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**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**29<sup>th</sup> August, 2020**  
**At WEST PENNANT HILLS SPORTS CLUB**

**Meeting Purpose: Unification of Mens and Womens Bowls.**

**Meeting commenced at 12:25pm**

**Present:** S. Arnold, P. Boyd, M. Cannon, R. Cole, D. Couch, C. Donohoo, D. Ede, J. Ede, R. Fitzpatrick, H. Furst, S. Hardwick, K. Henry, H. Holden, M. Horner, R. Houston, D. Howell, R. Iredale, C. Johnstone, C. Judkins, T. Lee, G. McIntosh, D. Palm, M. Purkiss, M. Quinlan, M. Reedy, R. Roberts, K. Robinson, D. Roles, B. Singh, J. Skidmore, D. Stubbin, D. Surace, B. Took, K. Tuckerman, M. Walters, L. Watkins, R. Wright.

**Apologies:** N. Collins, E. Gracie, B. Walker.

President, Ross Iredale opened the meeting and welcomed everyone with particular mention to Life Member, Rod Roberts.

Ross advised the meeting of the following:

- Bowls Australia in 2019 advised Bowls NSW and Women's Bowls NSW that they expected them to start negotiations to unify bowls in NSW.
- An initial meeting was scheduled for January this year but unfortunately did not go ahead.
- Since then both the State Clubs have been working together and have met virtually to start to build toward what bowls could look like in NSW under a Unified State Body. This work is continuing with positive discussions in progress. The latest Joint Unification Update received early August advised that Sport Business Partners had been appointed to assist in facilitating this process.
- The information we all recently received from the WPH Sports Club that they are in talks to amalgamate with another Club, strengthens the need for a unified bowls body which will have a stronger voice than two smaller sections going forward.
- The Women postponed their Special General Meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August as their current Constitution requires Women's Bowls NSW to approve any changes to the Constitution. They are still waiting for this information back from State and as such today we need to pass the circulated Constitution in principal on the understanding that any alteration Women's Bowls NSW deem necessary in the Constitution is included. An updated Constitution will be circulated to everyone prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Ross asked if there were any questions.

No Questions.

**Special Resolution No.1.**

**The motion - That the Constitution of WPH Men's Bowling Section be amended by retiring the current document and adopting the new proposed Constitution subject any change to be circulated prior to the combined AGM.**

**Moved:** Michael Quinlan

**Seconded:** Robert Cole

There were no speakers for the motion and no speakers against.

The Motion was then put to a vote and **carried unanimously.**

**Special Resolution No.2.**

**The motion - That the By-Laws/Regulations of the WPH Men's Bowling Section be amended by retiring the current document and adopting the new proposed Regulations.**

**Moved:** Keith Robinson

**Seconded:** Merv Cannon

There were no speakers for the motion and no speakers against.

The Motion was then put to a vote and **carried unanimously.**

**The motion - That until the combined AGM (date to be advised) the existing Management Committee members remain in their current positions.**

**Moved:** Ross Iredale

**Seconded:** Martin Reedy

There were no speakers for the motion and no speakers against.

The Motion was then put to a vote and **carried unanimously.**

Members were then asked to consider nominating for Management Committee positions in the future.

Ross thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 12:35pm.