# RUTHERGLEN BOWLING CLUB INCORPORATED

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: APRIL 30th, 2022

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Jamie Baker, Billy Campbell, Jan Widdop, John Crossman, Judy Douglas, Bev Reichman, Angela Rankin, Ian Baskett, Barbara McCleave, Glenice Campbell, John Ross, Ross Rankin, Ken Stuart, Peter Nesbitt, Marie Nesbitt, Val Pearce, Graham Climas, Lyn Scown, Murray Scown, Anne Climas, Chris Langdon, Jane Langdon, Geoff Ronnfeldt, Phil Peers, Yvonne Williamason, Gwen Pearce, Eloise Seymour, Hans Duursma, Nancy Duursma, Steve Jones, Geoff Tozer.

# Apologies:

Christine Flanagan, Trevor Ronnfeldt, Garvie O’Bryan, Michael Barron, Claire Megarrity, Merylyn Milthorpe, Ian Humphry, Lindsay Humphry, Margaret Humphry, Bill Gayfer, John Fisher, Jan Fisher, Sue Baskett, Noel Murrell, Nadine Simpson, Darren Simpson.

Moved: Jamie Baker, Seconded: John Crossman; that the apologies be accepted. Carried.

**Minutes of 2020 AGM**:

President Chris declared the meeting open at 5:10 pm. He welcomed all those present and thanked them for their attendance.

The Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting and President Chris asked if they were a true record of the previous Annual Meeting**.**

Moved: Ken Stuart, Seconded: Judy Douglas; that the Minutes be confirmed as a true reflection of the previous meeting. Carried.

**Business arising**

Nil

# Correspondence

Nil

# Reports:

**Annual (President’s) Report**:

President Chris tabled his report in which he acknowledged the impact that the pandemic has had on our operations but also highlighted the strong position that the club is in as we emerge from COVID-19 restrictions.

* Both income and expenditure were down slightly and our strong financial position has been aided by grants received from the Victorian government and fee reductions from BV and the O&M.
* The club through the Bowling Green Reserve Committee of Management has been successful in obtaining a 100% grant for the installation of a battery system which should further reduce our energy costs.
* He outlined the activities of the committee and projects that were underway or in planning. A new shade structure is to be built at the lake end of number 2 green and a tender has been approved to replace six toilet cisterns. The upgrade of our water supply will be needed as a significant leak last year highlighted the poor condition of the pipework into the club.
* Unfortunately, Business House Bowls had to be cancelled this year. There was a reduced field the previous year due to renovation work on green 2 so he stressed the need to reinvigorate this event in 2023 as a major way of promoting bowls in the community and is also a significant fund raising event for the club.
* Our pennant teams again enjoyed mixed success and the highlight was the win of our A3 weekend team. Congratulations to all involved. Declining numbers appear to be partly responsible for struggle to be highly competitive. Congratulations go to our two club champions, Yvonne Williamson and Geoff Tozer. Geoff also made it to the final of the O&M Champion of Champions competition. Chris offered his congratulations to all winners of club events and thanked the Match Committee for all their hard work.
* The Annual Tournament was again a success and the number of compliments we receive reflects greatly on the club and all those who contribute to this event.
* Chris thanked all our sponsors and highlighted new sponsors who have supported the club this year through the efforts of Secretary Ross.
* The greens continue to improve under the guidance of Adrian Pantling and the hard work of greenkeeper, John Crossman and with the help of Peter Nesbitt, Murray Scown and others. The fairy rings in green 1 are proving difficult to eradicate but we are confident that the control measures being employed will get this issue under control.
* Thank you to the catering committee led by Lyn Scown in what has been a lighter year in terms of catering for events. It was pleasing to note that as restrictions started to be lifted we were able to return to the level of catering that the club is renowned for.
* Thank you to Bar Manager, Bev Reichman and to all members she engaged to operate it. This facility is a vital feature of our club and contributes greatly to our ongoing success. Thanks also go to the improvements that have been made such as new flooring, painting, racking etc.
* The next year may prove to be quite challenging as a number of committee members and those in executive positions have indicated they will ne be seeking re-election. These members leave their positions in a very sound position and will be willing to assist any member that may be interested in taking on these roles.
* 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 throughout the year term.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Treasurer Barbara presented a very comprehensive Annual Financial Report. She highlighted the impact of COVID-19, but once again, indicated that the club is in a sound financial position with our bank balance showing an increase of approximately $5000 from the same time last year.

