

Fremantle Bowling Club

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held Thursday 20th April 2023

Present: Ed Lacy, Colin Abe, Brian Ciccotosto, Jim Stewart, Ken Anderson Marge Ciccotosto
Meeting commenced at 9am

Ongoing List of Key Recommendations/Decisions

- a. That, in future, at least two of the Club Championship events be held before the pennant season commences.
- b. That, in future, Club Champions receive a trophy/medallion but no cash prize.
- c. That, in future, the committee present a trophy to the best club person.

1. Apologies: John Smith, John O'Brien, John Brennan

2. Minutes: Minutes of Previous meeting approved with the changes below:

Jane Mangano – spelling corrected
Remove reference to Elizabeth McAlinden
Marge arranged the food for the event.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes:

- a. Ken Anderson will manage the disposal of asbestos at FBC but a quote for this cannot be arranged until the quantity of affected material is known.
- b. Changes to constitution – Jim pointed out that the phasing-in of open gender selection criteria for pennants will require changes to our constitution. Ed added that the constitution currently describes a recreational bowler as one who is already a member of one or more other clubs and that this doesn't match our current working definition as someone who wants to play social bowls. The constitution needs to be amended accordingly, as does the membership application form by adding the classification of 'associate' member for those already linked to another club. John Brennan and a small committee will continue to revise the constitution when he returns from vacation.

4. Correspondence:

Correspondence as listed on the agenda was tabled, plus a letter from the Lucy Saw Centre Association thanking the Ladies' Pennant Team for their donation to the Warrawee Women's refuge.

5. Finance report

No report in the absence of the Treasurer.

6. Ladies' Captain's report.

The Ladies' Club Championship Singles were cancelled owing to insufficient numbers. Marge explained the difficulty of fitting these activities into an extremely busy schedule. The committee recommends that, in future, the Match Committee considers moving at least two of these events forward, before the pennant season commences (see Key Recommendations above).

The ladies enjoyed the open gender concept.

7. Men's Captain's Report

Following Colin Abe's comments regarding Club Championship events, the committee recommends that, after this year, winners receive some form of trophy or medallion but that the practice of paying cash prizes be discontinued.

Colin's suggested cash prizes for this year's awards evening were accepted without alteration.

8. Greens and ground report

Despite the recent injury to a visiting player who fell over the low wall on the western side of A Green, the committee agreed that the addition of a safety rail is currently unnecessary.

A grass green is needed for an upcoming event – Ken will notify the Greenkeeper of this.

9. Social/Function report

Volunteers' dinner at Numero Uno – 40 participants have RSVPd.

10. Fremantle Park Centre report

The 3 club presidents are currently in the process of ratifying Fenn's contract & identifying the KPIs relevant to his role as Manager of the Park Centre.

Brian Ciccotosto and Fenn will meet the CEO, City of Fremantle, Glen Dougall, re concerns about the financial viability of the Park Centre & about the poor condition of the centre's parking areas.

11. New membership

Paula Schneider. The secretary will contact her apologising for the delay in ratifying her membership application and advising her that the pro rata cost of her membership will be \$20.

12. General business

- a. Wind-up May 20th – food by Numero Uno, \$50/head, RSVP to Ed by 13.5.23
- b. The committee ratified Ed's return to the role of Secretary – moved Marge, seconded Jim. Carried unanimously.
- c. Jim to enter FBC for the BowlsWA small club award.
- d. The committee agreed to put the issue of a change to club colours on the agenda of the upcoming AGM.
- e. Jim will approach Brian Jeppesen re. the vacant coaching role, and will advertise it if Brian is not interested.
- f. AGM will be held on 9th July 2023
- g. The key for the bowls' storeroom will be replaced in the locker room lock box, allowing access for new bowlers who have not yet purchased their own bowls. The committee agreed that although a member recently displaced some of the club's bowls, this is not yet a significant problem.
- h. Brian recommended a future perpetual trophy for best club person, to be presented on the awards night.
- i. The committee agreed that Wednesday's winter triples be a nominated event, preferably with teams in by c.o.b the day before, ie. Tuesday evening. Entrants will be free to enter any team they choose with no restrictions or conditions imposed. It was emphasised that these events must be promoted if they are to be successful. Colin will advertise the event as widely as is practicable.
- j. Ed will notify BowlsWA re the results of the survey about a late start to pennants: Yes = 5; No = 29

13. Meeting Closed at 10.31am

14. Next meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday 18th May at 9am

Ed Lacy

Secretary FBC

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