

VERMONT SOUTH BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of the 29th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) - Monday 17th April 2023

Chairperson: Diane Agius

Secretary: John Ispanovic

Chairperson Di Agius called the meeting to order and reminded members to sign the Attendance Book if they haven't already done so.

Chairperson Di Agius – Declared the 29th Annual General Meeting of the Vermont South Bowling Club open for business at 7:31pm and thanked members for their attendance.

Before commencing the formal part of the meeting, Chairperson Di Agius invited everyone to stand and to take a few moments of reflection in silence to remember our members, friends and family who had passed away during the past club year and those who are currently struggling with health issues - 1 minute reflection.

Chairperson Di thanked the members and the meeting commenced.

1. Apologies:

Chairperson Di, asked the Secretary, John Ispanovic to read the list of apologies – which he did.....there were 17 recorded

Elaine Kendler
Ken George
Gill George
Alan Rolfe
Katrina Oxley
Alex Robertson
Lynne Rolfe
Trevor Holland
Brenda Ross
Ray Evans
Val Weight
Lyn Bryant
David Dressing
Jim Baker
Gwen Baker
Gillian Horlock
Barry Hockham

No further apologies were noted.

2. Notice of Meeting:

Chairperson Di asked the Secretary - "Has every financial member of the Club been informed of the AGM in accordance with Rule 32(a) of the Club's Rules?"

The Secretary, John Ispanovic announced - "A notice has been sent by post to the address of all financial members who do not have email addresses and emailed via eNews to all members who have email addresses, and also posted on noticeboards"

3. Confirmation of Minutes – 2022 AGM

Prior to confirmation of the 2022 AGM minutes, the Chairperson advised everyone that there had been a typographical error in those minutes – on page 2 and page 4

Page 2: Trevor Holland was recorded as the mover of the confirmation of the 2021 AGM minutes

Page 4: T.Holland was recorded as the mover for accepting the 2022 AGM reports

However, Chairperson Di advised that Trevor Holland was an apology for the 2022 meeting and therefore could not be the mover.

The Chairperson put to the members that given both the minutes and reports were voted as accepted unanimously that we make a record that this entry was a mistake and record the fact that someone else in the room must have been the mover. All agreed.

Chairperson Di announced "The Minutes of the 2022 Bowls Section AGM have been posted on the noticeboard, emailed via Enews and copies made available to members. Therefore, she asked, subject to the above notation, that they be taken as read and accepted"

Mover Graeme Durrant

Secunder Gary Simmons

Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from 2022 Bowls Section AGM Minutes:

Chairperson Di asked the Secretary John Ispanovic – "Was there any business arising from the Minutes that needed to be addressed by the Committee?" **Secretary John announced** "There's none".

5. Presentation & Acceptance of Annual Reports:

(a) Chairperson Di advised that all expenditure and financial accountability, has been and still is, determined at VSC level. She advised that the Bowls Committee had been working with the VSC to formalise processes and ensure all expenditure in the Bowls section is formally approved and recorded in club records. Chairperson Di, asked the VSC Treasurer if he wanted to talk to his financial report, that had been distributed to members or take questions – Phil advised he would take questions.

There were no questions for the Treasurer from the members.

(b) Chairperson Di advised that the annual report has been published for all members to read and given the enormous amount of work involved in running the club she had asked for a brief summary from our Head Coach about the forthcoming season.

