

# EATON BOWLING AND SOCIAL CLUB INC.

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING EATON BOWLING AND SOCIAL CLUB INC. HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2024

### PRESENT

#### **Management Committee:**

**President:** Shane Pullan **Treasurer:** Kerry Edwards **Ladies Captain:** Lorrinia Bright **Sponsorship Director:** Greg McKay **Social Director:** Chris Cornford **Grounds Director:** Ray Ashworth **House Director:** Ted Reilly  
**Secretary:** Laura Simpson

**Apologies:** **Vice Presidents:** Anne Whyatt and Colin Hotker **Men's Captain:** Greg Slavin **Catering Convener:** Karen Cowin

**Guests:** Dardanup Shire President Tyrrell Gardiner (from 7.30pm) and Club Patron Joy Bailey.

**Members:** *As per attached Attendance Register.*

**APOLOGIES** *As per attached Apology Sheet.* Apologies received were read out to the meeting.

President Shane declared the meeting **open at 7.02pm.**

Shane welcomed Club Patron Joy Bailey, and welcomed and acknowledged Life Members Joy Bailey, Elaine McDonald and Neville Woods who were present, and guests (as per above.) Shane thanked them all for their support and attendance today.

President Shane requested that all attending sign the attendance register. Shane asked that any that had not done so, to please do now. President Shane then read out all known apologies.

President Shane announced that, as a ballot will be required for the position of Vice President (Male), **Ray Ashworth** had agreed to act as **Returning officer** and **Lyn Tredgett** had agreed to act as **Scrutineer**. President Shane thanked them for being available.

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**Moved** Gail Williams **Seconded** Chris Cornford that the Minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the **24th April 2023.**

**CARRIED**

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

President Shane advised that the matter raised under General Business about the name change for Restricted Bowling members will be discussed under General Business – Constitution Changes.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**President:** Shane Pullan (Written Report Attached)

### DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

**Men's Captain:** Greg Slavin (Written Report Attached)

**Ladies Captain:** Lorrinia Bright (Written Report Attached)

**Moved** Pauline Jolly **Seconded** Faye Smith that all reports, as presented, be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS** Nil.**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**Club Treasurer** Kerry Edwards presented a Treasurer's report and a financial summary to the meeting. (A copy of both report and summary are attached and were made available to all at the meeting.)

Kerry went through the report and advised that the Club is in a sound financial position. We need to acknowledge that the greens are now ten years old and the lifespan is generally accepted to be fifteen years, so we would need around \$300,000 for replacement. We now have \$96,000 in an account dedicated to greens replacement and we hope to add additional money to this each year. We also have a grant application with the Shire to upgrade the lights on A green and it is hoped we will be successful in obtaining the grant. However, there will still be a cost to the Club of around \$20,000 for this project. Another project that needs to be considered is the upgrading of the eastern green. There is a possibility that if we do not consider upgrading this green, the Shire may decided to undertake another project in that area.

**Moved** Terry Bright **Seconded** Ian Williams that the Financial Report, as presented, be accepted.

**CARRIED****BUSINESS ARISING FROM FINANCIAL REPORT**

Kevin McDonald asked if the Shire has indicated if they have any plans for re-purposing the eastern green. Kerry advised that the Shire has not indicated any plans at this stage.

Ian Williams asked if the Club has looked into how much it would cost to get the eastern green upgraded. President Shane advised that the Shire has indicated that they could not supply any financial assistance, but would support any grant application the Club submitted. The cost would be \$250,000-\$280,000 to upgrade this green.

Carol Hamilton asked if there could be a breakdown of how sponsorship money is allocated – how much goes to the Ladies and how much to the Men. Kerry advised he would look into the matter.

Tim Stevens asked about the lease fees of \$8,242. Kerry advised that that figure is the lease fee we pay to the Shire each year.

Carol Hamilton asked if the Club could approach a Member of Parliament to assist with funding for the greens. President Shane advised that we will be looking at this with our local Member.

Geoff Whyatt referred to the item for electricity/gas/water/shire rates and asked if we are paying the Shire twice (rates and lease). Kerry advised that the words 'shire rates' should be removed as we don't pay Shire rates.

Tim Stevens said that the cost for electricity seems quite high considering the Club has a number of solar panels on the roof. President Shane advised that the panels only work during daylight hours and there is no storage or batteries for use during the night. Committee had enquired about installing batteries and the cost would be about \$50,000.

