

RUTHERGLEN BOWLING CLUB INCORPORATED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
April 24th, 2021

Members Present:

Jamie Baker, Billy Campbell, Jan Widdop, John Crossman, Judy Douglas, Bev Reichman, Angela Rankin, Ian Baskett, Barbara Mc Cleave, Glenice Campbell, John Ross, Ross Rankin, John Fisher, Colin Malcolm, Ken Stuart, Peter Nesbitt, Marie Nesbitt, Val Pearce, Graham Climas, Lyn Scown, Murray Scown, Anne Climas, Chris Langdon, Jane Langdon, Jan Fisher, Geoff Ronnfeldt, Darren Simpson, John Flannery, Suzanne Baskett, Claire Megarrity, Angela Rankin, Ian & Margaret Humphry

Apologies:

Christine Flannagan, Rhonda Bradford, Jenny Deas, Nancy Duursma, Graeme Goudie, Steve Jones, Les Pearce, Doug Ramsay, Trevor Ronnfeldt, Geoff Tozer, Denise & Michael Coman, Garvie O'Bryan Yvonne Williamson, Lindsay Humphry.

Moved: Jamie Baker **Seconded:** John Flannery that apologies be accepted. **Cd.**

Minutes of 2020 AGM:

President Chris declared the meeting open and welcomed all those present.

The minutes were distributed prior to the meeting and President Chris asked if they were a true record of the of the last meeting.

Glenice Campbell noted an error in the match committee report with regards to the Shepparton Bowls Shop popup shop which was duly amended.

Moved: Lyn Scown **Seconded:** John Crossman that the Minutes be confirmed as a true reflection of the last meeting. **Cd.**

Business arising

Nil

Correspondence

Nil

Reports:

Annual Report:

President Chris tabled his annual report in which he acknowledged that while the season was much shorter than the norm, it certainly presented additional challenges across all aspects of the club.

- The pandemic restrictions allowed the club to operate, albeit under strict guidelines. Whilst unfamiliar and uncomfortable, they were not unreasonable to ensure the safety ourselves, our families, and friends.
- Our membership numbers continue to slowly decline, we are not alone here, this is a trend across all clubs. In the past year we saw the passing of some truly valued long-time members in, Peg Thomas, Lois Spence, Jim McMahon, and Rob Wilson, we will remember them fondly.
- The club has negotiated the past Covid-19 affected year in a sound financial position, despite income being down by approximately 18%, payments were also down by 7%. The club received two small Covid-19 grants to the total of \$1500, The club was successful in obtaining an Indigo Shire grant of \$7000 as a co-contribution to the installation of the solar panels. Thanks to the

hard work of Barbara McCleave, Ross Rankin, and John Ross in preparing our successful submission. Significant capital outlays this season have been the for the solar panels (approximately \$8000), and a new tank (approximately \$4000). Future expenditure is being investigated for landscaping and shade between the greens, a battery to enhance our solar system and replacement of pipework following a significant water leak earlier in the year that highlighted to the poor condition of the water supply. The solar system has reduced our power bill by approximately 85% last quarter (\$1200)

