



MINUTES of the Board of BOWLS WA

Meeting held on Monday 2nd July` 2018 at Bowls WA Headquarters commencing at 9.00am.

1. PRESENT

Kerry Andersen, Lisa Featherby, Ross Warburton, Larry Bandy, Marc Abonnel, Hendy Cowan, Debbie Capper, Vince Del Prete

1.1 In attendance:

Ken Pride (CEO), Liz Rolt

1.2 APOLOGIES

1.3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 25th May 2018 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Vince Del Prete

Seconded: Ross Warburton

Agreed

2. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

2.1 Annual Report & Statement of Accounts for 2017/18

The President welcomed to the meeting Naz Randeria and Derrick Arrow from Reliance Auditing to the meeting. Naz proceeded to present the audit report for the period, highlighting the most significant issues of change brought about by adherence to appropriate Accounting standards.

It was noted that the Audit could not qualify the opening balances of the accounts given the change in audit firm, but that there were in their opinion no issues relating to fraud or impropriety by Management and that the Association was able to meet its liabilities and pay any debt as and when required.

Some of the key issues noted were:

- The handling of the Provisions within the Balance Sheet (which should have been identified as Reserves) and the return of those to the Profit & Loss,
- The requirement to depreciate 158 Main Street and the effect that this will have on the reporting of the Profit & Loss,
- Some minor issues with the accruing of creditors and interest earned at the end of the period via Term Deposits,
- The inclusion of the revised building valuation for 158 Main Street.

It was RESOLVED to accept the Audit Report, the Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts for 2017/18.

Moved - Lisa Featherby

Seconded - Larry Bandy

Carried

The Auditors noted the need for the Board to consider the proportion of the Land vs Buildings within the valuation of 158 Main Street. The valuation of the Buildings component would then be used as the basis for Depreciation of the asset into the future, which may significantly affect the Profit & Loss – albeit a non-cash expense.

Action: The CEO to seek advice as to an appropriate valuation “split” between land & buildings at 158 Main Street.

Liz Rolt left the meeting.

3. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Bowls Link contract

As requested the opportunity to have a meeting with BA CEO Neil Dalrymple whilst on the Gold Coast for the Australian Open was taken up by Director’s Abonnel, Featherby and Warburton and the CEO. Issues surrounding Bowls Link were discussed, noting that South Australia had signed the Agreement to proceed, with meetings with WBNSW to be held. On

this basis it was agreed that BWA would sign the Agreement and seek the short term commencement of the building of the platform.

3.2 Bowls Australia events / timelines

Further discussion at the Gold Coast meeting in relation to the BA proposal for a *Festival of Bowls* suggested that a 12 month delay would be likely, to enable existing contracts with Club Sapphire (Aust. Champs) and SA Councils (Over 60's Sides) to be honoured. A likely commencement date would be October 2020.

Whether BA would go to a national tender process for the events, would be largely determined by planned discussions with Qld tourism and the Gold Coast councils in relation to the future of the Australian Open.

This delay would necessitate potential alteration of the Bowls WA calendar, with the Sides Series scheduled for NSW in early 2019 and the National Champion of Champions scheduled for WA in October 2019. **NOTED.**

4. OPERATIONAL ITEMS

4.1 Reports

4.1.1 President

Kerry Andersen gave a brief report noting her attendance at a luncheon hosted by the Wanneroo BC to celebrate Gail Susac's 50 years of membership at the club; Gail is a Life Member of Bowls WA. Committee volunteers had been issued invitations to attend the BWA AGM where the President would note the Association's thanks for the work undertaken on behalf of all bowlers. Finally the President thanked re-nominating Board Members for their on-going support and looked forward to working with them for the following 12 months.

4.1.2 CEO

The CEO had distributed his report which was accepted.

4.1.3 Bowls Management

No report with no further meetings held.

4.1.4 Club Development

Marc Abonnel noted future projects that will be undertaken by the committee, including the boosting of the capacity to live stream events. This would require some relatively minor capital expenditure and a proposal will be forwarded to the Finance Committee via the CEO in due course.

4.1.5 Accounts to 31st May

The accounts to 31st May were tabled and accepted.

The Board agreed with the Audit, Risk & Finance Committee that a full review be carried out on the Annual Dinner & Awards Night as part of appropriate financial governance. It was acknowledged that it was an outstanding evening; however costs do need to be maintained and as a significant cost item deserved review on a continual basis. **NOTED**

4.1.6 Affiliation Fee Review Committee

The committee would meet again prior to the AGM to finalise a recommended position for 2018/19.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Club Suspensions

The club suspensions for Malcolm Wilson (Rockingham) and Brad Henley (Melville) were noted.

5.2 Letter of concern

The President had written to a selector expressing her concern in relation to a matter at the Darwin Sides Series. A response had been received as requested and the CEO was requested to review the representative team Code of Conduct, in addition to appropriate policies and protocols in relation to the matter and report back to the President. **NOTED.**

Action: The CEO as requested.

5.3 Letter to Murray/SW Leagues – re: player protection

The CEO had written to the respective Leagues (see Minutes May meeting) and had received a response from the SW League. It is believed this matter has been resolved and that player protection will be offered for bowlers wishing to compete in State Events.

5.4 Board Meetings 2018/19

Board Meetings would be held on the 4th Monday of each month unless extenuating circumstances prevail.

5.5 Legacy 90th anniversary dinner / Internations

Larry Bandy noted he had attended the 90th anniversary dinner for Legacy on behalf of Bowls WA, as well as the opening of the Internations charity event.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.30am.

Next Meeting:

- **Annual General Meeting Saturday 28th July, 10.00am at Manning Memorial Bowling Club**
- **Board Meeting Monday 20th August, 7.30am for 8.00am**

Larry Bandy would be an apology for the August meeting. **(NOTED)**

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