

# **ST IVES MEN'S BOWLING CLUB**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2019**

**Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting of the St. Ives Men's Bowling Club held at 100 Killeaton Street St. Ives, on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 10.00am.**

**President Kevin Latham took the chair and extended a welcome to the Members including Life Members Michael Doyland and Gerry Hurdwell.**

**As a quorum was present, Kevin declared the meeting open.**

**PRESENT: President Kevin and 24 Members as per attendance register.**

**APOLOGIES: Nigel Streatfield, Bernie Cookson, Tom Giles, Ray Ryan, Trevor Whitehead, Greg Smith, Tom McKelvey, Chris Hartmann.**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM: Minutes of the 32nd Annual General Meeting of the St Ives Men's Bowling Club held on the 23rd September 2018, listed on the notice board and on the Club website, were accepted as a correct record of the proceedings on a motion moved by Bruce Asperrey and seconded by Peter Douglas. Carried. The minutes were signed by President Kevin.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The President presented his very comprehensive report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Copies of the report were available to members. Acceptance of the President's Report was moved by Adrian Needham and seconded by Gerry Hurdwell. Carried.**

**ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

**President:**

**President Kevin asked the Secretary to take the chair.**

**The Secretary advised the meeting that under the Constitution the Chairman of the Registered Club automatically fills the positions of President of this club.**

**The Secretary declared Kevin Latham as President of the Men's Bowling Club as he had been elected Chairman of the Registered Club on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

**As requested by the Committee, the Secretary asked Kevin to assume the Chair.**

**Vice President: As only one nomination had been received, Sam Johnston was declared elected for 2019/2020.**

**Secretary: As only one nomination had been received, Michael Macourt was declared elected for 2019/2020.**

**Bowls Secretary: As only one nomination had been received, Tony Pope was declared elected for 2019/2020.**

**General Committee: As only three nominations for the Committee were received, the following were declared elected for 2019/2020:**

**Chris Carey  
Richard Carey  
Chris Wood.**

**The Management Committee will appoint the 4<sup>th</sup> Committeeman position, filling it as a casual vacancy.**

**Selectors: As only three nominations for the position of Selector were received, the following were declared elected as Selectors for 2019/2020**

**Richard Lander  
John Swann  
Fred Alexander**

**In accordance with the Constitution, Sam Johnston was appointed Chairman of Selectors by the Management Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and the 5<sup>th</sup> selector will be appointed by the Committee ASAP following the AGM.**

**President Kevin congratulated the Committee and the Selectors on their appointment.**

**NOTICE of MOTION:**

**Kevin introduced the Notice of Motion listed on the Notice of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting.**

**Discuss and consider a motion that Clause 4.3 of the St Ives Men’s Club Constitution be deleted in its entirety.**

**Clause 4.3 reads- “Notwithstanding any other provision hereof a member of the Men’s Club who is elected to the Board of the Registered Club as Chairman or Treasurer shall be automatically elected to the position on the Management Committee of the Men’s Club designated as President or Treasurer in Clause 4.1. No election shall be held in respect of these positions on the Management Committee. In the event either the Chairman or Treasurer of the Registered Club is not a member the Men’s Club then a separate election for these positions shall be held.”**

**Moved: Kevin Latham   Seconded: Michael Macourt.**

**Kevin spoke of the reasons for the motion, the considerable additional workload involved for the Chairman and the possible deterrent to future nominees to chair the Board.**

**Input and discussion from members present followed with the majority of responses in favour of the motion.**

**The meeting was reminded that the current Constitution was deliberately drafted many years ago to provide the best possible outcome for the Men’s Club with access to the Board through its President who was also Chairman of the Board.**

**It was further suggested that perhaps time had come to revoke entirely the constitutions of both Men’s and Women’s Clubs.**

**The motion was put to members and passed by a show of hands, 23 votes for and 1 vote against.**

**NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Saturday 27th September 2020 at 10.30am.**

**President Kevin thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.45AM.**

**ACCEPTED..... DATE.....**

**President Kevin then asked those present at the AGM if there were any issues they would like to put forward for consideration of the new committee.**

**Matters raised in general discussion were**

**Green Fees: Kevin advised the meeting that an increase in green fees to \$21 was being considered necessary by the Board to offset the ongoing increase in costs in maintaining the Club.**

**However, he indicated that this increase could be avoided by reducing bar service by two hours on each bowling day. Sales data for the first two hours of each shift on bowling days show no transactions other than for change.**

**If green fees were kept to \$20 and a small float for change made available in the Bowls Office, bar service would not be needed until afternoon tea preparation.**

**After discussion it was agreed unanimously that members wished to keep green fees at \$20, would be prepared to forgo bar service and bring correct money as much as possible.**

**It was also agreed that bar service needed to continue to be available as usual during Pennants and on carnival days.**

**Gender Neutral: The recent and unexpected decision by BNSW to introduce as of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 a gender-neutral policy regarding membership of BNSW was discussed along with implications it may have and problems it may present to the Men's Club. Already several Women members have requested membership registration with BNSW with the possibility of wishing to play in our Pennant sides, perhaps creating selection problems of male members missing out or for women members not being selected in grades they believe they qualify for.**

**The Men's Club Constitution will also require amendments to become gender neutral.**

**Kevin put forward the suggestion that now might be the time to take the initiative to combine the Men's Club and the Women's Club and that he had mentioned that suggestion briefly to Sue Byrne, the Women's President.**

**Peter Douglas, the architect of the current Board and Men's Club Constitutions, supported Kevin's suggestion, advising that, under its constitution, the Board can terminate and dissolve the sub-clubs if it wished.**

**As the BNSW decision had only been notified recently and without warning or prior notification or discussion with Clubs, it was agreed to allow the Board, the Men's Club and the Women's Club to examine the situation further and to provide a recommendation to Members as soon as possible.**

**Dudley Ridley addressed the meeting further and thanked President Kevin for his tremendous contribution to the Club over the past twelve months and congratulated him on the success of the Club over that time.**

**Dudley's words were accepted with acclamation.**

**There being no further issues raised, President Kevin thanked the members for their participation and closed the discussion at 11.00am.**

