

**BRISBANE CHURCHES
TOUCH ASSOCIATION INC.**

ANNUAL REPORT 1991-92

BRISBANE CHURCHES TOUCH ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT SUNNYBANK CHURCH OF CHRIST,
STATION ROAD, SUNNYBANK ON
21ST MARCH 1991

CHAIRMAN: Barry Thornton, President.

PRESENT: B. Thornton, G. Epps, G. Anderson, I. McEwan, P. Demarco, A. Moloney, C. Kelly, J. Hobbs, A. Hanss, K. Gittens, C. Williams, I. James, B. Solomon, W. Dickfos, S. Dickfos, L. Dickfos, M. Grant, M. Willis, G. Sansome, P. Cantwell, J. Yared, A. Landbeck, D. Hood, D. Pickering, S. Burns.

MINUTES: Moved by Ian McEwan that the minutes of previous meeting be adopted. Seconded Gary Epps - Carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Barry Thornton gave a brief outline of his report and moved that the President's report be accepted. Seconded Andrew Moloney -Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Moved by Barry Thornton that the financial report be accepted. Seconded Andrew Moloney Carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: Moved by Barry Thornton that the Auditor's report be accepted. Seconded Chris Kelly carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Barry Thornton declared all Management Committee positions vacant.

Chris Kelly moved that the Management Committee consist of the following positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Referees Co-ordinator, Chaplain plus three elected players representatives. Seconded Barry Thornton. Carried.

PRESIDENT - Gary Epps nominated Barry Thornton. Seconded Ian McEwan. As there were no other nominations Barry Thornton was declared to be duly elected.

SECRETARY- Craig Williams nominated Gary Epps. Seconded Paul Demarco.

TREASURER- Craig Williams nominated Glen Anderson. Seconded by Andrew Moloney. As there were no other nominations Glen Anderson was declared to be duly elected.

REFEREES CO-ORDINATOR - Ian McEwan nominated Chris Kelly. Seconded by Brett Solomon. As there were no other nominations Chris Kelly was declared to be duly elected.

PLAYER REPRESENTATIVES- The following persons were nominated to the three positions available and their nominations were made by and seconded by the respective persons named below:

NAME	NOMINATED BY	SECONDED BY
Paul Demarco	Paul Demarco	Ken Gittens
Craig Williams	Glen Anderson	Gary Epps
Andrew Moloney	Chris Kelly	Lyndon Dickfos
Ian McEwan	Andrew Moloney	Barry Thornton
Ian James	Barry Thornton	Andrew Moloney
Wendy Dickfos	John Hobbs	Audrey Hanss

Andrew Moloney withdrew his acceptance of his nomination after the close of nominations.

Glen Anderson and Andrew Moloney were appointed to act as scrutineers for the election.

Paul Demarco, Wendy Dickfos and Craig Williams were elected as the player representatives.

AUDITOR- Andrew Moloney moved that Paul Prokic be appointed auditor for the association, subject to the approval by the relevant Statutory Bodies. Seconded Gary Epps - Carried.

CHAPLAIN- Moved by Barry Thornton that Mark Willis be appointed for another term. Seconded Ken Gittens - Carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- BCTA Sponsorship
- Judiciary
- BCTA Logo
- Referees
- Regarding upcoming season
- Fives Tournament to be held on 13 April.
- Confirming that all sponsorships must be approved by the Management Committee.

CLOSE Selwyn Dickfos closed in prayer.

President's Report

A report such as this, and AGM & generally, provide an opportunity to assess the 'health' or otherwise of the Association, and to take stock of where the Association is headed. It is only then that we can fine tune those things which affect the 'bigger picture' of where we are achieving and where we are failing.

From the perspective of our administration of matches we certainly have staged more matches this year (over 300) than any previous year. We have seen the finals played in four competitions and some fantastic finishes. We congratulate all of those who were winners this year and a full list of results is set out later in this report. We have also seen new teams take part once again if numbers alone were the criteria by which we judge our present position or past progress, we would certainly be looking good.

Administratively the last year saw the first full year of operation of the streamlined Management Committee which I believe performed a great job in administering the Association. If you recall last year one of the goals we set ourselves was to streamline the Management Committee and I believe we achieved this during the past year. Thank you to all on the Committee, Gary Epps, Glen Anderson, Craig Williams, Wendy Dickfos, Paul Demarco and Chris Kelly for their efforts and their support in this past year. This year saw a number of really tough decisions having to be made and I congratulate each member on their wisdom, impartiality and cohesion at all times.

A special thanks must go to four people in particular who each took on a greater degree of responsibility this past year with outstanding success.

- A. Gary Epps as Secretary has to be one of the most patient fellows around. Having to put up with my badgering, and indecisiveness must surely try him, not to mention my belief in his telepathic abilities. Although about to become a father any day he has maintained his commitment and enthusiasm at all times.
- B. As can be seen from the Financial Report the Association handled more than \$15,000.00 last year and the efforts of Glen as Treasurer in ensuring that everything was properly accounted for is commendable.
- C. Chris Kelly has proved to be an absolutely crucial part of the Administrative team during this past year. We have fielded referees in every match administered by the Association and the credit for this must go to Chris. Perhaps the most demanding job each week Chris never failed to acquit himself well and his ability to pull things together at the last minute has gotten us through many a tight spot. Chris has also been of great help in compiling draws for each season amongst other things.

D. Glenys Thornton (nee Porter), has been the backbone of the Association for a few years now although it is only in this last year and a bit that she has been 'visible' - 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.

There are many others, especially our referees (David Shepherd and all our part-timers), team captains and all who ensure that the Association runs as smoothly as it does. Thank you all!

