

**BRISBANE CHURCHES
TOUCH ASSOCIATION INC.**

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**1996/97
ANNUAL REPORT**

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1997

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE B.C.T.A.

DATE OF MEETING: 27th March, 1996
PLACE OF MEETING: Sunnybank Church of Christ, Station Road,
Sunnybank
TIME OF MEETING: 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chris Kelly (Chairman), Wendy Dickfos, Nathan Manning, Angela Biddle, Brian Biddle, Florentin Cirtel, Mark Mackay, Andrew Knoblauch, Greg Smith, Kerry Larwill, John MacRae, Selwyn Dickfos, Peter Smale, Gordon Hooker, Jeremy Kuipers, Mark Hobbs, Luke Hobbs, Greg Hobbs, Glen Bowa, Miranda Wright, Meghan Turner, Lennie Masters

APOLOGIES: Peter Cantwell, Steve Boldery, Colin Roome

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 23rd March, 1995 be adopted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: In the absence of the President, Chris made a brief speech on the past season.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: IT WAS RESOLVED that the Secretary's Report be adopted.

REFEREES
CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT: IT WAS RESOLVED that the Referee's Co-Ordinator's Report be adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: IT WAS RESOLVED that the financial report be adopted.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: IT WAS RESOLVED that the Auditor's Report be adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Chairman declared all Management Committee positions vacant.

President

There being not nominations for President, it was resolved that the position remain vacant until such nomination is received during the season.

Secretary

Being the only person nominated for the position, Christian Kelly was declared to be duly elected as Secretary.

Treasurer

Being the only person nominated for the position, Nathan Manning was declared to be duly elected as Treasurer.

Referee's Co-Ordinator

Being the only person nominated for the position, Kerry Larwill was declared to be duly elected as Referee's Co-ordinator.

Player Representatives

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

Angela Biddle
Greg Smith
Peter Smale
Wendy Dickfos

Auditor

IT WAS RESOLVED that Neil Donaldson be appointed as the Auditor of the Association.

Chaplain

There were no nominations for Chaplain. It was discussed and resolved that if anyone new of anybody who would be suitable for this role then they will be approached at that time.

Chris thanked, Wendy Dickfos, Glen Anderson, Peter Cantwell, Kristy Savage and Roger Wilson for all their support over the past couple of years. Due to circumstances they have all

had to step down from their roles with the Association.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Upcoming Season

Chris discussed the changes to our Winter Mens & Mixed competition this summer season. They will again be played at the Tennyson fields. There will be no women's competition held this winter season, due to lack of support. The season will commence on Wednesday, 24/4/96 with a 5-a-side competition. The fixture games will commence on Wednesday, 1/5/96. There was discussion in relation trying to keep the fields as our "home" grounds all the time so that teams are aware of where they are playing ie. try and keep summer comp on Tuesday nights and winter comp on Wednesday nights. This is always the aim of the Association although in the last couple of years we have had a lot of trouble with fields closing down etc. The Tennyson fields do seem to be secure at this time and should remain so into the future.

Paying Officers

Discussion was had in relation to paying a small salary to officers or paying someone part time to help with paperwork at the start and end of each season. Chris advised that the jobs were not that large that they could not be handled out of working hours. Wendy advised that sometimes it would be helpful to have an extra hand at the start of the season but due to the competition not being too large it would not be necessary at this stage. To be discussed further at the next Committee meeting.

Referee's Course

Wendy raised that Level 1 Referee's courses are available and would encourage all players and interested referees to do the course. A notice will be put in the next newsletter as to when the next course will be run. The Association will pay any fees involved.

New Teams

Discussion was had in relation to new teams receiving a set of touch rules. Wendy will arrange to buy approximately 12 copies of the

rules (as they are copyright we are not able to photocopy) and these will be sold to new teams at a cost.

New Rules

It was raised about the new rule of freezing the line. After discussion IT WAS RESOLVED that the new rule would not be implemented in our competition this winter season.

Grading of Teams

Discussion was had in relation to grading the teams. The mens competition seem to run ok as it is. The mixed competition could be split somehow into A and B. After discussion IT WAS RESOLVED that the mixed play each other once and then split into A and B for the remainder of the rounds.

The next meeting will the AGM which will be held on Thursday, 26 March, 1997 at Sunnybank Church of Christ.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.30 p.m.


