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MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING EATON BOWLING AND SOCIAL CLUB INC. held on 15th April 2019

PRESENT

Management Committee:

Vice Presidents Anne Whyatt & Paddy Papalia, **Men's Captain** Ray Mosele, **Ladies Captain** Pat Wainwright, **Treasurer** Kylie Dingle, **Grounds Director** Geoff Honeybone, **Catering Convenor** Cherryl Hughes, **Social Director** Pauline Jolly, **Secretary** Kerry Edwards.

Guests: Dardanup Shire President and Club Patron, Michael Bennett; Shire Councillors, Tyrell Gardiner and Patricia Perks.

Members: As per attached Attendance Register.

APOLOGIES: As per attached Apology Sheet.

In the absence of President, Les Brook, Vice-President Paddy Papalia chaired the meeting.

Chairman Paddy welcomed all Members and declared the meeting **open at 7.07pm**.

Paddy also welcomed Club Patrons; Michael Bennett, Ramona Curnow and Joy Bailey, and welcomed and acknowledged Life Members, Elaine McDonald and John Cowin, who were present, and Guests. (as per above.)

Paddy then requested Secretary Kerry to read out all known apologies.

Chairman Paddy announced that, if a ballot was required, **Ed Ritchie** had agreed to act as **Returning officer** and **Elaine McDonald** had agreed to act as **Scrutineer**. Paddy thanked them for being available.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved Ed Ritchie, **Seconded** Geoff Honeybone, that the Minutes, previously distributed, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the **23rd April 2018**.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: NIL

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President (Written Report Attached) As President Les was away, his report was read out by Club Secretary, Kerry Edwards.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Ladies Vice President (President also of Ladies Sub-Committee) (Written Report Attached)

Ladies Captain (Written Report Attached)

Men's Captain (Written Report Attached)

Catering Convenor (Written Report Attached)

Grounds Director (Written Report Attached) (Director, Ted Reilly, was absent and report not read out)

House Director (Written Report Attached)

Social Director (Written Report Attached)

OTHER REPORTS:

Social Bowling Organiser (Ed Ritchie - Written Report Attached)

Moved Gordon Twist, **Seconded** Jim Gornall that all reports as presented be accepted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS

NIL

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer, Kylie Dingle, presented and spoke to her written (unaudited) report, a copy of both the financial report and Kylie's summary are attached.

Kylie mentioned that this year's figures, prepared for auditing, were for the full 12-month period from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019. The previous year's financial report and audit had been based on the 9-month period (July – March) to re-align the club financial year to March-April, as had been decided at the 2016 AGM. This change made it difficult to compare one financial year to the other. However, Kylie said that her summary report compared the 12-month periods from March to April so as to give Members a truer picture of how the Club was travelling.

The July 2018 Audit had been done and the Auditor had passed the Club accounts as being correct at that date. The Auditor's report was available for Members to view if required. All future Audits would be done over the 12-month period, which would make it easier to compare each year to the next.

Kylie went on to speak to her summarized figures and report.

Refer to attached.

Moved Cherryl Hughes **Seconded** Ed Ritchie that the Financial Report as presented be accepted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM FINANCIAL REPORT:

NIL

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

The Chairman advised that all the following nominations were received by the closing date, as required under the Club's Constitution.

(These are Executive Committee positions – For a 2-year term)

Paddy advised that there was only the one nominee for the position of President, who should therefore be elected unopposed

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
President	Les Brook	K Edwards	R Mosele

Paddy advised that there was also only one nominee for the position of Ladies Vice-President, who should therefore also be elected unopposed

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Vice President (Female)	Anne Whyatt	J Edwards	K Edwards

Paddy also advised that there was only one nominee for the position of Treasurer, who should therefore also be elected unopposed

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Treasurer	Kylie Dingle	K Edwards	L Brook

Chairman Paddy requested that, the above nominations be accepted, by a show of hands, and elected to positions as indicated.

CARRIED

Paddy also advised that there had been only one nominee for each of the following positions, and they therefore should also be elected unopposed.

