

SORELL BOWLS CLUB INC
**BOARD OF MANAGEMENT SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2016**

MINUTES

Attendees

Board of Management

- Ron Cowen (President)
- Gwen Scott (Vice-President)
- Sally Ridgeway (Treasurer)
- Paul Matthews (Secretary)
- Faye Gardner
- Allan Chatfield
- Margaret Robertson

Ex officio members

- Peter Self (Bar Manager)
- Vicky Wakefield (Providore)

Immediate Past President

- Chris Smith

Apologies

- Marion Florence
- Peter Scott (Men's Match)
- Shirley Hay (Women's Match)

Opening

1. The President opened the meeting at 5.00pm by advising members that Sally Ridgeway had called the meeting to address the board. He thanked everyone for coming.

Resignation of Sally Ridgeway

2. Before handing the floor to Sally, Ron offered an official apology to Sally for anything that may have said to upset her or caused her to make her decision to resign as Treasurer. Ron expressed the opinion that the Treasurer was the heart of the club and hoped Sally would reconsider her decision.
3. Sally thanked the board for coming as she wanted to present her reasons for resigning to the board in person out of respect. Sally stated that she believed each board member had the responsibility and the right to vote on all matters pertaining to the running of the club. Sally did not believe that common ground could be reached and was unable to work with the current administration. Sally accepted Ron's apology but regretfully tendered her resignation as Treasurer, and as a member of the club.
4. Sally offered to continue managing the finances of the club – if this was acceptable to the whole board – until a replacement could be identified. Sally also undertook to provide the new Treasurer with a handover.

5. Sally handed her letter of resignation to the Secretary (attached) and her keys to the club, safe and post office box, and left the meeting.
6. Faye moved, and Gwen seconded, that we accept Sally's resignation as Treasurer with regret.

CARRIED

7. Chris moved, and Peter seconded, that we refund Sally's membership fees in full.

CARRIED

ACTION: Secretary to arrange for a refund for Sally

8. The Secretary raised the matter of finding a replacement. Ron suggested Jenny Davis might be willing to bridge the gap until a club member was identified and undertook to talk to Jenny regarding this matter.
9. Allan Chatfield agreed to come to the club next Monday to assist Peter with the bar reconciliation.

Determine the cost per head for the \$1,000 Triples

10. The Secretary took this opportunity to explain to the board that he'd sent the flyer for the \$1,000 Triples to BTS to distribute. This matter should have been included at the last meeting but was overlooked and for this he apologised.
11. Paul explained that he used the same flyer used for the May event, but modified for this event, and had to be sent out quickly (sent on 2 August) as the \$1,000 Triples was scheduled for 3 September. Paul moved, and Faye seconded, that a price of \$20 per head, as advertised in the flyer, be ratified.

CARRIED

12. Ron advised the meeting that Peter Scott and Marion Florence had agreed to run the event.

Next meeting

13. The Secretary reminded the meeting that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 17 August at 4.00pm.

Closure

14. Ron closed the meeting at 5.20pm.

Paul Matthews
Secretary

10 August 2016

Attachment: Sally's letter of resignation

Board of Management

Sorell Bowls Club Inc

It is with much regret and a heavy heart that I submit my resignation as Treasurer and from the Sorell Bowls Club.

I unfortunately find myself in an untenable position where I am unable to continue working with an administration where decisions appear to be made by a select few with the total disregard for due process and the exclusion of the remainder of the elected board.

As an elected member of 'the board' which by definition (a board is a body of elected or appointed members who *jointly* oversee the activities of a company or organization) implies more than one person, I believe my position has been compromised.

During my time with the club I believe I have always worked for its betterment and will continue to maintain the financial viability, if required, until a timely and orderly handover can be achieved.

I would also request that the board give favourable consideration to a refund of my membership fee which was paid in good faith on 28 July 2016.

I wish the club every success for the future.



Sally Ridgeway

4 Aug 2016