

Fremantle Bowling Club

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held Thursday 18th May 2023

Present: Ed Lacy, Colin Abe, Brian Ciccotosto, Jim Stewart, Ken Anderson Marge Ciccotosto, John Brennan, John Smith, John O'Brien

Meeting commenced at 9.15am

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.
- d. That any bills over \$200 attracting GST be forwarded to the Park Centre Manager for payment.

1. Apologies: Nil

2. Minutes: Minutes of Previous meeting approved with no changes.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes:

- a. Suggested changes to the constitution are currently in abeyance but will be ready for the AGM. (JB with EL's assistance).
- b. Jim has been unsuccessful in his search for a Club coach. The committee will investigate this role further in August.
- c. FBC has presented no nominations for BowlsWA awards this year.
- d. Brian Ciccotosto and John O'Brien reported that the meeting with FCC was successful. FCC has agreed to a full operational review of the Park Centre. Discussions are ongoing. FCC CEO and Director of Finances will attend the Park Centre next week. At present, FCC has not responded to requests for upgrades to the Park Centre's parking areas.

4. Correspondence:

Correspondence as listed on the agenda was tabled. No further action required.

5. Finance report

The Treasurer reported a favourable financial position for FBC and his recommendation that a \$40,000 fixed term deposit be reinvested with Westpac was approved. Since Jan 1st FBC has transferred almost \$90,000 to the Park Centre. It was suggested that bills, subject to GST, over \$200 be paid by the Centre – moved J O'B, seconded JB, all in favour (see ongoing list of committee decisions above).

6. Ladies' Captain's report.

The Ladies' singles championship brooch will be stored in the Match Committee Office. Marge announced that she will not renominate for a position on the committee.

7. Men's Captain's Report

Medallions & trophies are engraved and in the Match Committee Room in preparation for the Presentation Dinner.

Colin Abe will ensure the club trophy engraving is amended as per his suggestion.
Colin announced that he won't be renominating for his position as Men's Captain.

8. Greens and ground report

Ken informed members about the damage done to the southern edge of A Green by people dropping bowls onto the playing surface. John Smith said we need to be more vigilant in policing this.

9. Social/Function report

Fewer members (53) than expected have RSVPd for Saturday night's Presentation Dinner. John Smith has agreed to assist with photos at this function.

10. Fremantle Park Centre report

John O'Brien presented a detailed report regarding the Park Centre's financial position which he described as dire. His analysis shows a \$1500/week loss currently, with a projected loss of \$70,000 or more this year. The Centre's finances need urgent attention with input and assistance from FCC. A meeting will be held next week between the FCC CEO & the Director of Finances and FPC committee members.

11. New membership

Martin Smith & Susan Hampson. Their application will be ratified by the secretary following confirmation by committee members.

12. General business

- a. Items for AGM 9th July: recommend moderate fee increases (TBC), uniform change trial, recommended changes to FBC constitution.
- b. There were no suggested changes to the BowlsWA calendar.
- c. A meeting will be held on Friday 19th May at the Park Centre to discuss and vote on the most popular name for the centre, bearing in mind that it needs a more favourable online presence.

13. Meeting Closed at 10.51am

14. Next meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday 8th June at 9am

Ed Lacy

Secretary FBC

19.5.2023