Income:

* Bar takings made a profit of $13,000 which was very similar to last year and was a very good result as we didn’t conduct the very profitable Business House program this year.
* Membership remained virtually static. The introduction of a non-playing/social membership category resulted in 5 new social members
* Catering income and expenditure increased as we emerged from COVID-19 restrictions.
* Club merchandise income and expenditure increased this year due mainly to the provision of new club shirts. Sponsorship from Simply Caravans enabled us to sell a first shirt to a member for half price.
* Raffle takings were down slightly this year due mainly to no Business House bowls and no raffles being conducted during pennant. The Christmas hamper raised approximately $1200 and thanks go to Christine Flanagan for organising such a profitable fundraiser.
* Tournament figures, without including bar takings, revealed profit from the following events. Lorna Baker Memorial: $390, Aylean’s Day: $2,470.00, Humphry Mixed pairs: $828.00, Stanton & Killeen Mixed Fours: $984.00, Star Hotel-Chambers pairs: $400.00, Bowling with Buddies: $475.00, Sonny’s Day: $2,460.00, Simply Caravans & Campbell Wines Triples: $1,575.00, Hargraves Ambrose/ Morris Wines: $398.00, Wighton Sand & Gravel: $405.00. The 60 and over day: $615.00

Expenditure:

* Greens & Machinery increased slightly this year due the purchase of a new roller and ongoing consultancy costs.
* The affiliation fees to Bowls Victoria and the Ovens & Murray Region were again reduced this year so those payments were similar to the previous year.
* Electricity expenses were $3,900 less than pre-solar instillation. It was expected that the club would pay-off our contribution to the solar panels in three and a half years but it would seem that it will be two and a half, which is an excellent outcome.
* Water usage has increased significantly due to a new watering regime used on the greens
* We now have a new telephone and internet provider. This should reduce our costs from $80/month to $15/month and has the potential to save $780/year less the purchase of the phone. Thanks to Bev Reichman for researching and implementing this new phone plan.

General:

* The financial report also includes the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The values are similar to last year but the club’s net worth has increased by approximately $6,000 due mainly to an increase in our bank balance.
* Thanks to Graeme Goudie for revising the books and for his guidance throughout the year.

In relation to membership fees; the committee’s recommendation is that they remain the same as last year i.e. senior member $120.00, junior member $60.00, non-playing/social $10.00 and a joining fee of $5.00.

Moved: Barbara McCleave, Seconded: Graeme Goudie, that the committee’s recommendation in relation to membership fees be accepted. Carried.

* **Business Arising:**

Nil

**Match Committee Report:**

Match Committee Chair Glenice Campbell tabled her report.

* The committee again completed challenging start to the season. Strict COVID-19 restrictions in October resulted in early-season events being rescheduled or cancelled. This resulted in there being no Opening Day. All sponsored events eventually were completed except the Baker Triples which was not well supported in its evening time slot. It is pleasing that bowlers from 8 different clubs did support our sponsored days.
* Club championships were again conducted this year but with smaller number of entries than past years. Unfortunately, there are still a number of events still to be completed and it is disappointing that members seem unable to schedule these events without reminders to play on time.
* The Club Singles both attracted good galleries when they were played. Congratulations to Yvonne Williamson and Geoff Tozer on winning this year’s events. Further congratulations to Geoff on reaching the final of the O&M Champion of Champions.
* The new handicap formula seems to be working well as there were many close games in these events which is what the aim of the handicap system is.
* The prestigious Aylean Baker Ladies Fours was again successfully conducted by the committee with both greens full and many visiting teams. Aylean attended for much of the day along with some past ladies’ club champions. The Shepparton bowls shop again held their pop-up shop on the day and thanks go to them for providing us with merchandise to use as raffle prizes..
* Finally, Glenice thanked: Nancy Duursma, Jamie Baker and Merylyn Milthorpe for their work on the committee. Merylyn joined the committee during the year and has been a most valuable inclusion to the team. She also offered a big thank-you to Billy for his support through some difficult personal times.

