

SORELL BOWLS AND COMMUNITY CLUB INC.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON  
SATURDAY 8 JUNE 2019**

**Attendees (43)**

Mark Bennett, Lesley Cornish, Janet Cowen, Ron Cowen, Pam Evans, Faye Gardner, Steve Hawkins, Shirley Hay, Darrell Hope, Cliff Iles, Peter Jones, June Kelly, Ross Kelly, Tom Kitchener, Steve Lang, Lindy Leary, David Long, Robert Madden, Basil Marden, Graeme Martin, Kathy Matthews, Paul Matthews, Shane Munster, Glenn Petrie, Julianne Pursell, Rod Pursell, Margaret Robertson, Gwen Scott, John Scott, Karen Scott, Mike Seabourne, Peter Self, Chris Smith, Daniel Stitt, Bob Taylor, Trish Taylor, Kaye Upchurch, Vicky Wakefield, Barbara Walker, Alan Waller, Neil Winthrop, Margaret Wise, Ray Young

**Apologies (3)**

Bev Bennetts, Marion Florence, Max Upton

**Opening**

1. The President, David Long, opened the meeting at 10.35 a.m. Secretary Paul Matthews read the notice convening the meeting to be held at the club on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 10.30 a.m. Full and life members to attend.

**Minutes of the previous AGM**

2 The minutes were not read to those in attendance as copies were available. The President asked for confirmation of the previous AGM's minutes. Chris Smith moved, Gwen Scott seconded that the minutes be accepted. CARRIED

**President's Annual Report**

3.The President read his report to those in attendance. Encl. 1. Gwen Scott thanked David for everything he has done over his tenure.

**Audited balance sheet and statement of accounts**

4. The Treasurer, Rod Pursell, presented the audited balance sheet and statement of accounts. Rod moved that they be moved, seconded Paul Matthews. CARRIED  
However there were questions asked by Bob Taylor and Shirley Hay pertaining to the increase in bar prices. It was pointed out that there had not been an increase for the last 3 years. To this end it was agreed that prices would rise. CARRIED

**Annual subscriptions**

5. Those present were advised that the annual subscription would be \$260 for the forthcoming year. It was also noted that the increase in GST and BTS contributions were the reason for the subscriptions being set at the above figure. Those present were advised that the social bowler category would be removed from the constitution. Bob Taylor spoke regarding the formula for striking the \$260. Paul stated that it did not include GST.  
Shane Munster suggested a vote from those present. To this end the matter was carried.

## **Elect office bearers**

6.(a) Paul Matthews spoke in regard to Lesley Cornish's late nomination for the position of Secretary. Those present at the AGM need to accept her nomination from the floor. Accepted.

Office bearers for the year 2019/20 are

President – John Scott  
Secretary – Lesley Cornish  
Treasurer – Rod Pursell  
Assistant Secretary – June Kelly  
Board members:  
Gwen Scott  
Tony McCulloch  
Tom Kitchener  
Shirley Hay  
Bar Manager – Steve Lang

6.(b) There needed to be a vote for Vice President. Scrutineers needed i.e. Barbara Walker and Peter Self. Result saw Vicky Wakefield being elected hence Shirley Hay remains as a Board member. Announced that Peter Self would be awarded Life Membership. The presentation will be at the end of the meeting.

6.(c) Provedore – Lindy Leary

6.(d) Saturday selection positions automatically confirmed.

Chairman – Chris Smith  
Division 4 selector – Steve Hawkins

There was some discussion regarding appointment of selectors with Kathy Mathews stating that selectors, under the constitution, must come from the division in which they play.

6.(e) Saturday selection positions to be filled from the floor:

Division 1 (2 needed) – Darrell Hope and Peter Self  
Division 4 (1 needed) – Neil Winthrop  
Division 6 (2 needed) – Ross Kelly and Lesley Cornish

6.(f) The following positions to be filled from the floor:

Patron – Michael Seabourne Moved Gwen Scott, seconded Margaret Robertson.

Greenkeeper – Ross Wakefield – all in agreeance.

**CARRIED**

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Men's match committee (2 needed)  
Paul Matthews and Rod Pursell  
Men's midweek selectors (2 needed)  
John Scott and Neil Winthrop

Club match committee (3 needed)  
Shirley Hay, Faye Gardner, Vicky Wakefield, Margaret Robertson

Social committee  
Vicky Wakefield and Trish Bolt.

7. **Appoint the auditor**

It was moved Paul Matthews, seconded Shirley Hay that Rendell Ridge be appointed as auditor. CARRIED

8. **Other business**

8.(a) Life membership:  
Awarded to Peter Self.

8.(b) Merit Awards to service to the club:  
Steve Lang and Basil Marden.

8.(c) Vote on motions posted on the board as specified below.

***Notice of Motion***

To: The Secretary

I move that, by special resolution of members at the AGM, we amend clause 2.1 of the constitution to read as follows:

2.1 Classes of membership

(a) The Club shall consist of the following classes of members:

- Bowls Members
- Life Members
- Junior members
- Community membership

(b) All Community Members, and members who do not pay the BTS affiliation fee, will be unaffiliated members.