Muss Bairstow asked if the Senior Citizens contribute to costs such as electricity. President Shane advised that they pay a monthly fee which of \$531 and we are proposing to increase that amount to \$620 per month.

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

President Shane 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)**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Nominee</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>	<b><u>Seconded</u></b>
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President Shane advised that himself, Anne Whyatt (Vice President Female) and Kerry Edwards (Treasurer) have 1 year left of their 2 year terms to serve.

<b>Vice President (Male)</b>	Neville Woods Colin Hotker	Ray Ashworth Shane Pullan	Greg McKay Gordon Twist
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Shane said that the count has been completed and the successful nominee is Neville Woods.

<b>Secretary</b>	Laura Simpson	Barry Mitcheson	Chris Cornford
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**(These are all Management Committee positions – for a 1-year term)**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
<b>Director of Ladies Bowls (Captain)</b>	Lorriina Bright	Karen Cowin	Lyn Tredgett
<b>Catering Convenor</b>	Karen Cowin	Chris Cornford	Elain McDonald
<b>Social Director</b>	Chris Cornford	Phil Downes	Shane Pullan
<b>House Director</b>	Ted Reilly	Laura Simpson	Kerry Edwards
<b>Grounds Director</b>	Ray Ashworth	Neville Woods	Gordon Twist
<b>Sponsorship Director</b>	Greg McKay	Neville Woods	Ray Ashworth

President Shane advised that as there had been only one nominee for each of the Management Committee one year term members, they therefore should be elected unopposed.

Moved: Geoff Whyatt Seconded: Joy Bailey that all nominees be accepted into their positions.

**CARRIED**

President Shane then advised that the position of Men's Captain remained vacant as no nominations had been received by the closing date.

Shane then asked if there were any nominations, from the floor, to fill these positions. Ray Ashworth nominated Tim Stevens but Tim declined the nomination.

Shane said that he had received an email from Barry Mitcheson advising that he would accept a nomination for Men's Captain. Greg Slavin had been going to nominate Barry but was unable to attend the meeting so Shane asked if anyone else would agree to nominate Barry. Barry advised in the email that he would be away for four months and Greg Slavin has agreed to act as Captain until Barry's return.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
<b>Men's Captain</b>	Barry Mitcheson	Kerry Edwards	Tim Stevens

President Shane requested that, there being only one nomination, the above nomination be accepted, by a show of hands, and elected to the position of Men's Captain.

**CARRIED**

### **APPOINTMENT OF CLUB PATRONS**

President Shane advised that Joy Bailey and Mick Bennett have served as Patrons of the Club during the past several years. Joy has agreed to continue as a Patron. Mick Bennett had resigned from Council and advised he does not wish to continue as a Patron. Dardanup Shire President, Tyrrell Gardiner, has agreed to become a Patron of the Club.

Moved Elaine McDonald, Seconded Lorriina Bright that the above nominations be accepted and Joy Bailey and Tyrrell Gardiner be elected as Patrons of the Club for 2024/25.

**CARRIED**

### **APPOINTMENT OF CLUB AUDITOR**

President Shane advised the meeting that, current Auditor, **Wayne Warrick**, of Warrick & Co, had been contacted by Club and had advised that he was available and prepared to continue to act as Auditor of the Eaton Bowling and Social Club Inc. accounts for the 2024/25 year.

**Moved** Ray Ashworth **Seconded** Pauline Jolly that Wayne Warrick be re-appointed as Club Auditor for a further year.

**CARRIED**

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES**

President Shane advised the meeting that the Management Committee recommends that Club Membership fees remain the same as last year as follows:

<b>Full Membership</b>	\$240.00 per annum
<b>Restricted Bowler Membership</b>	\$150.00 per annum
<b>Social Membership</b>	\$25.00 per annum
<b>Junior Membership</b>	30% of Full Membership (Rounded to \$75.00)
<b>Nomination Fee</b>	\$10.00 on application

Carol Hamilton suggested that all fees be raised by \$10 per year to cover the cost of tea and coffee. There was no support for this suggestion.

**Moved** Geoff Whyatt **Seconded** Tim Stevens that Membership fees be set as recommended.

**CARRIED**

## **HONORARIUMS**

President Shane advised that Honorariums need to be ratified by Members every year at the AGM.

