MINUTES MEN'S BOWLING CLUB EXECUTIVE MEETING

DATE 10.15 am Wednesday 23rd April 2025

PRESENT – Terry Norwood, Robin Staples, Graham Hunt, Ian Duncan, Richard Denman, Peter Flight, Ted McPhee, Gordon Lewis ex-officio

APOLOGIES – Chris Forrester

1. Actions from previous meetings

Minutes of meeting 19th March accepted as distributed.

Matters

- 1. Membership Fees We need to seek clarification on the 'destination' of the \$83 portion of the annual fee members pay. To what is it allocated by the Club management? President to follow up.
- 2. Strategic Plan Ian has sent final draft of the Strategic Plan to the Board of the Club Ltd. To date no response has been received. President to follow up.

2. Membership

Nil to report; President to seek current members list so that player eligibility to play can be monitored more easily.

3. Financial Report

Robin reported that because financial statements are subject to alteration when late adjustments are made to the books, it is very difficult to obtain an accurate balance figure. His best estimate at April 12th is that the current account balance is approximately \$530. Currently, the only source of income is the weekly raffle which nets approximately \$100.

It was resolved that new members would still be provided with a badge but existing members would need to pay for a new badge.

There was some discussion about following the example of the Women's Committee and setting up accounts independent of the Club. It was decided to wait until a response to the Strategic Plan from the Board is received.

4. Committees

Sponsorship – Noted that Ian's final draft single page 'sponsorship packages' has been forwarded to the Board with no response as yet.

Uniforms – Noted nothing new to report. President to consult women.

Survey – Noted that a meeting is now required, following the endorsement of some sections of the Strategic Plan, for the Committee to finalise its position on the remaining sections.

Greens – Peter has regular contact with the greenkeeper who has commenced diagonal rolling and cutting of the Wilson Green. Peter and Robin to pursue the marking up of the Waratah and Wilson greens.

Resolved that the 'Greens Committee' seek a regular report from the greenkeeper, a statement of his job specifications, and an inventory of the club machinery.

Match -

Major Triples now posted on the notice board for May 17th, 24th & 31st

Handicap Pairs Competition for June posted on the notice board

'Fay Jones' and 'Can Assist' days organised by the women on notice board

Gordon Lewis 'Spirit of Bowral' events to be scheduled. Peter/Ted

Chris Benton Charity Day May 10th. Organisation by Stephen Della and others. This day will need more promotion to have a successful day.

Some discussion was held about the eligibility of women being involved in the triples competition. Club Championships are open to all bowling members, men or women. In addition, inclusion might hasten integration of the two groups.

5. Reports – Selectors, Umpires, Coaches, Other

Selectors – Pennants – if the final game against Robertson is washed out, there will be no need to reschedule the event because the section has already been won by Picton.

Seek to have two teams entered in pennants next season.

Discussion was held on the attitude of some of the selected players and reserves about indicating availability by ticking names off on the notice board. This has not been completely satisfactory this year. Prior to next season, there needs to be some discussion about the best method to achieve the desired result.

Umpires/Coaches – Noted to defer action for the present

6. Region / BNSW Issues

Extreme Weather Guidelines from Region – Committee Members to read paper from Region for next meeting.

7. Communication

Noted, nothing new to report; decisions on Strategic Plan will resolve issues.

8. General Business

Noted the magnificent achievement of Stephen Della, Kevin Stafford and Mick Spong in winning the State Senior Triples Championship. Huge congratulations!

Suggested that 1st Wednesday per month that the 'better'/pennants bowlers play social bowls together. More discussion was held. Worked well on April 2nd.

New members guidelines booklet – President to prepare for next meeting.

Etiquette statement – committee members to review Alstonville statement for next meeting

Suggested BBQ afternoon to round off the pennants season.

Next Meeting – we keep running out of time on Wednesdays. What day of the week suits (Sunday??), and what time 10.00??