

St Lucia Bowling Club Annual General meeting Saturday, 18 July, 2020.

Chairman: Rijn Camphorst opened the Meeting at 10.30am

Attendance: 67

Apologies: G Bahlmann

H Briggs

M Bunzli

B Green

G Griffiths

P Jordan

S Jordan

H Lewis

I Newson

C Rawlings

G Walsh

B Woodcroft

D Woodcroft

Minutes: That the Minutes of the previous AGM of 25 May, 2019, be accepted as a true record

Proposed: Rijn Camphorst

Seconded: Tony Burton

Adopted

President's Report

2019-2020 has been a strange year like no other the Club has experienced. All was well until the onset of the coronavirus early this year.

During the 2019 AGM we voted for an immediate installation of air conditioning in the Main room and Bar of the Clubhouse. Since then, we have enjoyed comfort during the hot season.

Our Greens have been well looked after, remaining in good condition during reduced maintenance. Many thanks to Robin Town and the Monday Group who look after the Club surroundings – mowing, trimming, watering and planting.

Thanks also to the Ladies Section for their continuing support with holding Card Days, their Fashion Parade and other activities as well as their weekly bowls. The Twilight Group continue to bowl and enjoy the fellowship of their barbeque under the guidance of Gwenyth Rogers.

When the Toowong Bowling Club closed, we gained quite a few members. We have enjoyed their company as they integrated well into our Club. I am pleased that our Members helped make them feel very welcome. We have appreciated their support in both social games and competition.

Our Club had good results in both the Premier 7s and Alex Gow competitions. As Bowls Captain, Ken Anderton has done sterling work organising the teams and general running of Bowls, both social and competition.

The annual Duchesne Day and Union College events went very smoothly and were a financial success. Max Grey and his band of busy helpers ran numerous functions which were successful and provided the Club with a vital secondary source of revenue. Without this, the Club would not survive. Again, many thanks to our great band of volunteers who assist willingly.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 struck the world early this year and also impacted our Club as we had to close down for months. We have only just begun to enjoy limited bowling again. Green maintenance was curtailed but they are now running well. The clubhouse and bar areas have been thoroughly cleaned and we are COVID-19 ready.

Several parts of our Club have been painted and a sincere thanks to Facilities Director Clive Hamlin and the people who have done such a marvellous job. The veranda is undergoing renovation.

Due to work commitments, Shane Curran had to leave the Provedore position. Bruce Holwell has taken over and is doing a great job. The bar is now open and we are enjoying a post-match drink with social distancing.

Mark Lewis stepped down as Secretary but helped enormously during the closure and re-opening of the Club, assisting Rob Hoskin to familiarise himself with the position. Jeremy Connell still looks after our website and Kevin Hesse is busy obtaining grants.

Ann Burton and other coaches have started sessions again and hope that bowlers will be asking for their help. Our Club can achieve better results in competitions and people will enjoy their bowls more with their advice.

Many thanks to our Management Committee for their contributions during a challenging year. We do not always agree but we came to good decisions.

I wish the new President and his Management Committee every success for the coming year.

Rijn Camphorst

Motion: That the President's Report and Annual report be accepted as presented.

Proposed: Rijn Camphorst

Seconded: Anne Kuhnemann

Adopted

Following the President's Report, Julian Simmons MLA (a member) presented the Club with a new national flag. He acknowledged the work done by the Club as an integral part of the community and wished us well in the difficult times ahead. He offered his services where possible and showed his appreciation of efforts, by the Club, to strictly follow guidelines laid down by the Federal Government.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented as if in 2 parts. 1) YE 31/3/2020
2) YCommenced 1/4/20
because of the way COVID-19 has affected Club finances.

The Treasurer noted the net loss of \$3907 for the financial year ending 31/3/2020 but he reminded Members of a large increase in spending; notably higher maintenance including

\$28000 for air condition installation
\$10000 for correcting "lean" on the northern green
\$3000 for concrete slab to support AC unit
\$1700 for new hot water system
\$3300 for repayment of grant funds relating to re-roofing of the clubhouse.

There was a marked increase in expenditure in the areas of Advertising and Promotion, Development costs and New Member costs over previous years. Driven by the Membership Director this has seen a marked increase in Club membership, apart from the new members from Toowong.

For the Financial Year commencing after COVID-19 the position is less rosy. Based on present conditions the Treasurer has budgeted for a deficit of \$25000 - \$30000. Hopefully easing of restrictions will allow more use of the Club, particularly for external functions.

Loss of revenue will occur in areas of Green Fees, Bar sales, Ladies run events, External events and Sponsors.

There will be increased expenditure in gaining New Members, Green Maintenance, Bar Wages (after 1/2/21) and Insurance.

