

VERMONT SOUTH CLUB INC
Minutes of the 29th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
For Year ended 30 June 2020
Held Tuesday 16th November, 2021

President David Dressing opened the meeting and welcomed all members in attendance.

A minute's silence was observed for the passing of member Allan Maher.

PRESENT

The following members were present: -

Di Agius, Spiro Agius, Pat Andrew, Gwen Baker, Jim Baker, Pam Barnhill, Ian Bennett, Lorraine Bennett, Noel Bennett, Tony Bennett, Ed Bennetti,, Alex Blundell, Faye Blundell, Margaret Borden, Barbara Brown, Barrie Brown, Geoff Bryant, Graeme Buntrock, Pat Buntrock, Andre Butskikh, Jim Cull, Pauline Cullen, Phillip Cullen, Jan Daphne, David Dressing, Paul Drew, Paul Dunn, Maggie Dwyer, Cyril Evans, Levena Evans, Ray Evans, Mary Farley, Libby Fergusson, Marg Fitzpatrick, Alan Flaherty, Ken George, Gavan Gow, Pat Gow, Rob Graham, Martin Haines, Derek Hale, Dennis Hawthorne, Matthew Hay, Ian Heatley, Joan Heatley, John Henwood, Liz Henwood, Barry Hockham, Christine Holland, Trevor Holland, Gillian Horlock, Keith Horlock, John Ispanovic, Grahame Jackson, Pam Janssen, Elaine Kendler, Allan Lamb, Anne Marchment, Trish Martin, Peter Meggs, Michael McFarlane, Wyn McNamara, John Molloy, Audrey Mullett, Flick Nolan, Jeremy O'Meara, Justin O'meara, Stan Oversby, Katrina Oxley, Joe Panetta, Denise Parry, Geoff Parry, David Person, Mike Petty, John Prichard, Jack Purcell, Dennis Quintal, Neil Ramage, Alan Rolfe, Brenda Ross, David Russell, Gordon Russell, Pat Russell, Margaret Sampson, Helen Selleck, Carol Simmons, Gary Simmons, Joy Smith, Jan Stackpool, Les Stackpool, Anne Staley, Phil Staley, John Strybosch, John Temple, Di Tew, Pat Vogele, Ron Vogele, Jan Wajs, Marie Wajs, Mal Walker, Jean Walter, Megan Ware, Nance Way, Norm Weight, Val Weight, Elisabeth Wilson, Clive Wilson, Tony Wilson, Damien Whaley.

Total of 108s

APOLOGIES

The following members tendered their apology: -

David Baldie, Graeme Durrant, Marg Emery, Di Godson, Bev Harvey, Graeme Marchment, Jess O'Meara, Florence Parker, Sean Wilkeson, Colin Webb, Laurice Webb,

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting, year-end 30th June 2020, held on 17th March 2021 were confirmed as a true record.

An amendment was moved: Pam Barnhill - regarding co-opting of Spiro Agius. David says that it is not relevant as he believes he has not nominated properly at the time and was accepted in good faith, as he couldn't do it by the rules, he was co-opted by committee and at the end of day, Spiro held his position. Pam moved amendment to show Spiro voted on committee as a committee member as all other members, not co-opted. Motion carried.

Moved:
Carried.

Jim Baker

Seconded:

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TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE 29th ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2021

VSC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Report – the report has been printed for everyone to see. Tonight's meeting is to allow the club to move on. David stated that he will not go over things again though he is happy for members to contact him directly.

It is noted no motion was made to accept President's report by members

SPORTS SECTIONS

Tennis – Damien. The report is as included in the notes, covid hit Tennis hard, similar to 2020, focus is to move safely to back on tennis

Bowls – Di. Nothing to add from report

It is noted no motion was made to accept sports sectional reports by members

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion - To receive and adopt the 2020/2021 Income and Expenditure Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report.

Martin Haines - financial report - report as was distributed.

