



**MINUTES OF THE
NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BOWLS VICTORIA
HELD WEDNESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2018
AT THE MULGRAVE COUNTRY CLUB
BURWOOD ROAD, HAWTHORN**

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm, with President Barbara Gilbert in the Chair.

1. Introduction and Welcome

The Chief Executive welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance and introduced Bowls Victoria President, Barbara Gilbert.

2. Opening of Annual General Meeting

President Barbara Gilbert welcomed all Club Delegates, Division & Region Representatives, Life Members and Board Members and declared the meeting open.

3. Remembrance

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to former Life Members, Board and Committee Members, Councillors, Interstate Representatives and General Members who have passed away during the past twelve months.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 8th Bowls Victoria Annual General Meeting held on 18 October 2017.

MOTION for ADOPTION: The Minutes of the 8th Annual General Meeting of Bowls Victoria held at the Hawthorn Arts Centre on Wednesday 18th October 2017, as circulated, be confirmed.

Moved: Peter Bowman (Delegate-Pakenham BC)

Seconded: Allan Winnett (Delegate-Sorrento BC)

Carried

5. Consideration of the Bowls Victoria Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Financial Statements

President Barbara Gilbert acknowledged the activities and achievements of Bowls Victoria for the past year, highlighting:

- The significant volunteer contribution at Bowls Victoria and Clubs;
- A successful State Conference in Bendigo where the 2018/2022 strategic plan was presented;
- That change is necessary for bowls to be a viable sport;
- Congratulations to the Victorian Men on winning the Alley Shield in Darwin;
- Congratulations to the Bowlers Arm team, an amazing feat winning 5 National Titles in a row;

- Kylie Whitehead - National Women's Singles Champion and Kira Bourke - National Girls Under 18 Champion;
- All the Victorian Commonwealth Games representatives and technical officials
- Vic Open continues to grow as the showcase event;
- That the focus moving forward is on delivering the new strategic plan;
- Appreciation to the CEO and staff, the retirement of Peter Delaney and dedication from the Board.

MOTION for ADOPTION: The 9th Bowls Victoria Annual Report for 2017/18, as circulated be accepted and adopted.

Moved: Doug Clarke (Delegate-Bayswater BC)

Seconded: John Emerson (Delegate-Penshurst BC)

Carried

Bowls Victoria Finance Director Ken Warburton presented the financial report, highlighting:

- Income increased slightly from \$335,923 in 2016/17 to \$365,035 in 2017/18;
- A \$27,678 surplus was achieved from operations;
- Competition fees increased from \$210,411 in 2016/17 to \$300,017 in 2017/18;
- Affiliation fees revenue accounted for 73% of total income (reduced from 79% in 2016/17) with diversifying income streams a focus;
- \$11,291 was allocated for Club Affiliation Club Relief;
- Employee benefits expense item decreased due to the timing of replacing departing employees;
- Bowls Australia affiliation fees increased by 2%;
- Expenses are well managed and controlled;
- Investment portfolio achieved a 4% return with a mandated 70% defensive & 30% growth allocation;
- The volatility of the market over the past 12 months;
- Investment advisors Hamilton Wealth are very responsive and constantly update the Investments Committee.

MOTION for ADOPTION: The Audited Financial Statements and Balance Sheet as presented by the Bowls Victoria Finance Director be adopted as an accurate summary of the financial status of Bowls Victoria as of 30 June 2018.

Moved: Ken Warburton (Bowls Victoria Finance Director)

Seconded: Peter Delaney (Delegate-Mulgrave Country Club)

Carried

6. Confirmation of Auditor

MOTION for ADOPTION: That William Buck & Co continue as the Bowls Victoria auditors for the next three years.

Moved: Ken Warburton (Bowls Victoria Finance Director)

Seconded: Peter Coe (Delegate-Mulgrave Country Club)

Carried

7. Bowls Victoria Elections 2018 - Nominations (BV Returning Officer)

Chief Executive in the role of BV Returning Officer advised of the results of the Election for Bowls Victoria Elected Board Directors for 2018/19.

