

ST IVES BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB LTD
ACN 000264620
MINUTES OF THE 59th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER, 2017 IN THE CLUBHOUSE

PRESENT: Life members present were Anita Hain, Pat Cousley and Mike Doyland. Including the life members, there were 39 male bowling members and 28 female bowling members, a total of 67 bowling members. Additionally, there were 6 social members for a total attendance of 73.

QUORUM: The Chairman, Kevin Latham inquired as to the presence of a quorum. The Secretary advised that a quorum was 10% of current life and bowling members (202/10 = 21) and that number, 21, was well exceeded by the voting members present.

MEETING DECLARED

OPEN: The Chairman declared the meeting open at 11.00am, welcomed life members by name, welcomed other members present and asked the Secretary to speak to the list of apologies received. The Secretary stated that all apologies would be listed in the AGM Minutes, however he noted the apologies received from life members John and Jo Younghusband and Ian Sargeant.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from 9 members in total. *See the attached Attendance Register.*

MINUTES of PREVIOUS

MEETING: At the request of the Chairman the Secretary noted that the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 25th September, 2016 had been made available to the membership on the Club's web site and in hard copy format displayed at the Club.

MATTERS ARISING FROM

MINUTES: There was no discussion on the minutes.

MOTION #1 It was moved by Ross Johnson and seconded by Ray Gleeson that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of St Ives Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd held here on 25th September 2016 be adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

CHAIRMANS

REPORT: The Chairman advised that all members would have received the published Annual Reports and Balance Sheet of the club for the year ended 30th June 2017, which included the reports of Chairman, Treasurer, Membership and House Directors. He spoke to parts of his report and he asked that any questions on the Club's finances be reserved for the Treasurer's Report. The Chairman noted that bowling membership numbers had fallen significantly over the year, a consequence of an ageing membership. The Chairman also noted that the Club's social membership had reached 620 as at June 2017 however a large number of social members did not renew their membership for the current year and although the Club currently enjoys over 500 social members many of them do not attend the Club. The Chairman was optimistic that this would change when the Club's renovations are complete. On the bowling year just past the Chairman singled out for particular praise the achievements of the Women's Bowling Club Grade 4 Pennants Team in winning their section and

also Wilson Cheng and Fred Alexander for being runners up in the Zone 9 Pairs and the Champion of Club Champions Pairs. The Chairman also expressed his gratitude to Life Member Michael Doyland who was stepping down after 12 years on the Board and to Bob Talbot who was also stepping down from the Board. The Chairman noted their tireless effort and contribution throughout the years. In addition, the Chairman noted the contribution of Sponsorship Director Tony Lee throughout the year and the important part that sponsorship played in the Club with particular thanks to our major sponsor, Chadwick Real Estate. The Chairman ended by saying that the Club had enjoyed a very good year with the prospect of an exciting year ahead.

OTHER

REPORTS: The Chairman indicated that he did not intend to invite individual Directors to speak on their reports contained in the Annual Reports and Balance Sheet but encouraged members to read the reports, which were available on the Club's website.

MOTION # 2 It was moved by Dudley Wrigley and seconded by Tony Tinworth "that the reports of the Chairman, the Treasurer and individual Directors, the Directors' Report and the Directors' Declaration as published in the Club's Annual Report for 2017 be adopted". The motion was carried unanimously

FINANCIAL

REPORTS: The Chairman moved on to reception and consideration of the Auditor's Report and the Statement of Financial Position and Financial Performance for the year ended 30th June 2017. These have been published in the Annual Report and have been widely distributed. The Treasurer, Tim Walton, made a short statement in which he thanked all those Members who had assisted with the compilation of financial reports and other financial related matters throughout the past Financial Year. The Treasurer noted that the renovation expenses had not been included in the 2017 accounts because as at balance date, June 30, 2017, no decision on that particular expenditure had yet been made.

MOTION #3 It was moved by Peter Douglas and seconded by Judy Squires "That the Auditor's Report and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017 for the St Ives Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd as published be adopted". The motion was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF

DIRECTORS: The Chairman advised that he and other Directors should now stand down in accordance with Section 53(a) of the Constitution and that he and other directors were eligible for re-election. At the request of the Chairman, the Secretary took the Chair.

ELECTION OF

CHAIRMAN: The Secretary advised that "There was only one nomination for the position of Chairman. Kevin Latham has been nominated by two financial bowling members and he has consented to the nomination. As he is the sole nomination for the position I am obliged to declare him elected as Chairman of this Club in accordance with Section 50(d) of the Constitution, However, before proceeding I seek an informal vote of approval as Chairman of his election". On the voices Kevin's election to the position of

Chairman was approved unanimously. The Secretary declared Kevin Latham elected to the position of Chairman, congratulated him and asked him to resume the Chair.