- Earlier in the year we noticed problems with the greens particularly No.2 green and our greens team were unsure of the exact cause, the committee therefore engaged advice from a professional greenkeeper, Adrian Pantling, who identified the problems and provided a recommended course of action. This appears to have a marked improvement and the greens should be in particularly good condition coming out of dormancy in the next growing season.
- Adrian complemented our greens say that the structure and condition of the turf is particularly good. His overall observation was that we need to apply more water once per week. This had not been possible for our greens team, because the old concrete tank could no longer be used as it had significant leaks. The decision was made to remove the old tank and purchase a new one; The demolition crew were surprised that the old tank had not already burst. It is suspected that prior to the alterations of Lake King we were getting subsoil moisture from the lake assisting with the watering of our greens and consequently need to apply more water via our sprinkler system to ensure their long-term health.
- Business House Bowls was impacted this year by the need to address the problems on green no.2 meant we had to limit the number of teams; those who missed out this year were very understanding and happy to return next year. Th competition ran smoothly thanks to Graeme Goudie and all other volunteers who assisted in staging this very important event for our club. Our team won the annual challenge between the winners of Corowa Civic and Chiltern night bowls competitions.
- On the Bowling front our pennant teams, reduced in number this year due to declining membership, enjoyed mixed success. The midweek team struggled in the top division and our weekend A3 team also struggling in its division. On a positive note, The A2 won their premiership and our combined side with Corowa Civic made the grand final. Thank you to our selection sub-committees ably led by Ian and Marie, it goes unsaid but this can be the most challenging task in any club, well done.
- Chris congratulated the two Club Champions, Nancy Duursma and Sam Widdop. Thank you to the Match Committee led by Glenice, again a challenging role with this year being slightly compressed by Covid-19recovery, were finding time to play games became harder as we all attend to our own wellbeing and that of our extended families coming out of lockdown.
- Our annual tournament was a success this year despite Cocid-19 restrictions. The committee's main objective was to run events that were safe, complied with directives and that would encourage people to come back next year. The numbers in the clubhouse restricted numbers that could play in some events and not being able to provide meals and afternoon teas was a disappointment on our behalf. Thank you to John Fisher and all who assisted.
- Almost all our sponsors came on board again this year and we thank them most sincerely. The club did speak to them and offer to maintain their signage and advertisement if they were struggling through Covid 19, however, almost all were happy to continue to support us so please support them where possible.
- Thank you to the catering committee led by Lynne Scown in what has been a lighter year in terms of catering events as pennant, sponsored event's meals, and afternoon teas could not be served. Instead, they were presented with a different set of challenges trying to cater under strict Covid-19 guidelines and directives. Our two major invitation events both ran very well.
- Thank you to Bev behind the bar and all members she engaged to operate it. This dare I say it, is a vital feature of our club and contributes greatly to our ongoing success as a club in general.

- Thank you to the greens team, Col and Skeeta who were strongly supported by Murray and Peter and many others. You should be justly proud of your efforts and the way you presented greens each week. It is always pleasing as a president to receive so many compliments on the state of our greens. I will speak more on this shortly as I have a duty to perform on behalf of the committee.
- I make no apology if what I am about to say sounds repetitive, but it is what makes our little club so great and indeed helps it survive. Thank you to all those who volunteer, whatever it is; tending gardens, cleaning seats, mow surrounds, emptying bins cook barbeques, this only scrapes the surface. I feel sure you receive like I do a great deal of satisfaction knowing that you are contributing to making our little club a great place to come.
- Thank you to committee members for your support particularly in formulating our Covid-19 response but also your cooperation and participation in all club activities through our shortened term.
- Finally thank you to John Ross who is stepping down as Secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Barbara presented a very comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The report highlighted the profit from the following.

- Bar takings made a profit of \$13,000. Due to us not being able to hold functions this year, the takings from functions were down by \$5000. There was also a decrease in overall bar takings of \$2000, due to Business House Bowls numbers being restricted.
- Members subs were down due to a decrease in membership from 80 to 64.
- Tournament figures revealed profit from the following events. Lorna Baker Memorial - \$268, Aylean's Day-\$2,529.00, Humphry Mixed pairs-\$795.00, Stanton & Killeen Mixed Fours-\$704.00, Star Hotel-Chambers pairs-\$651.00, Bowling with Buddies-\$308.00, Sonny's Day-\$2291.00, Simply Caravans-Campbell Wines Triples-\$2152.00. Hargraves Ambrose/ Morris Wines-\$398.00. Wighton Gravel-\$522.00. Baker Family mixed triples-\$512.00
- Business House Fours - due to restricted numbers the overall profit of was down to \$1400.
- Christmas hamper and ham raffles \$1100.
- Expenses for the year were:
- Greens & Machinery were double this year due to the removal of the concrete tank the purchase of a replacement. Additional chemicals had to be purchased for the treatment of green no.2.
- The affiliation fees to Bowls Victoria and the Ovens & Murray Region were halved this year due to the pandemic.
- Buildings & Maintenance expenses included the erection of a small new equipment shed on green no2. Replacement of the double doors in the front of the clubhouse. Replacement of the hot water system and related plumbing expenses. Repairs to the window in the clubhouse which was damaged by white ants.
- The report revealed a healthy balance to start the upcoming season considering the difficulties that we had to manage in a year that we have never ever have experienced.
- Solar System installation. This was our biggest expense for the year at a cost of \$14960. Of this amount, we received a grant from Indigo Shire of \$7000.00 making the club's contribution \$7960.00. Since the panels were installed, we have realised a reduction of \$2400 in charges compared to the same period last year. at the time of installation, it was estimated that we would pay off the club's contribution in 3 to 3 and a half years and we are certainly on track to achieve this target.
- On the back of the statement is the Statement of assets and liabilities. The values are like last year except that the solar system has been shown as an asset with this to written of over 5 years. The creditors of over \$2200.00 relate to the purchase of a new roller for the mower. This account was received prior to the end of the financial year as we are waiting on clarification of an item on the account. This will be reflected in the figures of 2021-22.

