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3rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SHEPPARTON PARK B.C. – 23rd MAY 2023

CHAIR: Alan Rogers

MINUTES SILENCE: The President asked all present to rise for a minutes silence in respect of departed members

BOARD: Stephen McGregor (Secretary) Jenny Sutcliffe (Treasurer) Archie Ellis (Director)
Maree Formica (Director) Bruce Giovanetti (Director) Grace Kenworthy (Director)
Joe Luci (Director) Marj McDonald (Director)

PRESENT: Goulburn Murray Clubs represented by Delegates

GOULBURN PLAYING AREA (24)

Alexandra: Ann Argent; Ken Argent
Avenel: Noel Slater
Colbinabbin: Kevin McTaggart
Dookie: Ron Harker; Dan Oster
East Shepparton: Kevin Cox; Marilyn Cox
Eildon: Ray Holt
Euroa: Richard Noble; Marc Stevens
Hilltop: Glenn Clark
Kyabram: John Hausler; Chris Preddy
Merrigum: Maureen Shepherd; John Firmer
Mooroopna: Allan Donaldson
Mooroopna Golf: Maree Formica; Ken Maude
Murchison: Nil
Nagambie: Apology Tendered
Rushworth: Jean Sprague
Seymour: Greg Quillinan
Seymour VRI: Nil
Shepparton Golf: James McLeod; Jock Hastie
Shepparton Park: Kelvin Rogash
Stanhope: Apology Tendered
Tallygaroopna: Tony Rendina
Tatura: Nil
Violet Town: Margaret Crawford; Graham Crawford
Yea: Vivian Cavanagh

MURRAY PLAYING AREA (13)

Barooga Sports: John Bruce; Brian Baldwin
Berrigan: Nil
Cobram: Apology Tendered
Finley: Nil
Jerilderie: Nil
Katandra West: Greg Barr; Kevin Minogue
Nathalia: Bev Hutchins; Liz Oliver
Numurkah: Ross Henderson; Joel Howman
Numurkah Golf: Loris Houlihan; Marie Luci
Picola: Apology Tendered
Strathmerton: Nil
Tocumwal Golf: Dave Hansen; Phil Hodge
Wunghnu: Nil

APOLOGIES: (as per attendance sheet)

David Furettili: Geoff Hateley (Avenel)	Ken Newton (Barooga Sports)	Ray Parks; Andrew Rushby
(Cobram) Don Risstrom (Colbinabbin)	Paul Smitheram (Eildon)	Greg Toy (Hilltop)
Kenneth Maude; Faye Wheelhouse (Mooroopna Golf)		Vicki Reidy (Nagambie)
Jan Niven (Numurkah Golf)	Bruce Agnew (Picola)	Deb Thompson (Rushworth)
Don Prudden (Seymour)	Greg Fitzpatrick; Teena Harris (Stanhope)	
Leanne Russell-Jones (Violet Town)		

It was moved Greg Quillinan and seconded Ken Argent that the apologies as presented be accepted.

Carried

MINUTES:

Business Arising:

- As per delegates instructions the Board appointed Peter Limbrick as Auditor
- As per Delegates instructions the Board set the Regional Levy at \$12 per member registered on BowlsLink
- As per Delegates instruction the Board conducted 3 delegates meetings in both playing areas during the season
- The delegates requested that to support cost of living the Goulburn Murray Bowls region Board write to Bowls Vic in seeking consideration of a reduction in Bowls Victoria Membership Fees charged for Junior Bowlers (Under 18).