**Mid-week Pennant Report:**

Midweek Cahir Marie Nesbitt tabled her report.

* Once again, player shortages made it a very challenging year but even with the few members that were available we managed to win the A3 premiership in what was a fantastic effort.
* Thanks to Graham Climas and John Flannery who assisted when there was a shortage of players and special mentions and thanks go to Christine Flanagan and Ann Climas who ended the year on the injured list.
* She also thanked her fellow selectors for their contribution and teamwork.

**Weekend Pennant Report:**

Weekend Chair Ian Baskett tabled his report.

* He thanked all players who participated throughout the year.
* The A1team finished 5th and the A4’s avoided relegation, finishing 7th.
* He noted the work that President Chris, Adrian Pantling, John Crossman, Peter Nesbitt and Murray Scown do in providing the pennant players with excellent greens.
* He also congratulated the Midweek A3 team on winning the premiership.
* Thanks go to fellow selectors- Graeme Goudie, Murray Scown, Jan Fisher and Geoff Tozer.

**Greens Report:**

Greenkeeper John Crossman tabled his report.

* High humidity and lower temperatures made for a different year that provided in good conditions for growing grass but even better conditions for disease.
* The greens have improved significantly and the eradication of the fairy rings on green 1 is now our major problem to address.
* Our use of water has changed with the change in level of Lake King and Adrian’s suggestions in relation to watering. As a result, water usage is up this year.
* Adrian has also been very helpful in advising the best ways to operate and maintain our equipment and we have had some expenses to bring back some equipment back to standard.
* Continuing our current practices should result in even better greens next season and thanks go to Peter Nesbitt and Murray Scown for their assistance throughout the year with projects, marking lines and general work on the club’s greens and surrounds.

**Catering committee Report:**

Catering Committee Chair Lyn Scown presented her report.

* It was another successful year for club catering albeit under challenging circumstances yet again.
* She proposed a roster system where 4 members, once a year, would be required to conduct the afternoon teas on our sponsored says when members bring a plate. A show of hands indicated that this proposal should work.
* She proposed to continue to ask members to prepare food for our major events and thanked all those who had contributed this season.
* Thanks went to all those who helped in the kitchen this season

**Bar Manager’s Report**

Bar Manager Bev Reichman presented her report.

* The bar has a new floor and there has been some painting and general improvements in appearance made.
* Despite COVID restrictions and no Business house bowls the bar operations still returned a healthy profit
* Thanks went to all those who helped in the bar this season

Moved: Angela Rankin, Seconded: Graeme Goudie; that the reports be accepted. Carried.

**Election of Office Bearers:**

Prior to vacating the Chair, President Chris briefly outlined his reasons for not seeking nominations to any positions in the coming season. He also outlined the dire situation the club would be in if members did not nominate for positions, particularly executive positions. He then asked Graeme Goudie to conduct the election of office bearers.

President:

Graeme thanked Chris for his dedication and hard work in his role as president in what has been a couple of very difficult years and his efforts have allowed us to emerge from the pandemic in good shape.

There we no nominations for President and Graeme remained in the chair for the election of Vice-President. The Executive Committee will seek to fill this position.

# Vice – President:

Christine Flanagan was nominated by Graeme Goudie and seconded by Lyn Scown. There being no other nominations, Christine was duly elected.

# Secretary:

Ross Rankin was nominated by Ian Baskett and seconded by Hans Duursma. There being no other nominations, Ross was duly elected.

# Treasurer:

Barb McCleave was nominated by Jamie Baker and seconded by John Crossman. There being no other nominations, Barbara was duly elected.

# Ordinary Members of Executive Committee (3):

The following members were nominated:

Marie Nesbitt was nominated by Barbara McCleave and seconded by John Fisher.

John Crossman was nominated by Graeme Goudie and seconded by Peter Nesbitt.

Christine Flanagan was nominated by Graeme Goudie and seconded by Lyn Scown.

Lyn Scown was nominated by Yvonne Williamson and seconded by Christine Flanagan.

As Christine had been appointed Vice-President, her nomination was withdrawn and Marie, John and Lyn were duly elected.

Match Sub-Committee seven (7):

The following members were nominated:

Jamie Baker was nominated by Nancy Duursma and seconded by Glenice Campbell.

