**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**Held on Zoom Monday 7th June 2021 at 7.00pm**

**Welcome to delegates:** Due to COVID-19 Melbourne lockdown, the meeting was held on Zoom. All 6 current Sandbelt Board Members, 25 Club Delegates, 2 BA Representatives and a new Board member nominee in attendance. Attendance list retained with copy of Minutes.

Secretary Kerry Disney opened the meeting at 7.05pm and welcomed all Delegates and Board members. Each club was individually nominated and Delegates introduced themselves by name to the meeting, details were recorded on the Attendance list.

**Quorum:** Sandbelt Constitution 14.1(a) 20% of clubs for quorum. 46 clubs, total required for quorum 10 Delegates, attendance 25 Delegates, quorum met.

**Apologies:** 6 Apologies listed on the Attendance list.

**Minutes of AGM 5 July 2020 as distributed:** Corrections – Nil; Business arising – Nil.

Motion to confirm that the minutes be accepted as read moved Kerry Disney; Seconder Gary Lasky and Carried.

**President’s Report:** This report is a bit different from last year, for the last 2 years covid has affected our bowls and we are entering the 3rd year in our 4th lockdown. Bob recommended that clubs encourage members and friends to get the jab so we can get some bowls in. Clubs will be struggling due to cash flow, if clubs fold, it will be good for councils who are searching for the land, try to get going by encouraging everyone to get the jab so we can get back to bowls.

**Financial Report for Financial year ending 30th April 2021:** The Financial reports were distributed to Delegates prior to the meeting along with the Schedule 1, Regulation 15 of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 signed off by the Treasurer David Leverett and the Secretary Kerry Disney. They are included as a separate attachment to the distribution of the Minutes. David Leverett (Treasurer) provided the following notes to the reports.

Good Evening

We as a board decided not to charge affiliation fees for the 2020-21 financial year. This was our effort to help clubs through the financial difficulties created by the Covid lock downs.

Resulting from this decision you can see in the Profit and Loss Statement that the Region ran at a loss of $3467.58 ($6399.58 excluding grant monies received) for the financial year. We are very fortunate we had sufficient reserves to cover the deficit.

During the year we received 2 grants from the State Government. The first grant of $2000 was for general running of the Region and the second grant of $932 has the condition that the money is used to improve the quality and quantity of umpiring in the Region.

The Sandbelt Championships continue to be well supported by our membership. Thankyou David Crook for making my job easier with your excellent paperwork and record keeping.

The regional Tournament, held in Shepparton, did not receive any financial support from Bowls Victoria, since a contribution was received for last year’s Tournament that was cancelled due to the Covid outbreak. This money was understood to be carried over to this year’s event.

Finally, the Region is in fine financial position to move forward into next year as you can see in the Balance Sheet with a total Equity of $20450.31

Thanks

David Leverett

Byron Coonerty (Melbourne) asked what the plans were for the grant money for umpiring. Kerry Disney and Gary Lasky advised it is for expenses for the course instructors eg petrol money. Neil s

Smillie put together a budget for the umpires, what it would cost to run programs for the year and that was what was determined to run courses throughout the Region. That was what was obtained and that is what it will be used for. Byron wanted to know if we receive money back from BV, Kerry stated no.

Motion to adopt moved David Leverett (Treasurer), seconder Byron Coonerty (Melbourne) and Carried.

**Committee reports**

 Championship: Read by Kerry Disney and attached to Minutes

 Selection: Read by Kerry Disney and attached to Minutes

 Greens: Read by Kerry Disney and attached to Minutes

Under 18 Development – Read by Gary Lasky in combination with the Coaching report and attached to Minutes

 Laws and Umpiring: Read by Kerry Disney and attached to Minutes

Coaching: Read by Gary Lasky in combination with the U/18 report and attached to Minutes

Website – Read by Kerry Disney and attached to Minutes

Metro Pennant Committee Region Board Representative: Committee has been discontinued nil report.

Moved Kerry Disney (Clayton), seconder David Leverett (Clayton) that the reports be accepted. Carried.

**Election of Office Bearers**

**Sandbelt Constitution 18(d),** If no more than one nomination is received for a vacancy on the Board, the person nominated shall be declared elected.

Chairperson Kerry Disney advised that as only 1 nomination had been received for **President**, that **Bob Baxter** was declared elected **President** for the ensuing year.

That, as only 1 nomination had been received for **Deputy President**, that **Daphne Camilleri** was declared elected **Deputy President** for the ensuing year.