(These are all Management Committee positions – For a 1-year term)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Director of Men's Bowls/Captain	Tim Stevens	L Brook	R Mosele
Director of Ladies Bowls/Captain	Lyn Tredgett	C Hughes	D Wood
Grounds Director	Geoff Honeybone	P Papalia	B Hough
Catering Convenor	Cherryl Hughes	P Wainwright	L Tredgett
Sponsorship Director	Greg McKay	M Baker	G Whyatt

Chairman Paddy requested that, the above nominations be accepted, by a show of hands, and elected to positions as indicated. **CARRIED**

There were no further nominations prior to close off date, And the Chairman called for nominations, from the floor, to fill the remaining vacant positions.
The following nominations were received;

(These are both Management Committee positions – For a 1-year term)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
House Director	Ted Reilly	K Edwards	P Papalia
Social Director	Pauline Jolly	A Whyatt	R Gornall

Chairman Paddy requested that the above nomination be accepted, by a show of hands, and elected to positions as indicated. **CARRIED**

Paddy went on to welcome all new and returning Committee Members and wished them well for the coming year.

Paddy also advised the meeting that he, as Vice-President, and Kerry Edwards, as Secretary have one year of their two-year term left to serve.

Paddy also went on to announce that Michelle Birrell had been recently appointed as the Club's Bar Manager.

APPOINTMENT OF CLUB PATRONS

Chairman Paddy advised that Michael Bennett, Joy Bailey and Ramona Curnow had served as Patrons of the Club during past year and asked if they were willing to do so again. Both Michael and Joy said that they would continue, and Anne Whyatt advised that Ramona, although not at meeting, had previously said she would continue. Paddy recommended that all three be re-appointed.

Club Patron	Michael Bennett (Dardanup Shire President)
Ladies Patrons	Joy Bailey and Ramona Curnow

Chairman requested that, that the above nominations be accepted, by a show of hands, and elected as Patrons of the Club for 2019/20. **CARRIED**

APPOINTMENT OF CLUB AUDITOR

Chairman advised the meeting that, current Auditor, Wayne Warrick, of Innis, Warrick & Associates, had been contacted by Club, and had advised that he was available and prepared to continue to act as Auditor of the 2018/19 and 2019/20 Eaton Bowling and Social Club Inc. accounts

Moved Cherryl Hughes, **Seconded** Geoff Honeybone, that Wayne Warrick be re-appointed as Club Auditor for a further year. **CARRIED**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

Chairman advised the meeting that the Management Committee recommend that Club Membership fees be adjusted as follows:

Full Membership	Increased by \$10.00 to \$230.00 per annum
Restricted Bowler Membership	Increased by \$10.00 to \$140.00 per annum
Social Membership	Decreased by \$20.00 to \$20.00 per annum

All other membership fees also to remain the same.