CHAIRMANS

ACCEPTANCE: Kevin then gave a short acceptance speech in which he welcomed a new Board, noted the sound financial position of the Club and its strong values and culture. Kevin also reminded members of the importance of attracting new membership and that all members could play their part in this regard. Kevin noted the recent offer to members of the Gordon Bowling Club to join our Club when theirs closes at the end of this year. An attractive and generous offer had been made however it was noted that other clubs had also made offers but we were hopeful that we would attract some Gordon members. Kevin also raised the major issue of the Clubhouse renovations and thanked the membership for their patience and understanding while the renovations are underway. Kevin noted that the renovations are currently within budget and that a completion date of end of October was anticipated. Kevin made particular mention of the planned new restaurant, having received initial submissions from 25 interested parties, deciding upon a short list of 7 and now down to 2 with whom discussions regarding trading terms and conditions are continuing. The new restaurant operation will offer both A la carte and Bistro service, with dinner for initially 4 nights per week and lunch for 5 days including Sunday's. A coffee, cake and pastry service will also be offered. Kevin concluded his acceptance address by stressing that while the coming year will see some exciting and significant changes to our Club he was committed to ensuring that the strong culture of our bowling club, will be maintained.

ELECTION OF OTHER BOARD

MEMBERS:

The Chairman then addressed the meeting with the following:-

"There are 8 nominations for the remaining 8 positions on the Board. All are financial bowling members, all have been nominated and seconded by financial bowling members and all have consented to their nomination.

The Nominees are:-

- Jenni Bradley
- Tim Walton
- Ray Gleeson
- Ross Johnson
- Michael Heath
- Anthony (Tony) Lee
- Jock Currie
- Diane McBryde

As the number of nominations is equal to the number of positions to be filled I declare the above members elected to the Board for the coming year"

As the number of nominees was equal to that of the respective vacancies, a ballot was no longer necessary and in terms of Section 50(d) of the Constitution the above nominated members were elected.

COMPLETION OF OFFICIAL

BUSINESS: The Chairman advised that this completed the official business of the Annual General Meeting of the Club, but said that he would open the meeting to general discussion. He emphasised that any suggestions would be considered by the Board but he could not receive motions without notice.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Comment: Life Member Pat Cousley asked if the opening of the new clubhouse would be highlighted in the North Shore Times.

Response: The Chairman noted that previous attempts by the Club to involve the North Shore Times had not been particularly fruitful owing to that publications emphasis on advertising revenue. However, the Chairman noted that a marketing committee had been established within the Board and they were exploring many aspects of the opening of the new clubhouse including a social media campaign.

Comment: Tony Tinworth asked if a name change to the Club had been considered to emphasise the new clubhouse and restaurant.

Response: The Chairman said that consideration had been given to a change of name for the Club but no final decisions had yet been made and that the membership would be consulted when and if any change was contemplated.

Comment: Betty Ellem asked if a special opening was being planned for the new clubhouse.

Response: The Chairman said that this was an important consideration but at this stage no decisions had been made.

Comment: Life Member Anita Hain inquired if the new restaurateur would be responsible for providing catering to the members on bowling days.

Response: The Chairman said that the Club had to be mindful of costs where bowling catering was concerned however this would be part of the discussions with the two restaurant operators on the final short list.

Comment: Maureen Cookson asked if there could be more use of email to communicate with the club membership.

Response: The Chairman said that the use of email as a communications tool within the Club had improved considerably of late however the Club had to be mindful of filling people's inboxes with unwanted emails and that some members had requested that they be unsubscribed from club emails.

Comment: Dudley Wrigley commented that although the Club had a number of social members fail to renew in 2017 it was noteworthy that 4 years ago the Club had only 300 social members so the current social membership demonstrates a healthy growth in that period.

Comment: Life Member Michael Doyland read out a letter from Life Member Ian Sargeant expressing his apology for not being able to attend the AGM. Ian noted how much he

missed the Club now that he lives in Young, country NSW. The letter was humorous and touching and was well received.

Comment: Alwyn Ellem noted the poor condition of the Club's bowling greens, especially Green number 1.

Response: The Chairman acknowledged the issue and said that he had recently had a meeting with Ross Irwin to discuss. The Greenkeepers noted how dry the weather had been of late but the Chairman believed this was not sufficient an excuse. The Chairman highlighted that Green number 3 required extensive renovation and would be the first renovated this growing season. The Chairman also noted that the Club's irrigation system had not been functioning correctly and stored water was not being utilised as intended. Although now working as planned, the system requires more regular maintenance. Although the standard of the Green's is a concern, the Chairman stated despite it being a significant Club expenditure that there were no grounds for recovering costs from the Greenkeeping operators.

Comment: Bernie Cookson asked should the Club be considering a change of Greenkeepers.

Response: The Chairman explained that our current agreement with the Greenkeepers required a 3-month notice period and that frankly, there were not a great many alternatives if the Club was to terminate the current arrangement. This whole issue required a great deal of thought.

CLOSURE OF MEETING:

There was no further discussion and the Chairman declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 11.40 am.

DATE of

NEXT AGM: It is proposed that the next Annual General Meeting be held on **Sunday, 16th September 2018 at 11.00 am.**

ADDENDA 1: AGM Attendance Register

This document adopted as a true and correct record of the Annual General Meeting of St Ives Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd held on 17th September 2017

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