**MOUNT GAMBIER RSL & DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB Inc**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**11.00AM, SUNDAY 4th May 2025**

**Minutes**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies from: D Wilkinson, L Fox, R Corner ,N Tobin, J Sykes,G Feast, K Hearne, Ian and Kathy MacIntosh, M Whitehead, S Gifford, P & E Clark, R Heins and G Smith.

Minutes of the previous AGM 5th May 2024 were confirmed as correct by B Winterfield and 2nd by C McQuade.

1. Business arising from the Minutes. The Guns are to be moved closer to the Tank. Approved by Community RSL Board. A Site for the Guns has been identified. The placement of the Guns to the chosen Site will be done when the Club has the appropriate people and time to have this done.
2. President’s Report – Garry Burke read his report to the Members, thanking all people involved in keeping the Club running and making his job much easier and enjoyable. Ron Cook moved the President’s report be accepted, 2nd by B Otten.
3. Treasurer Graham Dent presented his financial report explain facts and figures of the Profit and Loss statements, noting differences between the last two financial years. Success of previous Grant applications and resulting expenditure of Grant funds was provided to the Members.

Graham Dent moved his report be accepted. 2nd by B Winterfield.

1. Reports:

House Manager Report already sent to Club Members via email, was Tabled. The House Manager was unable to attend the AGM due to Bowling Commitment in the Adelaide region.

Bowls Committee chairperson John Schroder read his report (already sent to Club Members via email). He thanked his Bowling Committee; Head of Games’ personnel; Sponsors; Social Bowls’ administrators; Coaches for the Schoolchildren etc. as well as many other people within the Club.

John Schroder moved his report for acceptance, 2nd by B Winterfield.

Grounds and Maintenance – Andy Ashby read his report (already sent to Club Members via email).

Andy thanked all the men who worked with him on the Grounds and maintenance team and many others for their help in getting jobs done. Andy moved his report for acceptance, 2nd by M Schultz.

Catering Coordinator, Liz Schroder Partially read her report (already sent to Club Members via email). Liz moved her report for acceptance, 2nd by G Burke.

Social Committee Chairperson, C Pearson moved his report be accepted as tabled (already sent to Club Members via email). 2nd by D Adams

Head of Games – Men and Women Reports (already sent to Club Members via email) were tabled.

**Positions required for the 2025 -2026 season – Nominations received prior to 4th May 2025 at the AGM**

**6. Election of Scrutineers was not required as the positions filled did not have any superfluous nominations.**

**Election of Bowls Committee:**

**7. Election of Bowls Committee:**

**Chairperson**: John Schroder nominated – Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

**Secretary**: Lyn Evans nominated – Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

**Head of Games Men**: Gary Bowering nominated – Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

**Head of Games Women**: Veronica Opie nominated – Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

**Bowls Committee Members**: Garry Walters; Carmel McQuade; Jennifer Bowering and Veronica Opie all nominated– Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

**8. Election of Selectors:**

Open Pennant– standing; M Fox, B Wittwer & K Franklin. Lawrie Franklin and Zac Pearson Nominated – Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

Women’s Pennant – standing J Bowering. Veronica Opie & Shirley McIntyre nominated – Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

Mid-Week Pennant – Standing – G Crowder; S Elliott and G Fox for the second year as per By Law 5.2b.1.

– Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

**9. Election of Management Committee:**

**President:**  Garry Burke stepped down, Ron Cook to take up Presidential position – Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

**Vice President:** Jennifer Bowring Nominated – Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

**Administrative Secretary:** Brenda Otten nominated– Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

**Treasurer:** G Dent nominated – Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

**House Manager:** Nomination/Nominations required – 2 people may nominate. Robert Corner and Deane Wilkinson nominated to work together. Robert to be the responsible House Manager.

**Grounds & Maintenance Manager**: nomination required (A Ashby volunteered to act in a caretaker mode until a Grounds and Maintenance Manage can be found and appointed).

**Catering Coordinator:** Liz Schroder nominated – Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

**Social Committee Chairperson:** Craig Pearson nominated – Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

**Social Club Members. D Wilkinson**; Bev Earl; Annette Clarke; Craig Reynolds; Veronica Opie; Ian McIntosh; Zac Fiona and Keisha Pearson and Brenda Otten all nominated – Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

**Club Reporter:** Fiona Pearson nominated – Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

**10**. Appointment of Auditor – Treasurer moved Galpins to remain as Auditors – Majority of Members were in favour, so duly appointed.