In relation to our membership fees the committee's recommendation is that they remain the same as last year i.e., senior member \$120 and junior member \$60.00.

- It was **Moved:** By Barbara and **Seconded:** by John Fisher that the treasurer's report be accepted. **Cd.**
- It was **Moved:** by Barbara and **Seconded:** by Ken Stuart that subscriptions remain the same as last year. **Cd.**
- **Business Arising:**

Nil

Match Committee Report:

Match Committee Chair Glenice tabled her report. Highlights for the year included:

- The match committee was run successfully again after a challenging start to the season. The syllabus was adjusted to allow for the shortened time before Christmas because of Covid. After Christmas, most events were played at a similar date to last season.
- October was a busy month with Shepparton Bowls Shop pop up sop Opening Day, Baker mixed triples and presentation of last year's championships.
- The Club singles were all completed in time to play in the regional event. There was agog gallery watch Sam Widdop and Nancy Duursma win their respective finals matches.
- There are other championship matches that have not been played by their due dates. There were 16 members with overdue matches, causing a flow on effect and will have to be played later.
- The handicaps formula was adjusted for this season and should not need any further amendment for next season.
- The Aylean Baker Ladies Fours was a successful day, with both greens full of number 2 green being available for the first time after major works. There were visitors from fourteen clubs. Aylean attended the day along with non-playing club Champions, Estelle Mann, Jean sims, Jenny Deas and club workers Jan stones and Joy Hughes. The Shepparton bowls shop again held their pop-up shop on the day. This was a good day for them with our club won the pop-up shop for the season. The voucher awarded will be presented to member attending this AGM.
- During the winter months the jackpot social bowls were played. Most days with between 12 and 20 players competing.
- Other sponsored events were also played during the season with good support from the members as well as 10visiting clubs.
- Finally, Glenice thanked: Nancy, Denise, Graeme, Jamie, and Ross for their support, which enabled everything to run smoothly. Also, a big thank you to Billy for his support even through his recent health issues.

Mid-week Pennant Report:

Marie Nesbitt tabled her report.

- It was incredibly challenging year, with player shortages and playing in a higher grade.
- She also thanked her fellow selectors.

Weekend Pennant Report:

Ian Baskett tabled his report.

- He thanked all players who participated throughout the year.
- He congratulated the A2 Team on their win and promotion to A1division.
- The A3 division finished on the bottom of the ladder and have been relegated to the A4.
- The B3 composite team had a good year advancing to the grand final, but unfortunately lost to a better team. He thanked Corowa Civic for providing the opportunity for our players to play in a combined team.
- Ian thanked his fellow selectors-Graeme, Murray, Geoff, and Skeet.

Greens Report:

Col tabled his report.

- No.2 Green has undergone major maintenance to the surface which should put it in good stead for next season.
- June - Number one green cored by drilling.
- December - soil samples taken. Back roller replaced on the mower. The concrete tank has been replaced with a new polly tank which will be of great benefit to the watering of the greens.
- Clearing of the shrubbery on the southern bank has been beneficial in the control of pests and big difference in the use of Chemicals.

Catering committee Report:

- Lynne reported on a successful year albeit under challenging circumstances and thanked all who helped tirelessly.

Moved: John Crossman **Seconded:** John Fisher that the reports as presented be accepted. **Cd**

Election of Office Bearers:

Due to a ballot being required for some of the positions, Claire Megarrity and John Flannery were appointed as returning officers.

It was noted from the floor that voters should be handed a blank piece of paper rather than ballots with candidate's names printed on them. President Chris explained that the committee considered it to be a much simpler method of voting. He then put it to the members for a show of hands as to which method be used on the day. There was a unanimous show of hands for the use of the pre-named ballot slips.

President:

President Chris announced all positions vacant and vacated the chair to John Ross.

John thanked Chris for his dedication and hard work in his role as president in what has been a year that none of us have ever experienced. He has taken everything in his stride, allowing us to emerge from the Covid crisis in good shape.

Chris Langdon was nominated by Ross Rankin, seconded John Ross. There being no other nominations, Chris was duly elected and took the Chair to continue with proceedings.

Vice – President:

John Fisher was nominated by Ross Rankin and seconded by Barbara McCleave. There being no other nominations, John was duly elected.

