
BELMONT SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB (INC)

Minutes Annual General Meeting Saturday 21st November 2020

Meeting Open at 12.03 noon

Attendance: 83 members present and 4 apologies

President Barry Rowe - AGM Introduction;

- COVID crisis management - Jobkeeper
- Government Covid grants were essential to restart business
- State Grant upgrade for CCTV & club improvements completed
- Damien Knowles undertook a review and new business model to restructure the organisation as the business manager due to the financial position of club after COVID lockdowns/restrictions.
- Priority to negotiate new lease with assistance from Jules Lewin from Charthill Lawyers as been appointed pro bono.
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Budget/Manager Report – Damien Knowles

- \$50,000 grant for 28 security cameras, window fittings, carpet, and external lighting completed.
- Funds from Bingo machine used to refurbish entrance lounge, recover damaged stools and purchase a commercial polisher for the tiles and dance floor.
- Membership has grown from 350 prior COVID to 1100 currently.
- Volunteers have painted the external walls of the building.
- Manager resignation.
- Club benefited from the manager working pro bono for 3 months.
- A preliminary budget is showing a reduction of income this financial year of approx. 25% compared with financial year 2018/2019.
- High maintenance cost due to the age life of the building
- The bowling greens and the maintenance is an issue to be resolved.
- Function/training side of the business is the engine room of the organisation.
- Thanks the volunteers & committee.

CEO City of Belmont - John Christie Presentation

- Mr Christie presented a short presentation of the lease requirements. Mr Christie proposed the City of Belmont work with the BCBC & BSRC to find a resolution. The committee from both parties were in agreeance to work together with the City of Belmont for a solution.

Mr Hutchinson raised a number of questions including the date of the AGM, sponsorship, code of conduct and the use of the club lounge.

Responses were emailed by the Secretary on the 22/12/20

The Time and date of the AGM was organised by the Secretary in conjunction with the executive of the BSRC. The timing was arranged to maximize attendance subject to the constraint of availability of executive members and room availability.

The BSRC is solely responsible for sponsorship on the land and buildings associated with the BSRC lease.

The writer was referred to clause 9 of the BSRC constitution and by laws in relation to the code of conduct.

The Club Lounge caters for function room hire, use by members and affiliated clubs.

A General discussion on the topic of greens maintenance.

- The President Barry Rowe commented most metropolitan and country clubs already have synthetic turf being essential for long time viability of bowling clubs. The synthetic turf should be put on the agenda for planning for sustainability for this organisation, in collaboration to seek Commonwealth/State government grants.
- Jim Bartlett – Raised the issue of the new lease agreement is 5 years however the long term insulation of synthetic turf is about 10 years. CEO John Christie responded.
- Rhys Cummings – Expressed Concern mentioned a new sports stadium will be located at the BSRC/BCBC what is the long term future of the BCBC. – CEO John Christie responded the proposed new sports stadium will rely heavily on grant funding, there is currently no plan for a new sports stadium at the BSRC grounds.
- John Carn – Why is the new lease agreement taking so long to sign. President Barry Rowe responded the BSRC have engaged with legal representation pro bono to assist with the new lease.

Confirmation to accept Minutes AGM 6th October 2019

Motion:

It was agreed the BSRC will approve the AGM 6th October 2019 minutes.

Helen Rowe moved, Wayne Giles Seconded

Motion Carried

Sue Grogan Treasurer - Auditors Report: (attached)

2019/2020 Auditors report was submitted by Steilow & Associates

Motion:

It was agreed the BSRC accept the auditor's financial statement 2019/2020

Tony Lowe moved, Wayne Giles seconded

Motion Carried.

Appointment of Auditor:

Motion:

It was agreed the BSRC appoint Steilow & Associates as the club's auditors for 2020/2021

Sue Grogan moved, Jenny Davis seconded

Motion Carried.

Life Member:

Peter Groom

Wayne Giles

Motion:

It was agreed for Peter Groom to become a BSRC life Member.

Jenny Davis moved, Anne Rollo seconded

Motion Carried.

Motion:

It was agreed for Wayne Giles to become a BSRC life Member.

Jenny Davis Moved, Anne Rollo Seconded

Motion carried

General Business:

- Joy Hardman thanked Damien and Mel
- Trevor Metcalf thanked previous manager Liz Jackson
- Member question (Lynn): Do affiliated clubs pay to be part of the BSRC? Response: No

President Barry Rowe concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and thanked the Management Committee.

Meeting Closed 1.11pm