John Strybosch – Head Coach (summary)

- *coaching session on Thursday 3-5pm*
- *Monday morning drills*
- *Focus on position specific drills*
- *A successful club has a strong club culture, a strong committee and members that contribute*
- *A new player evaluation system will be implemented for the pennant season*
- *player selection for pennant will be guided by attitude, commitment and ability*

Chairperson Di then provided the following information:

- The club has come out of Covid and is doing well. We have a challenge with our contribution to the renovations but we have recruited well over the past 2 years and we can only work hard to continue that trend. We are a happy place to be and it is great to hear new members say that what they love about our club “is the way they have been welcomed, it’s all about the people”
- Our membership is 190 (3 more than last year) so we haven’t gone backwards our pennant competition results improved from last year and our new members have developed to a level where they will be playing at higher levels next season
- The VSC introduced the option of a social membership category last year, we have about 35 members in social, some of which have the ability to choose to play pennant sometime in the future.
- We hosted the Deakin Cup and won!! We received a \$1500 pay check and the trophy for a year. Well done to the players who represented Vermont South so well. We have introduced the Balmoral Cup sponsored by Balmoral 055 retirement village with \$800 and a cup to be presented annually. We also have the KCL tournament (sponsored by KCL) coming up this weekend with nearly 100 players involved. A bit of a challenge with our renovations underway but such positive activity happening around the club. Unfortunately, our partnership with the Vermont Junior Cricket club has got off to a rocky start. Our family day was impacted with the cricket club getting rained out most weekends with all the rainy weather we had and with parents not attending the club. Jason Retchford, the President found it difficult to drive momentum around the event and then he was diagnosed with a brain tumour. We agreed that we would defer the family day until later this year but again that will be subject to the state of our renovations. Anyway, the partnership is happening, they are circulating all of our flyers amongst their members; we have 4 members through the cricket club now who are practising Tuesday nights mostly and in a recent conversation with them they have indicated that they may be ready to play Tuesday night pennant next season, so we are progressing in the right direction.
- We have our renovations, finally, which we will get through and they will also open up further opportunities for our future. The new website is being developed this year and hopefully some better signage out the front so we don’t have to hear “we didn’t know you were here”
- Di made special acknowledgment of John Temple and the vital role he undertakes in keeping everyone informed about what’s happening across the VSC and especially our bowls section. She also thanked Alex Blundell for running the bar and keeping our drinks and bowls items stocked up and ready to help us enjoy each other socially.

- Our volunteers, we are a volunteer club! You are our future! We are holding a thank you afternoon tea in May and we hope you will all attend as we acknowledge each other and celebrate together what our hard work has been able to achieve. But the nagging won't stop we need everyone to be doing something. Next year could see the introduction of rosters to make sure the necessary jobs get done.
- Di thanked the convenors of both social and pennant competition who have taken up the leadership role of running their days without any interference from her. What that allows her to do is to just play bowls and not worry about what she needs to run or what she might have to say. She thanked everyone involved.
- Again, Di thanked her committee who have supported her for the past 2 years and have undertaken their responsibilities with due diligence and integrity always mindful that they are representing all of the members of this club. To everyone in the room she also thanked and stated that they, as always, have done this club proud and we maintain our reputation as the friendly club!
- Let's keep it that way. And so, we begin the next 2 years.

Chairperson Di asked if there were any questions from the floor and there being none she announced

"I now ask for a Mover and Seconder that the Reports as circulated, be taken as received, read and accepted".

Moved. Ian Heatley

Seconded. Alex Blundell

Motion: Carried

6. Election of Chairperson, Secretary, 3 committee members and all sub-committees:

Chairperson Di referred everyone to the document that was handed out when they arrived titled "Bowls Committee, Sub-committees and Support 2023/24" which will be an attachment to the minutes.

She pointed out that this is very detailed and demonstrates the huge number of roles and responsibilities in running the Bowls Section

Chairperson Di announced that we would move to the election of Chairperson, Secretary and members to serve on the Bowls Committee. In accordance with the Rules the following Committee members have 1 year of their 2-year term left to serve – Pam Barnhill, Chris Holland, Mike Petty, John Strybosch. John Ispanovic has vacated the secretarial role due to work commitments but will move to being a general member of the bowls committee replacing Chris Holland for the second year as she takes a break from the committee after many years of service to committee administration.