Current honorariums are as follows:

Secretary:	\$250.00 per week
Treasurer:	\$250.00 per week
Functions Coordinator:	\$125.00 per week
Cash Handler	\$75.00 per week
Catering Convenor	\$100.00 per week
Grounds Director	\$100.00 per week
Sponsorship Director	\$50 per week

Committee recommends that all honorariums remain the same with the exception of the Cash Handler position which should to be raised \$100 per week.

**Moved** Ian Williams **Seconded** Pauline Jolly that Honorariums be accepted as above with the Cash Handling position to be raised to \$100 per week.

**CARRIED**

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no Notices of Motion.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

President Shane introduced Shire of Dardanup President, Tyrrell Gardiner, thanked him for agreeing to be a Club Patron and invited him to address the meeting.

Cr Gardiner thanked the Club for the privilege of becoming a Patron of the Club. He noted that the Club has progressed well since moving into the new Clubhouse and hoped it would carry on this way.

Carol Hamilton asked about displaying life member photographs. Shane advised that this had already been agreed to and plans were underway. This issue was documented in previous minutes of Committee meetings.

Neville Woods asked if the Shire would consider removing the palm trees. Cr Gardiner advised that the Club had made a request for this. President Shane said the Council did not agree to the request. It is hoped that the palms may be removed when/if the Council goes ahead with the drop off zone.

Ian Williams asked if the Council has any plans to install a path through the garden to line up with the road crossing. Cr Gardiner advised that there were some plans to realign part of Pratt Road but the quotes were too expensive. This may be visited again in the future.

Carol Hamilton asked if the Shire would consider putting some gravel on verge at the west end of the lot as it is very dusty due to lack of rain. President Shane said that, as the Shire has spent a lot of money upgrading the two car parks, people should utilise the car parks rather than parking on verges.

### **Constitution Changes**

President Shane outlined the changes which need to be made to the Club's constitution as per attached attachment:

- (a) remove the word Social from Restricted Bowler Membership
- (b) changes to include conditions for Open Gender Pennants.

Moved Geoff Whyatt Seconded Lorrinia Bright that the changes as per attachment be accepted.

**CARRIED**

### **Open Gender Pennants**

President Shane advised that Open Gender Pennants will commence for the 2024/25 season. A list to nominate for the Open Gender Pennants is in the Match Office and another list will shortly be put up for anyone wishing to nominate to be a selector. Shane spoke to Pieter Harris from Bowls WA regarding possible clashes between Open Gender Pennants and some Ladies events (such as Round Robins, Inter League etc). Pieter Harris advised Shane that Bowls WA will be providing guidance to the League by the end of April.

### **Business Plan**

President Shane said members will be aware that the Club developed a 5 year Business Plan to provide guidance and continuity for Committees and Committee members for the management of the Club and the future planning including support for grants and funding. Targets were set for this year and the following were achieved:

**Finances** – projected budget for 2023/24 was forecast and upon completion of the Auditor's Report, the net project figure was close to that forecast with only a minor difference.

**Sponsorship** – targets have been met with existing sponsors renewing their sponsorship and successfully attracting new sponsors.

**Bowls** – we targeted the success of our bowlers together with increased participation of players. This was achieved by pennant players playing in finals and events attracting an increase in nominations. We now have a Junior Bowling Member and hope to attract more juniors. Corporate Bowls, Barefoot Bowls and Bowlability players patronise our facilities and we envisage new members being obtained from these groups.

### **Projects**

a) redevelopment of the eastern green - the Shire of Dardanup was approached for funding but advised they were unable to assist but would support any grant application the Club submits.

b) lighting upgrade for 'A' green – a quote has been received for the project and the Club has submitted a grant application to assist in funding it.

c) greens replacement – a separate greens replacement account has been set up with funds placed in that account. A meeting was held with the Shire of Dardanup CEO to clarify the lease agreement in relation to cost sharing which is not guaranteed.

d) shade replacements – we were unable to obtain a grant to replace the shades between 'A' and 'B' green and around the Greenkeeper's shed so this was funded by the Club.

### **Further General Business**

#### **Increase in green fees**

Neville Woods asked if the Committee had given any thought to increasing green fees. Shane said that it has not been discussed but agreed it should be on the agenda for future meetings.

Faye Smith queried the difference in sponsorship of men’s and ladies events; the men appear to be getting more. Elaine McDonald also queried as to whether some of the nomination fees were being used for prize money. Shane advised he was unable to provide a full answer and this will be discussed at the next Committee meeting with both Captains.

