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4th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SHEPPARTON PARK B.C. – 5th MAY 2024

CHAIR: Grace Kenworthy

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

BOARD: For the benefit of any new Delegates present the President introduced the Board Members

Stephen McGregor (Secretary)	Jenny Sutcliffe (Treasurer)	Joe Luci (VP Director)
Archie Ellis (Director)	Maree Formica (Director)	Bruce Giovanetti (Director)
James McLeod (Director)	Vacant (Director)	

PRESENT: Josh Thornton (Country Manager Northern Victoria)

OBSERVER: Josh Thornton (Country Manager Northern Victoria), Chrissy Mayfield (Alexandra)

DELEGATES: 27 Goulburn Murray Clubs represented by Delegates

Ann Argent, Ken Argent (Alexandra) John Bruce, Ruth Burnett (Barooga Sports) Patsy Baker, John Baker (Club Tocumwal) Andrew Rushby, Michael Stephens (Cobram) Kevin McTaggart (Colbinabbin) Graeme McKenzie, Dan Oster (Dookie) Kevin Cox, Marilyn Cox (East Shepparton) Paul Smitheram, Ray Holt (Eildon) Richard Noble, Marc Stevens (Euroa) Glenn Clark (Hilltop) Greg Barr, Kevin Minogue (Katandra West) Rob Sceney (Kyabram) Maureen Shepherd, Colin Capes (Merrigum) Elaine Garlick, Tanya Warren (Mooroopna) Ken Maude (Mooroopna Golf) Bruce Smith (Murchison) Robert Page, Vicki Reidy (Nagambie) Marilyn Frost, Claire Andrews (Nathalia) Joel Howman (Numurkah) Maree Luci (Numurkah Golf) Lyn Nicholson, Deb Thompson (Rushworth) Jenny Kreemers, Don Prudden (Seymour) Jane Wilson (Seymour VRI) Jock Hastie (Shepparton Golf) Kelvin Rogash (Shepparton Park) Leanne Russell-Jones, Graham Crawford (Violet Town) Vivien Cavanagh (Yea)

APOLOGIES: (as per attendance sheet)

Ken Newton (Barooga Sports), Gayle Reynoldson (Berrigan), Ray Parks (Cobram), Don Ristrom (Colbinabbin), Ron Harker (Dookie), Jan MacFadyen (Kyabram), Alan Donaldson (Mooroopna), Geoff Higgins (Murchison), Alan Rogers (Numurkah), Bruce Agnew (Picola), Terry Flynn (Seymour VRI), Ian Cashill (Seymour VRI), Tony Rendina (Tallygaroopna), Dean Jones (Tallygaroopna)

It was moved Ann Argent (Alexandra) and seconded Maree Luci (Numurkah Golf) that the apologies as presented be accepted.

Carried

MINUTES:

Business Arising:

- As per Delegates instructions the Board sought out an auditor with Donna Rowley appointed as Auditor for 2023-24
- 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 each of the playing areas during the season at Mooroopna BC and Barooga Sports BC
- The request to consider holding an Indigenous Pennant Round was put to clubs for consideration and then rejected at the Playing Area Delegates Meetings
- The idea of creating a Premier Division for GMBR Pennant was put to the regions clubs with little interest shown and the majority declining the offer

It was moved Ken Argent (Alexandra) and seconded Kelvin Rogash (Shepparton Park) that the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 23rd May 2023 be approved. Carried

REPORTS: as read contained in the Annual Report

PRESIDENT Grace Kenworthy – (see page 2 Annual Report)

ADMINISTRATION Stephen McGregor – (see page 3 Annual Report)

FINANCIAL REPORT Jenny Sutcliffe – (see page 8 Annual Report) & (this Agenda pages 6-8 for detailed report)

TRADING REPORT For year ended 30 April 2024

2023/2024	Trading	2022/2023
\$ 57,508.92	Receipts	\$ 61,541.36
\$ 59,149.03	Expenditure	\$ 57,203.41
<u>(\$ 1,640.11)</u>	Current Year Profit/Loss	<u>\$ 4,337.95</u>
\$ 32,151.39	Balance Carried Forward	\$ 27,813.44
Nil	Capital In	Nil
<u>\$ 30,511.28</u>	Total Profit/Loss	<u>\$ 32,151.39</u>
30/04/2024	Cash Assets as at	30/04/2023
\$ 30,511.28	Cash at Bank	\$ 32,151.39
<u>\$ 30,511.28</u>	Total Balance	<u>\$ 32,151.39</u>

The above statement presents a true and fair view of the financial position, performance, and cash flows of the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region for the year ending 30 April 2024

Donna Rowley
CPA #9165478
20/04/2024

Jenny Sutcliffe
Honorary Treasurer

It was moved Jenny Sutcliffe (Treasurer) and seconded Andrew Rushby (Cobram) that the Treasurers Report as presented be received. Carried

GMBR DEVILS FINANCIAL REPORT Naomi Cartwright – (see Annual Report page 8 for detailed report)

