

Fremantle Bowling Club

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held Thursday 21.3.2024

Present: Ed Lacy, Brian Ciccotosto, Jim Stewart, Ken Anderson, John O'Brien, John Brennan, John Smith, Doreen Kukura.

Meeting commenced at 9am

Ongoing List of Key Recommendations/Decisions

- a. That, in future, Club Champions receive a trophy/medallion but no cash prize.
- b. That, in future, the committee present a trophy to the best club person.
- c. That any bills over \$200 attracting GST be forwarded to the Park Centre Manager for payment.
- d. Request that BowlsWA not relegate our 4th Division team to 5th division when our entitlements are announced in August.

1. Apologies: Mark Conway, Di Norkett

2. Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting approved with no changes. Moved, John Brennan
Seconded, K Anderson

3. Matters arising from previous minutes:

- a. Di and Neville Norkett have donated a digital thermometer to the club. Many thanks for their generosity.
- b. The secretary will ask the Manager if it is possible to obtain additional EFTPOS bar facilities to cater for big functions.

4. Correspondence:

Correspondence as listed/summarised on the agenda has been processed. Emails are forwarded to interested parties as required. No further action required.

5. Finance report

The treasurer emailed his report, and it was accepted without change.

The Split 4s carnival was a great success. Our thanks to all involved, particularly the Ciccotosto family.

Thanks to Gary Thomas for standing in for the Treasurer whilst he was away – he did a great job.

The Treasurer proposed that the club refunds Aaron Gale \$105 for being out of pocket on the pizza night, after pennants 16th March. A number of people RSVPd but didn't turn up.

Moved J Smith, Seconded J O'Brien

6. Ladies' Captain's report. (Sub, D Kukura)

Doreen reported that the Ladies' pennant team finished second last – hopefully it will avoid relegation next season.

7. Men's Captain's Report

No report in Captain's absence but Brian Ciccotosto made the following point:

Given 4th division will be relegated to 5th division next season FBC can request that BowlsWa leave us in 4th division when we receive our entitlements in August.

8. Greens and ground report (Ken Anderson)

Many objects have accumulated in the shed. Ken will ask Tony Pensabene and Jeff Hall (if he is willing) to examine the shed and decide whether it needs to be reorganised.

9. Social/Function report

Friday BBQs will continue until the 19th April.

11 Fremantle Park Club report

Laurie Apps chaired the last meeting.

The Park Club is seeking a treasurer – J O'Brien meeting today with a person who may take on the role.

The Club is in a better financial position this year than last, mainly because of the injection of funds from FCC.

Don Whittington has suggested that, in lieu of FBC's BBQs the Workers Club offer soup and roll on Friday nights over the winter season from May to August.

There is a possibility of the Workers Club financing installation of solar panels at the Park Club. This makes excellent financial sense.

Moved J Stewart, Seconded K Anderson

10 New membership

Chris Biris (Rec)

The secretary has processed this application. Given that Chris has just paid a fee of \$140, his next payment will have to be adjusted. The Treasurer has made a note of this.

11 General business

- a. The Windup will be on 26th April.
- b. Cicco suggested giving volunteers a free ticket to the windup and paying for this out of raffle money. Brian will forward a proposed list of volunteers to committee members before the event to ensure no one is forgotten. To make the evening more affordable, Brian suggested reducing the ticket price to \$25. The Secretary will liaise with John Smith re. a flyer and advertise this to members. Guests will RSVP to the secretary.
- c. The Secretary will email the results of FBC's discussion re. the future of Open gender to BowlsWA.
- d. The committee agreed on running the following Winter bowls events beginning on Monday April 8th:
Monday Cicco's selection, Wednesday Nominated Triples sponsored and run by the Norketts, Scroungers Sunday run by Colin Abe. Aaron Gale can run Friday night social bowls if he so desires to support the remaining BBQs.
Moved J Smith Seconded Jim Stewart.
- e. Re. Aaron gale's suggestion that FBC reinstate an honour board in the clubrooms, it was suggested that we do what many other clubs are doing by installing an information loop on television, advertising club events and winners. John Smith will get information about this system from Cockburn BC and feedback at next meeting.
- f. The Committee decided to vote No to Belmont City's proposal that BowlsWA change lower midweek bowls divisions to 9am because doing so would create problems – for example, clubs will lose drinks revenue and greenkeepers won't have time to prepare grass greens.
- g. John Brennan will check the criteria for appointment of life members to FBC.
- h. Whilst fully supporting equality of opportunity for all bowlers, regardless of their gender, the Committee denied Tilly Sumich's request to play in the Men's Novice Championship because BowlsWA's open gender policy only applies to pennants at

present and, therefore, if Tilly won, she wouldn't be permitted to play in the Novice Champion of Champions, thus denying a man of this opportunity. The Secretary will notify the Match Committee of this decision.

- i. The Committee recommend that the Men's Championship Triples be cancelled owing to lack of entries, whilst acknowledging that a final decision lies with the Match Committee. The Secretary will advise John Drysdale of this recommendation.

12 Meeting Closed at 10.40am

13 Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th April at 9am

Ed Lacy
Secretary FBC
22.3.2024