

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON
SUNDAY, 14 JUNE 2015**

Attendance (38 members)

Ladies: Alice Barker, Bev Bennetts, Poppy Collett, Janet Cowen, Pam Evans, Marion Florence, Faye Gardner, Linda George-Lang, Sandra Hawksley, Shirley Hay, Dawn MacPherson, Kathy Matthews, Del Parsons, Jill Reid, Sally Ridgeway, Margaret Robertson, Gwen Scott, Leona Smith, Trish Taylor, Vicky Wakefield, Barbara Walker (21 women).

Men: Ross Brokate, Ron Cowen, Geoff Giblin, Darrell Hope, Cliff Iles, Alan James, Doug Jeffery, Steve Lang, David Long, Glenn Petrie, Kelvin Seabourne, Paul Matthews, Peter Self, Chris Smith, Bob Taylor, Alan Waller, Ray Young (17 men)

Apologies

Ladies: Allison Fuller, Mikayla Fuller, Lindy Leary, Madeleine Shaw; Nancy Simmons

Men: Allan Lovell, Peter Scott, Mike Seabourne, Max Upton

Meeting open

The President, Chris Smith, opened the meeting at 3.00pm.

Notice of the meeting

The Secretary read the notice of the Annual General Meeting that was sent to all members either by post or email.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The Secretary was going to read the minutes of the previous meeting, however Marion Florence moved that they be accepted without being read as a copy had been provided on the noticeboard. Doug Jeffrey seconded this motion.

CARRIED

President's report

The President presented his report – it is attached as Annex A. Glenn Petrie moved, and Shirley Hay seconded, that the President's report be accepted.

CARRIED

Audited balance sheet and statement of accounts

The Treasurer, Jill Reid, presented the audited balance sheet and statement of accounts and moved that it be accepted. Her report to the meeting, and the financial statements, are attached as Annexes B, C and D. This motion was seconded by Peter Self.

CARRIED

Jill moved that we ask Anthony Davis to be our auditor for the coming trading year, and this was seconded by David Long.

CARRIED

Jill took the opportunity to thank Graham Innis, Peter Self, Sally Ridgeway, Doug Jeffrey and Marion Florence, amongst many, for their efforts this year that contributed to the successful running of the club.

Cliff Iles moved that a special note of thanks be made to Peter Self for the way he has managed the bar over the past few years. Peter responded by assuring the members that the bar staff contributed equally to the success of our bar operations.

The President thanked Jill for her efforts as Treasurer over the past year or so.

Annual subscriptions

Jill advised the meeting that the BTS affiliation fees had risen to \$67 for full members but had remained the same at \$33 for junior members. The fees have changed from last year as follows:

- Full Members – up from \$225 to \$240
- Full Members (first year bowlers) – up from \$145 to \$155
- Life Members (pennant players) – up from \$65 to \$67 (BTS fee)
- Junior Members – up from \$60 to \$65
- Playing Members – down from \$155 to \$100 (no BTS fee)
- Indoor Members – no change – still \$30
- Social Members – up from \$20 to \$25

Jill moved, and Ross Brokate seconded, that the subscriptions as presented be accepted.

CARRIED

Election of office bearers (Board of Management)

The following nominations were automatically confirmed as they were the only nominees:

- President – Chris Smith
- Honorary Secretary – Paul Matthews
- Honorary Treasurer – Sally Ridgeway
- Board member – Leona Smith

The following nomination was made from the floor and confirmed by the members present:

- Vice-President – Kathy Matthews

The following members nominated as a board member:

- Darrell Hope
- David Long
- Steve Lang
- Marion Florence

As we already had one board member (Leona Smith), and a ballot would be required to elect three of the four nominees above, Darrell Hope withdrew his nomination. David, Steve and Marion were therefore confirmed as board members.

Nominations for other positions

The following nominations were received from the floor, for the positions indicated, and were all confirmed by the members present:

- Bar Manager – Steve Lang
- Auditor – Anthony Davis
- Provedore – Shirley Hay

Patrons

The President advised the meeting that he had approached the following people to be Patrons of the club for 2015-16 and all had accepted the offer. The meeting confirmed these appointees:

- Peter Scott (Life Member)
- Rene Hidding MP (Liberal member for Lyons)
- Rebecca White MP (Labor member for Lyons)

Match Committee(s)

The Ladies Match Committee will consist of:

- Kathy Matthews
- Janet Cowen
- Trish Taylor

The Men did not succeed in electing anyone to their Match Committee, and no nominations were received for the Club Match Committee. These will be dealt with by the board before the start of the playing season.

Selection Committee(s)

The Ladies (Thursday) Selection Committee will consist of:

- Marion Florence
- Sally Ridgeway
- Sandra Hawksley
- Leona Smith
- Faye Gardner

The Men's (Wednesday) Selection Committee will consist of:

- Bill Butler
- Ross Brokate
- Darrell Hope
- Paul Matthews

The Open Gender (Saturday) Selection Committee will consist of:

- Leona Smith
- Sally Ridgeway
- Bill Butler
- Ross Brokate

As all four members of the Open Gender (Saturday) Selection Committee are 'A' grade players, the board will consider additional measures, in time for the playing season and in conjunction with both Men's and Women's Selection Committees, to ensure proper selection of 'B' grade members is assured.