ACTING CHAIRMAN

Secretary's Report

1996 was my first year as Secretary of the BCTA, and the one in which the Association finally appears to have found a permanent home. The recently 1996/97 season was our third at the excellent Tennyson fields, and our upcoming Winter competition will also be played there. It is the ninth venue the Association has used in its nomadic 10 year history, but more of that later.

Last year's AGM represented a changing of the guard in many respects, with new Office Bearers taking over the roles of Treasurer (Nathan Manning), Referees Coordinator (Kerry Larwill) and Secretary (myself). That the transition has been achieved so seamlessly is a tribute to those involved and an indication of the strength of our Management Committee, as all three had previous experience in one capacity or another. We have been well supported by our other Committee members (Angela Biddle, Col Roome, Greg Smith, Wendy Dickfos and Peter Smale), all of whom contribute greatly to the Association's well-being and the smooth functioning of the Committee. Which prompts me to urge all our members (and especially team captains) to think about nominating for the Management Committee, which includes a number of positions with few formal duties. The Committee can only meet the needs of its members it is representative of those members.

Unfortunately, the positions of President and Chaplain remain vacant, and nominations for those in particular would be well received.

The BCTA recovered from a somewhat shaky financial position this time last year to be on a very healthy financial footing, as the Treasurer's Report indicates. That this was achieved with only a small rise in fees is most pleasing. At \$500 for an average 18 week season, the competition is the cheapest around. Combined with an excellent playing venue and a good refereeing standard, the competition really does represent value for money.

Both the Winter and Summer seasons saw us reach ground capacity of approximately 25 teams. The mixed competition in particular continues to grow, with a record 18 teams competing in the Summer. It is quite possible than nominations for the upcoming Winter competitions will exceed available places. While we will endeavour to accommodate all teams, nominations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis if necessary, so get those forms in by the closing date of 2 April 1997.

The mixed competition now runs on weeknights during both Summer and Winter competitions, and judging by the record 18 teams in our recent season, its future is assured. There has been a small decline in numbers in the Men's competition, but this has resulted in a very even and closely-fought premiership for the first time in some years. It appears however that the ladies competition which last ran in 1995 with only four teams will not re-emerge. A combination of factors, including the move of the Winter mixed season from Saturdays to Wednesdays, small number of nominations, and the limited ground capacity, mean it will not run again in the foreseeable future.

Congratulations are in order for the Premiers in the seven different competitions we have run over the past year, as well as the Best and Fairest players. They are too numerous to list individually, but can be found in a later section of this Annual Report.

As I mentioned before, 1997 is the Tenth Anniversary of the Brisbane Churches Touch Association. Our first fixtures were played on Saturday, 23 May 1987 at MacGregor State High when just six mixed teams competed in bare feet! Our budget for that season was \$400; it is now some \$ 25 000 per annum! Since that time, 322 sides have played a mammoth 2 416 individual matches over 18 seasons, with 58 individual premierships awarded. The growth, progress and stability of the Association over those 10 years is quite staggering, and would come as a huge shock to anyone involved in that first season.

It is with great pleasure that we tonight induct the Association's founder and inaugural President, Barry Thornton, as our first Life Member. Barry was the driving force behind the BCTA for its first six years, before work and family commitments forced him to step down as President. Nonetheless, his contribution has been nothing short of outstanding, and it is to his credit that successive Committees have inherited an Association in such healthy shape. A number of other long-time members deserve special recognition, in particular our longest serving referee Selwyn Dickfos, our original Treasurer Glenn Anderson, our original Secretary Gary Epps, and Wendy Dickfos, who has served in a variety of capacities including being my predecessor as Secretary. I note with satisfaction that all four are still actively involved with the Association as players, referees and/or Committee Members, and look forward to nominating them for Life Membership in future years.

Finally, we plan to have a social function in May in honour of our Tenth Anniversary, and I have produced a brief History of the Association which will soon be available. As you will see, a few details from the early seasons are missing, but the vast majority of the records have survived. This is made all the more remarkable by the fact that the compilation of such a history, or indeed the Association's longevity itself, could never have been foreseen.