During COVID-19 there has been further income from 3 tiers of Government support

1. Federal = \$15000 with \$5000 still to come
2. State = 2 x \$2000 stimulus payments
3. Council = \$5000 credit to Water Bill

We are waiting for approval of a Grant application of \$10000 to the State Government.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report and presentation of Audited Financial Statements be accepted.

Proposed: Tony Williams
Seconded: Mark Lewis
Adopted

Election of Office Bearers

The following nominees were elected unopposed :-

President: Robin Town

Nominated: Max Grey

	Seconded: Tony Williams
Vice-President: Max Grey	Nominated: Tony Williams Seconded: Robin Town
Secretary: Rob Hoskin	Nominated: Robin Town Seconded: Mark Lewis
Treasurer: Tony Williams	Nominated: Max Grey Seconded: Robin Town
Greens Director: Mark Benson:	Nominated: Robin Town Seconded: Tony Williams
Membership Director: Max Grey	Nominated Tony Williams Seconded: Robin Town
Functions Director: Max Grey	Nominated: Tony Williams Seconded: Robin Town
Facilities Director: Clive Hamlin	Proposed: Robin Town Seconded: Tony Williams

On accepting his position as President of the Club, Robin Town acknowledged the efforts of Rijn Camphorst and the previous Management Committee. He thanked the many volunteers for their assistance and agreed with the Treasurer that more difficult times lie ahead of the Club. He emphasized the need to look after the Greens and premises as we are essentially a Bowling Club and by that we will be judged. Membership and income will need special efforts in the near future.

He promised sound operation of the Club with the assistance of the Management Committee.

Appointment of Auditor

Motion: That MGI Audit be appointed auditors for the year 2020/2021

Proposed: Tony Williams
Seconded: Rijn Camphorst
Adopted

Determination of the amount payable for Annual Subscription for the year 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021

Motion: That the Membership Subscription Fees for Full members for the year 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021 remain unchanged at \$165.

Proposed: Tony Williams
Seconded: Tony Burton
Adopted

Motion on Notice

(a) Club Rules: Conduct of Meetings and voting.

Within the Club the preference will always be for face to face meetings. COVID-19 has shown us that we need more flexibility in how we run future meetings. The object of the motion is to amend our rules to allow for “virtual meetings” and electronic and postal voting.

The AGM was made aware of the considerable work Anne Kuhnemann and Kevin Hesse have put into researching and preparing this item.

Motion on Notice: That the Club Rules be amended to change Rule 10(5)c, Rule 10(5)e, Rule 14(4), Rule 17, Rule 18, Rule 20(1), Rule 22(3), Rule 22(6), Rule 24(5), Rule 24(6) and Rule 24(7) as follows (additions are in *italics* and deletions are crossed out).

These Rules with their proposed changes had been circulated amongst the Members.

Discussion resulted in 2 motions from the floor pressing for alterations to the wording of certain aspects of the original Motion. By show of hands Members indicated acceptance of changes to Rules 17(5) and Rule 18 but not Rule 10(5)c.

Motion 1: That the Rules as listed in the original Motion of Notice need to be amended.

Proposed: Max Grey
Seconded: Jeremy Connell
Adopted.

Motion 2: That amendments to those changes to Rule 17(5) and Rule (18), as outlined from the floor be accepted. These amendments were:

Rule 17(5) – delete (a) and the words “and (b) more than 5% of members are unable to participate in a meeting using technology. “

Rule 18 – delete the word “commenced “and reinsert “held “

Proposed: Sam Harrison
Seconded: Red O’Hara
Adopted.

Motion 3: That the amendment to Rule 10(5)c as outlined from the floor, be accepted. The amendment was: delete the words “and on the Club’s website “

Proposed: Sam Harrison
Seconded: Russell Kerrison
Not carried.

Motion 4: To approve the amended Rules as outlined in the Motion on Notice-with amendments as adopted in Motion 2

Proposed: Tony Williams

Seconded: Tony Burton
Adopted.

(b) Greenkeeper Contract

We have received good service and some generosity from our Greenkeeper, particularly over the period of COVID-19.

The Greens Director has been happy with his performance

Motion: That a new two year Green Maintenance contract be awarded to Marshall Turf and Landscape for the maintenance of the SLBC greens, in similar terms to the current contract but for a fixed lump sum of \$63000 (incl GST) per annum, to run from 15 August 2020 to 14 August 2022.

Proposed: Robin Town

Seconded: Tony Williams

Adopted

General Business

Paul Keane suggested that with increased costs and expenditure looming, an incremental increase to Annual Subscriptions should be implemented each year, starting at \$5 this year.

The Treasurer advised he would take the suggestion to the Management Committee Meeting.

Meeting closed: 11.15am