Having thanked you all I would also urge all who are able, to get involved in your Association, whether once again or for the first time. Sometimes I think when tough decisions are made it becomes a matter of the decision "they made". The Management Committee is always attempting to make decisions which are in the best interests of the whole Association and for this reason we value your input and would gladly welcome your participation at meetings.

So get involved. Nominate for a position on the Committee tonight.

Remember that we are an Association of people. We are not an institution. It's people like you and me who make the Association live.

Having said all of those positive things, let me just make one or two observations concerning some of the "lower" points from last year.

1. It is disturbing to see that a number of teams during this last year failed to meet their obligations promptly. Registrations, fees and other incidental matter are bothersome at times but are a necessary part of an efficient organisation. We have obligations to our members and legal obligations which can only be met with your co-operation. Please assist
2. The behaviour of some teams has deteriorated to some degree and this last summer has seen some regrettable Incidents. This will not be tolerated. We must maintain high standards of sportsmanship at all times.
3. Newsletters are the best means of communication to our members and for some time we were publishing one every six to eight weeks. Due to other commitments I have found it difficult to maintain the pace. Also our long-time computer whiz Stephen Burns has also become a lot busier of late. If you can assist in writing, editing, publishing these newsletters please let us know. Also if you have anything you would like to contribute, be it an advertisement, an article or a letter send it in to us.
4. We have been without the services of a Chaplain for the past six months or so. This is an essential position within the life of our Association and one which is often overlooked in order of importance. The input of a Chaplain is essential in my opinion.

It is easy to merely become so involved in purely administration that this aspect of our goals is overlooked. We exist for reasons which are more important than just playing the game.

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 also see at 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

AS the BCTA Summer Competition draws to a close, it is with a sense of satisfaction that one reflects upon the year that has been.

A warm welcome to those teams participating for the first time. Thanks to Beenleigh Uniting and Shailer Park Baptist in the Mens' competition, and Gateway 2 in the Mixed Competition, each of whom improved with each game. Thanks also goes to those teams who stretched themselves to the limit by supplying two teams from their respective churches.

This last year has seen unprecedented growth. This season has seen the Mens Competition swell to twelve teams, requiring the competition to split after the first round. The Mixed Competition contained nine teams. Although numeric growth is important it has also been very encouraging 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 worked behind the scenes, to make the past year the success it has been. Special thanks go to the President, Barry Thornton who has been the motivating force for so many seasons. Without him the Association would have lacked the professional touch.

I look forward to a continuance of the teamwork which has been so evident in this past year, as we strive to continue to present Christ and the Gospel message through the avenue of our Association.

Yours In Him,

Gary Epps.

B.C.T.A. Referees Coordinator's Report

1991 again saw the refereeing resources of the B.C.T.A. stretched to the limit, but the services of a few non-playing referees, along with an increasing supply of player-referees, thankfully saw us through.

Some 28 individuals refereed almost 200 games during the past year, and an increase in the supply, quality and consistency was evident. This was assisted by the running of a Level one refereeing course in October, attended by approximately 10 people.

The upcoming Winter season sees several Innovations, such as the formation of a Women's competition and the splitting of the Mixed from the Men's and Women's competitions. These changes provide more opportunities to utilise the resources currently available, and to introduce new referees to our ranks.

However, improvement is still necessary as our Association continues to expand and improve. While the refereeing has at least been keeping pace with these changes, It will be of benefit to all concerned if we can keep ahead of such change.

To all who have assisted with refereeing during this past year, many thanks and keep up the good work.

God Bless

Chris Kelly

Results Officer's Report

The past twelve months has seen the work I do for the B.C.T.A. receive a title. As results officer it is my job to process all the game cards and generally be there on the night (or Saturday afternoon) to answer questions, but if the questions get too tricky I always try to find Gary or Barry as quickly as I can.

With the increase in teams in the competition there are more names to cross off when processing the game cards. It certainly makes my job a lot easier if the registration forms are completed in full by the time the season starts, and if the players have their signature on the game cards. At the beginning of a new season it is a little difficult to get used to some new signatures but by the end it is quite easy. Also, getting to know the people behind the signatures is sometimes amusing.

It is always interesting for me to see new teams come in and to see them improve during the season. Some teams do not win very often but I have been continually encouraged by their willingness to keep striving. To me that is what it is all about. Congratulations to those teams!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the team captains for their cooperation during the last Summer and Winter competitions. It sometimes gets busy between games and I appreciate your patience with me. Also to Gary Epps, Glen Anderson, Chris Kelly and also my husband Barry Thornton, without whom this Association would not run as smoothly as it does. With God's help and strength to draw on we can do even more great things if we continually look to him for guidance.

In closing I would like to leave you with a verse from Isaiah

"Let us run with endurance, the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus".

Glenys Thornton

BCTA
Statement of Income and Expenditure
for the Year 1991

Income	\$	Expenditure	\$
Balance as at 1/1/91	3,413.61	Insurance Premiums	5010.00
Registration Fees	11,540.00	Referees' Fees	2224.00
Sale of Drinks	472.36	Trophies	1686.70
Interest	237.93	Ground Fees	1260.00
Refund Deposit (Keys)	20.00	Purchase of Drinks	395.59
Donation	\$20.00	Referees' Jerseys	285.00
		Loan	200.00
		Photocopying	130.00
		BBQ	81.01
		Hooter & gas	61.70
		Post Office Box	61.00
		Screen Printing	50.00
		Bank Charges	31.90
		Stop Watch	25.00
		Deposit of Keys	20.00
		Lodgement of Return	18.00
		Referees' Whistles	12.38
		Balance as at 31/12/91	4151.62
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