

UNCONFIRMED
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF CLAUDELANDS BOWLING CLUB
Held On 25 MAY 2019

WELCOME by President Barry Pryor

- 1a **PRESENT** (58 members)
- i. **Executive Members** (9): Barry Pryor, Bill Barwood, Keith Buick, Doug Gregory, Diane Hodges, Barrie Hooper, Ian Kennedy, Bill Olson, Yvonne Smale
- ii. **Other Members** (49): Tony Gray, Ray Mills, Maureen White, Norah Rahmann, Vera Davies, Jan Smith, Judith Franklyn, Roger Austin, Margaret Jones, Kevin Quinton, Don Maclean, Tony Frankland, Marie Kenyon, Peter Fabling, Mhyre Oman, Bill Langlands, Marcia Donovan, John Donovan, Joyce Cross, Sally Marston, Wim van der Beek, Robin van der Beek, Jim Flogdell, Maria Lelieveld, Roger Pinner, Raewyn Putt, Clare Pooch, Norm Gore, Gwen Horne, Ross Middleton, Barry Johnston, Jeanette Johnston, Alan Malloy, Arie Graafhuis, John Kerr, Maree Brothers, Ray Marx, Norm Keyte, Barry Prior, Ian Bardsley, Frana Jelaca, Peter Lakin, Joan Scott, Douglas Taylor, Anne Taylor, Ashley Taylor, Syd Wesley, David Rose, Jillian Forbes
- 1b **APOLOGIES:** (18 members)
 Dick Morgan, John Park, Ian Davidson, Colin Hampton, Des Cosgrove, Lois Cosgrove, Alan Cross, Merv Hornell, Annette Hornell, Ray Pryor, Keith Flockhart, Arthur Soper, Lindsay Robinson, Ann Alexander, Brian Abbott, Bruce McCullough, Heather Morgans, Rhonda Smith
- 1c **DECEASED:** Les Hart, Dennis Jeffries, Barry Smith, Angela Van Oosterom, Bill Widdowson
 Members observed a minute silence.
- 2 **MINUTES OF 2018 AGM:** The minutes were taken as read.
 Moved by Jim Flogdell and seconded by Robin van der Beek, that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.
 Matters Arising: In response to concerns expressed about the AGM 2018 decision to start Sunday championship events at 9.00am not being adhered to, the President advised that the matter would be addressed via a notice of motion.
 MINUTES OF 2018 SGM: The minutes were taken as read.
 Moved by Roger Pinner and seconded by Diane Hodges that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.
- 3 **ANNUAL REPORT: Barry Pryor**
 Convenor reports were tabled and taken as read. The President highlighted the quality of the greens and thanked Tony Gray for his work as Green Keeper. He further expressed appreciation for the input from a number of other members, either as convenors or as volunteers. Special mention was made of the outstanding financial contribution arising from hosting corporate events. The work of Bill Barwood and a core team of volunteers was acknowledged. The President observed that the club was in very good heart with a strong financial position and a deserved reputation as a friendly club.. He expressed his optimism for the future of the club.

In response to a question from M White, the President advised that the incoming Board would be considering options for the future use of green # 3 and that members would be kept informed.

The President thanked outgoing Board members, Keith Flockhart, Bill Olson and Yvonne Smale for their contributions.

Patron Barry Prior, congratulated the Board and Convenors for their contributions to the annual report. He commented specifically on the positivity, optimism and general enthusiasm of the reports.

The adoption of the annual report was moved by Barry Pryor, seconded by Ian Kennedy and carried.

4 TREASURER'S REPORT: Doug Gregory

The Treasurer spoke to the statement of financial performance for the 2018/2019 season and the statement of financial position for the 2018/2019 season. Budget for 2019/2020 was also discussed.

The undoubted highlight was the achievement of an operating surplus of \$771.00. Although modest, this represents the first surplus since 2010.

Special capital expenditure of \$79,885.00. for the replacement of plinth boards on number 2 green, refurbishment of the hall and replacement of the roof and spouting, was noted.

Doug Gregory moved the adoption of the Treasurers report and the approval of the 2019/2020 budget. This was seconded by Keith Buick and carried.

Anne Taylor commented that while the refurbishment of the hall and the replacement of the roofing were positive improvements, she was very concerned that the expenditure, while signalled at the 2017/2018 AGM, was none the less unbudgeted and had not been presented to members for approval. The President acknowledged her concern as a legitimate one.

Douglas Taylor noted the increased revenue from venue hire and asked that a legal opinion be sought on the club's position regarding the consumption of liquor on club premises.

