



## GEELONG BOWLS REGION 11th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2022.

held at GEELONG BOWLS CLUB.

*Commencing at 7-30 pm sharp*

### MINUTES

**1 Welcome, Silent Tribute & Apologies: -**

In welcoming all, President Michael advised that Director Colin Pavey unfortunately will not be able to continue on as GBR Director. Colin's family situation has changed dramatically and sufficient time to do justice to the role is no longer available. Michael publicly thanked Colin for his dedicated service over many years to GBR Board and Bowls in the Region and wished him well.

**Apologies:** Director Colin Pavey, Director Karen Harrington, Womens Selection Chair Kaye Robison, Nicole Shortis Leopold, Max Gladman Greens Committee, Pauline Almond Ocean Grove.

**MOTION:** Apologies be accepted.

**2 Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**  
as Circulated.

**MOTION:** Minutes last AGM as circulated be approved.

**3 Correspondence (since Feb Meeting)**

1	Out	To Clubs & Delegates. Minutes & Reports of GM Feb 2022
2	In	<b>From BV</b> Proposed Constitution Changes & Intension of Special Meeting to adopt.
3	Out	<b>To Clubs</b> re Pennant Finals arrangements & allowance of Practice to schedule supplied.
4	In	<b>From BV</b> Special General meeting details for Regions & Clubs to attend On-Line BV Constitution.
5	Out	<b>To all Clubs:</b> - notice of AGM & Nominations / Dates Timelines, etc.
6	In	<b>Notice Of Motion</b> from Bareena BC, Seconded by City of Geelong BC. "GBR not followed process, Allow Clubs discussion and input before implementation."
6.1	Out	<b>GBR Response.</b> To Bareena & City of Geelong
6.2	In	<b>From</b> Bareena Further clarification required
6.3	Out	<b>GBR Response</b> provided
Listed for discussion under Special Business.		
7	Out	<b>To all Clubs:</b> - Move date of AGM out to the 30 <sup>th</sup> May to avoid Clash with Champions of State Midweek Pennant competition.

M: Lara  
S: Drysdale  
CARRIED

M: Pt. Lonsdale  
S: Geelong RSL  
CARRIED



- MOTION:** Inwards Correspondence accepted & actions pertaining to Outward Correspondence be approved.  
(Including additions amendments)
- M: Leopold**  
**S: Lara**  
**CARRIED**
- 4 Reports & Acceptance: -**
- 4.1 Presidents – Michael Kelly**
- 4.2 Financial Audit 2021-22 - Maureen Reynolds**
- MOTION – Annual Financial Reports as tabled approved & Accepted Eastern Park questioned make up of General Expenses Out of pocket costs of \$17,500. Treasurer to provide breakdown of costs.**
- 4.3 Secretary’s - Jim Millar**
- 4.4 Championships – Jacqueline McLaren**
- 4.5 Pennant – Jandi Slattery**
- 4.6 Selection - Womens Kaye Robison & Men’s Alan Callow**
- 4.7 Umpires Margaret Reing**
- 4.8 Greens - Chair Richard Sinclair**
- 4.9 Coaches - Nil**
- 4.10 U 18 Dev / Juniors – Matt Flapper (Reports updated and attached)**
- M: City of Geelong**  
**S: Geelong RSL**  
**CARRIED**
- M: City of Geelong**  
**S: Norlane**  
**CARRIED**
- MOTION – Reports as circulated Accepted**
- 5 Nominations Board Directors & Expression of Interest Sub Committee’s**
- 5.1 Election of Board Directors. Clause 15.3 Elections – *Extract:***  
The number of nominations received for the Board is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled or if there are insufficient nominations received to fill all vacancies on the Board, then those nominated may be elected if approved by the majority of Members Present and entitled to Vote.  
**Michael Kelly, Jim Millar, Barb Lewis, Rosemary Sexton.**  
**1 position available (Col Pavey not seeking re nomination)**
- M: Anglesea**  
**S: Bannockburn**  
**CARRIED**
- 5.2 Director Vacancy Clause 17.1 Casual Vacancy *Extract:***  
Any Casual Vacancy occurring in the position of Director may be filled by remaining Directors from among appropriately qualified persons.  
**Bareena Terry Hickey indicated his desire to explore more options relating to this position.**
- 5.2 GBR Sub - Committee’s. Clause 20.1 Delegation by Instrument *Extract:***  
The Board may create or establish or appoint special committees, etc. to carry out specific duties & functions. These were called for during the above period, resulting in Expressions of Interest in the form of
- Board to appoint Nominations**



nominations being received from, for positions, as listed:

**Pennant** – Jandi Slattery, Michael Kelly, Barb Lewis, Alan Callow, Jim Millar

**Pennant Recorder** – Jandi Slattery

**Umpires** – Margaret Reing, John Hulme, Mike McGovern, Ron Dye

**Greens** – Richard Sinclair, Max Gladman, Chris Ryan

**Selection Womens** – Kaye Robison, Barb Lewis, Tonia Doyle

**Selection Mens** – Alan Callow, Craig Elliott, Matt Flapper

**Championships** – Jacqueline McLaren, Bev Weir, Wendy Ballentine,  
Margaret Reing, Karen Harrington

**Rules & Regs** – Jandi Slattery, Jim Millar, Margaret Reing & Rosemary  
Sexton, and

**U 18 Dev** – Matt Flapper.

**Coaches** – No Interest

These EOI will be dealt with at the next GBR Board Meeting.  
Board function.

**Board function  
Info only to  
Delegates.**

- 6** Special Business
- 6.1** Notices of Motion from Correspondence item 5

**Notice Of Motion** Bareena BC, Seconded by City of Geelong BC.

“GBR not followed process; allow Clubs discussion and input before implementation.”

Discussion opened by Bareena delegate questioning what Checks & Balances are in place to ensure 3Y plan meets aims of the strategy.

Much discussion centred around aspects of the Pennant 3-year Plan but mainly the reduction in Premier Division sides from 16 to 12 players. Some club delegates verbally applauded the Board for the initiatives, “accepted and agree something needs to be done, whether this is it or not is to be seen”. Some Clubs are aggrieved about aspects of the process in producing the 3 year plan and there are other Clubs who have not commented one way or the other about the plan.

The Chairperson reiterated that the ideas included in the 3-year plan came from Clubs after a request was made for change. GBR Board acknowledges comments over many years about the need to make changes to pennant competition and the recent attempts by clubs with motions put at AGM attempting to make change have all been lost, or status quo remains. It was acknowledged that there will be a levelling out period over the next few years across the competition and it will take time to settle down.

GBR Board will work on a set of indicators that can be used to assist a review of the performance over the 3-year implementation period and beyond.

The GBR Board thanked all Clubs for their input.

## **6.2 Other business – Open forum**

### **6.2.1 – GBR Charity \$880**

Prior to commencement of meeting President M Kelly gave a brief of our GBR Charity – Lazereth House and the work they do to support homeless children in Geelong and indicated only 8 Clubs



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had contributed to the GBR Charity which was very disappointing. A dismal Total of \$880 has been donated that will be matched by GBR. A cheque to value of \$1780.00 will be delivered by GBR President.

**ACTION** President

**6.2.2** Championships. Grids have gone out to Clubs, please check and ensure your greens are available and confirm with Championships.

Highton questioned online entry and payment of fees. Still some issues with BowlsLink, will endeavour to sort out or come up with a procedure suitable to all.

**ACTION** Jim / Karen / Maureen

**6.2.3** Club office bearers. Please provide list of office bearers including Treasurer to check our records and update web site

**ACTION** Club Secretary

**6.2.4** Coaches Courses - Eastern Park. Questioned BV conducting courses and timing. Jim advised, after discussions with BV Matt Ottobre who indicated approx. 16 names already in the system, Jim has suggested and provided contact details for City of Geelong BC could be a suitable venue for winter activity. Waiting on follow up

**ACTION** Jim

**6.2.5** Regional Bowls Manager. Appointment of Mark Coleman to the position to replace Paul Holtschke. Mark was welcomed. Mark will commence with BA on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. GBR board wish him well in his new venture.

**6.3** With no further discussion Meeting Closed.9.00pm

Jim Millar GBR SECRETARY