Questions from Mal Walker, which has been answered regarding advertising cost of \$20,000, concerning Max's receipt of money, he has conducted a tournament, profit \$4500, primed to do another tournament with 18 people having already paid fees, unfortunately looks like it's being cancelled, Mal said he sent email to say it's been cancelled, entries to be refunded. Money is a loss to the club, paid money includes interstate people, covid did not stop the tournament, sponsor received hits from streaming, benefit for sponsors.

Martin - Report - fundraising, bank interest \$5-6000 interest on term deposits, we need to recoup from this as interest does not give much on term deposit.

Commitment 61,000 lighting for five courts for tennis, paying 35000, received grant from Tennis Australia - \$18,000, banked, waiting on lighting to be assembled, we need to keep an eye on that re repaying of funds.

Club has been over several years planning extensions to club rooms to include meeting space, \$300,000 from Federal Government, commitment from us \$150,000, rest by City of Whitehorse, \$2.4 million project, we are talking to sponsors, nothing that needs to be paid until 2023, fantastic situation to be in, \$2.4 million with little to no debt.

Question from Noel Bennett - has there been a contract for the new building,

Martin No, we received new plans today, no contract with any buildings as yet, funds have allocated.

Question Have we received funds?

There are no funds to be received. It goes to tender, we are a way off that yet.

Question - Has the club spend money on project?

Council has spent 50,000, not us.

Question - How did we raise \$150,000.

We have been speaking to Bendigo Bank, re them funding it over 3 year period, plus other fundraising ventures.

Noel - have we got a plan re room being closed.

It won't be closed. Every contingency will be made.

Question re Sponsors - how many have been invoiced and paid, and how much have we lost re handbook.

Handbook was decided to be digital - number of us wanted hardcopy as everyone does not have a computer, but this was voted against.

Comment - Last 3 years handbook has been cost negative.

Trevor Holland - if there was an overrun of the \$150,000.00 we would not be paying for it, council will be, another access will be put in while building works. There will be a new ramp, that will run north/south, width will cater for equipment and will be sufficient.

Balance sheet - tennis t-shirts - have we still got that stock. Paid for in April 2021, sitting in balance sheet Martin passes question to tennis committee. Damien responds. All t-shirts are sitting there. Members will be purchasing them, haven't been able to get in there to sell them due to COVID, but they will be sold this season.

Debtor's list - \$6-8000 - what is it? Accounts receivable. Martin responds they are sponsors, all in current period. During covid, Hello World committed themselves but couldn't provide due to funds/covid, but still want to commit. How much is going to be collectable? Martin thinks 50%. Question - has this been outstanding since February 2020. Covid period is in there, Martin states, and this is why he is not standing again, he is not an accountant, and things went through that could have been curtailed.

Mal - adverting promotion for 2018/19, a number of amounts and payments have been questioned for advertising, over last 2 years, Max received \$20,000, the amount doesn't stand out in expenditure.

Martin - has explained re Max, he believes club required at the time to bring membership up to get to premier division. Max's \$20,000 with profit of \$4000, started doing second tournament, in two years he could have recouped funds that would have countered that \$20,000. Compared to lights for tennis.

Barbara Brown - can we ask Damien regarding lights for tennis courts - do you now play night tennis, where we can earn money with the lights to cover their cost.

Damien Whaley – We have plans to recoup the cost of the lights, increase fees, users and competitions to recoup \$5 per person per night, encourage more teams to play more night games – there is a 3 year plan to recoup through fees and fundraising. Lights use 50% less power than previous lights

It is noted no motion was made to accept Treasurer's report by members.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Our returning officer John Temple then explained Nominations were held for the positions on the Committee of Management.

Pauline Cullen spoke from the floor re the existing committee: She spoke on the forward planning of the previous committee members under David Dressing bringing a period of growth and success to the Club.

John Temple resumed election process.