Moved Ray Mosele, **Seconded** Pauline Jolly, that Membership fees be set as recommended.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- (a) Chairman Paddy raised the matter of Club's proposed new building and the \$2M Government grant. Paddy invited Michael Bennett, Tyrell Gardiner and Patricia Perks, from the Dardanup Shire to come forward and address Club Members as to what progress was being made regarding this project.
 Mick Bennett explained that, following the Eaton Senior Citizens agreeing to come on board and share the Bowling Club premises, he had been in touch with Mick Murray, State Minister for Sport, in regard to \$1M further finance towards the building cost. He had been assured by Mr. Murray that he was confident that the funding would be approved by Cabinet and would be available. Mick also advised that the Shire CEO was, after Easter, to appoint an Architect to draw up building 'concept' plans that can be used to obtain a more accurate costing of the structure. The Senior Citizens coming on board enabled the Shire and Building Committee to seek the extra funding and ensure a better size and quality building for the future of this club. Mr. Tyrell Gardiner, Chairman of the Building Committee, advised that a Structural report was commissioned by the Shire to assess the current Bowling club building's soundness. Tyrell said that following the decision of the Senior Citizens to become involved, he was confident the project would go ahead from here.
 Darren Kellond asked Mr. Bennett why there was a hold-up regarding the approval of the Electric Car Club's application to use the old "C" green as a race track. Mick replied that he had been unaware of the delay in approval and would be following up to sort the matter as soon as possible. Paddy also added that Club President Les was working on this application and would push the matter on his return.
 A member asked regarding the closure of Pratt Road and if it was still being considered. Mick replied that a survey had been completed which showed that it was feasible, and it was still a possibility if the final agreed structure warranted such a move. Mick also advised that a timeline for completion had not been set as it depended on several factors that had yet to be finalized, including the financing and type of structure agreed upon. But Shire were keen to have the project completed as soon as possible. Further delays could be experienced if the Pratt Road closure was included, as local residents needed to be surveyed etc. and this would take some time to complete.
 Paddy thanked all three guests and invited them to stay until after meeting and enjoy some Club hospitality.
- (b) Paddy then raised the subject of how this Club votes for and grants Life Membership to it's deserving Members. Paddy pointed out that the current method, which is written in to the Club Constitution, states that Club's Management Committee can only recommend a person be honored by Life Membership to Club Members at an AGM, and that Club Members must decide by ballot at that meeting. This can create embarrassment to the proposed recipient, particularly if Members reject the recommendation and vote against the nomination. Several Club Members had expressed their disagreement with this method and had asked for it to be changed. Paddy asked for suggestions as to how the process could be improved. There was a suggestion that Members could be written to, prior to the AGM with details of the nominees work on behalf of the Club, and Members could then complete and return ballot forms to Club and votes could be assessed prior to the AGM. Meeting thought that this was not workable as such a large amount of correspondence would be difficult to keep hidden from the nominee and would spoil the secrecy and surprise of such an honour being bestowed. Tim Stevens suggested that Management Committee should be allowed to make the assessment and the final decision as to whether a Member should be granted this honour.

Tim said that this is how it is done in several other organisations and, as Greg McKay added, providing there was a defined criteria for Committee to adhere to, would be a far more efficient method of doing this. Meeting agreed that the biggest challenge to this was coming to an agreement as to what the Criteria for Life Membership should be. After some discussion, the following Motion was put forward.

Moved, Greg McKay, **Seconded** Cherryl Hughes that:

1. The Constitution of this Club be altered as follows.

That the current Constitution law:

(Clause 6. MEMBERSHIP

(b) Life Member

The Management Committee may recommend to the Annual General Meeting any member who has given faithful and outstanding service to the Club. Any member may nominate a person to the Management Committee for consideration for Life Membership. Life Members shall not exceed fourteen (14) living members at one time and not more than two (2) shall be elected in one year.)

Be altered to:

(b) Life Member

Any member may nominate a person to the Management Committee for consideration for Life Membership. Such a nomination must be accompanied by a detailed description of the nominee's achievements and work done on behalf of the Club.

Management Committee will consider and assess each nomination for Life Membership on a defined strict criteria, as set by Members, to ensure that the nominee is a worthy recipient of that honour, having given faithful and outstanding service to the Club. Management Committee will make the final decision as to whether the nominee will be granted Life Membership.

Life Members shall not exceed fourteen (14) living members at one time and not more than two (2) shall be elected in one year.

2. Management Committee look at and compile a list of "Criteria" that they consider necessary to use when assessing a person's worthiness to be honored with Life Membership. This Criteria list to be sent out to and circulated amongst Club Members for their agreement. Following Member's agreement, this criteria is to be used to assess any future nominations for Life Membership of this Club.

The Motion was put to Members present.

CARRIED

- (c) Paddy then raised the subject of Eaton Bowling Club having reached its 50th Anniversary, having been incorporated on 20th July 1969. Paddy asked if any member had any suggestions as to how this club should celebrate such an achievement.

Joy Bailey described how Members started this club by planting grass supplied from their home lawns and initially operated out of a garden shed with the current Club House being constructed in 1972.

Paddy asked if there were any Members interested in forming a Sub-Committee to look into and recommend ways that the Club could celebrate the occasion.