DEVILS TRADING REPORT For year ended 30 April 2024

2022/2023	Trading	2023/2024
\$ 9,916.19	Receipts	\$ 5,573.28
\$ 8,666.88	Expenditure	\$ 5,208.78
<u>\$ 3,329.42</u>	Total Balance	<u>\$ 364.50</u>

Naomi Cartwright
Co-Ordinator

MATCH COMMITTEES

- **Goulburn Valley Playing Area** John Stokes/Lyn Nicholson – (see page 15 Annual Report)
- **Murray Playing Area** Alan “Jack” Dell – (see page 20 Annual Report)

GOULBURN VALLEY UMPIRES Doug Maconachie – (see page 19 Annual Report)

MURRAY UMPIRES Geoff Westmore – (see page 23 Annual Report)

WELFARE James McLeod – (see page 25 Annual Report)

GMBR DEVILS Naomi Cartwright – (see page 28 Annual Report)

It was moved Jane Wilson (Seymour VRI) and seconded Vicki Reidy (Nagambie) that the Annual Reports as presented be received.

Carried

Election of Board of Directors:

The GMBR Board President Grace Kenworthy chaired the election of the Goulburn Murray Region Board for season 2024-25

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 (6) at the closure of nominations, did not exceed the number of vacancies (6), the following were duly elected;

Director (Goulburn Valley)	Stephen McGregor	Moved Grace Kenworthy	2nd Joe Luci
Director (Murray)	Jenny Sutcliffe	Moved Jan Niven	2nd Maree Luci
Director (Goulburn Valley)	Bruce Giovanetti	Moved Grace Kenworthy	2nd Stephen McGregor
Director (Murray)	Archie Ellis	Moved Maree Formica	2nd Bruce Giovanetti
Director (Goulburn Valley)	Maree Formica	Moved Jenny Sutcliffe	2nd Joe Luci
Director (Goulburn Valley)	Tanya Warren	Moved Elaine Garlick	2nd Josh Warren

Board Executive Appointments:

Office Bearers for the coming season;

President	Grace Kenworthy	(Goulburn Valley)
Deputy President	Joe Luci	(Murray)
Secretary	Stephen McGregor	(Goulburn Valley)
Treasurer	Jenny Sutcliffe	(Murray)

Board Members:

Director	Bruce Giovanetti	(Goulburn Valley)
Director	Maree Formica	(Goulburn Valley)
Director	James McLeod	(Goulburn Valley)
Director	Archie Ellis	(Murray)
Director	Tanya Warren	(Goulburn Valley)

Board Meeting:

The Board will meet at the conclusion of the AGM and scheduled their next Meeting

Appointment of Auditor:

It was moved Ann Argent (Alexandra) and seconded Robert Page (Nagambie) that Donna Rowley (Avenel) be approached to continue as the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region auditor and if in agreement she be appointed as such.

Carried

Sub-Committees:

To be appointed by the Goulburn Murray Board from suitable Expressions of Interest received and if required, seek further nominations from the general membership – club delegates were requested to seek further expressions of interest 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)
\$ 1,000.00	Match Committee Chairs (\$500 ea. x 2)
\$ 500.00	Deputy Umpires Committee Chairs (\$250 ea. x 2)
\$ 500.00	GM Devils Co-Ordinator/Coach
\$ 250.00	Coaching Co-Ordinator
\$ 250.00	Murray Bowlslink Co-Ordinator
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\$12,500.00	TOTAL

It was moved Elaine Garlick (Mooropna) and seconded Jock Hastie (Shepparton Golf) that the GMBR Honorariums as recommended above be approved.

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.

It was moved Ann Argent (Alexandra) and seconded Claire Andrews (Nathalia) 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 – Goulburn Valley is 2024-25 host Playing Area for all finals.

2024-25 Conditions of Play

The 2024-25 Conditions of Play, once released by Bowls Vic and discussed by GMBR Playing Area Match Committee's will be released to clubs and placed on the Region website once finalized (pending approval of GMBR Conditions of Play by BV).

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.

MURRAY Playing Area – at Boorooga Sports BC - 3.00pm

Wednesday 25th September / Wednesday 4th December and Wednesday 5th March 2025

GOULBURN VALLEY Playing Area – at Mooropna BC - 10.00am

Thursday 26th September / Thursday 5th December and Thursday 6th March 2025

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

Nil

CLOSURE:

There being no further business the Chair thanked the Delegates for their attendance and declared the 4th Annual General Meeting closed at 11.00am

MEETING OPENED for any DELEGATES GENERAL BUSINESS

* Cobram presented \$315 for the GNBR Devils raised during a fun evening of bowls

* Alexandra asked why Finals starting times were not able to be renegotiated to 11.30 as games were during home and away

Response: Finals involved more than just 2 individual clubs coming to an agreement and to make the day easier on host clubs ALL finals would start at the same time for afternoon tea arrangements etc. Also to ensure continuity of Presentations on Grand Final Days.

