



**Minutes for the 48th Annual General Meeting
Held Saturday 3rd September 2016 at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club**

Meeting opened at 10:45am

Welcome

President David Wilson welcomed life members, patrons and members. Richard Hickey (Sports Club chairman) was unable to be present and sent apologies.

David mentioned the passing of Geoff Williams, Geoff Seamons, Tony Boughton, Bryon Stoodley, Ian Thompson, Brian Joyce during the past year.

Attendance

There were 36 members in attendance as recorded on the attendance sheet.

Apologies

There were apologies from 7 members as recorded on the attendance sheet.

Minutes from 2015

Moved by Merv Cannon, seconded Max Walters that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting are taken as read.

2015/16 Annual Report

Moved by Keith Robinson, seconded by Michael Quinlan that the 2015/16 Annual Report be accepted.

David offered thanks to the many members who support the running of the club.

Business arising from previous AGM

There were no matters raised.

Overview of 2015/16

David thanked the committee for their efforts over the past 12 months.

The Pennant results were good and the club is exhibiting more stronger camaraderie, with improved club communications.

Recognitions

David presented a Merit Badge to David Roles in recognition of his work in welfare of our members.

Ian Corke received a Merit Badge for his continued work in the area of communications preparing the *Koala News*.

Keith Robinson asked for record of merit awards be part of the honour board.

Election of Management Committee

David thanked each of the current members for their support and contributions during his presidency.

David declared all positions vacant and handed over to Barry Walker to conduct the elections.

Barry Walker thanked David for his leadership as President over the past year.

Barry confirmed David Wilson elected President unopposed, congratulated him and presented him with his badge of office.

David thanked Barry and recognised Barry as being a long serving member of the club and patron and for the ongoing support Barry provided to the section through the year.

David announced the committee for 2016/17 following ballots where required:

Senior Vice President	Ross Iredale (unopposed)
Vice President	Michael Schwarcz (defeated Stephen Watson in ballot)
Committee Secretary	Dallas Palm (unopposed)
Treasurer	Ross Fitzpatrick (unopposed)
Bowls Coordinator	Steve Arnold (nominated from the floor and unopposed. Gary Tyrrell declined nomination)
Committee	Jim Ede, John Skidmore (Steve Arnold defeated in ballot)
Selectors	Les Watkins, Michael Schwarcz, Dom Surace

Elections

Umpires & Coaches Panels

It was noted that Michael Schwarcz had been elected chairman of Umpires (un-opposed) and Chairman of Coaches (un-opposed). These panel elections occurred prior to the AGM.

Patrons

David gave thanks to Barry Walker in his role of Patron. Max Walters and Don Couch accepted nomination as Patrons, joining Barry.

President's Report

David expressed desire for all subcommittees to work for all bowlers and foreshadowed a revised structure. Each committee will have clear accountability and will operate with transparency.

Reflecting on commitments made at the previous AGM, David noted 14 out of 17 commitments in his President's report had been achieved, whilst 19 of the 21 actions from general business have also been completed.

David noted the honor board at reception was about to be updated very shortly.

General Business

1. Championship results have not been posted in newspapers. Agreed this is to be addressed.
2. Peter Eagle noted a portion of the Greens Report he prepared did not appear in the Annual report, and suggested that authors of reports be notified of changes before being published. David apologised for the omission and read that portion to those present.
3. Peter Eagle asked about plans to increase membership, noting that all committees have had this as a goal. David noted Peter's efforts in the Combined High School competition that was partly hosted at our club. Ross Fitzpatrick is looking at running a competition between schools over several weeks, culminating in a gala day.

4. Keith Robinson spoke of embarrassing situation where recently past member was told not to bowl as their renewal fee had not been paid. This situation arose as a result of the club not issuing a reminder to pay fees. David suggested a more lenient approach be taken.
5. Paul van Tilberg suggested it was too much to expect bowlers to play morning and afternoon matches and suggested matches be spread over the whole weekend. Michael Schwarcz responded that in previous years where this had been done, there were complaints that this approach tied up the whole weekend.
6. Kevin Tuckerman raised the issue of no food being provided for some pennant matches. David advised this would be addressed.
7. Max Walters declared he was pleased to see four new faces in the committee.
8. David Roles offered thanks to Dallas Palm for efforts on the blog and communications. David Wilson announced he had nominated Dallas Palm for Zone Volunteer of the Year awards to be held later in the year.
9. Rod Houston was presented his membership badge and welcomed to the club.

Meeting closed at 11:32.



Secretary
Men's Bowls Section