Result was Bowls Vic Board had already discussed this matter and decided that no action would be taken

- Delegates supported the adding the Life Member and Hall of Fame /Legends categories of membership to the Region Constitution

Secretary has amended GMBR Constitution as requested dated 17th May 2022

It was moved Ross Henderson (Numurkah) and seconded Ron Harker (Dookie) that the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 17th May 2022 be approved. Carried

REPORTS: as read contained in the Annual Report

PRESIDENT Alan Rogers – (see page 1 Annual Report)

ADMINISTRATION Stephen McGregor – (see page 3 Annual Report)

FINANCIAL REPORT Jenny Sutcliffe – (see page 8 Annual Report (pages 9-11 for detailed report))

TRADING REPORT From: 01/05/2022 to 30/04/2023

2021/2022	Trading	2022/2023
\$ 0.00	Balance	\$ 27,813.44
\$ 83,798.38	Receipts	\$ 61,541.36
\$ 55,984.94	Expenditure	\$ 57,203.41
\$ 27,813.44	Profit/Loss	\$ 4,337.95
	Capital In	Nil
<u>\$ 27,813.44</u>	Nett Profit/Loss	<u>\$ 4,337.95</u>
30/04/2022	Cash Assets as at	30/04/2023
\$ 27,813.44	Cash at Bank	<u>\$ 32,151.39</u>
<u>\$ 27,813.44</u>	Total Balance	<u>\$ 32,151.39</u>

NOTE: The Secretary advised of an error in the printed Annual Report (page 9) where Profit/Loss showed as \$32,151.39 but should have been \$4,337.95 as above.

It was moved Jenny Sutcliffe (Treasurer) and seconded Jean Sprague (Rushworth) that the Annual Reports as presented be received. Carried

GMBR DEVILS FINANCIAL REPORT Naomi Cartwright - (see Annual Report page 12 for detailed report)

DEVILS TRADING REPORT From: July 2022- May 2023

Trading	2022/2023
Balance	\$ 2,080.11
Receipts	\$ 9,916.19
Expenditure	\$ 8,666.88
Profit/Loss	\$ 1,249.31
Capital In	Nil
Nett Profit/Loss	<u>\$ 1,249.31</u>
Cash Assets as at	May 2023
Cash at Bank	<u>\$ 3,329.42</u>
Total Balance	<u>\$ 3,329.42</u>

MATCH COMMITTEES

- **Goulburn Valley Playing Area** John Stokes – (see page 13 Annual Report)
- **Murray Playing Area** Allan “Jack” Dell – (see page 20 Annual Report)

WELFARE Grace Kenworthy – (see page 25 Annual Report)

GM DEVILS Naomi Cartwright – (see page 29 Annual Report)

It was moved Jock Hastie (Shepparton Golf) and seconded Marilyn Cox (East Shepparton) that the Annual Reports as presented be received. Carried

Election of Board of Directors:

The outgoing GMBR Board President Alan Rogers remained in the chair for the election of the Goulburn Murray Region Board for season 2023-24

NOTE: all Nominations were certified as received on the correct form and in the correct time frame by the returning office (Stephen McGregor)

Board Nominations and Elections:

As the number of nominations (3) did not exceed the number of vacancies (4) the following were duly elected with a further nomination, preferably from the Murray Playing Area to be sought by the board;

Director (Goulburn Valley)	Grace Kenworthy	Moved Alan Rogers	2nd Stephen McGregor
Director (Murray)	Joe Luci	Moved Lorraine Milner	2nd Moira Blake
Director (Goulburn Valley)	James McLeod	Moved Bruce Giovanetti	2nd Paul Trewren

Board Executive Appointments:

Office Bearers for the coming season;

President	Grace Kenworthy	(Goulburn Valley) (Returning - Elected Unopposed) (Board Nominated)
Deputy President	Joe Luci	(Murray) (Returning - Elected Unopposed) (Board Nominated)
Secretary	Stephen McGregor	(Goulburn Valley)
Treasurer	Jenny Sutcliffe	(Murray)

Board Members:

Director (Goulburn Valley) Bruce Giovanetti
Director (Goulburn Valley) Maree Formica
Director (Goulburn Valley) James McLeod (New - Elected Unopposed)
Director (Murray) Archie Ellis
Director (Murray) Vacant

Board Meeting:

The Board met at the conclusion of the AGM and scheduled their next Meeting for Monday 26th June at 2.30pm via ZOOM (Secretary to arrange with BV Support)

Appointment of Auditor:

It was moved Noel Slater (Avenel) and seconded Marie Luci (Numurkah Golf) that Peter Limbrick be approached to continue as the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region auditor and if in agreement he be appointed as such. Carried

Sub-Committees:

To be appointed by the GM Board from Nominations Received and if required, seek further nominations from the general membership – club delegates were requested to seek members from their clubs.

