



ADELAIDE BOWLING CLUB Inc

122nd AGM Sunday 19th May 2019

1. Welcome & Opening

- 1.1 Meeting opened at 10:35am. President John Higgins opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
- 1.2 Present: V West, P Rose, S Hicks, S Thulborn, B Bate, R Brown, J Higgins, A Hurst, R Delaine, W Armour, G Benveniste, M Elgar, P Wilson, D Taylor, P Eckhold, R Hooper, L Sydenham, B Scott, P McDonald, R Kuczarski, I Andrae, P Zerella, B Burton, S Jones, D Blesing, J Krebbekx, Corey Hicks, R Krebbekx, G Cass, M Moffatt, P Impagnatello, G Jackson, T Elgar, G Arnfield, J Taylor, N Buvinic, M McDonagh, J Taylor
- 1.3 Apologies: E Garrett, B Gum, B Boorman, R Davidson, S Hocking, P Smyth, D Germein, B Wallace, S Wallace, D Lilley, B Lilley, M Northcott, B Davies, J Frangos

A quorum was achieved (S3.5.1 ABC Constitution)

2. Approval of minutes of last year's AGM

- 2.1 Minutes of the 120th Annual General Meeting were posted on the ABC website with the AGM Report. The Secretary read out the minutes to the meeting.

Motion put that the minutes of the 2017/2018 (121st) Annual General Meeting were a true and correct record.

Moved: D Taylor

Seconded: R Delaine

The motion was carried on a show of hands from the members present.

- 2.2 Business arising – President advised the members that an Occupational Workplace and Safety Manual had been produced and was in place.

3. President's Report

- 3.1 The President's report was incorporated in the Annual Report. John gave a brief overview of his report. Thanked outgoing secretary Val West for her time and input on the board for last 4 years.
- 3.2 With the redevelopment of the clubrooms underway, John advised that the club had been virtually guaranteed an additional \$275,000 from the current member for Adelaide, Steve Georganas as part of a bi-partisan deal through the government. Confirmation of this should be received by the club in the coming week. Bob Burton to give an update of the costings of the project in general business.

4. Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 M McDonagh reported that the 2018-19 report had been available on the website and copies distributed. In summary the club made a profit of approximately \$29,000 which although not significant, once again wages and operating costs eroded income.
- 4.2 The board will continue to look at ways to reduce costs and improve profitability.

Motion put that the Treasurer's Report for the ABC's 2018/19 financial year be accepted.

Moved: M McDonagh Seconded: P Zerella

The motion was carried on a show of hands from the members present.

5. Appointment of Auditor

The President advised the meeting that B.C.H (through club member Adam Davenport) had offered their services as auditors to alleviate the conflict of interest with our treasurer working for the previous auditors Crosby Dalwood.

Motion put that B.C.H be appointed auditor for the 2019-20 season

Moved: J Higgins Seconded: M McDonagh

The motion was carried on a show of hands from the members present.

6. Election of Patron

The President advised that the newly elected Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Sandy Verschoor, had accepted the role of patron for the remainder of the 2018-19 season. Given the importance of continuing to work closely with the Council, members were asked to endorse her appointment for the 2019-20 season.

Motion put that the Lord Mayor of Adelaide be invited to be Patron of the Adelaide Bowling Club

Moved: J Higgins Seconded: R Delaine

The motion was carried on a show of hands from the members present.

7. Election of Officers

G Benveniste was invited to chair the meeting and declared all positions vacant. There was only one nomination for President, so as there were no further nominations, congratulated John Higgins and handed the meeting back to him.

The President took the chair and announced the following 2019-20 board.

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| President | John Higgins |
| Vice President | Steve Hicks |
| Secretary | Bruce Bate |
| Treasurer | Mike McDonagh |

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| Board members | Bob Burton |
| | Paul Wilson |
| | Richard Brown |

Vicki Degenhardt

AHOS Representative

Paul Zerella

AOBC Representative

G Longbottom

The President thanked retiring board members Val West and Scott Hocking and welcomed new members, Richard Brown and Vicki Degenhardt.