**Honorarium for President**

Greg McKay proposed that the Committee consider awarding an honorarium for the President.

Tim Stevens said that the Vice-Presidents, Captains, etc would need to be considered as well due to the work involved in these positions.

Neville Woods suggested that Committee could consider setting up a Corporate Membership card for the President and Captains to use when they are working at the Club.

Moved Tim Stevens Seconded Ray Ashworth that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for recommendation at next year’s AGM.

**CARRIED**

As there was no further discussion President Shane then thanked Ray Ashworth and Lyn Tredgett, for acting as Returning Officer and Scrutineer. Shane also thanked Greg Slavin for his work as Men’s Captain this year and all his work with the Change Team, the Business Plan and grant applications.

Shane thanked all the Committee members for their work this year – Greg Slavin is the only outgoing member but will be acting Men’s Captain until Barry Mitcheson returns. Shane thanked all members for attending this meeting.

There being no further business, President Shane declared the meeting closed at 8.38pm.

**SIGNED:**

President - (Shane Pullan) .....Date.....

Secretary – (Laura Simpson) .....Date.....

## **Presidents Report**

### **Annual General Meeting April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

The past year has been a very successful one for the Eaton Bowling and Social Club in more ways than one. It started out as a challenge with myself elected as President, committee members going away on holidays and having to find a secretary. However, we were extremely fortunate that Laura volunteered to be our club secretary. Due to the turnover in committee members from the previous year we had limited knowledge of the workings of the club and this required us to learn as we went along. Fortunately, we received advice when we needed and asked for it.

The club has established itself as one that has a very good reputation within our immediate area and beyond. It has been a pleasure to hear people from other clubs within the state as well as visitors from interstate pass comment on what a friendly, welcoming and inviting club we have.

Our bowling achievements remain at a high level with our members participating in events statewide with success. Those members that travel to other clubs continue to represent our club strongly and promote our culture. We have had some outstanding results from our members at all events that they participate in.

Functions and facility usage has increased across the year and expectations are that this will continue. The feedback from those hiring our facility is nothing but praise and the club has benefitted by obtaining numerous new members resulting from functions held.

Friday nights have remained popular with the entertainment provided, members draw, bats being sold and Ash catering. This has changed our Friday nights into a great evening whereby members regularly attend that would otherwise rarely patronise the club.

The above could not have been achieved without the effort of the committees, volunteers and members. I would like to thank everyone for the time and effort that they have put in, no matter how large or small it was.

#### **I would personally like to thank the following:**

Anne and Colin – your support provided can't be measured.

Laura – taking on the secretary role and becoming such an important and valuable ambassador for our club.

Kerry – ensuring that our finances are kept in order and has helped me understand the finances of the club.

Greg, Rena and their match committees – for your tireless and at times thankless job organising and ensuring we get to play bowls.

Greg – Has done a fantastic job retaining and attracting sponsors. This has been done whilst dealing with other issues that others would not have coped with.

Karen, Dorothy and committees – catering was always above and beyond.

Chris and committee – Tireless efforts co-ordinating functions and Friday nights.

Ted and his helpers ensuring all maintenance is maintained.

Ray and committee – maintaining the greens and surrounds.

Ron and his helpers for their continual cleaning of our premises.

Elaine and committee for running the successful Corporate Bowls.

Karen – our Bar Manager who continues working tirelessly whilst being undermanned due to staff shortages.

Neville who does so much unsung work around the club.

To anyone else that helped in any small way including busy bees, setting up for functions or just assisting when asked – thank you.

### **Projects Implemented:**

Developed and endorsed a 5-year Business Plan which was compiled by Greg Slavin and committee.

The shades between “A” and “B” green and around green keepers shed replaced.

New bowls purchased for community use to encourage new bowlers.

Speaker system upgraded.

Retractable shades fitted on western verandah.

Implementation of Membership Cards.

Grant Application submitted for “A” green lighting upgrade.