Glenice Campbell was nominated by Nancy Duursma and seconded by Lyn Scown.

Nancy Duursma was nominated by Janie Baker and seconded by Geoff Ronnfeldt

Merylyn Milthorpe was nominated by Nancy Duursma and seconded by Lyn Scown.

Geoff Ronnfeldt was nominated by Angela Rankin and seconded by Barb McCleave.

All were duly elected. It was agreed that this committee would appoint a Chair.

Mid -Week Selection Sub-Committee (5):

The following members were nominated:

Jan Fisher was nominated by Gwen Pearce and seconded by Nancy Duursma.

Christine Flanagan was nominated by Graeme Goudie and seconded by Lyn Scown.

Marie Nesbitt was nominated by Barb McCleave and seconded by John fisher.

Glenice Campbell was nominated by Nancy Duursma and seconded by Billy Campbell.

Gwen Pearce was nominated by Jan Widdop and seconded by Marie Nesbitt

All were duly elected.

Weekend Pennant Selection Sub-Committee (5):

The following members were nominated:

John Crossman was nominated by Graeme Goudie and seconded by Peter Nesbitt.

Geoff Tozer was nominated by Graeme Goudie and seconded by Bill Gayfer.

Ian Baskett was nominated by Graeme Goudie and seconded by John Crossman.

Graeme Goudie was nominated by Ian Baskett and seconded by John Crossman.

Murray Scown was nominated by Ian Baskett and seconded by John Crossman.

All were duly elected.

Tournament Sub-Committee:

It was agreed that match committee members also take responsibility for the Annual Tournament.

The five members of the Match Committee were nominated by Hans Duursma and seconded by Billy Campbell.

Barbara McCleave was nominated by Angela Rankin and seconded by Lyn Scown.

Marie Nesbitt was nominated by Angela Rankin and seconded by Lyn Scown.

All were duly elected. It was agreed that this committee would appoint a Chair.

Market & Sponsorship Sub-committee:

There were no nominations. The Executive Committee will seek to fill these positions.

Catering Sub-Committee:

Lyn Scown was nominated by Murray Scown and seconded by Barbara McCleave.

Judy Douglas was nominated by Lyn Scown and seconded by Graham Climas.

Yvonne Williamson was nominated by Lyn Scown and seconded by Graham Climas.

Ann Climas was nominated by Lyn Scown and seconded by Graham Climas.

All were duly elected.

Green’s Director:

There were no nominations for this position. It was agreed that a Green’s Committee will liaise with Adrian Pantling.

The following members were nominated:

John Crossman was nominated by Barbara McCleave and seconded by Angela Rankin.

Peter Nesbitt was nominated by Barbara McCleave and seconded by Angela Rankin.

Murray Scown was nominated by Barbara McCleave and seconded by Angela Rankin.

All were duly elected.

Welfare Officer:

As there were no nominations, the Executive Committee will endeavour to have this position.

Ovens &Murray Delegates (2):

Glenice Campbell was nominated by Nancy Duursma and seconded by Billy Campbell.

Nancy Duursma was nominated by Lyn Scown and seconded by Billy Campbell.

Both were duly elected.

Club Coaching Panel:

As there were no nominations, the Executive Committee will endeavour to fill these positions.

# Bar Manager:

# John Ross was nominated by Graeme Goudie and seconded by John Crossman and was duly elected.

# Bowls Development Officer:

# John Ross was nominated by John Crossman and seconded by Angela Rankin and was duly elected.

Media Officer:

Geoff Ronnfeldt was nominated by Trevor Ronnfeldt and seconded by Graeme Goudie and duly elected.

Website Administrator:

Glenice Campbell was nominated by Lyn Scow and seconded by John Crossman and was duly elected

60& Over Delegates:

Lindsay Humphry was nominated by Ian Baskett and seconded by Phil Peers.

Peter Nesbitt was nominated by Ian Baskett and seconded by Phil Peers.

Both were duly elected**.**

# Honorary Financial Reviewer:

Graeme Goudie was nominated by Barbara McCleave and seconded by Phil Peers and was duly elected.

# Business on notice:

# Nil

# The meeting closed at 6:40 pm.

**Signed: ………………………………………… (Secretary) Date: ………………… Confirmed: ……………………………………. (President) Date: …………………**