

**BRISBANE CHURCHES
TOUCH ASSOCIATION INC.**

ANNUAL REPORT 1992-93

BRISBANE CHURCHES TOUCH ASSOCIATION Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TO BE HELD AT THE SUNNYBANK CHURCH OF CHRIST,
105 STATION ROAD SUNNYBANK,
ON 23 MARCH 1993.**

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BRISBANE CHURCHES TOUCH ASSOCIATION INC.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT SUNNYBANK CHURCH OF CHRIST,
STATION ROAD, SUNNYBANK ON
5TH MARCH 1992**

The Annual General Meeting was originally set for the 5th March 1992, however the number of persons present were too few to constitute a quorum. In accordance with the Association's Rules, the meeting was therefore adjourned to 12th March 1992 at the same venue.

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**HELD AT SUNNYBANK CHURCH OF CHRIST,
STATION ROAD, SUNNYBANK ON
12TH MARCH 1992**

CHAIRMAN Barry Thornton, President.

PRESENT B. Thornton, G. Epps, G. Anderson, G. Kelly, K. Gittins, G. Williams, W. Dickfos, L. Dickfos, M. Willis, G. Sansome, J. Yared, I. Masterson, T. Killian, R. Jack

APOLOGIES P. Demarco, C. Cramb

MINUTES It was resolved that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on the 21st of March 1991 be adopted.

BUSINESS ARISING

The President reported that as Paul Prokic's appointment was not approved by the Department of Justice, Neil Donaldson was appointed as the Association's Auditor.

The President reported that Mark Willis was forced to resign as Chaplain due to other commitments.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Barry Thornton gave a brief outline of his report following which the meeting resolved to adopt the President's report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

After brief discussion of the financial report the meeting resolved to adopt the financial report.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

It was resolved that the Auditor's Report be adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President declared all Management Committee positions vacant and invited John Yared to conduct the election of officers.

PRESIDENT

Being the only person nominated for the position Barry Thornton was declared to be duly elected as President.

SECRETARY

Being the only person nominated for the position Gary Epps was declared to be duly elected as Secretary.

TREASURER

Being the only person nominated for the position Glen Anderson was declared to be duly elected as Treasurer.

REFEREES CO-ORDINATOR

Being the only person nominated for the position Christian Kelly was declared to be duly elected as Referees' Co-ordinator.

PLAYER REPRESENTATIVES

The following persons were elected as additional members of the Management Committee -

- Craig Williams
- Ian McEwan
- Wendy Dickfos
- Richard Jack

AUDITOR

Neil Donaldson was appointed as the Association's auditor.

CHAPLAIN

No nominations were received for this position.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Winter Competition
- Proposed changes to judiciary structure.

CLOSE

Barry Thornton closed in prayer.

President's Report

As I set about preparing this report I think back to the other night when the Finals in four different competitions were held. The touch was of as high a standard as in any other year, probably even higher. We probably had the biggest turn out of spectators ever. The refereeing was to a high standard. Despite a last minute unavoidable hitch, the organisation ran very smoothly. We could easily (and justifiably) pat ourselves on the back and say "Well done!".

We administered well over 300 matches this past year. We introduced a successful Ladies' Competition and ran Mixed and Men's Competitions all year round. We have streamlined our disciplinary process. We have a lot for which we can be proud.

I must however point out that the continued success of this Association is a matter which has probably rested in the hands of too few for too long. As with all organisations of this kind, much of the work, effort and decision making falls to just a handful who really can only do so much for so long.

Gary Epps our long time Secretary is one such person. He has been an integral part of the continued success of the Association. He has carried a heavier and heavier burden each year, and has performed all tasks efficiently and with the minimum of fuss. During this last year he has had to juggle the responsibilities of being a new dad and finishing off his new home, with the job of Secretary. It's a wonder his wife Jo still talks to me! She too has felt the effects of Gary's involvement, and deserves applause herself for the support she has been to Gary.

Let me take the opportunity to thank Gary for the dedication he has shown to the job of Secretary. He has been a tremendous asset to the Association and whilst I believe Gary is making the right decision from a personal point of view, I for one will miss his input and support immensely. On a personal note though I now count it a privilege to be able to consider Gary a close and trusted friend. Personally, as well as on behalf of the Association as a whole, I thank you Gary for your contribution to the life of the Association.

A special thanks must also go to my wife Glenys who has again been the backbone of the Association. Once again as the results officer, typist, peacemaker, hooter-girl and now long-suffering wife, she has been a vital cog in the well-oiled machine. My personal thanks for everything Glenys.

Likewise the efforts of the other members of the Management

Committee for 1992 have been greatly appreciated by me personally, and by the Association. Glen Anderson's continued thoroughness with the financial affairs of the Association; Wendy Dickfos's willingness to do the bulk of the typing and minutes, as well as kick off and administer the Ladies' competition; Christian Kelly for his dedication and wisdom in controlling referee appointments; Craig Williams, Richard Jack and Ian McEwan for their continued contributions.