It was moved by Doug Gregory, seconded by Norm Gore, and subsequently carried, that the recommended increases in subscription rates for the 2019/2020 season for Full Playing (\$180.00), First Year Full Playing (\$90.00), Casual A (\$125.00), Casual B (\$40.00), be approved.

5 ELECTION OF MEMBERS of BOARD

The following members were elected unopposed to the Board:

- President – Barry Pryor
- Vice President – Bill Barwood
- Secretary – Ian Kennedy
- Treasurer – Doug Gregory
- Board Members– Keith Buick, Tony Frankland, Judith Franklyn, Norm Gore, Diane Hodges, Barrie Hooper, Merv Hornell

6 APPOINTMENT OF PATRON AND REVIEWER :

Patron: Barry Prior

Reviewer: Douglas Taylor.

The President thanked both the Patron and Reviewer for their support and their willingness to continue in their roles.

7 MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The member for the year was Roger Austin.

The President acknowledged the unobtrusive and wide ranging support that Roger provided to the club.

8 NOTICES OF MOTION:

1: Start Times for Championship Events:

In introducing the notice of motion to clarify start times for championship events, the President confirmed that each championship event would be played, as long as it was practicable, over one weekend.

Discussion of the motion included the following:

- That the decision taken would only be reviewed in the future by way of a notice of motion.
- That members would need to commit to playing consecutive days if they intended playing in championship events.
- That club champions should be required to take part in Centre Champion of Champions events
- That play over one weekend frees up the subsequent weekend for other sporting or family activities.
- That greens would be mowed and rolled prior to a 9.00am start on both Saturday and Sunday.
- That the age of some members makes play over consecutive days difficult.
- That provision would need to be made for wet weather.
- That few teams took up the option to start play at 9.00am on a Sunday in the 2018/2019 season.
- That most clubs seem to already play on consecutive days with 9.00am starts.
- That most South Island clubs undertake post section play at a time by mutual agreement between players.
- An amendment to allow start times to be set at the discretion of the Match Committee was not put.

A secret ballot was taken with Patron Barry Prior and Jillian Forbes acting as scrutineers.

The result was 35 votes in favour of option # 1 which was for a 9.00am start on both days of championship events.

There were 23 votes in favour of option # 2 to have a 9.00am start on the Saturday and a midday start on the Sunday of championship events.

The President advised that the Match Committee would be directed to implement the decision of the AGM.

2: Carpet Green:

Robin van der Beek introduced the notice of motion that:

It is recommended that the Board be asked to revisit the proposal to convert one grass green to carpet.

Discussion included the following:

- Clarification that members would be further consulted by way of a Special General Meeting
- Confirmation from the Green Keeper that neighbours are notified whenever the greens are to be sprayed.
- That the issue of spray drift in an urban area is a very serious one.
- That the late season disease that affected starweed and the potential for additional playing opportunities that a carpet green offers for both club members and corporates, had sharpened focus on the need for a carpet green.
- That feedback from clubs with a carpet green had been positive.
- Bowls NZ CEO had advised at a recent meeting with clubs, that there is a steady adoption of carpet greens and that approximately 20 clubs nation wide were investing in all weather cover and lighting.
- That our founders were visionary and that likewise, we need to be looking to the future if we want our club to survive.
- Based on experience, carpet greens require significantly less maintenance and do provide for all year round play.
- Feedback from Te Awamutu members was initially cautious but is now positive about their carpet green.
- That the Board should approach neighbouring clubs to identify their future intentions.
- That grant income opportunities should be explored.

A vote by show of hands supported the recommendation that the Board revisit the proposal to convert one grass green to carpet.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Ian Bardsley advised that there was a need for umpires to be given opportunities to promote the laws of the game to members. Tony Frankland confirmed that coaches will be available at roll ups and will liaise with umpires. Jeanette Johnston commented that etiquette should be covered.
- Alan Malloy expressed a preference for a maximum of seven rinks being used for open tournaments and championship events.
- Ray Marx suggested that the AGM booklet could be emailed to members. This will be considered.
- Anne Taylor asked if the minutes from each Board meeting even without Board confirmation, could be emailed to members. The Secretary undertook to investigate doing so.

- David Rose asked that more information be included on the club website. The President advised that the website is still in a development state and his request will be considered.
- Murray Adams noted that there had been no mention of Bowls Waikato nor Bowls New Zealand in the annual report and other communications. He expressed a desire for future comment on the direction of both organisations. The President noted that Barrie Hooper, who is a Board member for Bowls Waikato, gives regular updates to the Board.

In closing the meeting, the President commented that the Board would continue to work on behalf of members. He expressed optimism for the coming season.

Meeting Closed at 11.43am