



# GOULBURN MURRAY BOWLS REGION

No. A0112836Z

## INAUGURAL ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

### Held at SHEPPARTON PARK B.C.

On 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021

**CHAIR:** John Emerson - Regional Bowls Manager (North East Victoria) who welcomed those in attendance

*As there will be no GMBR President until the elected board meet it was moved Andrew Rushby and seconded Leanne Russel-Jones that the meeting accepts John Emerson to chair the meeting Carried*

**PRESENT:** 30 Goulburn Murray Clubs were represented by Delegates -

#### GOULBURN PLAYING AREA

Alexandra: Ken Argent; Dave Garnett  
 Avenel: Noel Slater; Donna Rowley  
 Colbinabbin: Frank Oliver  
 Dookie: Ron Harker  
 East Shepparton: Pamela Hueston; Gordon Nash, Kevin Cox  
 Eildon: Nil  
 Euroa: Neville Harris; Marc Stevens  
 Hilltop: Rodney Madilc; Greg Toy  
 Kyabram: Sent Apology  
 Merrigum: Maureen Shepherd  
 Mooroopna: Nil  
 Mooroopna Golf: Faye Wheelhouse; Maree Formica  
 Murchison: Geoff Higgins  
 Nagambie: Vicki Reidy  
 Rushworth: Jean Sprague  
 Seymour: Greg Quillinan  
 Seymour VRI: Ian Cashill; Geoff Dixon  
 Shepparton Golf: Bruce Giovanetti; John Hallam  
 Shepparton Park: Bill Gullick  
 Stanhope: Greg Fitzpatrick; John Patterson  
 Tallygaroopna: Lindsay Muston; Greg Jones  
 Tatura: Phil Boyd  
 Violet Town: Leanne Russell-Jones; Dennis Taylor  
 Yea: Lief Elenius; Liv Cavanagh

#### MURRAY PLAYING AREA

Barooga Sports: John Bruce; Ken Newton  
 Berrigan: Gary Seamer; Graeme Parr  
 Cobram: Glenda Mann; Andrew Rushby  
 Finley: Karen Peacock; Nan Smith  
 Jerilderie: Sent Apology  
 Katandra West: Kevin Minogue  
 Nathalia: Bev Hutchins  
 Numurkah: Joel Howman  
 Numurkah Golf: Robert Hermann; Jack Dell  
 Picola: Nil  
 Strathmerton: Nil  
 Tocumwal Golf: Chris Philpott  
 Wunghnu: I. Gray; Dave Larkin

**APOLOGIES:**

Ray Parks (Cobram)	Lucy Gurciullio (Jerilderie)	Robert George (Kyabram)
Liz Oliver (Nathalia)	Wilma Atkins (Seymour)	Dave Hansen (Tocumwal)
M. Crawford (Violet Town)	Peter Malins (Wunghnu)	

*It was moved Greg Quillinan and seconded Geoff Dixon that the apologies as presented be accepted Carried*

**REPORTS:****Working Party President Alan Rogers –**

- Delivered a report on the efforts of the Goulburn Murray Working Party.
  - Effects of COVID-19 on delaying meetings
  - Thanked members for attending numerous meetings
  - Congratulated Working Party members on the diligence in preparing documents

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

\$ 17,706.64 balance CGM Bowls Region from their AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Additional Funding:**

Monies to come into the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region Account from the closure of the following;

Central Bowls Division -	\$ TBA
Goulburn Valley Bowls Division -	\$ TBA
Murray Bowls Division -	\$ TBA

- Noted the CGM Bank Account needs to be renamed Goulburn Murray Bowls Region A.S.A.P. and new updated signatories (Board to nominate) established.

*It was moved Leif Elenius and seconded Dave Garnett that the reports as presented be received.*

Carried

**Election of Board of Directors:**

John Emerson Regional Bowls Manager (North East Victoria) remained in the chair for the election of the Goulburn Murray Region Board for season 2021-22

**13. POWERS OF THE BOARD**

Subject to the Act and this Constitution, the business of the Region shall be managed, and the powers of the Region shall be exercised by the Board. In particular, the Board shall act in accordance with the Purposes and shall operate for the benefit of the Members and the Sport and community throughout the Region Area.

**14. COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD****14.1 Composition of the Board**

The Board shall comprise of **where possible:**

- 1) **nine (9) elected Directors with a minimum of four males and four females where possible** who shall be elected under **Clause** Error! Reference source not found.; and
- 2) two (2) appointed Directors who may be appointed by the elected Directors in accordance with **Clause 0**.
- 3) A Director can not also be a Delegate.
- 4) For Regions with multiple Playing Areas, The Board shall comprise up to nine (9) Directors and each Playing Area must have at least one representative on the Board for the Board to be properly constituted.
  - (a) Where there are two (2) playing areas:

- i. A minimum of four (4) Directors from each Playing Area can be elected or appointed to the Region Board at the same time. For the avoidance of doubt four (4) persons from the same Playing Area can serve as a Director at the same time.”

#### 14.2 Election and Appointment of Directors

- (a) The elected Directors shall be elected under **Clause Error! Reference source not found.**
- (b) The appointed Directors may be appointed under **Clause 16**, and if appointed, where possible, one will be male and one will be female.

