



WARNBRO BOWLING CLUB

MINUTES OF CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 16th August 2020

Attendance:

Attendance was recorded by the Attendance sheets, with 80 Financial Full and Life members present, being sufficient for a quorum, and 14 apologies recorded.

President Dennis Pattullo opened the meeting at 10:00AM.

Previous Minutes:

Copies of minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting were distributed for perusal by members and had also been available from the Club website.

Moved T Tartoosie **Seconded** L Cooper that they be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

President's Report:

Dennis Pattullo read from a prepared report, which is attached to these minutes. He thanked the various groups for a successful year, although the year was not without its difficulties especially given the current health issues facing all.

Finally, he welcomed the new members taking up positions on either the Executive or Management Committees and thanked those that were standing down. He reiterated the need for respect for the members of those Committees as they are volunteers, and the Club needs volunteers to operate successfully.

Financial and Auditor's Reports (copies circulated): The Auditors report and Balance sheets had been circulated to the meeting and the Treasurer advised that the Club coffers hold around \$210,000, with a profit of around \$70K for the year.

Moved L Blechynden **Seconded** J Nairn that the President's and Financial reports be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

Election of Patron(s):

The President requested members agreeance that Mark McGowan, Paul Papalia and Madeleine King continue as co-Club Patrons.

Moved D Pattullo **Seconded** C Jeffries that they continue as co-Patrons for the 2020-21 year. **Carried unanimously**

Election of Auditor:

It was recommended that Sound Tax & Accounting continue to be the Club Auditor.

Moved D Pattullo **Seconded** B Craig. **Carried unanimously**

Election of Life Members:

No nominations were considered for Life Membership this year.

Notices of Motion:

There were 2 Notices of Motion received, and 2 items of special business of which notice had been given.

Special business 1:

Ron asked to conduct his special business request first as it could have a bearing on the first motion for discussion.

Ron explained that he had done some preliminary work with Roger Burrows in having a "Voting Day" in lieu of the current postal ballot system applied across 3 (potentially) AGM's. Ron's only aim today was to ascertain if the members assembled considered such a "Voting Day" as something the Club could consider and if the majority assembled agreed then Ron & Roger would take the next step and prepare documents and proposed Constitution changes for member comment, with the aim being a Special General meeting in late 2020 or early 2021. If the assembled members did not consider the proposal was needed, then Ron & Roger would proceed no further.

A show of hands was asked, and the majority supported the proposal moving ahead to the next stage.

Moved R Abrahams

Motion 1:

To change the Constitution in regard to Ladies AGM day – Constitution to read "any day in May" in lieu of "any Friday in May".

Moved V Meehan **Seconded** E Meehan

Ron asked for the Ladies to consider withdrawing the Motion at this AGM and re-submitting at the SGM (as above) as the "Voting day" would need to consider the 3 AGM's dates. If the motion for a "Voting Day" did not pass at an SGM then the Ladies motion could then be considered and voted on, at that SGM. Elaine advised that the Ladies would be happy to withdraw the Motion from this AGM.

Motion result: **Withdrawn**

Motion 2:

To accept the offer to host the 2021 National Bowling Arm Championships in September 2021.

Moved B Baker **Seconded** E Meehan

M Webb asked about some clarification around the closure of the Club during the period of these Championships and whether the Club received any sort of compensation for any loss of business (Men's Pairs, Bingo etc). Bill explained about the National Championships and the ability for the Club to be highlighted as a venue of value. There would be something around 180+ people here from all over Australia, over the period. This is an attraction for the local community, and we have support from the Council and State Government.

Motion result: **Carried unanimously**

Special business 2:

Ladies requested consideration of where members thought the kitchen operations should move toward.

Moved Y McGloin

R Davey spoke in regard to the Friday nights being the 'heart' of the Club and the kitchen have always been popular for meals, however over the years and for a number of reasons it has declined in uses. R Davey suggested that the Executive may need to seriously look at hiring someone to run a Friday night kitchen to get back the Friday

night feeling of unity. D Pattullo explained that the new Executive would need to look at the kitchen operation, and the majority of members present indicated that Friday night meals were still of interest.

Committee Elections:

The President declared all Committee positions vacant and handed the meeting to the Returning Officer Ted Lutey to outline the result of nominations for positions.

