

Dear Members,

I am writing to formally announce my candidacy for the position of President in the upcoming Annual General Meeting. I believe that I have a valuable contribution to make to our club's future, and I am seeking the support of the membership in this endeavour.

Over the past years, I have had the privilege of serving on the Club's board, with three of those years spent as Vice President. During this time, I have gained a deep understanding of the responsibilities associated with both the Vice President and President roles. My knowledge of profit and loss reports and the overall principles of governance has significantly expanded, equipping me to take on the role of President.



I would like to highlight a few key areas that I believe the new board should prioritize:

1. **Membership:** Our club's overall membership has remained stagnant at approximately 1300 members for over many years. It's worth noting that this number may be slightly inflated due to the inclusion of the softball club that joined us a few years ago. The membership base is a critical aspect of our club's sustainability, and I propose that the board should explore ideas to revitalize and grow our membership.
2. **Bar Area Enhancement:** While we are in the process of planning renovations for our club's bar area, I believe it's essential to consider immediate improvements that can make the club more enjoyable for our members. Working closely with Barry, our manager, we should identify areas where we can enhance member comfort, such as updating tables and chairs and improving the overall presentation of spaces that may have been neglected for years.
3. **Renovations:** The long-term renovation project is an exciting opportunity for our club, and it's long overdue. While we embark on this journey, we must carefully consider the associated costs. It is imperative that we make informed financial decisions and present a clear picture of the financial implications of this project to our membership. Ultimately, the decision on how to proceed should be in the hands of our members.

I am committed to working collaboratively with the board and the membership to ensure the club's continued growth and success. I believe that my experience, understanding of the club's operations, and vision for its future make me a strong candidate for the position of President. I kindly ask for your support at the upcoming AGM and look forward to the opportunity to serve our club and its members.

Sincerely

Paul Johansen

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