* Composition of Goulburn Valley sides for 2024-25 Pennant Competitions

Response: Results from the clubs survey indicated that there was to no change to the compositions of either Midweek or Weekend Pennant Sides, so would remain as per last season;

MIDWEEK

Divisions 1 – 5 (12 Players)

Division 6 (8 Players)

WEEKEND

Divisions 1 – 4 (16 Players)

Divisions 5 – 6 (12 Players)

Division 7 (8 Players)

* Josh Thornton addressed the Delegates regarding his role in the position as BV COUNTRY MANAGER – NORTHERN VICTORIA

- Pilot program had been running for 2 years now as he managed the Wimmera and Mallee Regions
- The position involves supporting region boards in developing their areas
- Grown from (2 Regions) Wimmera and Mallee to now (5 Regions) including Bendigo Campaspe Goldfields / Goulburn Murray and Owen's and Murray Regions

* The secretary advised that delegates should go back to their clubs and have discussions regarding the possibility of holding the GMBR Annual General Meeting as a Zoom Meeting thereby eliminating the tyranny of distances outer region clubs delegates are required to travel for such a short meeting.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business the Chair thanked the Delegates for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 11.09am



DETAILED INCOME REPORT

For the Year Ended: 30 April 2024

INCOME	2023/2024	2022/2023
Catering	\$ 630.00	\$ 0.00
Club Player Subscription	\$ 22,122.00	\$ 23,374.00
Handbook	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,700.00
Pennant Side Fees	\$ 7,616.00	\$ 7,744.00
Player Subsidy	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 0.00
Presentations	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 0.00
Player Uniforms	\$ 580.00	\$ 583.36
Prizemoney	\$ 470.00	\$ 0.00
Sponsorship	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 5,830.00
State Event Entry Fees	\$ 9,270.92	\$ 20,310.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 57,508.92</u>	<u>\$ 61,541.36</u>

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DETAILED EXPENDITURE REPORT

For the Year Ended: 30 April 2024

EXPENDITURE	2023/2024	2022/2023
Accommodation	\$ 8,003.00	\$ 1,978.00
Advertising	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,650.00
Bank Charges	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.00
Catering	\$ 10,955.00	\$ 4,309.50
CAV Incorporation	\$ 63.60	\$ 61.20
Club Support	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 1,600.00
Donation	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
General Expenses	\$ 443.80	\$ 676.22
GM Player Prizemoney	\$ 6,220.00	\$ 6,200.00
Green Fees	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,400.00
Hire	\$ 1,584.00	\$ 0.00
Honorariums	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 12,000.00
Insurance	\$ 858.00	\$ 825.00
Player Allowance (Region Sides)	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 0.00
Player Uniforms	\$ 1,132.00	\$ 4,023.36
Printing / Stationary	\$ 1,456.53	\$ 11,360.64
Promotional Goods	\$ 0.00	\$ 476.29
Purchases	\$ 0.00	\$ 495.00
Training	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00
Trophies	\$ 6,118.10	\$ 5,348.20
Umpire Payments	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 0.00
Total Expense	<u>\$ 59,149.03</u>	<u>\$ 57,203.41</u>
Profit/Loss	<u>(\$ 1,640.11)</u>	<u>\$ 4,337.95</u>

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GMBR DEVILS TRADING REPORT

For the Year Ended: 30 April 2024

	2022/23	2023/24	
Opening Balance			\$ 204.73
INCOME			
Cash Deposit		\$ 311.60	
Shepparton Club Sponsorship	\$3,100.00	\$1,000.00	
Donations (GMBR)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Wunghnu Bowls Club		\$ 500.00	
Hipworth		\$ 200.00	
Numurkah Golf	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00	
Numurkah Town Bowls Club & Tournament	\$ 905.80		
Mooroopna Bowls Club		\$ 500.00	
Ratray Family		\$ 450.00	
Interest		\$ 1.15	
MSC Maintenance Consulting	\$1,300.00		
Tournament Fundraiser	\$2,240.05		
Raffle	\$1,874.10		
Stanhope	\$ 600.00		
Colbinabbin	\$ 100.00		
Cobram	\$ 100.00		
Credit	\$ 2.04		
TOTAL	\$ 9,916.19	\$5,368.55	\$5,573.28
EXPENSES			
State Event Entries	\$ 70.00		
BPL Entries	\$ 75.00		
Devils Reimbursement State Week		\$ 100.00	
Catering	\$ 65.48	\$ 285.78	
Memberships	\$ 250.00		
Reimbursement/Memberships	\$1,676.50		
BV – Doug Kneebone, Regionals, State Week	\$2,596.00		
Accommodation State Week	\$2,950.00	\$1,832.00	
Tournament DK	\$ 150.00		
Tournament DF	\$1,108.90		
Uniform	\$3,586.00		
Chalk	\$ 130.00		
TOTAL	\$8,666.88	\$5,208.78	\$5,208.78
Current Balance -	\$3,329.42		\$ 364.50

Naomi Cartwright

Co-Ordinator