

RUTHERGLEN BOWLING CLUB
MINUTES OF INCORPORATED MEETING
May 11th 2015

Present: John Ross, Chris Langdon, Damien Langdon, Phil Peers, Jan Widdop. Christine Flanagan

Apologies: Nil

Business arising:

- **The Disabled access:** Ongoing. Damien has contacted the shop (Chemist) and taken measurements of the railing that is at the back of the shop and it is found to suit the task that we require for the disabled access. The Chemist will get back to the Club with a price.
- **Chairs:** The price is \$8.60 each at Bunnings. Due to the winter months there is no rush for the chairs and therefore decided to leave the purchase until closer to Opening Day in September.
- **Shades:** Ongoing. John Ross is still trying to get an invoice from Mick Johnstone who has erected the framework, in order to meet the council requirements for the grant.
- **Clubhouse Maintenance:** There are ten names on the list of volunteers to paint the interior of the Club House. It was requested that John get a price for the paint from the local Hardware Shop (Bobby). Phil to coordinate the painting of the Club House interior. Phil then requested that the Committee select and agree on the colour of the carpet from the selected carpet sample colours.

Motion: The Slate colour from the samples is selected for the new carpet.

Moved: Phil **Seconded:** Jan **Cd.**

- **Chemical User's Course:** Skeet is currently studying the content of the book provided giving details of the course, before committing himself.
- **Microsoft Office:** Due to the licence for our current copy of Microsoft Office currently held by Paul it was decided that a new licence needed to be purchased to support our financial management. The Committee was advised that the package can be purchased for \$160. Phil then advised that it may be to the Club's benefit to discuss the requirements with Noel Murrell who has knowledge of sourcing good deals on such matters first before going ahead with any purchase.
- **Change to Regulations:** It was agreed that the new Regulation written to support the requirements of the Match Committee and the attached Daily Financial Statement was now ready to be implemented.

Motion: The proposed changes governing the Match Sub-Committee be approved.

Moved: Phil **Seconded:** Christine **Cd.**

Motion: The minutes are accepted as presented.

Moved: Phil **Seconded:** Chris **Cd.**

Financial Report:

Jan presented the Monthly Financial Report with the following discussion:

- Following advice from Graeme Goudie, that there is no longer a requirement for the Club to carry a 'Bank Overdraft' it was therefore requested by Jan that it be cancelled, and a new account be raised with the Bank.

Motion: The overdraft be scrapped and our account be changed to a Business Account

Moved: Jan **Seconded:** Chris **Cd.**

- Jan also advised that June Broadbent has kindly offered to allocate the monies to support her sponsorship of the event named after her late husband for the next ten years to ensure the longevity of the event. All supported the request and Jan has advised that a 'Special Advantage Saver Account' has been opened, to enable the sponsorship funds to be kept separate from the Club's normal finances

Motion: The financial report is accepted.

Moved: Jan **Seconded:** Chris **Cd.**

Correspondence:

Inward Correspondence:

The following correspondence has been received:

- An email was received from Bowls Victoria announcing clearance approval for Dawn Pianto.
- A letter was received from KC Bowls for their usual presentation.

Outgoing Correspondence:

The following correspondence has been sent:

- A letter of thanks was sent to Ross Brown of Hopetoun for the donation of 8 bags of gypsum.
- A letter was emailed to Nancy Duursma thanking her for her support to the Club since she was no longer going to Sponsor her Event.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

- John to contact KC Bowls to organise the last Tuesday in August 2015.

Motion: The correspondence is accepted

Moved: John **Seconded:** Phil **Cd.**

Reports:

Greens Sub- Committee Report:

- Report tabled.
 - Col requested in his report that the chemicals 'Saprol' and 'Aqua Force' were needed to be purchased.

Motion: Col be authorised to purchase 'Saprol' and 'Aqua Force' at a total cost of \$649.00 for both chemicals.

Moved: Chris **Seconded:** Phil **Cd.**

Ladies Match Sub-Committee:

- All events finalised.

Men's Match Sub-Committee:

- The triples and mixed pairs to be finalised before Presentation night.

Catering Sub-Committee:

- Past Presidents AGM was catered for today.

