

Bowls ACT AGM – Athllon Room, Vikings Town Centre 9/4/2024

Meeting Opened: 5:31pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome by President
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (19 April, 2023)
4. Presidents Report
5. Executive Officer's Report
6. Director's Reports
 - a. Digital
 - b. Juniors
 - c. Marketing and Sponsorship
 - d. Events
 - e. Representative
7. Receipt of the Audited Statement of Accounts
8. Special Resolutions (If Applicable):
9. Notice of Motions:
10. Election of Board Members:



In attendance:

Helen Eggins (Canberra), Brad Cartwright (Crookwell), Janet Haynes (Crookwell Womens), Nathan Haynes (Crookwell), Coral McMurray (Queanbeyan), Lorraine Dowsey (Queanbeyan), Chris Walker (QRSLM), Noel Schubert (Vikings), Lynne Signor (Vikings), Michael Thomson (Weston Creek), Tanya Fitzgerald (Weston Creek), Brett Penyu (Yass), Phil Murphy (Yass), Cheryl Corby (Goulburn Railway), Reg Thoms (Goulburn Railway), Sandra Grainger (Goulburn Railway), Leeanne Birch (QRSLM), Marcia Douch (Queanbeyan), Matt Styles (President, CBC), Di Marquet (Deputy, Weston Creek), Paul McAlister (Director, QBC), Gayle Young (Director, QBC), Neil Seaman (Director, Crookwell), Chloe Morrison (Director, Vikings).

1 – Welcome: Matt Styles welcomed all attendees and thanked all for travelling on a wet and cold evening.

2 – Apologies: Matt Styles read the apologies received; David Pruss (Vikings), Joel Hilliard (Vikings), Tim Gronow (Bungendore).

3 – Minutes of 2023 AGM received. Moved Coral McMurray (QBC), seconded Cheryl Corby (GRBC) – **Carried**

4 – Presidents Report: As tabled. Matt Styles as outgoing president wished to highlight a number of achievements and future challenges for the board.

- Junior development and growth has been a highlight. Credit to Yass BC and Paul McAlister
- Continued development of BowlsLink including result entry improvements from all clubs
- Live Streaming. Bowls ACT streamed for the first time in 2023 and plans to expand coverage and access.
- Representative successes in 2023, highlighted by Gold to Matt Barrie in Para-Pairs and Bronze to Di Marquet & Kristen Steele in Womens Pairs
- New commercial partnerships, highlighted by Greenline support of the Invitational Singles
- New competitions with the advent of the Graded Reserve Championships
- Comment on the Yowani closure and thanked all BACT clubs for their support of impacted members
- Future governance challenges brought about by changes to BACT funding
- Potential to grow funding with changes to affiliation
- Streaming equipment made available to clubs
- Thanked the Bowls ACT board and community for his support in two years as president

5 – EO Report: As tabled. Nick Hind spoke about a number of topics which were likely to carry relevance.

- Thanked Matt Styles for his service as to the board and as president.
- Highlighted changes to ACT Government Funding and how they could impact Bowls ACT as a professional peak sporting body
- Discussed funding models and will provide further updates to clubs and members once the peak playing season is complete.
- Highlighted growth in competitions in 2023 and credited the clubs and members for their support.



6 – Director Reports: As tabled.

- Paul McAlister wished to highlight the good work of Yass BC. Nick Hind added that junior development would likely be a topic at an upcoming member forum.
- Michael Thomson asked how the streaming was funded and who can access streaming equipment. Matt Styles responded that currently BACT have a budget to engage external production, but wish to purchase local equipment which clubs can access for events.

7 – Financials Received:

Moved: Lynne Signor **Seconded:** Helen Eggins - **Carried**

McMurray & Reg Thoms asked about the capitation amount. Nick Hind responded that any changes will be advised to clubs 12 months out to allow for proper budgeting.

Coral McMurray also asked about the increased inventory value. Nick Hind responded that the increase in uniform stock was the primary cause.

8 – Special Resolutions: None received

9 – Notice of Motions: None received

10 – Election of directors. Nick Hind advised that there had been four (4) nominations for three (3) positions. AS a result Matt Styles withdrew his nomination seeing the following directors elected unopposed.

- Gayle Young (QBC)
- Di Marquet (WC)
- Marcia Douch (QBC)

Matt Styles opened the floor for further questions.

- Di Marquet gave her thanks to Matt on behalf of the new board
- Reg Thoms asked about the depreciation on bowls and who can access the equipment. Nick Hind responded that the equipment was available for all clubs for events or for junior members on long term loan. Depreciation is calculated using the method described in the financial statements.
- Michael Thomson offered his support and the support of Weston Creek to the new board and suggested that a presidents forum be established for greater communication between clubs. Endorsed by board.
- Cheryl Corby asked about the success of the Yass junior program. Brett Penyu outlined his reasons as follows:
 - School holiday programs with council support
 - Offering Junior events
 - Saturday AM sessions
 - Now seeing high school engagement
- Cheryl Corby also asked about coaching and accreditations. Nick Hind spoke about the online options available and agreed to provide more education to clubs and members.

Meeting closed: 6:06pm

