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TO: BOWLS SA MEMBER CLUBS

CC: BOWLS SA BOARD, ASSOCIATIONS, and BOWLS SA LIFE MEMBERS

SUBJECT: MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BOWLS SA

DATE: MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2023

TIME: 1:33 PM

ATTENDING VENUE: HOLDFAST BAY BOWLING CLUB, 583a Anzac Highway, Glenelg North SA

ATTENDING ZOOM: PERSON LOGIN REQUIRED

1. Present and Apologies

Present:

Voting Delegates:

Croydon Bowling Club, Neville Platten
Grange Bowling Club, Peter Symons
Happy Valley Bowling Club, Mary Baum
Hawthorn Bowling Club, Graham Dodd
Henley Bowling Club, Scott Murphy
Kensington Marryatville, Margaret Lambert
Marion Bowling Club, Jeff Allen
McLaren Vale Bowling Club, Daryl Cearns
Para Hills Bowling Club, Daryl Bonney
Payneham Bowling Club, Craig Peters
Semaphore Bowling Club, Kerri Scharkie
Somerton Bowling Club, Robert Crabbe
Sturt Bowling Club, David McVicar
Torrensville Bowling Club, Brenton Rolton
Trinity Gardens Bowling Club, Ray Thompson
Two Wells Bowling Club, Ian Telfer
Victor Harbor, Graham Houston
West Lakes Bowling Club, Lyn Doyle
Willunga Bowling Club, Alan Foster
Ascot Park Bowling Club, Bob Cooper (Bowls SA Life Member)
Christies Beach Bowling Club, Christina Ashton
Gawler Bowling Club, Kym Reynolds
Loxton Rsl Bowling Club, Des Button
Moorook Bowling Club, Michelle Heuston
Murray Bridge Bowling Club, Benjamin Traeger
Prospect Broadview Bowling Club, Kerry Johnston
Riverton Bowling Club, Cathryn Greenslade
Tintinara Bowling Club, Brenton Jones
Woodville Bowling Club, David Stearne

Attending Delegates:

Hawthorn, Bill Pitsadiotis
McLaren Vale, Trevor Morgan
Semaphore Bowling Club, Helen O'Loughlin
West Lakes, Margaret Miller
MBA, Ron Mulliner
Christies Beach Bowling Club, Sylvia Exton
Lower South-East Bowls Association, Janet Munn
Robertstown Bowling Club, David Lamond
Tintinara Bowling Club, Debra Jones
Woodville Bowling Club, Jan Prosser
Clarence Gardens Bowling Club, Des Jolly
Region State Event Manager, Jo Marslen
Somerton Bowling Club, David Kay
Bowls SA Life Member, Carol Boyle
Sandy Wallace

Board Directors:

Tim Dodds, President (Chair),
Kay Matthias, Independent Board Director
Isidoro Belluzzo, Board Director
Karen Gatto, Board Director

Staff:

Louise McDermott, CEO
Isaac Trenorden, Manager Bowls Operation

Apologies:

Grange Bowling Club
Adelaide Bowling Club
Beaumont Bowling Club
Bowls SA Life Member, John McDougall

2. Welcome

Chair Tim Dodds opened the meeting with acknowledgement of country. He went through housekeeping matters for both in person and virtual attendees and welcomed delegates, attendees, Board members present, Bowls SA Life Members Bob Cooper and Carol Boyle OAM. Apologies were noted

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Bob Cooper moved:

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Sunday 25 September 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Seconded: Jeff Allen

Carried

4. Annual Report

Daryl Cearns moved:

That the 22/23 Annual Report is received and adopted.

Seconded: Des Button

Carried

5. Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan is contained in the Annual Report.
The Strategic Plan was noted

6. Financial Statements

The audited financial statements are contained in the Annual Report.

Des Button asked what the board was going to do to reverse the trend or rectify the bleeding of member's funds, with a loss of over the past 2 years of \$342,000.

Tim Dodds, Chair, acknowledged the questions outlined the increase of expenses across the board. Grants and Sponsorship have dried up. However, CEO, with the support of the board, will work to rectify this.

Louise McDermott, CEO, spoke of the impact Sponsorship and Grant funding have had on the Bottomline and the strong focus that will be put on Sponsorship moving forward, as well as the Night Owls/social participation, getting the data on the BowlsLink database, to assist with grants and sponsorship opportunities.

Robert Crabbie asked if there is a budget for this year and is it a surplus budget.

Louise McDermott, CEO, responded, there is a budget it is a deficit one, I have been tasked by the board to review the budget and reduce the deficit.

David Lamand asked about the High Performance \$88,000, Marketing up \$28,000 for expenses, and tournament income up 66% in the past two years. Country members can't keep paying for the high performance.

Tim Dodds, Chair, thank you, David; Marketing and other areas where postable will be brought back in-house. CEO can speak to the High-Performance expense.

Louise McDermot, CEO, thank you, David. High-performance expense is high, and Nationals hasn't been able to run for two years due to COVID, the timing of the event, school holidays, flights, and catering increase. The inclusion of the Para and Over 60's sides, no longer subsidising their own expenses, has led to enormous expense. Bowls Australia, as well as all other states, are reviewing this program for the future.

Karen Gatto, Bowls SA Board member and a High Performance athlete, I would like to just add that this year, all athletes are subsidising all of their own meals and daily allowance.

Affiliation discussion was had on how to increase participation and get the participants onto the database.

Daryl Cearns moved:

That the audited financial statements, including the Board statement and the Board report in respect of the preceding Financial Year, are received.

Seconded: Robert Crabbe

Carried

7. Appointment of the Auditor

Robert Crabbie moved:

That Professional Business Solutions is appointed as the Auditor.

Seconded: Daryl Bonney

Carried

8. Notices of Motion

Due notice was given in accordance with clause 9.4.1.2.3.1 to request Notices of Motion from the membership. None were received.

9. Board Elections

Tim Dodds, Chair, acknowledged the 3 nominees and said that he would move them individually.

Election of Board Director(s).

No election is necessary as the following will be declared elected unopposed, subject to the approval of the majority of members entitled to vote.

To the one position as Elected Director, male, for a term of two years, concluding at the 2025 AGM:

- Graham Houston

Daryl Cearns moved:

That Graham Houston candidate be elected unopposed is approved by the membership.

Seconded Jeff Allen

Carried

To the one position as Elected Director, female, for a term of two year, concluding at the 2025 AGM:

- Kaylene Matthias

Robert Crabbie moved:

That Kay Matthias candidate be elected unopposed is approved by the membership.

Seconded: Bob Cooper

Carried

To the one position as Elected Director, discretionary (any gender), for a term of two year concluding at the 2025 AGM:

- Janet Munn

Tim Dodds, Chair acknowledged Jannet Munn's nomination. Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, Janet is unable to continue. This position will be a casual vacancy and will be filled by the new board in due course.

10. Endorsement of Returning Officers

Bob Cooper moved:

That the CEO is endorsed as Returning Officer.

That the President and CEO be appointed as delegates to Bowls Australia for 2023/24.

Seconded: Ron Mulliner

Carried

11. General Business

Daryl Bonney, To be clear, you want social/night owlers to be put on the BowlsLink database for sponsorship and grant opportunities.

Louise McDermott, CEO, correct. However, it is also for the purpose of growing our Nights Owls program.

12. Meeting close: 2:34pm