Nominations were received for the following positions:

President:	Ken George
Vice President	Damien Whaley
Treasurer	Phil Staley
Secretary	Katrina Oxley
Committee	Laurice Webb (Membership secretary)
	Libby Fergusson
	Liz Henwood
	Spiro Agius
	Graeme Buntruck

Automatic Secondments: -	
Tennis Chairperson	Damien Whaley
Bowls Chairperson	Di Agius

David Dressing calls point of order regarding nominations - If Damien is the Tennis president, he should not also be general committee as vice president of the club. Ken George addressed David's question. If he is the Vice President and Tennis president, he does both jobs but has one vote. He can bring someone in from tennis committee to address tennis, but they don't vote. We do not accept the new committee will not be progressive. We will do everything we can to be a success. Regardless of your views it's time to get behind the club to keep it a great community club. Old committee have a lot to give, new committee will be looking at all aspects and will be drawing on knowledge of them, inclusive of all sports and all members, people still want to enjoy the club, implore you all to get behind the committee, forget the negativity and lets' make this the best club we can. ,

As positions were nominated unopposed, no election was required.

TO CONSIDER ANY MOTIONS FOR WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

Allan Lamb - tennis member numbers 117, is that a reduction? What measures is there to address member numbers? Damien - yes, they've dropped from 160, we have been actively chasing lapsed members, we accrue through coaching and open days, we had 25 new members from last open day, AO is seen as an opportunity, juniors are the larger numbers, with some transient members, different demographic to bowls and darts, we are working to make it vibrant. Most other clubs have less than 100 members, so we compare well. Martin - do new members who join in January pay full year or pro rata? Answer pro rata.

Andrei Butskikh - How do we get to premier division if we don't have young members. First division is old members and handicapped. It is noted Andrei was aggressive and belligerent, General outcry from members, Ken shut down the comment, stating Andrei's comment is inappropriate. Andrei then left the meeting.

Chris Holland - if we are going to aspire to premier division club, we need to have everyone in the club involved in that decision. This division is watched on TV with marquee players interstate/international moving from club to club and representing state or Australia. To have that here we need money, we are not sure we are the club to find that money to fly them in each week to play, as a member I want to be asked, is that what we want to aspire to? As a whole club, we need to be a part of that decision making.

Trevor Holland - I am proud we have handicapped people playing for this club.

Allan Lamb - what is the average age of the bowls club? 76.

Keith Horlock – At 86 many of the members look young. We have an enormous amount of experience, let's teach younger players what we know and welcome them.

Geoff Bryant - wants to congratulate everyone who has worked to get the club to where it is. It disturbs him to see dissent in the club, rather than talk about what has happened we need to move on.

For the new committee, 10 years ago when we set out to do what we did we established a benchmark, we haven't achieved it, 80-100 senior tennis members, 250 members bowls will bring in \$50-80,000, We need to reinvent previous numbers, where are we going to fund infrastructure on current numbers. We need to get numbers back up. Commended large numbers at AGM, which is positive.

Ken George - echoed those thoughts. We must attract new members and new players. We need to work together to make this happen. Contacts with soccer club, cricket club, football club. Lets' get out there and attract them back to the club.

Tony Wilson - membership categories - adults, concession, junior, reciprocal. Decided not to play pennant, but social. What category would he go under? Ken - this is something that will be addressed. Rules from Bowls Victoria, if not affiliated, you can't play competition for a prize, even if only social, this needs to go to BV re affiliation fees.

Di Tew - as a newish member, 4 years, one of the reasons she left Heatherdale was dropping numbers. Positive thing about VSC, let's settle things down. Corporate events coming up, good opportunity for new members.

Noel Bennett - books - rules/constitution outdated. Will this be looked at? Ken - there's nothing off the table, everything in all aspects of the club will be looked at, if there are specific concerns, talk to relevant committee.

Gwen Baker - New car passes for next 2 year - Gwen will put in eNews when available.

Mal Walker - Under By-Law 23, the Committee of management may Amend these by laws by giving twenty-one (21) days clear noticeably posting them on the Club's web site, Noticeboard or other conspicuous place in the Clubhouse.

Ken George declared the meeting closed at 8.05.

19th Nov 2021