8. Subscriptions

A motion proposing the new fees for 2019/20 was presented to the members through the website as follows:

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Membership fees for the 2019-20 season as recommended by the board

Full Member - \$350

First Year Full Member - \$175

Junior/Student Member - \$40

Family Membership – 2 Adults pay full price up to 2 children free, subsequent children \$40 each
- 1 Adult pays full price up to 1 child free, subsequent

children \$40 each

Associate Membership - \$300

Night Owl Membership - \$20 registration

Social Membership - \$20 per annum or \$50 for 3 years

- 8.1 P Rose asked the board why the club does not offer a “Pensioner” rate. Treasurer reported that it had not been considered but would be discussed at the next board meeting.

Moved: B Burton Seconded: G Benveniste

That the new fees as presented by the Treasurer, M McDonagh be accepted in principle with the provision that the feasibility of a Pensioner rate be addressed and members notified of outcome.

The motion was carried with a show of hands from members present

9. General Business

- 9.1 The president asked Bob Burton to address the meeting with regards to the costings of the clubroom redevelopment.

9.1.1 Bob advised that the initial estimation of the redevelopment was approx. \$815,000 to be made up of \$365,000 from the Adelaide City Council, \$275,000 grant from Office of Sport and Rec, and \$176,000 from club funds.

9.1.2 The ABC contribution was derived from - \$60,000 trust fund money from Jack Gerard and Les Luke, \$40,000 accumulated funds, \$11,000 grant from Kate Ellis MP, \$11,500 donation from Adelaide Oval Bowling Club and \$27,000 net profit from club.

9.1.3 Funding will be used amongst other things to bring the clubrooms up to code, provide new toilet, shower & locker rooms for both men & women plus a disabled facility, new windows across the back and side of the building, paving, new permanent umbrellas, shading along the western

fence line and replace ceiling in the clubrooms. Upgrade of the bar and any other items will be addressed if funds available.

9.1.4 The president thanked:

- Bob Boorman (in his absence) for his support and input throughout the negotiations and consultations on the project,
- Garry Benveniste (Chevron Glass) for providing the additional windows not scoped by the ACC, at a very generous cost,
- Bob Burton and Bruce Bate for their continued efforts on project management.

- 9.2 Dennis Taylor advised that he and wife Jill were available to provide the sandwiches for pennant games for the up coming season. All members applauded the offer.
- 9.3 The President advised that due to the requirement to remove all the windows and board up the holes until new windows installed the Board decided that the clubrooms will be closed for trading from the 3rd June until approximately 23 June. The impact on winter bowls and use of the greens will be determined by the board and members informed through the newsletter.
- 9.4 P Zerella asked about the World Champion of Champions singles event – President advised that there were 52 entries (28 men, 24 women) and the event is scheduled between the 27/10 – 3/11/19. Volunteer markers, scoreboard attendants, ITO's will be sought from both within the club and elsewhere. Training will be provided.
- 9.5 P Echold asked about the carparking situation in general and specifically for the World Champ of Champs. President advised that negotiations are still ongoing with the Council for both Wednesday and Saturday parking. The Wednesday trial has concluded and the Council has asked for public feedback. With regards to the World Champ of Champs, a separate negotiation for public parking will be put to the Council for consideration.
- 9.6 P Echold asked about the club uniform. President advised that due to the withdrawal of Best Bricks and Pavers as major sponsor for our club it was essential that our club shirts reflect our current sponsors – Pioneer Wines, Atomix and Grip. A new shirt is being developed and will be available for the next pennant season.
- 9.7 R Kuzmarski asked whether the ABC website could be kept more current. President advised that the club manager and Vee McGovern have been provided training by Atomix and will now be responsible for updating the website in real time.
- 9.8 G Benveniste thanked the board, on behalf of the members, for their work over the past year.

10. Meeting Close

There being no further business the President thanked everyone present for their attendance and declared meeting closed at 11:40am.