God Bless

Chris Kelly

Referees Coordinator's Report

I once read a philosophy for coaching: "If anything goes bad, then I did it. If anything goes OK, then we did it. If anything goes really well, then they did it." Under that philosophy, I didn't do very much this season and they (the referees) did a lot. The Brisbane Churches Touch Association hosts about 400 games every year and each game needs a referee or two. We have referees who help us out with a couple of games per season and others who control over eighty games during the year. To all referees, I pass on the thanks of everybody who plays. It was a good year.

About our only problem is that "they" isn't a very big group. There are about 15 referees currently on the books. Of these, only nine are regular each week and I am sure that some of those desperately need a rest. We always manage to scrape up enough willing refs but it has been close at times. With the new season approaching, it would be great to see a few new faces willing to support our Association in this way.

My prayer is that the Association will continue strongly for many years to come and, in doing so, bring glory to God.

Kerry Larwill

BCTA
Statement of Income and Expenditure
for the Year ended 31 December 1996

Income	\$	Expenditure	\$
Registration Fees	24,401.00	AGM Catering	26.30
Canteen Sales	194.50	Bank Charges	109.55
Interest Received	104.77	Canteen Purchases	88.40
Cancelled/unpresented cheques	26.00	Cards	30.00
		Catering for Finals	558.40
		First Aid Kit	36.40
		Ground Hire	3,500.00
		Hooter & Gas	19.90
		Insurance	9,256.00
		Interest	99.79
		Lodgement Fees	52.00
		Movie Tickets	80.00
		Postage	85.75
		Printing & Stationery	84.00
		Prizes	80.00
		Referees Fees	4,303.00
		Trophies	1425.5
		Surplus	4,891.28
	<u><u>\$24,726.27</u></u>		<u><u>\$24,726.27</u></u>

HONOUR BOARD

WINTER 1996

Competition	Premiers	Runners-up
<i>Men's A</i>	Bandits	Razorbacks
<i>Men's B</i>	Strikers	Rhino Option
<i>Mixed A</i>	Gobblers	Steelers
<i>Mixed B</i>	Phantom Touch	Crocodiles

SUMMER 1996/97

Competition	Premiers	Runners-up
<i>Men's A</i>	Gorillas	Razorbacks
<i>Mixed A</i>	Gobblers	Steelers
<i>Mixed B</i>	Phantom Touch	Falcons

BEST AND FAIREST

WINTER 1996

Competition	Player	Team
<i>Men's</i>	Ian McEwan	Razorbacks
<i>Mixed</i>	Tina Hennessy	Noddies

SUMMER 1996/97

Competition	Player	Team
<i>Men's</i>	Andrew Rogers	Beenleigh
<i>Mixed</i>	Kym Wittenberg Natalie Willie	Crushers Falcons

SUMMER 1996/97 BEST AND FAIREST

Men's

TEAM	PLAYER	POINTS
<i>Beenleigh</i>	Andrew Rogers	19
<i>Gorillas</i>	Rob Kircher	17
<i>Maulers</i>	Dan McKenzie	14
<i>Mighty Ducks</i>	Lennie Masters	17
<i>Razorbacks</i>	Scott Coombs	14
<i>Rhino Option</i>	Myles Rennick	13
<i>Trinity</i>	Jamie Hewitt	15

Mixed

TEAM	PLAYER	POINTS
<i>Benson Breakers</i>	Florentine Cirtel	13
<i>Bulldogs</i>	Andrew Whittaker	16
<i>Crocodiles</i>	Scott Riedel	18
<i>Crushers</i>	Kym Wittenberg	25
<i>Diehards</i>	Allana Beachamp	12
<i>Falcons</i>	Natalie Willie	25
<i>Fore Frontiers</i>	Brian Biddle	13
<i>Gobblers</i>	Rob Wait Angela Wilson	12
<i>Gooses</i>	Nathan Bishop Andrew Williams	16
<i>Maestros</i>	Ian Pritchard	19
<i>Phantom Touch</i>	Julie Joyner	16
<i>Raiders</i>	Lisa West-Newman	21
<i>Rapid Fire</i>	Edward Moss	20
<i>Rhino Option</i>	Rowena Aberdeen	15
<i>Saints</i>	Mark Mackay	23
<i>Steelers</i>	Jennie Brooks	12
<i>Strikers</i>	John Hobbs	20
<i>Undertakers</i>	Kent Dock	17