Honorariums:

The Board recommended there be no change from last season last season;

\$ 2,000.00	President
\$ 4,000.00	Secretary
\$ 1,000.00	Treasurer
\$ 3,000.00	Board Members (\$500 ea. x 6)
\$ 1,500.00	Match Committee Chairs (\$500 ea. x 3)
\$ 500.00	GM Devils Co-Ordinator/Coach
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\$12,000.00	TOTAL

It was moved Chris Preddy (Kyabram) and seconded Ann Argent (Alexandra) that the GMBR Board Honorariums be set as above. Carried

Regional Members Levy/Subscription:

To be set by the members at the AGM, the board recommended no change from previous years and the levy remain at \$12.

was moved Jock Hastie (Shepparton Golf) and seconded Greg Barr (Katandra West) that the board recommendation of a \$12.00 levy per member as registered on Bowlslink be approved. Carried

Bowls Program:

The Region Bowls Program was discussed at a meeting of the current board and chairpersons of the respective Playing Area Match Committees and will be released to the club's and, placed on the Region website ASAP once finalized.

Region Championship Finals:

The Region Championship Finals dates have been set by the Board in conjunction with representatives of the appropriate Playing Area Sub-Committees – Murray is 2023-24 host Playing Area for all finals.

Playing Area Club Delegates Meetings:

The delegates were informed that the Board would meet with Playing Area Clubs 3 times during the season to discuss any matters arising.

GOULBURN VALLEY Playing Area – at Mooroopna BC - 10.00am
Thursday 28th September / Thursday 30th November and Thursday 7th March

MURRAY Playing Area – at Boorooga Sports BC - 3.00pm
Wednesday 27th September / Wednesday 29th November and Wednesday 6th March

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

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

BOWLERS HANDBOOK

The Board, having discussed the cost of printing a hard copy of the Bowlers Handbook (\$10,000 Approx) as against an electronic copy to be provided to clubs and placed on the Region website where it could be downloaded, agreed to recommend to the AGM that a hard copy be discontinued.

It was moved Greg Barr (Katandra West) and seconded Jean Sprague (Rushworth) that the board recommendation to discontinue the hard copy of the Bowlers Handbook be approved. Carried

2023-24 CONDITIONS OF PLAY

The Playing Area Match Committee Chairs and Board Directors, have been meeting to discuss and finalize the 2023-24 Conditions of Play, utilizing the Bowls Vic 2022-23 Conditions of Play as a base guide. They will be released to clubs and placed on the Region website once finalized.

HOSTING OF AN INDIGENOUS ROUND OF PENNANT

Email request from Tim Gribble (Shepparton Golf)

“Would the Region be interested in hosting an indigenous round across the competition for this year.”

It was moved Ann Argent (Alexandra) and seconded Kevin McTaggart (Colbinabbin) that the clubs be given the opportunity to discuss the possibility of playing of an “Indigenous Round of Pennant Bowls” and vote at the September Delegates Meetings on whether to proceed or not. Carried

PROPOSAL FOR A GMBR PREMIER DIVISION PENNANT

The board discussed the possibility of forming a GMBR PREMIER DIVISION for both weekend and midweek Pennant to commence in 2024-25, with expressions of interest from clubs from both region playing areas, including meeting with those clubs representatives to discuss the proposal.

It was moved Greg Barr (Katandra West) and seconded Alan Dell (Numurkah Golf) that the meeting recommend that the board take appropriate action for clubs to consider the formation of a “Premier Division” in both Weekend and Midweek Pennant Bowls. Clubs to be given a rough of how the “Premier Division” would work and then the opportunity to express interest in entering a side.

Carried

PRESENTATION TO DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS

Grace Kenworthy (GMBR Board President) thanked Alen Rogers and Marj McDonald for their time and efforts on the GMBR Board and presented them with Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of those present.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business the Chair thanked the Delegates for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 11.47am