

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2013

Present: 50 members present as per Attendance Book, with 48 eligible to vote.

The Chairperson Greg Travers declared the 124rd Annual General Meeting opened at 10.01 am. The Chairperson welcomed all.

APOLOGIES: . The As per attendance book.

**Moved: Peter Blakley, seconded Anthia Hart “that the apologies be accepted.”
CARRIED.**

The minutes of the 123rd Annual general meeting had been circulated.

**Moved Peter Blakley, seconded Alan Burton “that the minutes be adopted.”
CARRIED**

Matters arising nil.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Chairman's report AGM 2013

It has given me great pleasure to serve the members as Chairman of Ashfield Bowling Club for the past three years. Since stumbling upon this great club in 2008 I found myself immediately on the Men's bowling committee and a Director of the club not long after that. My reasons for standing aside from all positions are simply to have a break and concentrate on my bowls. I also owe my family much lost time and attention.

My reasons for first getting involved in the governance of the club were purely selfish. I wanted a level of competitiveness that didn't exist at Ashfield. We only had the one Men's team and we weren't very good. Our team languished mid to bottom of the grade four table year after year and there was a distinct lack of enthusiasm. At Board level there was lack of focus on bowls and the sub clubs were given very little direction.

Our club also had a very poor reputation within the bowling community and there was a severe lack of cooperation and respect between our own men and women bowlers.

I am pleased to say that much of this has turned around. Our men now have two very competitive teams and are on the verge of entering Grade 1 for the first time in decades. Our women have bounced back from losing many members not so long ago and are once again very competitive. The lack of respect we once received from neighbouring clubs has now turned to envy and the sports governing bodies now come to us to host their events. But most pleasing of all is the harmony and

respect between our men and women bowlers and social members alike.

The continued success and survival of the club is an ongoing concern however. There will always be maintenance, required improvements to our facilities and policies to be reviewed. Of great concern to me as I leave this position is our lack of a bistro and sizeable outdoor entertainment area. I trust that the incoming Board will address these issues as I see this as vital to bring in new membership and much needed income.

I thank all of you for any support you may have given me and offer the new Board my complete support and encouragement.

Greg Travers
Chairman

The report was applauded by members present.

Moved Peter Blakley, seconded Paul Reynolds “that the Chairperson’s report be accepted. CARRIED.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Treasurer Anne Pill addressed the meeting and hand over to Paul Brady from Brady & Associates the Club’s Financial Advisor. He gave a to a brief of the Clubs Finance, he advised that the investments had returned strong results during the financial year.. He advised on the problems of the asset of Lm Mortgage Fund and the appointment of liquidators. This has had an impact on the Club’s capital. He advised that the Club should use caution regarding expenditure. He thanked for the association he has had with Anne Pill the outgoing Treasurer over the last three years.

Moved Alan Burton, seconded Phil Holman, “that the financial statements be adopted.” CARRIED

AUDIT REPORT: Brett Miller from Surry Partners addressed the meeting. He thanked the Board & the Secretary Manager for their co-operation in preparing the accounts. He advised the audit report is contained in the accounts and referred the meeting to this. He asked for questions Paul Reynolds asked for some more clarity on the audit report and Brett Miller advised his requirements under the Corporations Act regarding the true value of the assets and liabilities of the company. . **Moved Peter Blakley, seconded Paul Reynolds. “that the audit report be adopted.” CARRIED.** The Chairperson thanked Brett Miller for attending the meeting and for his service during the year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nominations had been received in accordance with the Rules of the Club. The Chairperson Greg Travers vacated the Chair The Returning Officer, George Cook advised the meeting there were two nominations for Chairperson and since the closing of nominations one nominee had withdrawn. He declared Alan Burton elected as Chairperson. Alan Burton took the Chair. There were no nominations for Deputy Chairperson the returning officer called for nominations from those eligible members present. Greg Travers nominated Anthia Hart and was seconded by Alan Burton. Anthia Hart accepted the nomination. James Cook nominated Chris Currie and was seconded by Paul DeLuca. Chris Currie accepted the nomination. James McCullum nominated Roger Lynch and was seconded by Maggie Haggerty. Roger Lynch accepted the nomination. The returning officers distributed ballot papers for the election of Deputy Chairperson. Following the counting of votes

Roger Lynch was declared elected as Deputy Chairperson. There was no nominations for Treasurer. The returning officer asked for nominations from eligible members present. Tony Rowe nominated John Fitzgerald and this was seconded by Phil Westcott. There were no other nominations and John Fitzgerald was declared elected as Treasurer. The returning officers distributed the ballot papers for the election of five ordinary directors. Following the counting of the ballot papers the returning officer declared the following five persons elected: James Cook, Anthia Hart, James McCullum, Paul Reynolds and Mark Watson. The Chairperson congratulated those that were elected and thank all candidates for there nomination and input for the Club.

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS WHERE NOTICE WAS GIVEN.

The Chairperson advised that due Notice has been given of the following ordinary resolutions and a simple majority is required to pass the resolutions.

First Ordinary Resolution

Moved Peter Blakley, seconded Phil Hollman

- (a) That the members hereby approve expenditure by the Club not exceeding \$5,000 until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club for the following:
- (i) The reasonable costs of directors attending seminars, lectures and other educational activities as determined by the Board from time to time.
 - (ii) The reasonable costs (including travel and accommodation expenses) of directors attending meetings, conferences and trade shows conducted by Clubs NSW, the Club Managers Association and such other conferences and trade shows as determined by the Board from time to time.
 - (iii) The reasonable costs of directors attending any other registered club for the purpose of viewing and assessing its facilities as determined by the Board as being necessary for the benefit of the Club.
 - (iv) The reasonable costs of directors (and their spouses/partners if required) attending any club, community or charity function as the representatives of the Club and authorised by the Board to do so.
 - (v) The reimbursement of reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by directors travelling to and from directors meetings or other duly constituted meetings of any committee of the Board.
- (b) The members acknowledge that the benefits in paragraph (a) are not available for members generally but only for those who are Directors of the Club.

CARRIED.

Second Ordinary Resolution

Moved Greg Travers, seconded Tony Rowe

- (a) That the members hereby approve expenditure by the Club not exceeding \$100 until the Annual General Meeting of the Club for the following:
- (i) The reasonable cost of a meal and beverage for each director before and after a Board or Committee meeting on the day of that meeting when such meeting coincides with a normal meal time.
 - (ii) The reasonable expenses incurred by directors either within the Club or elsewhere in relation to such other duties including entertainment of special guests of the Club and other promotional activities approved by the Board on production of documentary evidence of such expenditure.
- (b) The members hereby acknowledge that the benefits in paragraph (a) are not available for members generally but are only available for those who are Directors of the Club.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Chairperson thanked the returning officers George Cook and Gary Hinchliffe in conducting the election.

The Chairperson spoke of two upcoming events the Melbourne Cup bowls game and the commencement of twilight bowls on Friday evenings. He also advised of the presentation day on Sunday 8th December.

In light of the time taken to conduct the election for the Board during the Annual General Meeting the Chairperson on a show of hands if the members would prefer the ballot to take place prior to the meeting.

Peter Blakley spoke of the hope that the Board continues the review of operations in such areas as sub clubs that was instigated following the workshops with NSW Bowls.

Faye Flint spoke that the Board should consider forming a sub committee for the 125th year celebrations of the Club.

The Chairperson thanked all for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 10.55am.