

**ADELAIDE BOWLING CLUB Inc**

**121st AGM Sunday 20th May 2018**

1. Welcome & Opening
   1. Meeting opened at 11am. President John Higgins opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
   2. Present: V West, P Rose, P Smyth, S Hocking, C Hocking, S Hicks, S Thulborn, J McCreery, B Bate, R Brown, J Higgins, A Hurst, R Delaine, W Armour, G Benveniste, M Elgar, P Wilson, D Taylor, P Eckhold, C Firth, R Hooper, L Sydenham, B Scott, J Frangos, D Germein, P McDonald, R Kuczmarski, T Keukenmeister, I Andrae, P Zerella, K Smith, S Wallace, B Wallace, G Price, B Burton, S Jones, D Lilley, C Gonzales, D Blesing, J Krebbekx, T Hicks, Corey Hicks, Charlie Hicks, J Evans, A Farren, K Gatto
   3. Apologies: E Garrett, I McLaughlin, M Moffatt, S Kelly, D Fidock, M McDonagh, R Krebbekx, V Degenhart, P Young, B Gum, P Lilley, B Boorman, N Buvinik, G Cass

**A quorum was achieved (S3.5.1 ABC Constitution)**

1. Approval of minutes of last year’s AGM
   1. Minutes of the 120th Annual General Meeting were posted on the ABC website with the AGM Report.

**Motion put that the minutes of the 2016/2017 (120th) Annual General Meeting were a true and correct record.**

**Moved: D Taylor Seconded: G Benveniste**

**The motion was carried on a show of hands from the members present.**

1. President’s Report
   1. The President’s report was incorporated in the Annual Report. John gave a brief overview of his report highlighting the challenges of negotiating with the Adelaide City Council for the funding of the upgrade of our clubrooms. Publicly acknowledged the efforts put in by Bob Boorman and Phil Smyth in obtaining new building plans and continuing to apply pressure on the Council. The Lord Mayor is very much in favour of supporting the upgrade and the President will work very closely with him to push the bid through Council.
   2. John acknowledged that if the upgrade does not commence this year then the successful bid for the World Champion of Champion Singles event in 2019 & 2020 may be withdrawn.
   3. The President asked members to support the efforts of the Metropolitan Bowls Association in moving the game of bowls forward.
2. Treasurer’s Report
   1. In the absence of the Treasurer, M McDonagh, the President reported that the 2017-18 report had been available on the websiteand if there were any questions Ron Kuczmarski was happy to answer them. There being no questions.

**Motion put that the Treasurer’s Report for the ABC’s 2016/17 financial year be accepted.**

**Moved: R Kuczmarski Seconded: B Bate**

**The motion was carried on a show of hands from the members present.**

1. Appointment of Auditor

The President advised the meeting that **Crosby Dalwood** are happy to continue as auditors but as M McDonagh has recently moved to work for the company it may be seen as a conflict of interest. The board will address this issue and if necessary recommend another company to complete the audit.

1. Election of Patron

The President advised that the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Martin Haese, was keen to continue as our Patron for 2018-19 season. Given the importance of working closely with the Council , members were asked to endorse his appointment.

**Motion put that the Lord Mayor of Adelaide again be invited to be Patron of the Adelaide Bowling Club**

**Moved: J Higgins Seconded: R Delaine**

**The motion was carried on a show of hands from the members present.**

Secretary to send a letter to officially invite the Lord Mayor to be Patron.

1. Election of Officers

R Kuczmarski was invited to chair the meeting and declared all positions vacant. There was only one nomination for President, so as there were no further nominations, congratulated John Higgins and handed the meeting back to him.

The President took the chair and announced the following 2018/19 board.

President John Higgins

Vice President Steve Hicks

Secretary Val West

Treasurer Mike McDonagh

Board members Bruce Bate

Scott Hocking

Bob Burton

Paul Wilson

AHOS Representative Paul Zerella

AOBC Representative Dick Fidock

The President thanked retiring board member Ron Kuczmarski for serving continuously on the board for the last 12 years, acknowledged the value of his knowledge of the club and its history and his offer to continue to support the board going forward. The President also thanked Chris Firth for his input to the board and for championing concerns of all members.

1. Subscriptions

A motion proposing the new fees for 2018/19 was presented to the members through the website as follows:-

Membership fees for the 2018-19 season as recommended by the board

Full Member - $300

First Year Full Member - $150

Junior/Student Member - $40

Family Membership – 2 Adults pay full price up to 2 children free, subsequent children $40 each

- 1 Adult pays full price up to 1 child free, subsequent

children $40 each

Associate Membership - $250

Night Owl Membership - $20 registration (increase $10)

Social Membership - $20 per annum or $50 for 3 years

The board advised that the proposal included the removal of the building levy of $30 per member and increasing the full member fee by the same amount, with the consequence that there is no increase in the fee paid by full members.

C Gonzales spoke to the motion suggesting that the board should reconsider having the levy, as buildings and grounds require considerable repairs and maintenance. Separating it from membership fees will insure that it is accounted for correctly. Ron Kuczmarski advised that the levies raised (approx. $17,000) were included in the figures just not itemised against expenditure. In fact a great deal more than $17,000 is spent on buildings and maintenance and this will continue. Monies raised through membership will continue to be included in general revenue and used as the Board deems fit – including on repairs and maintenance.

**Moved: R Kuczmarski Seconded: B Bate**

**That the motion as presented by the Treasurer, M McDonagh be accepted**

**The motion was carried with a show of hands from members present**

1. General Business
   1. The President advised the meeting that the new plans for the redevelopment of the clubrooms along with an explanation of the works was displayed on the noticeboard for members to view. The request for funding presented to the ACC has made it through the first round and will be presented to the public for public consultation shortly. All members were encouraged to go to the ACC website and put positive comments towards our proposal. S Thulborn asked what the cost was for the redevelopment – for the essentials approx. $500,000 and for total redevelopment in excess of $1m. The President reported that at this stage it is uncertain how much money the ACC will approve; but if the club needs to contribute and if a loan is necessary the board will consult members as part of the process.

K Gatto asked if the board had applied for grants to assist in the redevelopment – the board has applied for 2 grants specific for the upgrade of women’s facilities in the club but were rejected because the club does not have sufficient female members. This is despite evidence regarding the number of females attending functions. The board will continue to look for other grant opportunities going forward.

* 1. The President reported that for the 2018-19 playing season the whole of the northside parking spaces will be permit only every Wednesday between 8am – 6pm. Saturday parking is still under negotiation.
  2. D Germein brought to the meeting’s attention that the OH&S policy and procedures for the club was not compliant with current legislation. The Club Manager confirmed this to be true and the President advised that a Worksafe audit will be requested and an OH&S committee formed to bring the club up to code as soon as possible. The President invited D Germein to assist with the process.
  3. Dennis Taylor advised that he and wife Jill were available to provide the sandwiches for pennant games for the up coming season. All members applauded the offer.
  4. Don Blesing thanked the President and board for their efforts during the previous year.
  5. The Club Manager advised that the use of greens by members for practice/tournaments during the busy corporate hire period between Nov – Jan will be discussed by the board at a planning meeting to be held early June. The board is keen that members be provided maximum access to the greens but is also aware that we cannot afford loss of revenue from corporate hire. Members will be advised of the outcome of the meeting.

1. Meeting Close

There being no further Business the President thanked everyone present for their attendance and declared meeting closed at 11:55am.