**I would like to also take this opportunity to thank the Shire of Dardanup for the work being done on the front and rear carparks. Numerous meetings were held involving discussions around the layouts and our requests were taken on board. The carparks should be finished shortly with lighting provided for the safety of members and their vehicles.**

**The past year has been enjoyable and a privilege to have held the position as the President of our club. There have been challenges, however with the support of the committee they have been dealt with. It makes me proud to be the President of this club when I hear such glowing references made of it and the way we represent our club.**

**We must continue to promote ourselves in the same professional manner that we do now, and I look forward to working with the new committee to keep our club profile so highly respected.**

**Shane Pullan.**



## **Men's Captain Report April 2024**

*I begin this year's report by acknowledging my Match Committee of Colin Reynolds, Barry Mitcheson, Vern Merchant and Gordon Twist for their hard work; the countless other volunteers, who have contributed to a successful bowling season and the family of sponsors who provide such rich rewards for our bowling fraternity. I make special mention of Ray Ashworth for presenting us with great greens, Karen and her committee for their catering, Dorothy Kerr for her money management, and Greg McKay for his great efforts with sponsorship.*

### **A Brief Summary of the Year:**

- *Championship events have attracted large fields of competitors with more members sharing the **glory of success.***
- **Pennant Season**
  - **Saturday Pennants** – *Eaton Blue made the 1st Division finals but were defeated in the Grand Final. The second division teams made finals but did not progress. Third division completed a competitive season.*
  - **Tuesday Pennants** – *1st Division Blue again made the Grand Final but were defeated and in 2nd Division Blue made the finals but did not progress. The 4th Division team also made the finals.*
  - *Congratulations to Mike Baker, a worthy winner of the Cowin–Turner Medal. Mike's bowls have been outstanding this season. Second in the count was Mark Mills.*
  - *I want to reiterate that the Pennant Competition IS the most important of our competitions because nothing else promotes our club's culture in the same way.*
- *Open competitions were generally fully subscribed with competitors from across the Southwest, Murray League and the occasional metropolitan area bowler.*
- *Feedback has been positive for each of our events with good sponsorship and prizemoney. (Greg McKay has done a great job attracting more sponsors.)*
- *Sunday Scroungers is an important event for the Club. Ed Ritchie's determined long term commitment to Scroungers should be noted. Issues will persist with crowded fixtures, particularly during the bowling season and that sometimes compromises Scroungers.*
- *The Retravision Open Pairs is a showcase of quality organisation and sponsorship and will continue to attract full fields.*
- *Eaton Bowling Club is hosting the BPL Cup again this year.*
- *The Junior Bowling Program has started very slowly. Jeff Conrades, Ray Mosele and Colin Cawcutt have the structures in place and next year we hope to attract more participants.*
- *The purchase of 13 sets of new, colourful bowls has improved the bowling experience of beginning and corporate bowlers.*
- *Assuming that our application for a Lighting Grant is successful, A Green will have quality lighting by mid 2025. That allow us to expand the times available to play bowls for more people when we are not playing in the heat of the day. It will be up to the incoming Match Committees to ensure that this resource is used well!*

*During my time as Captain, I have worked hard to assist the Club in developing a workable and future focused Business Plan. It contains significant, well researched information and data that should inform the ongoing growth of our bowling success. I sincerely hope that incoming committee continues its implementation.*

Greg Slavin

**LADIES REPORT FOR SEASON 2023-24**

This season has come to an end and what a great season it has been for the ladies of the Eaton Bowling Club.

EBC did extremely well in pennants ending with 4 teams participating in the finalS Div 1 (2) Div 2 (2). Div 1 Gold and Div 2 Blue then went into the Grand Final – we didn't win a flag but to accomplish this was a tremendous achievement. Well done players and selection committee.

In March the ladies competed in SWB League held in Bunbury and were well placed winning the Pairs, r/up in the Veterans Singles, r/up in the Novice Singles, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Major Singles, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Triples and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Fours, then went on to win the Zone Championships held in Eaton. Congratulations to all the Best League Shield was won by the South West.

Eight ladies from the Club were selected for the ILRR Pairs/Fours which was held in Harvey/Busselton. From that event some ladies from the Club were again selected to play in the Zone Championships Pairs/Fours held in Geraldton/Kulin. Results of all events were won by the South West. Congratulations to all.

Eaton travelled all over the State for a game of bowls –Gala days, Classics and Country Week, always representing the Club with pride and their performance and attitude towards the game was well received in all aspects.

In closing I would like to thank my Match Committee and all the ladies of this great Club for helping me through the season and look forward to another great season in 2024/25.

Enjoy the break and if travelling, take care.

LORRINIA BRIGHT

DIRECTOR OF LADIES BOWLS