(c) All members who pay the BTS affiliation fee will be affiliated members.

I move that, by special resolution of members at the AGM, we removed clause 2.4 (Honorary members), clause 2.5 (Social Bowling members), clause 2.7 (Indoor members), clause 2.9 (Special members), clause 2.10 (Employee members) and clause 3.2(c) from the constitution as these classes of membership will not longer exist.

I move that, by special resolution of members at the AGM, we replace all references in the constitution to “Full member” with “Bowls Member”.

I move that, by special resolution of members at the AGM, we replace all references in the constitution to “Social member” with “Community Member”.

The above motion was moved Kathy Mathews, seconded Paul Mathews.

CARRIED

***Notice of Motion***

To: The Secretary

I move that, by special resolution of members at the AGM, we amend the constitution by removing

clause 4.7(d)(4) and replacing it with a new clause 4.7(e) that reads:

(e) Postal votes

- (1) Postal votes will be accepted from members who are eligible to vote but cannot attend the meeting because they will be interstate or hospitalised.
- (2) Applications for a postal vote must be requested of the Secretary in writing and must state the reason that the postal vote is requested.
- (3) Postal votes will be issued by the Secretary and a register kept of recipients.
- (4) Postal votes will only be accepted from recipients registered with the Secretary.
- (5) Postal votes that are mailed to the Secretary must arrive at least one full day prior to the meeting.
- (6) Postal votes that are emailed to the Secretary must be sent from the registered recipient's email account.

The above motion was moved Paul Matthews, seconded David Long.

CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11.40 a.m.

June Kelly  
Assistant Secretary

John Scott  
President

Attachments:

1. President's report
2. Financial statements

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018-19**

It has been my pleasure to be your President over the last 12 months.

Firstly, we regret the passing of the following members and past members this last 12 months:

- Greg Upton
- Allan Chatfield
- Len Kline
- Ray Patmore &
- Clive Wells

Our condolences go to their families.

As a Board we have all worked well together with consensus on most decisions.

We have strived to bring the Club together and I think we have achieved this to a large degree.

Basically, we have continued the work of previous Boards.

We quickly decided to proceed with phase 2 of the renovation of this building to hopefully have it completed ready for the start of the Pennant season.

We had negotiations with the Westpac and Bendigo Banks regarding help with funding if needed. Bendigo Bank came up with a good overdraft proposal so we changed banks.

Chris Smith deserves recognition for continuing his work from phase 1 in dealing with Gary Reid, the architect and liaising with Rene Hiding regards becoming a Community Club. This enabled Rene to facilitate a \$150,000 grant through Tasmanian Community Fund, which made the project possible.

We accepted the quote from Bennett Constructions and work started in early August. We had a very good relationship with the builders and they completed the job two weeks before the Pennant season and on budget.

We applied for two additional grants last year

- Tasmanian Community Fund to create a Disabled Carpark and a new maintenance shed and
- Stronger Communities Fund to assist with replacing the northern fence

We were unsuccessful with both of these. However, we did receive a \$5,000 grant from the Community Volunteers project.

On the Greens we have managed to hold the line in nearly all Divisions after losing several players from the previous season.

Both Ladies Thursday Divisions 1 & 4 did well with Division 4 reaching the semi-finals, losing to Sandy Bay.

Men's Midweek Division 1 was unfortunately relegated to Division 2 however, Division 4 finished on top of the ladder, were promoted to Division 3 and went on to win the premiership – well done.

Saturday teams in Divisions 1,4 & 6 will all stay where they are.

I would like to thank the Board for their work this year.

- Thanks go to all the members involved in match committees and those who acted as selectors, never an easy job!
- Gwen & June for running Social Bowls
- Marion did a great job running our tournaments
- Gwen & Michael for running Indoor Bowls
- Neil Winthrop for his coaching and introducing 'Scroungers' which shows promising signs

- Basil Marden in creating a lovely garden near the southern fence
- Provedore, Shirley and her many helpers in the kitchen – well done
- Bev Kelleher for her valuable work invoicing our 'Sponsors'
- Thanks to Rod Pursell for the many hours work as Treasurer. It is wonderful to have Rod's professional skills. Thanks also to Kathy Matthews for her work as Treasurer at a difficult time.
- I would like to thank our retiring Secretary, Paul Matthews. Paul has been our Secretary for the last 6 years and has done a wonderful job. He wants to have a well deserved break from these duties – Well done Paul!
- Peter Self is also retiring as Bar Manager. Peter has been running the bar for many years apart for one year a while ago. On a personal note, Pete stayed on to help me this last 12 months and I have really appreciated your help Pete.
- Thanks also go to all the other members who have helped in many ways during the year

Finally, I wish the incoming President and Board of Management all the best for the future and I am confident that this club will prosper as a bowls club and community social venue into the future.

Thank you all.

David Long

8 June 2019