



## **MINUTES of the Board of BOWLS WA**

Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Bowls WA commencing at 7.45am.

### **1. PRESENT**

Doug Kelly, Lisa Featherby, Glenda Cooper, Marc Abonnel, Terry Murphy, Gail Richardson, Vince Del Prete, Phil Manning

#### **1.1 In attendance:**

Ken Pride (CEO)

#### **1.2 Apologies**

Nil

**1.3 Conflict of Interest** – President Doug Kelly noted his position on the Board of Regional Men's Health a sponsor of Bowls WA.

#### **1.4 Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 were then accepted as a true and correct record.

**Moved:** Glenda Cooper

**Seconded:** Lisa Featherby

**Agreed**

#### **1.5 Actions from September meeting**

##### **- Constitution comment**

The CEO confirmed he had written to both Como and Melville BC clarifying some issues relating to the Constitution. The date for the SGM has been set for 11.00am, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the Osborne Park Bowling Club,

##### **- By laws and Policies**

The CEO continued to finalise various Policies, several which would replace past by laws at the recommendation of the Consultant, which was modern governance practice. These have been initially reviewed by the FAIR Committee and will look to be ratified by the full Board at the December meeting.

##### **- Banking provider**

The Finance Officer continued to carry out the pre-work required for the transition from BankWest to Beyond Bank. Signatories are being finalised with the bank with accounts to gradually transition.

##### **- The Nationals**

The CEO confirmed he had written to the three host clubs congratulating them on their excellent work during The Nationals.

## **2. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION**

### **2.1 Perth Suns – BPL contract**

The CEO briefed the Board on meetings held with BA and the other nine BPL franchises during the BPL in early November. The current licence expires in June, effectively after the February BPL #19 in Moama. Following the meetings BA has distributed a new franchise structure that would incorporate moving from ten to twelve teams, an increase in the franchise fee, reduced television time per franchise and given the number of teams a fixturing that would see some teams play each other once and some twice.

The Board discussed the proposal and the financial ramifications for Bowls WA and whether a new contract would be signed under these parameters. It was noted that a collective response had been penned by the franchises to BA on the proposal, noting within it that the BWA Board had yet to discuss the matter.

After discussion it was agreed that the CEO would write to the BA CEO outlining the parameters that Bowls WA would seek to enter the Perth Suns into the BPL competition from June 2024 onwards.

<b>Action:</b> The CEO to write to the BA CEO outlining the parameters which BWA seeks in order to resign from June 2024 onwards.
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### **3. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

#### **3.1 Budget update – 6 monthly review**

After being fully reviewed by the FAIR Committee meeting the previous week, the full Board noted the 6-monthly review of the budget which showed an improvement of approximately \$7,500 from the February budget. In support of that improvement were:

- Sponsorship received from Henselite (part), Juniper and RMHI,
- A less than budgeted expense relating to the 125<sup>th</sup> year celebrations, including the state players awards evening, -  
Some positive numbers in state events and - A reduction in costs associated with the Board.

The CEO was confident given the lead of previous years that the conservative nature of the budget would see a return to close to break even point over the final six months of the year.

#### **3.2 SGM update**

The CEO noted the details of the SGM, with postal ballots being received from country clubs as required. It was important that a quorum was achieved for the meeting and as such reminders would be forwarded to clubs the following week.

##### **3.2.1 Appointment of Scrutineers**

As per the Constitution (Rule 13.4 (b) (ii) ) the Board was required to appoint in addition to the CEO as returning officer, two scrutineers to collate and count ballot papers returned as postal votes.

<b>It was resolved to appoint Doug Kelly and Terry Murphy as the SGM scrutineers as per the Constitution.</b>
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#### **3.3 Liquidation of Claremont Recreation Club Inc.**

The CEO had received notification from Pragma Lawyers that the matter of liquidation had been listed in the Supreme Court for 17<sup>th</sup> November, following which it was anticipated that the excess funds from the liquidation would be held in trust for three years by Bowls WA, following which the proceeds could be used to assist disability bowls in WA. **NOTED.**

#### **3.4 Women in Leadership targets**

The CEO noted to the Board that it currently did not meet the balanced gender requirements of DLGSC. BWA had until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 to rectify this before action would be taken, notably a reduction in funding.

#### **3.5 Board Evaluation**

The CEO noted a further requirement of DLGSC funding was a two yearly Board Evaluation, initially a self-evaluation which produced a report for further action. This will be carried out by our DLGSC Consultant Brad Denham during the December Board Meeting. **NOTED.**

#### **3.6 Member expulsion**

Carnamah BC have notified the CEO that M Tobin has been expelled from the club.

### **4. GENERAL BUSINESS – Committee Reports**

#### **4.1 President**

The President provided a report noting the various events attended over the previous month, including the state player awards function at Mt Lawley BC.

#### **4.2 CEO**

Nothing further.

#### **4.3 FAIR Committee**

Finance Director Lisa Featherby tabled the accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> October, noting the minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November and the already discussed 6-monthly budget review.

It was noted that of the \$400,000 in excess cash moved into the Cash Strategic Fund account, \$200,000 was note required during the course of the year and with this added to the current affiliation fees being received a committee decision on the

placement of those funds will need to be made early in the New Year. These may be directed to the Strategic Cash Fund, the other IOOF investments or a simple Term Deposit depending on rates of return and time factors. **NOTED.**

#### **4.4 Reaccreditation for Officials**

Marc Abonnel noted the very long time that is required for a reaccreditation of officials. At a recent reaccreditation he noted a number of the participants believed they would not again seek reaccreditation due to the length of time taken to complete requirements. This needed to be addressed in order to maintain officials' numbers.

<b>Action: The CEO to speak with Sue Hogg to seek some remedy.</b>
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**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55am.**

**NEXT MEETING: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00am Royal Perth Golf Club – 1895 Room**