As with Gary, Craig and Ian have indicated that they will not be seeking re-election to the Management Committee this year. MY heart felt thanks are extended to both Craig and Ian for their contributions which have been made over a number of years since the Association first began. I do not think it would be overstating things to say that without their support in the beginning the Association would not be where it is now. Thanks again.

There are many others who deserve a mention, especially our referees, team captains and all who ensure that the Association runs as smoothly as it does. Thank you all!

Looking toward the coming year and beyond, however, it is imperative that we ensure that the good work commenced by those mentioned above is continued and indeed built upon. This is where those of you who may not have been involved previously, or perhaps not for some time, are really needed. Your involvement is crucial to our continued success. The next year or two may well see others 'retire'. To enable a smooth transition it is important that people be involved early to allow them to learn the ropes prior to their taking on greater responsibility.

Perhaps even more crucial is that without fresh ideas and enthusiasm the Association can soon become stale and merely mark time, instead of going forward. So if you are keen to get involved please nominate for a position on the Committee.

Alternatively, you may simply wish to take on a less visible role. We would appreciate people volunteering to do some of the routine tasks such as placing the markers out each week and collecting them, keeping time for matches and other tasks which unfortunately wear us down at times.

Finally, let me just reiterate some thoughts from last year's report which I believe apply just as much this year as last year and are worth repeating:

"Certainly it is encouraging to see the way in which the fellowship and standard of play has improved over this past year. We are achieving a number of our goals with a high degree of success. Let us however take stock of why we exist.

Why do you play in our Association's fixtures? What do you hope to get out of your participation in these matches? I imagine there would be many and varied responses to these questions from you who are members of our Association. As a Church Association I believe we must put first our ultimate aims and objectives at all times.

Let's really focus on these this coming year. Touch itself is enjoyable and challenging. More importantly however for those of us who are Christians it is an opportunity to build friendships with people including those who don't know just how great it is to have a personal relationship with Jesus, and allow them to see first hand how normal, we are in spite of this.

Remember, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the father through him.

Because of Him,

Barry Thornton

Secretary's Report

Another season has passed and already another AGM is upon us. This past year has again seen the emergence of new teams, new faces, and as always teams striving to do their best.

A combination of new faces, fresh ideas and those who seem to have been around forever, the future of the Association seem to represent the perfect ingredients for the Management Committee to build upon.

Unfortunately, however, finding people who are interested in taking on positions has always proved difficult.

As my term as Secretary comes to an end, I hope that this trend can be reversed. To ensure the continuation of the Association people must see the need to get involved, and do something about it. If not, the eventual extinction of the Association is inevitable.

Upon reflection, it's rewarding to see that since my first involvement we have seen the introduction of a Men's mid-week competition, followed by our Women's competition last winter season. The number of teams as well has swollen to make the obtaining of new venues a constant priority.

Upon departing, I wish the Association the best of success in the future. Whilst success can be measured in different ways and numeric growth is important, it has been an encouragement to me to see how friendships have grown.

If the Association achieves nothing else, it must ensure that the goal of presenting Christ and the Gospel message is the number one priority.

In closing, I would like to thank all those who have helped make my job easier. Thanks to the Management Committee including Glen Anderson and Chris Kelly.

Special thanks go to Barry and Glenys who seem to continue to maintain the vision when everybody else has lost it.

I wish the Association well and I pray that the vision of presenting Christ and the gospel continues for years to come.

Yours in Him,

Gary Epps

Referees Coordinator's Report

1992 saw the introduction of a large number of new referees to the BCTA to whom I express a warm welcome. The overall standard of refereeing has continued to improve, whilst the lack of depth that has been apparent in recent seasons is diminishing. However, the practice of referees not participating each week did lead to a lack of consistency at times. The task now facing us is to develop referees further and to encourage more regular involvement.

Almost fifty (50) individual referees controlled over 300 matches in nine separate grades in 1992, while a number of referees undertook training courses offered by both this Association and the Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association. Once again this past year, every scheduled match was controlled by a referee, a record of which the Association is justly proud. Further, the refereeing standard remains at least as high as other competitions in the Brisbane area.

Finally, I would again like to extend my thanks to the many people who refereed this season. Your efforts played an integral part in the continued survival and functioning of the Association.

God Bless

Chris Kelly

BCTA
Statement of Income and Expenditure
for the Year 1992

Income	\$	Expenditure	\$
Balance as at 1/1/92	4,151.62	Insurance Premiums	2,690.00
Registration Fees	15,825.10	Referees' Fees	2,669.00
Interest	217.24	Trophies	1,758.80
Repayment of Loan	200.00	Ground Fees	1,500.00
Sale of Drinks	131.00	Catering for BBQ	336.67
Sportsworld Night	30.00	Photocopying	262.90
Donation	20.00	Sportsworld Night	120.00
		Whiteboard	98.80
		Computer Program	85.00
		Post Office Box	65.00
		Bank Charges	57.65
		Hooter & Gas	61.70
		Stationery	24.95
		Lodgement of Return	19.00
		Balance as at 31/12/92	10,837.49
		Error	-12.00
	<u><u>\$20,574.96</u></u>		<u><u>\$20,574.96</u></u>