Chairperson Di advised – "We will now address the vacant positions to be filled"

- Firstly, for the role bearer positions we have one nomination for the Chairperson – Di Agius and one nomination for the Secretary position – Debbie Strybosch - for the next 2 years

Chairperson Di announced – There being no other nominations for these two positions, it gives me great pleasure to declare Di and Debbie as incoming Chairperson and Secretary respectively and we thank them for nominating for these key positions.

Chairperson Di advised – “We will now address the 3 vacant general Committee positions, to be filled”

We have Anne Staley, Rhona Bastiani (new member) and Jann Laurence (new member) nominating for the 3 vacant positions.

Chairperson Di announced– “As we have 3 nominations for 3 vacant positions I declare – Anne, Rhona and Jann elected - thank you all for nominating for these positions – Congratulations!”

Chairperson Di thanked those leaving the committee this year Pat Buntrock, Mal Walker, Chris Holland and Keith Horlock and advised, Pat has experienced one year of committee membership and will continue to assist with catering and club functions. Mal, Chris and Keith have had considerable years of experience on committee and contributed greatly to the running of the club. We can only hope that we can continue on their good work as we go forward. Although not on committee, Chris, Keith and Mal will provide ongoing support to the administration of the club. Please show your appreciation for the dedication and hard work of these members.

Chairperson Di announced –Graeme Durrant has offered to work off Committee as club CCO; Pam Janssen will continue her roles of social media, membership and well-being; Ray Evans, cash handling / Club Handbook

Chairperson Di invited the new committee to join her and continued with the meeting.

Sub-committees and Supporting positions 2023/24

Chairperson Di announced that it was very pleasing to note that majority of members involved with the various sub committees, positions and duties last year, have renominated; decided to continue for another year or we have some new members starting to get involved in the running of the club!

Weekend Selectors:

Chairperson Di announced: “Three selectors were elected for 2-year terms last year and so have 1 year left to serve – they are Denis Quintal, Rob Graham and Mary Farley. *Spiro Agius* and *Derek Hale* have renominated for another 2 years”.

Midweek Selectors:

Chairperson Di announced: “ Three selectors were elected for 2-year terms last year and so have 1 year left to serve – John Deegan, Derek Hale and Graeme Buntrock, leaving 2 positions vacant. Gillian Horlock renominating, along with new nominees - Pat Andrew and Barbara Carroll.

Di advised that although we have 6 members nominating for what has usually been 5 positions we set a precedent last year by accepting 6 nominations to Saturday selection. The 5 positions are not a rule but a guide and we consider that if people want to be involved in any aspects of the club we should encourage and support to make that happen. An election could be quite divisive and so the committee determined that all nominations be accepted.

A big thank you to Ken George who is leaving this committee, we thank him for his dedication and hard work in contributing to Pennant selection. Please show your appreciation.”

Chairperson Di advised everyone that the Tournament Director position sits on the Bowls Committee so all major decisions about our Tournament Calendar will be determined at that level. The Tournament Director, Mike Petty, will have responsibility for managing and organising support for each event.

Thank you to Jim Cull, Wyn McNamara and Gillian Horlock for their contribution to the Tournament Subcommittee.

Chairperson Di advised that we have provided a more detailed list of the roles and responsibilities this year so everyone can see the enormous workload involved in the various areas of the club. She thanked them all for volunteering because whether they are long term members or new, we need everyone to have a job and contribute to the running of our club, especially if we want to have a future.

She asked everyone to acknowledge each other

7. General Business:

Chairperson Di advised that there were no items of general business received

Chairperson Di advised everyone that she was happy to open the meeting up for any questions from the floor for a few minutes. No questions were asked.

8. Next Annual General Meeting:

Chairperson Di announced that the next Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held **Monday 22nd April 2024**

Chairperson Di also announced that the first meeting of the new Bowls Committee will be on **Monday 1st May 2023**

There being no further business Di thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the 29th Annual General Meeting closed at 8:17p.m.