Social Committee

The ladies generously – and wisely – elected the following members to the Social Committee in support of the Provodore:

- Faye Gardner
- Vicky Wakefield
- Janet Cowen
- Gwen Scott
- Margaret Robertson

The President noted that no men volunteered for this committee and hoped that this would change over the coming months.

Grants and Sponsorship Committee

This newly formed committee will consist of:

- Sally Ridgeway
- Faye Gardner

Positions currently unfilled

The following positions remain unfilled at this time – the board will seek solutions as quickly as possible.

- Assistant Secretary
- Green keeper
- Men's Match Committee
- Club Match Committee

Merit Award

The Board of Management awarded Merit Awards to the following members for their exceptional efforts during the past year:

- Lindy Leary
- Alan James
- Doug Jeffrey
- Bev Kelleher

Life membership

The President read the 'resumes' of the following nominations for life members presented to the Board of Management earlier in the year:

- Basil Marden
- Laurie Iles

Chris advised the meeting that the Board had voted but were not unanimous in their decision (as is required by the constitution). After some discussion, and at the proposal from members that we elect both members, the meeting accepted the suggestion of the Board that Basil Marden be awarded Life Membership in accordance with the rules laid down in clause 2.4 of the constitution, and Laurie Iles be awarded Honorary Life Membership under the provisions of clause 2.9 of the constitution.

CARRIED (unanimously)

Proposed changes to the constitution

The Secretary explained to the meeting that Rod Purcell had noted inconsistencies in the administration of our constitution which resulted in a reduced number of amendments being proposed at this meeting. He further advised that he intended, with the consent of members, to hold a series of workshops to hash out the issues with the constitution so that, amongst other things, administrative matters could be dealt with without resorting to an AGM or SGM. The members approved this idea.

ACTION: Secretary to setup workshops over the next year with the aim to improve our club's governance and administration.

The following three proposals were made – for the reasons given – and passed by special resolution of members present.

Proposal 1

Moved Paul Matthews, Seconded Sally Ridgeway that the Sorell Bowls Club Constitution, as amended following the 2014 Annual General Meeting, be accepted by special resolution of members as the true and correct version of our constitution and all other versions be deemed as superseded versions.

Reason: It transpires that, for amendments to the constitution to be legal, they must be made as a special resolution by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of members present at a special or annual general meeting convened to make such a motion. While this is what occurred at last year's AGM, it is also a requirement that the Public Officer must lodge the changes with Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading within a period of one month after the passing of the resolution, and until registered, it does not take effect. This has not occurred, to the best of my knowledge, for several years (as noted by Rod Purcell). This motion is designed to accept our constitution "as is" so that we can proceed with further changes using the 2014 constitution as the base-line document.

CARRIED

Proposal 2

Moved Paul Matthews, Seconded Chris Smith that clause 2.5 (Playing members) be amended by special resolution of the members present to read:

2.5 Playing members

- (a) Playing Member shall be elected in the same manner as Full Members.**
- (b) Playing Member shall not:
 - (1) Hold any office**
 - (2) Vote on any matter or election****
- (c) To be eligible to play in Pennant Competition, a Playing Member must apply to the Board of Management to become a Full Member.**
- (d) Playing Members may play in Club Triples Championships, Club Fours Championships and Club fixtures.**
- (e) Playing Members may not play in Club Singles Championships or Club Pairs Championships.**

Reason: To clarify the options for playing members following changes approved by the Board of Management.

CARRIED

Proposal 3

Moved Paul Matthews, Seconded Sally Ridgeway that clause 5.10 be added by special resolution of the members present to the constitution as follows:

5.10 Disclosure of interests

- (a) If a member of the Board of Management or a member of a committee has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a matter being considered, or about to be considered, the member is to disclose the nature of their interest in the matter as soon as practicable after the relevant facts come to their attention.**
- (b) If, at a meeting of the Board of Management or a committee, a member votes in respect of any matter in which the member has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest, that vote is not to be counted.**

Cliff Iles moved that we add the following clause (c) to this motion:

- (c) Once the Board of Management or Committee establishes that a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest is evident they are to require the member to leave the meeting until the matter under discussion or consideration has been voted on.**

Reason: To specifically state these requirements rather than rely on the 'model rules' that are not as easily accessible to members.

CARRIED

Building works

The President advised the meeting that he had received the plans for the building extensions from the architect, which were on the notice board for all to see. The architect is lodging the plans with council on behalf of the club. The next step will be to call for tenders, which will happen in the next month or so.

The Board of Management will look to establish a Building Works Committee to ensure our extensions are kept on track and any issues are known about early.

ACTION: Board of Management

Friday Spring/Summer social bowls

Doug Jeffrey advised the meeting that he will conduct a social bowls game on Friday afternoons, during the pennant season, at the suggestion of quite a few members.

Closure

The President declared the meeting closed at 4.00pm.

Paul Matthews
Honorary Secretary

21 June 2015

Chris Smith
President

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Annexes:

- A. President's Report
- B. Audited balance sheet
- C. Statement of accounts
- D. Treasurer's Report
- E. Annual subscriptions