

Gisborne & District Bowling Club Inc.
Annual General Meeting
7.00pm, 17 May 2019

MINUTES

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

Rob Paterson welcomed all members to the 2019 Annual General Meeting, and acknowledged 5 Life Members: Laurie John; Joan John; Mary Wilson; Brian Carr; and Rob Paterson.

1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES

Members in attendance: 40 members in attendance (list attached)

Apologies received: 10 apologies received (list attached)

2. MINUTES OF AGM 2018

The Secretary read the minutes of the AGM held on 8 June 2018.

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of members of the Gisborne and District Bowling Club held on 8 June 2018 are confirmed to be a true record.

Moved Garry Bilson, seconded Chris Butterley. Motion carried unanimously.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Three matters arising from the 2018 AGM (the Club's Constitution; our Crown Land Lease; and Recognition of Life Members) will be covered under Item 7: Other Business in relation to the Board.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chairman's Report

Chairman Robert Patterson presented the Chairman's report (attached)

It was resolved that the report of the Chairman of the Gisborne and District Bowling Club be received. Moved Richard Newton, seconded Teresa Wylie. Motion carried unanimously.

4.2 Financial Report

Treasurer Mary Wilson presented the financial statements (attached).

Mary noted that the Club's debt relating to the synthetic green has been reduced to \$50,000.

A question was raised by Vicki Noble about the fundraising figure appearing to be very low. Mary responded that much of the fundraising revenue was incorporated under other categories. It was also noted that due to the new constitution the accounts are now closed end of March instead of April, so the accounts only cover 11 months.

It was resolved that the report of the Treasurer of the Gisborne and District Bowling Club be received. Moved Garry Bilson, seconded Barry Wylie. Motion carried unanimously.

It was resolved that the Club's financial statements for the 11 month period ended 31 March 2019 and the board declaration thereon be accepted. Moved Wendy Kays, seconded Aileen Paterson. Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Motion

Bronte Daniel read the Notice of Motion that Richard Newton be awarded life membership.

It was resolved that the Notice of motion be accepted. Moved Bronte Daniel, seconded Rob Paterson. Motion carried unanimously.

Richard was presented a life membership badge and framed certificate. Richard responded that he was extraordinarily honoured by this award.

5. ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

Robert Paterson declared four Board positions vacant, and advised that Board members who stand down may stand for re-election. Richard Newton and Bronte Daniel have both stood down from the Board, after both providing great service to this club, in particular the Board, over a considerable period of time.

Under the new constitution, the terms of office of the positions on the Board are staggered so that one third (or the nearest multiple of one third) will retire by rotation each year. This year there is an extra position due to Directors standing down from the Board.

Positions available are: 2 Directors for 3 year terms, 1 Director for a 2 year term, and 1 Director for a 1 year term.

The Following nominations have been received:

Mary Wilson	3 Year term
Chris Butterley	3 Year Term
Helena Cyrulo	2 year term
David Wesney	1 Year Term

As the number of nominations equals the number of vacancies on the Board, the above members are duly elected to the Board of the Gisborne and District Bowling Club.

6. MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Board recommends the following fees for the forthcoming year:

Full members	\$170.00
Social members	\$40.00
Junior members	\$75.00

Joan John asked how much of the fees go to Bowls Victoria and CHBD.

Mary advised that it totals approximately \$80.00 for each Full Member.

Ethan Higgins suggested that \$75.00 for junior members did not encourage juniors to join the Club. This was also supported by Roger Cotton and Helena Cyrulo.

It was agreed that the Board review the proposed junior member fee.

It was resolved that the proposed Full and Social membership fees for 2019/20 be confirmed. Moved Eddy Gundy, Seconded Terry Watson Motion carried unanimously.

7. OTHER BUSINESS IN RELATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Life Membership Certificates

At the last AGM Rob Paterson received a framed Life Membership certificate and it was then requested that all Life members receive one. As a result, framed certificates were presented to Mary Wilson; Brian Carr; Laurie John; and Joan John.

Rob Paterson thanked Helena and Russell for the production of the certificates.

7.2 Crown Land Lease (Russell Walker)

Following negotiations with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, we now have a Section 16 Crown Land Lease which gives ownership of all leasehold improvements to the Club. Further, we have negotiated for the Club's car park not to be open to the general public on market days (i.e. it is available for the exclusive use of Club members) and the leased area has been increased to include a 10 metre strip on the east side of the bowling and green and 27 metres on the north side of the bowling green, to enable additional car parking should we lose some of our current car park due to future changes to the Melbourne Road/Kilmore Road intersection.

7.3 Club's Constitution (Russell Walker)

Russell thanked all members for supporting the adoption of our new constitution. Since its adoption the Board has for the first time adopted a Board Charter; Charters for the Finance Committee, the Functions & Marketing Committee, and the Bowls Committee; a Director's Code of Conduct; and a Directors Skills Mix.

Following this meeting, the Board will be allocating Board members and other members to the various committees. Members are encouraged to express an interest to the Chairman if they would like to be considered to for the Finance and/or the Functions & Marketing Committee.

7.4 Member Recognition (Russell Walker)

The Board wishes to recognise members for their period of membership of the Club. Certificates will be named after our life members and will be provided for 5, 10, 15, 20 etc. years of membership, to be presented at the commencement of the new bowling season. This is one way of acknowledging your great commitment to our Club.

8. BOWLS SECTION REPORT

Report prepared by President Ian Ball (attached) was read by Chris Butterley.

*It was resolved that the Report of the Bowls Section be received
Moved Vicki Noble, Seconded Judy Butterley. Motion carried unanimously.*

9. BOWLS SECTION ELECTIONS

9.1 Bowls Committee – at least 4 members required.

Nominations received: Ian Ball and John Evans

As the number of nominations is less than the number required, the above members are duly elected to the Bowls Committee.

It was noted that nominations cannot be taken at the AGM and subsequent to this meeting the Board, on the recommendation of the Bowls Committee, can fill the two remaining vacancies.

9.2 Tournament/Match Committee – at least 3 but not more than 5 members required

Nominations received: Garry Bilson, Roger Cotton, Dorothy Evans, Ethan Higgins, and Teresa Wylie.

As the number of nominations is equal to the maximum number of members required, the above members are duly elected to the Tournament/Match Committee.

9.3 Mid-week Selection Committee – at least 3 but not more than 5 members required

Nominations received: Garry Bilson, Dorothy Evans, Ethan Higgins, and Teresa Wylie.

As the number of nominations is equal to the maximum number of members required, the above members are duly elected to the Mid-week Selection Committee.

9.4 Saturday Selection Committee – at least 3 but not more than 5 members required

Nominations received: John Evans, Roger Cotton, Kevin Jarred, Garry Bilson, Bob Black, Alan Higgins, Barry Wylie, and Darren Fletcher.

As the number of nominations exceeds the maximum number of members, a secret ballot was conducted by the Secretary.

As a result of the secret ballot, the following members were duly elected to the Saturday Selection Committee:

John Evans, Roger Cotton, Alan Higgins, Barry Wylie, and Darren Fletcher.

10. OTHER BUSINESS RELATING TO THE BOWLS COMMITTEE

Garry Bilson Suggested the Board consider posting pictures of all individual Members for possible sponsorship. The Board will consider it.

11. NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Next year's AGM is scheduled for Friday 15 May 2020 at 7.00 PM.

In closing, Rob Paterson thanked his fellow Board members and all members for their support during the past 11 months, and said he is looking forward to a successful 2019/20 season.

The meeting Closed at 8.20pm

Supper was served, followed by the presentation of the club bowling awards.