Lidcombe.

Dave Aiston
Equipment Manager

GROUNDSMAN'S REPORT

Thank you to Jason Ettridge and Neil Roach for their assistance throughout this season. Thank you also to Gary Butler and Graham Cooper for taking care of the field at Muirfield High School.

Upjohn Park is nice and green in readiness for the seniors winter competition.

Also a thanks goes out to all teams that put the equipment away after the games.

Dave Aiston
Grounds Manager

2006-07 HONOUR ROLL

Championship Teams

U17 Braves

U14 Cubs

Representative Players

Mark Trau - Hills u16 SJC

Travis McDonald - Hills u16 SJC, NSW u16's, Australia u16's

Victor Woo - Hills u12 SJC

Service Awards

Juniors - 10 years

Mark Trau - u17 Cardinals

Travis McDonald - u17 Cardinals

Blake O'Shannassy - u17 Braves

Juniors - 5 years

Braydon Govan - u17 Cardinals

Tim Raper - u17 Braves

Yutaro Okuda - u14 Braves

Sean Aiston - u14 Braves

Sean Gallagher - u14 Cubs

Gregory Fazzone - u12 Braves

Peter Head - u12 Braves

Huw Murray - u11 Cardinals

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North Rocks

Upjohn Park
Kirby St
Dundas

