

SORELL BOWLS CLUB INC

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON TUESDAY, 4 JUNE 2013

Attendance

Bev Bennets, Keith Beven, Fred Compton, Allan Chatfield, John Collett, Poppy Collett, Lesley Cornish, Janet Cowen, Ron Cowen, Peter Coyle, Pam Evans, Marion Florence, Faye Gardner, Jim Gardner, Ken Gatehouse, Mervyn George, George Goetzki, Sandra Hawksley, Shirley Hay, Darrell Hope, Cliff Iles, Laurence Iles, Alan James, Doug Jeffery, Beverley Kelleher, Dennis Leary, Lindy Leary, David Long, Dawn MacPherson, Kathy Matthews, Paul Matthews, Del Parsons, Glenn Petrie, Sally Ridgeway, Margaret Robertson, Gwen Scott, Peter Scott, Kath Seabourne, Kelvin Seabourne, Michael Seabourne, Peter Self, Nancy Simmons, Chris Smith, Leona Smith, Max Sullivan, Max Upton, Barbara Walker, Alan Waller, Ray Young (49 MEMBERS).

Apologies

Trish Bolt, Peter Jones, Angela Powell, Cyril Powell, Jill Reid, Madelaine Shaw, Gary Smart, Mary Stokes, Wayne Thomas, Charlie Hudson

Meeting open

The president, Jim Gardner, declared the meeting open at 7.00pm. The meeting observed a moment's silence in memory of deceased members Peter Stokes, Colleen Waller, Mike Simmons and Greg Cornwall.

Notice and previous minutes

Sally Ridgeway read the notice convening this annual general meeting of the Sorell Bowls Club.

Paul Matthews read the minutes of the previous meeting (Annex A), held on 22 May 2012. Shirley hay moved these minutes be accepted as read. Seconded: Bev Kelleher.

CARRIED

President's report

Jim Gardner presented his report for the 2012-13 season (Annex B). He congratulated the A grade ladies team on their advancement to Division 1, and the men's midweek pennant team who won the Division 2 midweek pennant. He noted the many improvements to the running of the club (such as the new cash register, RSA qualified staff and new umpires), and included the new coaches in training and the schools program. He thanks his Vice President and all office bearer's for their hard work and support, and all the selection and match committees and kitchen volunteers for their effort over the past season.

Annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts

Shirley Hay read the annual report (Annex C) and moved that it be accepted. Seconded: Sandra Hawksley.

CARRIED

Shirley Hay presented the audited balance sheet and statement of accounts (Annex D) and moved that they be accepted. Seconded: Peter Self.

CARRIED

Annual subscriptions

Shirley Hay presented the proposed fee structure (Annex E) for the coming season and move that they be accepted. Seconded Marion Florence.

CARRIED

Election of office bearers for 2013-14

Jim Gardner adjourned the meeting at 7.30pm so that the votes for office bearers could be counted. He reconvened the meeting at 7.45pm.

President. Ron Cowen, Marion Florence and Chris Smith were nominated. Ron Cowen was duly elected.

Vice-President. Shirley Hay and Marion Florence were nominated. Shirley Hay was duly elected.

Secretary. Paul Matthews, being the only nomination, was duly elected.

Assistant Secretary. Sally Ridgeway, being the only nomination, was duly elected.

Treasure. Margaret Robertson, being the only nomination, was duly elected.

Board of management members. Five members were nominated for four positions. Sandra Hawksley, Darrell Hope, Gary Smart and Leona Smith were duly elected.

At this point, Jim Gardner handed the meeting over to Ron Cowen.

Life membership

During the adjournment, Mike Seabourne addressed the membership. He nominated Jim Gardner for Life Membership. Jim has been a member of the club for 30 years and in that time he has held many positions, including chairman of the match committee, chairman of the selection committee, various board of management roles and president of the club. He has also been an STBA delegate for five years and on the STBA board of management for two years. Marion Florence seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Mike and Marion presented Jim with his badge and certificate following the election of office bearers. Jim joins these others as a life member of the club:

Male life members				Female life members	
1985	D. Gatehouse (dec)	2003	W. Anderson (dec)	1987	B. Newitt
1988	J. Stokes (dec)	2004	P. Stokes (dec)	1996	M. Stokes
1989	H. Madsen (dec)	2005	F. Carrick	1999	G. Newitt
1993	B. Lovell (dec)	2008	P. Scott	2001	B. Lovell
1996	L. Vout (dec)	2010	M. Seabourne	2006	D. Quinn
1999	D. Peacock	2013	J. Gardner	2007	Marion Florence
2000	A. Lovell			2012	Gwen Scott

Newly elected president Ron Cowen took a moment to thank the members for their support. He thanked Jim for his hard work over the past three years, particularly in the field of sponsorship, and congratulated him on his Life Membership. He also welcomes the other elected officials to the board of management and thanked Sally Ridgeway for her efforts to modernise the club's administration, Keith Beven for his green keeping work and Peter Self for his ongoing efforts as bar manager.

Auditor

Shirley Hay moved that George Geotzki be re-appointed as the club's auditor. Seconded: Fred Compton.

CARRIED

Proposed changes to the constitution

Sally Ridgeway read the four proposed changes to the constitution (Annex F) and moved that they be accepted. Seconded: Gwen Scott.

CARRIED

General business

Ron called for any general business.

1. Men's trousers.

The meeting was informed that the men had voted earlier to adopt the maroon/burgundy trousers for this coming season.

2. Shirt collars/colours

The meeting was advised of a proposal made at the men's meeting to either change the shirt colour to maroon/burgundy, or change the shirt entirely. A suggestion was to adopt the shirt currently used as a "bar shirt". Marion Florence moved that the board of management should investigate the costs of each and present options to the members at a later date, once all factors had been considered.

ACTION: Board of management to consider, investigate and develop a proposal for general consideration.

3. Patron.

The meeting was advised that Mary Stokes would not be available as patron this coming season due to ill-health. Glenn Petrie proposed Jim Gardner, but Jim counter-proposed Jack Collett. Jack accepted the nomination and was duly elected.

4. Sound system

After many issues with the sound system during this meeting, Leona Smith moved that the board of management arrange for the installation of a more reliable sound system.

Seconded: Fay Gardner.

CARRIED

ACTION: Board of management to investigate and effect the installation of a new system.

5. Club bus

Chris Smith presented some information about the costs associated with buying a bus for the club's use. Much discussion about the merits and overheads of such a purchase followed. The president advised the meeting that the board of management would undertake a cost-analysis of purchasing versus hiring a bus, gauge the level of interest and present their findings to the members for their consideration at a later date.

ACTION: Board of management to investigate various options and present their findings.

6. Club website

Paul Matthews offered to create and maintain a website for the club with the aim of providing notice board information to members via the website and also raising the profile of the club for visitors to the state or local area searching for a bowls club.

Seconded: Fay Gardner.

CARRIED

ACTION: Secretary to develop the site and implement it when ready.

7. Lights for the green

Allan Chatfield moved that we establish outside lighting around the green to enable night games or night-time practice.

ACTION: Board of management to investigate various options and present their findings.

8. Ballot papers

Ken Gatehouse moved that ballot papers used in the election of office bearers be destroyed as soon as possible. Seconded: Fred Compton.

CARRIED

ACTION: Sally Ridgeway to destroy ballot papers

Thanks

Shirley Hay publicly thanked Marion Florence (outgoing Vice-President) for her support and efforts over the past year.

Closure

There being no further business, Ron Cowen closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

PREPARED BY:

Paul Matthews
Secretary

6 June 2013

VERIFIED BY:

Ron Cowen
President

12 June 2013