#### 14.3 Portfolios

- (a) The President and Deputy President:  
*shall be appointed by the Board from amongst its number; and must be filled by one male and one female Director.*
- (b) The Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board from amongst its number and can be the same person.
- (c) The Board may otherwise allocate portfolios and/or titles to Directors. Subject to this Constitution and any properly passed resolution of the Board, the allocation of portfolios or titles does not affect the powers and duties of Directors.

### 15. ELECTIONS

#### 15.1 Nominations

- (a) If the number of nominations received for the Board is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled or if there are insufficient nominations received to fill all vacancies on the Board, then those nominated may be declared elected only if approved by the majority of Members present and entitled to vote.
- (b) If there are insufficient nominations received to fill all vacancies on the Board, or if a person is not approved by the majority of Members under **Clause 0(a)**, the positions will be deemed casual vacancies under **Clause 17.1**.

#### 15.3 Term of Appointment for Elected Directors

- (a) Directors elected under this **Clause Error! Reference source not found.** shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. Subject to provisions in this Constitution relating to earlier retirement or removal of Directors, elected Directors shall remain in office from the conclusion of the AGM at which the election occurred until the conclusion of the second AGM following.
- (b) Half of the Director’s position shall become vacant each year.

*Directors to be re-elected on odd calendar years are President, Deputy President, Female Director 1 & Male Director 1.*

*Directors to be re-elected on even calendar years are Secretary and Treasurer, Female Director 2 and Male Director 2.*

### 16. APPOINTED DIRECTORS

#### 16.1 Appointment of Directors

The elected Directors may appoint up to two (2) appointed Directors.

### 17. VACANCIES ON THE BOARD

#### 17.1 Casual Vacancies

Any casual vacancy occurring in the position of Director may be filled by the remaining Directors from among appropriately qualified persons. Any casual vacancy may only be filled for the remainder of the Director’s term under this Constitution.

**As the number of nominations (7) did not exceed the number of vacancies (9) the following were duly elected;**

Director Goulburn Valley Playing Area:	Ann Argent (Alexandra - Secretary)
Director Goulburn Valley Playing Area:	Grace Kenworthy (Avenel)
Director Goulburn Valley Playing Area:	Stephen McGregor (Seymour VRI - Secretary)
Director Goulburn Playing Area:	Vacant
Director Murray Playing Area:	Alan Rogers (Numurkah)
Director Murray Playing Area:	Joe Luci (Numurkah Golf & Bowls)
Director Murray Playing Area:	Archie Ellis (Barooga Sports – Match Committee)
Director Murray Playing Area:	Marjorie McDonald (Cobram - Board)
Director Playing Area:	Vacant

**Appointment of Auditor:**

**32 AUDITOR**

- (a) A properly qualified auditor shall be appointed by the Region in General Meeting. The auditor's duties shall be regulated in accordance with the Act, or if no relevant provisions exist under the Act, in accordance with the *Corporations Act* and generally accepted principles, and/or any applicable code of conduct.
- (b) The accounts of the Region shall be examined and the correctness of the profit and loss accounts and balance sheets ascertained by an auditor at the conclusion of each Financial Year.

*It was moved Karen Peacock and seconded Greg Toy that the Board seek and appoint an auditor.*  
*Carried*

**Sub-Committees:**

To be appointed by the GM Board

**Honorariums:**

To be set by the GM Board

**Regional Members Levy/Subscription:**

**11. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES**

- (a) The annual membership subscription (if any) and any fees or other levies payable by Members to the Region, the time for and manner of payment, shall be as determined by the Board.
- (b) The Board is empowered to prevent any Member whose annual subscription or any other fees are in arrears from exercising the whole or any of the rights or privileges of membership of the Region, including but not limited to the right to vote at General Meetings. There is no right to natural justice or any right of appeal where the Board exercises its power under this **Clause 11(b)**.

**Bowls Program:**

The Region Bowls Program will be set by the Board in conjunction with appropriate Playing Area Sub-Committees

**Region Championship Finals:**

The Region Championship Finals will be set by the Board in conjunction with appropriate Playing Area Sub-Committees

**Any other business of which due notice is given in accordance with the Constitution:**

Nil

**Incorporation:****Renaming & Registering Constitution etc.:**

*It was moved Dave Garnett and seconded Jack Dell that the Board take the appropriate action necessary to register the name Goulburn Murray Bowls Region, it's Constitution etc. with Consumer Affairs Victoria.*

Carried

**Board Appointments:**

The elected Board members left the meeting for a very quick meeting where they elected the following Office Bearers for the coming season;

President	Alan Rogers	Moved Marg McDonald	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grace Kenworthy
Secretary	Stephen McGregor	Moved Ann Argent	2 <sup>nd</sup> Archie Ellis
Interim Treasurer	Stephen McGregor	Moved Ann Argent	2 <sup>nd</sup> Marg McDonald

**Board Meeting:**

It was agreed that the initial Board Meeting scheduled on 1<sup>st</sup> June at Shepparton Park Bowls Club meeting room commencing at 10.00am

**Board Vacancies:**

With 2 vacancies on the Board, it was suggested by Bruce Giovanetti (Shepparton Golf Bowls Club) that with regard to the future development of the Board younger members be approached.

**Playing Area Meetings:**

The delegates were informed that the Board would meet with Playing Area Clubs during the season to discuss development of the system and Region.

**Closure:**

There being no further business the Chair thanked the Delegates for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 11.43am

*Stephen McGregor*

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