Sponsorship Sub-Committee:

The following item of note was highlighted from the report:

- Some sponsors have been found to support events within the syllabus, however the Sponsorship Committee will do a walk around local businesses in coming days to raise further sponsors for the Club events.

Bar Managers Report: As there has been no change to business behind the Bar no report was submitted.

Media Report: No Report was submitted.

Motion: The reports as tabled be accepted

Moved: Phil **Seconded:** Chris **Cd.**

General Business:

The following items were presented:

1. Ovens & Murray Region Meeting:

The following points of discussion came from the meeting:

- **Equal Opportunity:** All weekend pennant competitions must be open. Regions can run mid-week pennant in any combination as long as the minority group have a chance at being selected.
- **Volunteer Award:** All clubs are urged to enter a nomination to be judged by the Regional Committee against all other nominations. The successful nomination will then be judged against all other Region Representatives, with the winner then going on to represent the state at national level.
- **Future Communications:** A revue of BV operations has identified that the Shot Magazine is costing some \$200,000.00 per annum and the content of the magazine is in the main only reporting results of past events quite some time after the fact. As the contract expires at the end of May 2015, it has been decided that it will not be renewed. There will be a fortnightly newsletter from that point on, which will be more accurate in its reporting of recently held events and up to date content. All clubs are encouraged to send in as much information of interest as possible. All future communications will be electronic.
- **Non-Attendance of State Events:** Bowls Victoria have changed the regulations to make it possible for fines to be imposed for non-attendance, a twelve month ban from events is possible for repeat offenders.
- **Masters Status Events:** Length of matches for master status must be played to the rules.
- **Club Events:** There is nothing to stop them being played at any time e.g. at night under lights.

- **Ways of Increasing Membership:** There were presentations from Wangaratta and Wodonga of suggestions to support Club's increasing their membership. Bowls Victoria is currently advertising for a marketing person to address the issues around falling membership.
2. **Shades:** John advised that he was still trying to obtain an invoice from Mick Johnstone, and was hoping to see him tomorrow.
 3. **Timing of the Club's AGM:** Phil requested that the Committee give due consideration to have the AGM held at 2:00 pm on Sunday 31 May 2015. He further explained that he believed the older members of the Club would be more inclined to attend at that time rather than starting at 7:00 pm as has been the practice in previous years, which due to the onset of winter with colder nights etc. would be more beneficial. After some discussion it was agreed that it would be 'trialled' for the upcoming AGM.

Motion: The AGM be held at 2pm on 31st May, 2015.

Moved: Phil **Seconded:** Jan **Cd.**

4. **Award Certificate Costs:** Christine asked what the cost of the certificates that are provided for the Club Events winners etc. John to investigate. Christine further advised that there is concern from the high school as to students attending the greens for sport at no cost, as this compensated for with supply of paper and laminating of the certificates in the past. It was noted that the students are welcome at all times and that we do not expect anything in return as their presence is reward enough.
5. **Club Main Tournaments:** The following tournament dates need to be sent to Ovens & Murray Region:
 - Rutherglen Bus & Tour 8th October
 - Peg & Estelle's Triples 25th October
 - Aylean Baker Invitation fours 20th March
 - Ovens & Murray Ladies Novice Singles 22 September
 - Ladies State Pairs 26th November 10am start
 - KC Bowl's presentation 25th August
 - Sonny's Day 2th January, 2016

John further advised that to reduce the burden on the catering committee, the Stanton & Killeen event would be moved to 17th January, 2016.

6. **Review of ledger:** Jan advised that there needs to be a review of the ledger headings to simplify accounting requirements. Jan suggested that this be a discussion for the incoming committee.

Motion: The ledger headings are reviewed for simplicity.

Moved: Jan **Seconded:** Phil **Cd.**

7. **Meeting Start Times for Winter Months:** Phil suggested that meetings be changed to a 6:00 pm start during the winter months due to the conditions.

Motion: The monthly Meeting start times be brought forward to 6:00 pm during the winter months

Moved: Phil **Seconded:** Christine **Cd.**

Closure:

Being no further Business, Damien declared the meeting closed.

Meeting Closed: 9.36 pm.

Next Meeting: 6:00pm 8th June 2015