

LINDFIELD BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Lindfield Bowling Club held at the Clubhouse, 2B Carlyle Road, East Lindfield on Saturday 19 October 2024

PRESENT

Fifty-two full voting members as recorded on the list of members present in the Attendance Register.

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting having confirmed with The Secretary that a quorum of members was present. The meeting opened at 11:18 am with Mr Roger Parks in the chair.

Mr Parks proposed that the Notice Convening the Meeting be taken as read. Moved by Mr Barrie Jones and seconded by Mr Phil Lewis. Approved unanimously.

APOLOGIES

Rob Stutchbury, Jim Macready, Gayle Macready, Louise Amos, Roger Morrow, Ivan Steinthal, Leo Vilenski, Ronnie Vilenski, Peter Duffy, Ray Rielly, Bet Gee Kee, Barbie Graham and Ros Hayden.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mr Parks acknowledged the following members who had passed away during the year.

Ken Patterson, a former member of Northbridge and Roseville who had bowled until just recently and had passed away just short of his 98th birthday.

Neil Rowland, a former member of Roseville who was very prominent in Legacy and will be missed by both the members of Lindfield Bowling Club and also the Legacy movement.

ITEM 1

CLUB STRATEGIC OUTLOOK PRESENTATION

Mr Parks gave a presentation on the Strategic Outlook for the Club over the next 12 months. He noted that:

- Membership numbers are up slightly from last year which is contrary to the trend in many other bowling clubs. The Club needs to maintain a focus on new members and to also reduce the age profile of the Club.
- Income is up \$36K from last year, but expenses also rose by \$32K
- The Club's Business Model remains the same which has resulted in a small surplus with the Board maintaining a tight control over expenses.
- Risks to the Clubs operation include:
 - Insufficient members to undertake voluntary tasks around the Club or to fill the positions of the Club's Office Holders.
 - Loss of members
 - Departure of tenants (noting that the Bridge Club is very happy with our current arrangements)
 - Galloping Expenses
- The challenges for the Club over the next 5 years include:
 - Must continually recruit new members
 - Lowering the age profile
 - Board renewal
 - Providing more new activities

- Compliance changes
- Refreshing physical facilities
- The Club is currently in the process of applying for a grant which will provide funds to refurbish the Women's Locker Room and provide a disabled toilet. A decision is expected in late December 24 or early January 25.
- Any major developments that may arise in the future will be undertaken only after consultation with the Members.

ITEM 2

MINUTES

Last Year's 72st Annual General Meeting held on 28 October 2023.

The Chairman asked members for their approval of the minutes of the meeting. Moved by Mrs Trish Boyle and seconded by Mr Bob Silversides. Approved unanimously.

There was no Business Arising from the Previous Minutes.

ITEM 3

ADOPTION OF A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR LINDFIELD BOWLING CLUB

Mr Parks addressed the Members regarding the need to adopt a new Constitution following the unification of the Men's and Women's Associations at all levels of the game. The new Constitution now includes elements of the Memorandum of Association to make the Constitution more complete and simplifies the Constitution now that the East Roseville Bowling Club provisions are no longer required. It also corrects some minor anomalies and updates the terminology and number formatting. If adopted the Men's and Women's Clubs of Lindfield Bowling Club will cease to exist

Mr Parks moved that the new Constitution be adopted. Seconded by Mr Bob Paterson.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM 4

TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Parks referred the Members to his report in the Annual Report.

Additionally, Mr Parks thanked:

- His fellow Board Members for their management of the Club over the previous 12 months
- Social and representative selectors who provide games for members, week in, week out.
- Raffle people
- Social event organisers
- Brian and Liz for all the work they do both behind the bar and in the provision of afternoon tea and post-game refreshments.

Mr Parks called forward Mr Gerry Ryman to accept a gift from the Club in recognition of the work he performs around the Club which includes, recruitment of new members, coaching those new members through to a standard which allows them complete at a social level and mentoring them thereafter, performing the duties of a social selector and running the highly successful Bowls Programme for Roseville College.

MADAM PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

In the absence of Mrs Amos, Mr Parks referred the members to her report in the Annual Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Mr Ian Kimmorley, reported that:

- The Club had experienced a very good year with total revenue of \$389,017, an increase of \$35,233 on the previous year.
- Expenses were also up to \$345,221, an increase of \$32,269 which resulted in a Net Profit of \$34,796, up \$2,964. This is a very good result for a Club of our size.
- Green expenses and Insurance total \$125,878 or 36.5% of the Club's total expenses.
- Playing numbers were very good 4,611 or 107% of plan.
- Our balance Sheet remains strong.
- All Prudential and Statutory requirements have been met.

For the year ahead:

- First quarter results are good.
- Bowling numbers, whilst currently ahead of plan are down on the same period for last year. Members need to keep bowling as the revenue generated through Green Fees is vital to the Club's financial position.
- The Board will maintain a tight control on expenditure

In closing Mr Kimmorley thanked:

- Mr John Kelly and Mr Brian Dowsett for their assistance with the Clubs banking activities and cash management.
- Mr Brian Dowsett and Ms Liz Hollister for their continued management of the Clubs bar and catering facilities.
- Mr Roger Parks for his guidance and leadership of the Board during the year.
- Mr Gerry Ryman who is doing an outstanding job in attracting new members and preparing them for participation in the Club's bowling activities.

ITEM 5

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2023-2024

Mr Kimmorley proposed a motion that the Financial Accounts for 2023-2024 be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr Gerry Ryman and passed unanimously.

ITEM 6

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The Chairman passed control of the Meeting to the Secretary, Mr Alan Plambeck, who announced that there was only one nomination for the office of Chairman and that was Mr Roger Parks. Mr Parks was duly confirmed as Chairman. Control of the Meeting was passed back to Mr Parks.

The Chairman announced there were 2 nominations for the 2 positions of Vice-Chairperson, and these were Mr Barrie Jones and Mr Gerry Ryman and they were declared duly elected.

There was one nomination for the position of Treasurer. That was Mr Ian Kimmorley and he was declared duly elected.

There were 3 nominations for Director Positions. They were from Mr Garry Lowder, Mrs Louise Amos and Mr Phil Lewis and they were declared duly elected.

It was also noted that Mr Gary Forster and Mr Nick Wiener are filling the positions of Board Appointed Directors until September 2025.

There were 4 nominations for the positions of Representative Selectors. They were from Mr Gary Forster, Mrs Louise Amos, Mr Bob Silversides and Ms Julie Dunn and they were duly elected. The Bowls Secretary, who is appointed by the Board, will also fill a position as a Representative Selector.

ITEM 7

HONORARIUM

Mr Roger Parks advised that the Board is recommending that an honorarium of \$5000 be paid to the Treasurer, Mr Ian Kimmorley for the enormous amount of time and effort he is giving to the Club to ensure the accounts and financial systems are maintained to the required standards. In addition to previous years Mr Kimmorley has this year taken over the responsibility for Fire Services and Insurance. These tasks take him more than 20 hours per week.

The Chairman advised that a general meeting of the members must approve any honoraria paid by the Club.

Mr Roger Parks sought a proposer for the motion that an honorarium of \$5000 be paid to Mr Ian Kimmorley. Moved, Mrs Lorraine Forster and seconded by Mr Phil Lewis. Passed unanimously.

ITEM 8

ANY BUSINESS WITH DUE NOTICE GIVEN

There was no business to consider.

ITEM 9

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business to consider.

ITEM 10

BUSINESS REQUIRED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION

There was no business to consider under the Constitution.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all members for their attendance, and declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 11:48 AM.

Certified as Correct

Roger Parks – Chairman