Announcement of Incoming Committee Members:

Executive Committee -

President	Fred Hannah – elected 80 – 60 therefore by majority There were 2 nominations for the position of President – Elaine Meehan and Fred Hannah. A ballot was required to confirm the successful nominee. 193 Ballot papers were dispatched by hand or mail. 143 responses were received however 3 of these were invalid due to name and/or signature issues. Of the 140 remaining ballot papers no issues were discovered to render any voting slip invalid.
Deputy President	Roy Gillespie – elected unopposed
Secretary	No Nominations received
Treasurer	Bronwen Hands – elected unopposed

Ladies Captain **Yvonne McGloin ****

Mens Captain **Hank Hendriksen ****

**** The Men's & Ladies Captains were elected at the respective Bowls Sections Annual General Meetings but form part of the Executive Committee as a result.**

Management Committee -

House	Trevor Tartoosie – elected unopposed
Bingo	Rex Nicholson – elected unopposed
Entertainment	No Nominations received
Greens / Grounds	No nominations received
Convener	No nominations received
Social Bowls Co-ordinator	No nominations were called for due to an administrative oversight

With the ballot and results accepted Ted Lutey moved a motion to destroy all ballot papers.

Moved T Lutey **Seconded** R Abrahams

Motion result: **Carried unanimously**

Returning Officer Ted Lutey handed the meeting to the successful President Fred Hannah to look for nominations of vacant positions and finalise the meeting.

The newly elected President assumed the role and then, after a request, handed the microphone to the newly elected Deputy President Roy Gillespie.

In an extraordinary move the Roy Gillespie then read from a **prepared** statement and the statement made claims of misinformation, outright lies and various other claims – such as comments indicating ‘never having a Banker running this Club’. The Deputy President then advised the meeting that he did not believe the necessary support and respect was forthcoming from some members and because of this he was resigning

from the position, effective immediately and wished the incoming Committee all the best. He then handed the microphone back to the President.

The newly elected President expressed his sorrow at hearing the Deputy President comments and stated that he had taken the position on, or under the recognition of support from R Gillespie. He then went on to announce his resignation from the position, also effective immediately. This left the room stunned and pandemonium ensued as the meeting was left without official leadership, per se. Members stood up to announce the elected personnel should remain and not do this to the Club and members that had supported them. R Gillespie again took the microphone in an attempt to explain to the members the reasoning behind his decision, in effect because of a toxic culture within the Club which he wanted no part of.

The previous President, Dennis Pattullo, took control of the meeting (as Chairman) in order to set the meeting back on track. He outlined his dismay at the actions taken however called for calm whilst determining the way ahead, which was to call for nominations for the newly vacated positions and for those positions not filled in the original ballots.

A question was asked as to the defeated nominee (Elaine Meehan) assuming the role vacated by the President however as the positions had been elected by the members the ballot was considered closed and could not be used. The departures of the President and Deputy President would need to be handled, in accordance with the Constitution, the same as any other resignation that occurred during the year.

Call for nominations for vacant positions:

The Chairman called for nominations from the floor for the vacant positions: -

President

A nomination of D Pattullo (Moved B Baker Seconded Les Kellow) was accepted by D Pattullo for this vacant position.

A nomination of E Meehan (Moved S Webster Seconded Y Bushell) was accepted by E Meehan for this vacant position.

Both nominees were asked to leave the room whilst a show of hands was taken with **D Pattullo** being successful in that ballot.

Deputy President

A nomination of B Baker (Moved D Pattullo Seconded B Craig) was accepted by B Baker for this vacant position.

A nomination of F Hannah (Moved S Watling Seconded *indistinct*) was not accepted by F Hannah for this vacant position.

A nomination of E Meehan (Moved M Webb Seconded *indistinct*) was not accepted by E Meehan for this vacant position.

A nomination of R Gillespie (Moved K Shone Seconded S Watling) was accepted by R Gillespie for this vacant position. A speech by R Gillespie was given outlining his wish to be here to support the Club but members needed to approach him with solutions and not just problems.

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Secretary	A nomination of R Abrahams (moved L Kellow Seconded C Murphy) was accepted by R Abrahams for this vacant position, and as no further nominations were received <u>R Abrahams</u> was unanimously elected.
Greens & Grounds	A nomination of K Meehan (Moved B Baker Seconded L Blechynden) was accepted by K Meehan for this position and as no further nominations were received <u>K Meehan</u> was unanimously elected.
Convener	A nomination of V Meehan (Moved E Barrett Seconded J Bushell) was accepted by V Meehan for this position and as no further nominations were received <u>V Meehan</u> was unanimously elected.
Entertainment	No nominations were forthcoming for this position and the Executive will need to continue a search for someone to fulfill the role.

Those positions filled were declared elected and the President thanked all nominees. The Executive will continue to determine other suitable members as required.

Prior to the closing of the meeting the President asked for the continued support from the members and asked for issues to be raised as they occurred and not left to grow into huge problems. He wished all the members the best and looked forward to the continued success of the Club.

There being no further business the Annual General Meeting closed at 11:00 AM.



Dennis Pattullo
President



Ron Abrahams,
Secretary