Insufficient nominations received to proceed to ballot for elected Bowls Victoria Director positions.

One nomination (Robert Blachford - Essendon BC) received for two Male Directors positions on the BV Board. Successful Male Candidate (Elected until the AGM of 2020) - Robert Blachford (Essendon BC).

One nomination (Barbara Gilbert - Ocean Grove BC) received for two Female Directors positions on the BV Board. Successful Female Candidate (Elected until the AGM of 2020) - Barbara Gilbert (Ocean Grove BC).

Two positions, one male & one female determined as Casual Vacancies following Call for Nominations.

8. Office Bearers - 2018/19

Chief Executive Graeme Bridge confirmed the Board of Directors:

(a)	President	appointed by the Board after AGM
(b)	Deputy President	appointed by the Board after AGM
(c)	Finance Director	Ken Warburton – continuing appointment
(d)	Directors	Lyn Baker – continuing Rob Blachford – Elected Barbara Gilbert – Re-Elected John Inglese – continuing Peter Inglis – continuing Marilla Rootsey – continuing
(e)	Appointed Directors	NIL
(f)	Chief Executive	Graeme Bridge

9. Alteration to the Bowls Victoria Constitution

Chief Executive Graeme Bridge confirmed that 25 valid proxies had been received with 24 proxies given to the Chair of the meeting and 1 proxy given to Valerie Savage.

President Barbara Gilbert called the following Special Resolutions as per Clause 30 of the Bowls Victoria Constitution and asked Club Delegates to vote using the green slip for in favour and red slip for against:

Special Resolution 1

That the attached amendments to the Bowls Victoria Inc. Constitution dated 17.09.2014 be approved.

Moved: Peter Delaney (Delegate-Mulgrave Country Club)

Seconded: Peter Bowman (Delegate-Pakenham BC)

Carried (44 votes in favour and 1 vote against was recorded)

Special Resolution 2

Following approval of the amendments in the previous resolution – *That the amended Bowls Victoria Inc. Constitution dated 20.09.18 be approved.*

Moved: David Knowles (Delegate-Bennettswood BC)

Seconded: Peter Peake (Delegate-Rosebud Beach Community Bowls Club)

Carried (44 votes in favour and 1 vote against was recorded)

10. Presentation to non-continuing Bowls Victoria Board Directors

President Barbara Gilbert thanked John Fisher & Valerie Savage for their tireless dedication to the Board and presented them with a gift in appreciation of their efforts.

11. Announcement of Volunteer of the Year Award - Region Nominees and State Winner

Chief Executive Graeme Bridge confirmed the Region winners:

Region	Winner	Club
Central Goulburn Murray	Joe Chant	Merrigum BC
Central Victoria	Geoff Pickering	Smeaton BC
Eastern Ranges	Elva Tait	Eastwood Golf BC
Geelong	Brian Lever	Geelong Cement BC
Gippsland	Dorothy Schroeder	Metung BC
Metro West	Rhonda Edwards	Werribee BC
Murray Mallee	Doug Ancrum	Euston BC
Northern Gateway	Wayne Moebus	Essendon BC
Ovens & Murray	Lorna Armstrong	Benalla BC
Peninsula Casey	Kingsley Ellis	Carrum BC
Sandbelt	Simon Strickland	Albert Park BC
Strzelecki	Alan Hanks	Meeniyan BC
West Coast	Jody Stephens	Grangeburn BC
Yarra	Peter Thomas	Bundoora RSL BC

And that the State Club Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Rhonda Edwards.

12. Presentation – Junior Club of the Year

The winner of the Junior Club of the Year was confirmed - Carrum Bowling Club.

13. Presentation – All Abilities Club of the Year

The winner of the All Abilities Club of the Year was confirmed - Benalla Bowling Club.

14. End of Meeting

President Barbara Gilbert thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the proceedings of the 2018 Bowls Victoria Annual General Meeting at 1.50pm.



Signed - Barbara Gilbert
President



Signed - Graeme Bridge
Chief Executive