That, as only 1 nomination had been received for the office of **Secretary,** that **Kerry Disney** was declared elected **Secretary** for the ensuing year.

That, as only one nomination had been received for the office of **Treasurer,** that **David Leverett** was declared elected **Treasurer** for the ensuing year.

That, as three nominations had been received for the three positions of **Board Members,** that **Gary Lasky, Debbie Johnstone and Barry Wicks** were declared elected for the ensuing year.

The Board for 2021/2022 is: President Bob Baxter, Deputy President Daphne Camilleri, Secretary Kerry Disney, Treasurer David Leverett, and Board Members Gary Lasky, Debbie Johnstone and Barry Wicks. Congratulations all.

**Honorariums**

Moved Bernie Ryan (Black Rock), Seconder Toni Newell (St Kilda) that the Honorariums remain the same at $500 each for the Secretary and Treasurer. Carried

**Region levy for 2021-2022**

Delegates were advised that the Region levy for 2020-21 has been maintained by the Board at $2 per person per club, it has not increased for many years. David the Treasurer has worked out the budget and the $2pp is fine.

Toni Newell (St Kilda) asked what player numbers the charge is based on. David talked about the number of registered players at the 30 April 2021 this year. Helen Brown (Dandenong) asked if it included members who are non-bowling members? David stated it is only for bowlers registered for bowling on Bowlslink. Helen advised that every member at Dandenong is on Bowlslink regardless of whether or not they play. Brian Coonerty (Melbourne) suggested to check that they are not paying for the non-bowling members. David uses the total number on Bowlslink. Helen said the club has 280 members on Bowlslink and only 140 with playing rights. Kerry Disney said David will be sending out the invoices on 1st September, if there is an error with the numbers contact David via email and explain the situation and the numbers. David advised that once contacted with true numbers he can alter the invoices.

**General Business**

The following is notified:

1.Region Open Day is scheduled for Sunday 19th September 2021 at Noble Park. It is a Social day for 2 club representatives be they Delegates, Presidents or Secretaries.

2.A vote of thanks for the use of these premises for our General Meetings was given to Moorabbin Bowling Club.

3. Byron Coonerty moved a vote of thanks for the amount of volunteer work that the members of the Sandbelt Board put in.

4. BA Paul Holtschke - BV sent an email around at 6.55PM about metro pennant, Div 1 and Premier Div playing 18 rounds starting on 16th October, Div 2-7 will be playing 14 rounds starting on 16 October, Div 6-7 are now 12 a side competition, 2-5 still 16 a side. There will be a pre-season competition starting in September over 3 weeks. Paul also recently sent out grant information. There is a licensed venue fund, it is for clubs with full club licenses and a hospitality certificate, another $3.4K up for grabs. Business support package, for those that don’t have full club license as long as you have revenue of $75K or about. If you need help Warren and Paul can help, there is also the kids voucher grant for $200 available. Be mindful the BPL cup is back on and there are rounds coming up from July onwards. Congratulations to Murrumbeena park for $200K grant, they developed the relationship with their local representative and this was instrumental of them getting the grant to upgrade their facility. For those that have received sporting club grants, congratulations.

5. BA Warren Griffin introduced himself – said that he has been to about half of the Sandbelt clubs, they are split between himself and Paul and he recognised some names of people at AGM and is hoping to get out again soon.

6. Eric Sydenham from Narre Warren, first time involved in Sandbelt AGM due to the club joining Sandbelt from Casey. Narre Warren is 2 weeks away from getting the roof on over their greens. They have also been allocated the hosting for the Women’s Australian indoors, there is only them and Deer Park hosting the preliminary round, 10-11 July, they have 21 entries at this stage, happy to have as many as possible, with roof they are weatherproofed.

7. John Widdowson from Mordialloc, it looks like they might get solar in from the council, on the back of works done by their members. Paul mentioned that all of the grants are starting to go through the MP’s they are asking clubs to apply if you have the relationships, they are likely to contact you and will encourage you to apply, you are more likely to receive the grant, it is imperative to have these relationships.

General Meeting Schedule: Monday 6 September 2021 at 7.00pm at Moorabbin BC

 Monday 6 December 2021 at 7.00pm at Moorabbin BC

 Monday 7 March 2022at 7.00pm at Moorabbin BC

AGM Monday 6 June 2022 at 7.00pm at Moorabbin BC

**Close of meeting**. There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.01pm.