Treasurer:

Barb McCleave was nominated by Marie Nesbitt and Seconded by Ross Rankin there being no other nominations, Barbara was duly elected.

Secretary/Communications Officer:

There were two nominations for Secretary.

Ross Rankin was nominated by John Crossman and seconded by Bev Reichman.

Glenice Campbell was nominated by John Ross and seconded by Nancy Duursma.

A ballot was conducted and Ross Rankin was elected secretary.

Ordinary Members of Executive Committee (3):

The following members were nominated:

Marie Nesbitt was nominated by Nancy Duursma and seconded by John Crossman.
John Crossman was nominated by Graeme Goudie and seconded by Marie Nesbitt.
Bev Reichman was nominated by Ross Rankin and seconded by Jan Fisher.
Glenice Campbell was nominated by Chris Langdon and seconded by Denise Coman.

A ballot was held with Marie Nesbitt, John Crossman and Bev Reichman being duly elected.

Match Sub-Committee seven (7):

Three nominations were received.
Jamie Baker was nominated by Glenice Campbell and seconded by Ross Rankin.
Glenice Campbell was nominated by Chris Langdon and seconded by Denise Coman.
Nancy Duursma was nominated by Glenice Campbell and seconded by Ross Rankin.

There being no more nominations from the floor, all were duly elected.
The Executive committee will attempt to appoint more members.

Mid -Week Selection Sub-Committee (5):

The following members were nominated:
Janet Fisher was nominated by Gwen Pearce and seconded by Barbara McCleave.
Nancy Duursma was nominated by Glenice Campbell and seconded by Ross Rankin.
Marie Nesbitt was nominated by Nancy Duursma and seconded by John Crossman.
Glenice Campbell was nominated by Chris Langdon and seconded by Denise Coman.

There being no nominations from the floor, all were duly elected.
Gwen Pearce was nominated from the floor by Jan Fisher and seconded Margaret Humphry and was duly elected.

Weekend Pennant Selection Sub-Committee (5):

The following members were nominated:
John Crossman was nominated by Graeme Goudie and seconded by Marie Nesbitt.
Geoff Tozer was nominated by Ian Baskett and seconded by Ross Rankin.
Ian Baskett was nominated by John Crossman and seconded by John Flannery.
Graeme Goudie was nominated by John Crossman and seconded by Marie Nesbitt.
Murray Scown was nominated by Lynne Scown and seconded by John Crossman.
Janet Fisher was nominated by Gwenda Pearce and seconded by Bev Reichman.
Allan John Fisher was nominated by Chris Langdon and seconded by Ross Rankin.

A ballot was conducted and Janet Fisher, Graeme Goudie, Geoff Tozer, Ian Baskett, Murray Scown
Were duly elected.

Catering Sub-Committee:

Judy Douglas was nominated by John Crossman and seconded by John Ross.
Lyn Scown was nominated by Murray Scow and seconded by Judy Douglas.
Yvonne, Val, Chris, and John will be able and ready when needed.

Welfare Officer:

As there were no nominations,
The committee will endeavour to have this position filled later.

Ovens & Murray Delegates (2):

Chris Langdon was nominated from the floor by John Fisher.
Bev Reichman was nominated from the floor by Barbara McCleave.
Both were duly elected.

Club Coaching Panel:

There were no nominations,
John Fisher and Claire Megarrity agreed to act as club coaches.
The committee will look for others who may be interested.

Bar Manager:

Bev Reichman was nominated by John Crossman and seconded by Ross Rankin and was duly elected.

Honorary Financial Reviewer:

Graeme Goudie was nominated from the floor by Barbara McCleave and Seconded by Jan Widdop and was duly elected.

Media Officer:

There were no nominations for the position.
Geoff Ronnfeldt was nominated from the floor by Ian Baskett and seconded by Bev Reichman and duly elected.

Website Co-Ordinator:

There were no nominations for this position. Glenice Campbell will meet with Jess Widdop to see what is involved with a view to accepting this position.

Tournament Director:

John Fisher was nominated by Chris Langdon and seconded by Ross Rankin and was duly elected.

60& Over Delegates:

There were no nominations for this position.
Lindsay and Peter agreed to continue again this year.

President Chris thanked all those who stood for the various Sub-Committees and all those who have accepted positions for next season.

Business on notice:

Nil

President Chris thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 12.50 pm.

Signed: **(Secretary)** **Date:** **Confirmed:**

..... **(President)** **Date:**