Pat Wainwright, Pauline Jolly and Ed Ritchie agreed to form a committee and look into it and discuss it further. John Cowin suggested that Karen had been involved in organizing the 25th year celebrations and she may have some ideas that can be utilised.

- (d) Paddy then requested Tim Stevens to address meeting regarding the proposed changes to men's club uniform.

Tim said that he had had conversations amongst the men club members, and he was fairly keen, and detected other members agreed, for a change of uniform for the men. Tim said that with the 50th anniversary occurring at this time, it was a good opportunity for such a change. Tim suggested that we could possibly look at replicating the style of the lady's shirts and advised that he had been in touch uniform manufacturers, Dynamic Sublimation, who had agreed to send him some suggested designs and alternative styles. Peter Self agreed with changing the shirts, saying that the original sponsors on current shirts were no longer

participating and were getting free advertising from us wearing them. Paddy said that there was some resistance for change as members may have just spent money on new shirts. Tim said that he was attempting to find businesses to sponsor the cost of purchasing new shirts. He was not yet able to say how much he would raise but was confident in raising enough to reduce the costs to members. Tim also said that he was keen to see the "Eaton" name written on the backs of any new shirts.

The following motion was moved:

Moved, Tim Stevens, **Seconded**, Ray Ashworth, that this Club change the men's club uniform shirt. The design of this new shirt to be agreed upon by members from designs distributed around by Tim Stevens. **CARRIED**

Paddy then asked if there was any further general business that members wished to discuss.

- (e) Ted Green asked if there had been any consideration to solar power being included in any new building designs. To which Paddy replied that solar power was definitely under consideration for any new clubhouse.
- (f) John Cowin proposed that the Club look into attempting to change the format of playing the men's League pennant Grand finals. John proposed that this club move, at the next League meeting that although all preliminary and semifinals be played at the home ground of the highest finishing teams, the grand finals, of all divisions should be played at the one venue. This venue to be rotated throughout all league clubs each year.
Elaine McDonald advised that this was a subject on agenda, that had only come out today, of next League AGM scheduled for 6th May.
John asked, if this subject was to be discussed and voted on at the next League meeting, shouldn't Club members be given the opportunity to direct how club delegates were to vote on their behalf?
Paddy read out the notices of motion included in the League agenda. A copy of agenda is attached.
Tim Stevens said, that as the incoming Club Captain, he could circulate the proposed notices of motion amongst Club members and obtain their opinion on how delegates were to vote at the League AGM.
Meeting agreed that this would be too difficult as there was limited time and many members did not have email addresses and could not be contacted in time.
It was agreed to ask the members present how they wanted delegates to vote on the league AGM notices of motion.

1. Cut-off date for interchange of players be extended from 9 th round to 12 th round.	NO.
2. No Protected events to be held on public holidays	NO.
3. If greens rain affected, Clubs to play on neutral green, or, if not available, on oppositions green.	NO.
4. Pennant grand finals to be played on a neutral ground. (But with a request of an amendment to include rotating the venue between all clubs.)	YES.
5. Change 3 rd division Saturday pennants from 3 rinks to 2 rinks	YES
- (g) John then asked if a further notice of motion could be put to the League AGM.
John suggested that the SW League Championship format be changed, for all championships, from selecting 3 qualifiers from 1st days sectional play to having 4 qualifiers to go forward to second day. This would eliminate the bye on the second day and keep all players playing. Resulting in a better competition.

Moved, John Cowin, **Seconded**, Ray Mosele that:

Eaton Bowling Club move the following Notice of Motion at the SW League AGM on 6th May:

The SW League Championship format be changed, for all championships, from selecting 3 qualifiers from 1st days sectional play to having 4 qualifiers to go forward to second day.

The Rationale:

This would eliminate the bye on the second day and keep all players playing. Resulting in a better competition. **CARRIED**

There being no further business, Chairman Paddy declared the meeting closed.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chairperson - (Paddy Papalia)Date.....

Secretary – (Kerry Edwards)Date.....