

# **MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2016.**

Present: 31 members present as per Attendance Book.

The Chairperson Alan Burton declared the 126th Annual General Meeting opened at 10.01 am. The Chairperson welcomed all.

APOLOGIES: As per attendance book, eight members advised apologies.

**Moved: Tony Rowe, seconded Paul Reynolds “that the apologies be accepted.” CARRIED.**

The minutes of the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual general meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014 had been circulated.

**Moved Tony Rowe seconded Gary Chant “that the minutes be adopted.” CARRIED**

Matters arising: Nil

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2015.**

It is indeed an honour to be able to present to you the 126th Annual General Meeting of Ashfield Bowling Club. 126 years is indeed a remarkable achievement.

This year the Club continued to focus on our main objective of being a successful Lawn Bowls Club and also providing services to the local community.

The Club had many success on the Bowling Green in both the male and female competition, although our Pennant competition was not as good as we would of liked. There many victories at Zone and District levels for both the men and the women. There was victory at Zone level for the Men's Fours and Ray Coombes in the Senior Singles. The women's club won the Zone singles with Marlene Reynolds the women's club also won the District Triples and Fours.

The Club also hosted a number of high profile events such as Zone Playoffs, Rookie Events and a number of NSW Bowls events. It speaks very highly of the development of the Club over the last few years to have players who are current and past Australian team members along with players who have represented other countries at International level play on our greens. We also hosted for one week the Australian University Games that saw 100 players from 30 universities across Australia. I would like to thank everyone who assisted in successfully conducting these events.

During the year the renovations to the Jack Muirhead green was completed many thanks to the State Government for the grant in the assistance of the renovation. We now have two tiff greens that are well received by all users.

The Clubhouse constantly requires attention and costly maintenance. The major project of the year was the outdoor gaming area and the update of gaming machines. As the accounts show this has resulted in an increase into one of our most important income streams.

In conclusion I would like to thank my fellow Board Members for their input during the year, like to thank the two sub clubs for their efforts and finally I would like to thank all members for their support to our Club.

Alan Burton Chairperson.

**Moved Paul Reynolds, seconded Steve Malone “that the Chairperson's report be accepted. CARRIED.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The CEO gave a brief of the Club's accounts for the year. He advised that gaming income had increased for the year however bar trade declined. The increase in gaming income was a result of the outdoor gaming area. Expenditure was in line with other years. Distributions from the Investment Portfolio were higher than previous years. There had been little movement in the value of the LM Mortgage Fund that still remains at 15c in the dollar. Most assets from the LM Mortgage Fund had been sold and the fund should be wound up.

*The Chairperson asked if there were any questions, to which there was none.*

**Moved Neville Ross, seconded Tony Rowe, "that the financial statements be adopted."**  
**CARRIED**

## AUDIT REPORT:

In view of the ordinary resolution to change the auditor, the Club's current auditor was not present.

## SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

The Chairperson advised that the following Special Resolution to which due notice had been given. He advised the Board recommended the passing of the Special Resolution: It was **moved Paul Reynolds, seconded Don Latham:**

"That the Constitution of Ashfield Bowling Club Limited be amended by:

- (a) **inserting** the following new paragraph (iv) in Rule 22(c) and renumbering the remaining paragraphs of Rule 22(c) accordingly:

*"stand for and be elected to hold office on the Board if they have been a Full member of the Club for a period of three (3) continuous years immediately prior to the close of nominations or proposed date of appointment."*

- (b) **inserting** the following new Rule 22(d)(v):

*"nominate for and be elected to hold office on the Board if they have not been a Full member of the Club for a period of three (3) continuous years immediately prior to the date of close of nominations or proposed date of appointment."*

- (c) **inserting** the following new Rule 50(c):

*"No more than two (2) eligible Social members may be directors of the Club at any one time."*

- (d) **inserting** in Rule 51 after the words "Financial Playing Members" the words "and Financial and Social Members".

- (e) **inserting** at the start of Rule 51 the following words "Subject to Rule 51A".

- (f) **inserting** the following new Rule 51A immediately after Rule 51:

*"The only Social members who are entitled to stand for and be elected or appointed to the Board are those Social members who have been Full members of the Club for at least three (3) continuous years immediately prior to the close of nominations or proposed date of appointment."*

*The Chairperson advised if there was any discussion. Glenn Ashcroft asked how many members does the Club have and the split of members. The CEO advised that there are over 450 members of which approximately 360 are social members. Glenn Ashcroft advised he supported the Special Resolution and it was not unreasonable to allow Social members representation on the Board.*

The Resolution was put, on a show of hands **CARRIED, unanimously.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Nominations had been received in accordance with the Rules of the Club.

Alan Burton stood down from the Chair as he did not nominate for any position.

Roger Lynch was the only nomination for Chairperson and returning officers George Cook and Kris Gamble declared Roger Lynch Chairperson. Roger Lynch took the Chair.

**Before continuing with the election of officers he advised the following:** *I would like to thank Alan Burton for his input over the last few years. Alan has really driven our revitalisation of Bowls at our Club. Alan also drove very much last year the outdoor gaming and this has resulted in increased income. Besides Alan input at Board level he also contributed very much in the day to day running of the Bowls regularly sending text messages to members encouraging to participate in social bowls, tournaments, twilight, pennants and just about everything.*

*We also must thank Alan not just for his work at Board level but the state of our greens. From what I hear they are first class and perhaps the best in Sydney.*

*Alan on behalf of all members we know you have some challenges ahead of you, we wish you & Helen all the best and thank you very much for your input over the last few years and we do look forward to your continued supply of first class greens.*

The Returning Officers George Cook and Kris Gamble declared Anthony Rowe elected as Deputy Chairperson unopposed. There were two nominations for Treasurer. Steve Malone and Anthony Wise. The returning officers distributed ballot papers and then collected them. Following the count of the ballot papers Anthony Wise was declared elected. As there were only four remaining nominations for Ordinary Directors the following were declared elected: Paul Carrabott, Faye Flint, Gary Hichcliffe and Michael Speckman.

The Chairperson thanked George Cook and Kris Gamble for their roles as returning officer.

**ORDINARY RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

The Chairperson advised that the Board had reviewed the cost of Audit services and had received a quote from Dawson accountants that was considerable less than current costs. To change the auditor, the ordinary resolution to which due notice had been given requires to be past with a simple majority. It was **moved Gary Chant, seconded Faye Flint:**

***“That Hamish Dawson be hereby appointed as the Club’s auditor with effect from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Club held in 2015, provided that the Australian Securities and Investments Commission has consented to the resignation of the current auditor and provided the current auditor provides a written resignation.” CARRIED on a show of hands.***

**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 Tony Rowe**

- (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 BY A MAJORITY.**

**Second Ordinary Resolution**

**Moved Paul Reynolds, seconded Peter Blakley**

- (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 BY A MAJORITY**

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Glenn Ashcroft recommended that the Board formulate a Business Plan in the coming year. The CEO advised that there is one on hand as a starting point and the Board may wish to further develop this in the coming 12 months.

The Chairperson asked for any further General Business and there was none.  
The 126<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was declared closed at 10.40 am.