



MINUTES of the Board of BOWLS WA

Meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2023 at Bowls WA commencing at 8.00am.

1. PRESENT

Doug Kelly, Vince Del Prete, Phil Manning, Lisa Featherby, Lee Bunney

1.1 In attendance:

Ken Pride (CEO)

1.2 Apologies

Judy Flanagan, Marc Abonnel, Glenda Cooper (part)

1.3 Conflict of Interest - Nil

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 2nd June 2023 were then accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Phil Manning

Seconded: Lisa Featherby

Agreed

1.5 Actions from June meeting

The CEO confirmed the following from the actions sought at the June Board Meeting:

- The CEO confirmed he had forwarded an EOI to both the Yokine BC and the City of Stirling in relation to a future BWA Headquarters. Since then, a further informal meeting with the City had taken place at BWA as a simple means of identifying administrative space and the process may be furthered in the short term. The CEO noted the stringent financial benefits that would be required for any considered move. **NOTED.**
- The Bowls WA Raceday was confirmed for the 26th August with the turf club.

2. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

2.1 BWA Constitution

The CEO had forwarded to Directors several documents identifying deficiencies relating to the amendment of the rules of the Constitution. As a result, the special resolution had been withdrawn until such deficiencies could be dealt with, documents amended and resubmitted at a Special General Meeting in the months ahead. One of the deficiencies noted was the omission of a resolution by the Board to commence the process of a Constitutional review, as such:

It was **RESOLVED** to make provision to amend the Bowls WA Constitution dated 3rd August 2016, to comply with the changes as required by the Associations Incorporation Act (2015) and any other such amendments deemed necessary.

Moved: Doug Kelly

Seconded: Lisa Featherby

AGREED.

Due to a prior appointment Director Glenda Cooper left the meeting.

2.2 Audit Report

At this time the meeting was joined by Derrick Arrow of Reliance Auditing who presented The Audit of Financial Report for the period ending 30th April 2023. The significant matters identified by the audit were noted, including the provision of a Bad Debt by a sponsor following continued non-payment.

Following the Report, it was **RESOLVED** to accept the Financial Statements for the period and that they be duly signed by President Doug Kelly and Director of FAIR Lisa Featherby.

Moved: Lisa Featherby

Seconded: Phil Manning

AGREED

These would now be forwarded to the affiliated clubs for any comment/question for consideration in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

3. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Annual Dinner & Awards Night

The financial outcome of the Awards Night & Dinner was tabled and considered. Although the deficit was higher than budget, the primary reason of a much higher than anticipated attendance was seen as a positive rather than negative. The format and structure of the evening was well received and the move to a buffet dinner was relatively seamless and cost effective.

The CEO noted the venue has been re-booked for late May early June in 2024 (pending football fixtures). Several of the awards presented will be presented after the relative events (players of the series, state singles etc) to allow for more "down-time" on the evening. It was acknowledged that this year was very full, given the return of all awards and the Hall of Fame presentation.

3.2 Director nomination(s) 2023-2025

Following the closing date one nomination had been received for a Board position – Terry Murphy (Como BC) in addition to that of Lisa Featherby and Judy Flanagan whose terms had expired. Lee Bunney had elected not to re-stand.

The CEO noted this now made the gender balance on the Board 5 (male) and 3 (female) which will need to be rectified as soon as possible, given the DLGSC funding directives **NOTED**.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS – REPORTS

4.1 President

President Doug reported that:

- he was currently undertaking a DLGSC financial literacy course which he would report fully on at completion,
- a recent STA President's meeting on-line,
- a meeting at Yokine BC which discussed the club's future with and without BWA,
- the commencement of the Bowls Blitz competition to frame the various state teams for October.

4.2 CEO

The CEO noted he will be attending BA/CEO meetings in Melbourne 11/12 July, where national events will be high on the agenda. Following a meeting with staff a BWA position on national events was framed and forwarded to BA for discussion at those meetings, noting the need for financial responsibility as part of that national review.

4.3 Game Development

The CEO tabled recommendations on changes to the pennant conditions of play which will be forwarded to clubs this week as part of the Club Forum preceding the Annual General Meeting.

Extreme weather, open gender and midweek start times will all be raised by the Game Development Committee along with any other issues separately raised by clubs.

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 10.00am.

Next Meeting Monday 18th September at 8.00am.