

Adelaide Bowling Club 128th AGM

Sunday 27th of May 2025, 10.30am for 11.00am start



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MINUTES OF MEETING

(a) Welcome	Quorum achieved with 39 members in attendance: Bob Burton, John Higgins, Scott Hocking, Cooper Hocking, Greg Arnfield, Bruce Bate, Dennis Taylor, Alistair Behenna, Paul Wilson, Sandy Wallace, Bruce Wallace, Kimmy Pokoina, Don Stevens, Rachel Krebbekx, Scott Thulborn, Carlos Gonsalez, Josh Wiles, Graham Cass, Ron Kuczmariski, Phil McDonald, Matthew Conlon, Mick Moffatt, Gary Benveniste, Dan Flanagan, Chris Firth, Lachlan Newitt, Ron Davidson, Ross De Laine, Jon Cooper, Mike McDonagh, John Frangos, Richard Brown, Rick Farrell, Barry Lilley, Emil Nou, Trudy Howard, Richard Hooper, Heather Gunn.
(b) Apologies	Bob Boorman, Kirsten Jones, Sheridan Bodnar, James Bodnar, David Benveniste, Jenny Farrell, Dale Hanlon
(c) Minutes of 127 th AGM	Proposed: Minutes of the 127 th AGM be accepted So moved by: Denis Taylor Seconded by: Gary Benveniste <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
	Action arising from the Minutes of the 127th AGM a) That the Adelaide Bowling Club 2024/25 Business Plan is accepted and is to guide the activities of the Board for the 2024/25 financial year. Summary of achievements against the 2024/25 Business Plan (AGM Paper1) presented by BB b) That Smoking Policy be removed from the Business Plan and treated separately by the Board. This item has been removed from the Business Plan. c) That the timeline to achieve a \$0.5m sinking or emergency fund be extended to March 31, 2028. This has been adjusted in the Business Plan (but also already been achieved).
(d) President's Report	Proposed: President's Report as contained in the 128 th Annual Report be accepted So moved by: Greg Arnfield Seconded by: Kimmy Pokoina <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
(e) Treasurer's Report and Accounts – AGM Paper 2	Discussion: Overall, it was a good year financially. \$1.67 mil turnover with a budget of \$1.5m, and trading surplus of \$308k. Proposed: The Treasurer's Report and Accounts as tabled be accepted So moved by: Ron Davidson Seconded by: Sandy Wallace <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> Proposed; That cyber securing training is introduced for the Board and all staff working at the club. So moved by; Rachell Krebbekx Seconded; Paul Wilson <p style="text-align: right;">Carried.</p>
(f) Election of Patron	Proposed: That the Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide be invited to fulfill the role of Club Patron for a 12-month period. So moved by: Ross Delaine Seconded by: Gary Benveniste <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>

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<p>(g) Election of Officers</p>	<p>The following nominations have been received: Nominations received matched available vacancies therefore the following were elected unopposed: President: Bob Burton Vice President: Don Stevens Treasurer: Matthew Conlon Secretary: Jon Cooper</p> <p>Results of the election are as follows: Board Members: Josh Wiles, Heather Gunn, Michael McDonagh, Paul Willson</p> <p>Discussion: Noted that there is not the opportunity to vote anonymously. The reason that they are signed is to prevent duplicate votes and votes by non-members.</p> <p>Proposed: That the election of the successful Candidates be ratified by this AGM. So moved by: Ross Delaine Seconded by: Rick Farrell</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>President Bob Burton thanked Mike McDonagh for the outstanding contribution of 15 years as treasurer to the club, and for his standing as a continuing member of the new board. Thanks also expressed to Henry Higgins, past president, and Bruce Bate for their service to the Board.</p>
<p>(h) Election of Auditors</p>	<p>Bentleys performed the audit of the 2023/24 accounts Therefore, it is proposed that Bentleys continue as Club Auditors So moved by: Scott Hocking Seconded by: Chris Firth</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
<p>(i) Chair of Selectors and Selectors</p>	<p>Proposed: That the Board call for nominations and fill the position of Chair of Selectors for the 2025/26 Pennant Season and that the Chair of Selectors fill the positions of Selector for each Pennant side. So moved by: Deniss Taylor Seconded by: Ron Davidson</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
<p>(j) Changes to the Constitution</p>	<p>No changes proposed</p>
<p>(k) Annual Subscriptions</p>	<p>Discussion: Ron Kuczmariski questioned the membership categories that the AOBC and AHOS members. It was clarified that they have the full rights and privileges of ABC members, but are not members of the ABC and so are not able to vote at the AGM. Proposed: That all annual subscriptions for the 2025/26 season remain unchanged. So moved by: Rick Farrell Seconded by: Kimmy Pokoina</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
<p>(l) New Business: Motion on Club Business Plan</p>	<p>Rationalisation of Honour Boards and Notice Boards</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Board Proposal – John Higgins ii. The alternative Proposal - Ron Kuczmariski <p>Discussion on the motion to be put to the meeting.</p> <p>The Board proposal was outlined by Henry Higgins; The Board is seeking to retain the history of our club, albeit with some of those board reduced in size. There is a challenge of the limited wall space inside the club, which needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Ron Kuczmariski outlined an alternative proposal; All sporting clubs have a long history, and a tradition of recording the names of past players. The request is that the existing boards are</p>

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	<p>all retained, with dart boards removed and the windows in the members bar are covered over as required.</p> <p>Pros and cons of retaining the boards were discussed. It was noted there is not an urgent need to do anything, as there is another 5 or more years of space on the current board.</p> <p>The motion: It is proposed that the Les Luke Board remains in situ for the foreseeable future. So moved by: Denis Taylor Seconded by: Sandy Wallace</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>The future of the position of Club Captain – AGM Paper 3</p> <p>It is proposed that a similar process to Chair of Selectors is followed, whereby the Board calls for nominations and then selects an applicant.</p> <p>Noted that the date for selecting the club captain was later last year, due to the timing of creation of the position. It should be moved forwards this year, matching the call for Chair of Selectors. Term of appointment is proposed to be 12 months.</p> <p>Proposed: The Board calls for nominations for the position of club captain. So moved by: Gary Benveniste Seconded by: Ross Delaine</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>Minute silence held to mark the passing of Don Blessing, past president of the ABC.</p>
(m) Meeting Closed	Time: 11:56