**11**. Determine the amount of Annual Subscriptions – Management Committee recommended there be no change to the current Annual Subscriptions amount. – Majority of Members were in favour.

**12**. Determine the amount of Honoraria (currently$25,000) - – Majority of Members were in favour of Honorarium amount.

**13.** Notice of Motion –one received and referred to the General Meeting to follow the AGM.

**14**. General Business – Stephen Babb spoke briefly on how the play on Greens were arranged to stop “tracking”. A Ashby and L James replied to S Babb as to how our Club Greens were managed.

**15.** Appointment of Signatories – The signatories to be changed for President and Vice President. – Majority of Members were in favour.

**16**. Any Other Business -0 Nil

**17**. Giving out Certificates of Appreciation:-

Grace Plew was given a certificate honouring her 40 years of service to the Club, and

Eileen Cruise was given a certificate honouring her 30 years of service to the Club.

Meeting Closed at 11.35 am

Next Annual General Meeting date will be for the first week in May as will be shown in the Program book for 2025-2026.

Signed…………………………………………………………..

Dated:……………………………………………………..

Following on from the AGM: -

**MT GAMBIER RSL & DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting 4th May 2025 – 11.36am**

**Notice of Motion input by V Opie and 2nd by J Bowering was read to the Members as follows:-**

**“Notice of Motion**

That in the 2025/2026 Season our Club Anniversary Fours Invitation Day becomes an Open Fours Day.

Rationale

A Mission Statement was produced in June 2024 by our Administration Committee. A copy of this was emailed to all our members. The Mission Statement stressed that

our Club should "promote inclusivity" as one of its goals.

The Club Anniversary Fours was Men Only Fours this past season and had less teams than the previous years when it was Open. Our Club is the only one that does not have an Open Invitation Day. An Open Day still allows for teams of men.

To celebrate our Club Anniversary, an Open day would allow all individuals from our club and other clubs to form teams and thus "promote inclusivity".

Moved - Veronica Opie

Seconded - Jennifer Bowering - Carried

Date 3l /3/2024”

**Amended to the Motion**

The Notice of motion was discussed and amended that the Club Anniversary Fours Invitation Day is to be an Open competition from 2025/2026 season onwards.

**The amended motion is moved that;** from 2025/2026 Season and onwards our Club Anniversary Fours Invitation Day becomes an Open Fours Day.

Moved: Veronica Opie

Second: Jennifer Bowering

Motion – Carried.

Meeting Closed at 11.40am.

Signed………………………………………………………….. Dated:……………………………………………………..

**MT GAMBIER RSL & DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB**

**Special General Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting 4th May 2025 – 11.41am**

* **Special General Meeting – Topic: Resurfacing of A Green**

The Treasurer and Committee Member for the Resurfacing of “A” Green, Graham Dent spoke to the Club Members. Graham Dent explained costings involved in re-surfacing A Green. He also provided details of his research with Bendigo Bank and the status of Club monies. Graham advised of discussions with Bendigo Bank.

Bendigo Bank have pre-approved loan funds up to $150,000.00 to cover the costs of A Green replacement, and the Bank would want to hold Security for the Loan.

Graham advised the:-

* proposed interest rate to be paid over a term of 5 years;
* the monthly repayment amount and,
* the Club’s ability to cover the monthly repayments to Bendigo Bank.

Questions were invited from the Members.

**G Crowder asked**:-

1. Had the City Council of Mount Gambier been approached for loan funds to cover the cost of replacement of A Green and,
2. Was the Club able to vary monthly loan payments upward and thereby shortening the term of the Loan?

**Graham Dent advised:-**

1. City Council of Mount Gambier had been approached for loan funds however, the City Council of Mount Gambier wasn’t interested in providing loan funds for the replacement of A Green and,
2. The Club would be able to vary monthly loan payments upward and thereby shortening the term of the Loan.

Graham Dent recommended the Club borrow funding up to $150,000.00 from Bendigo Bank for the purpose of resurfacing A Green. He advised Berri Bowling Systems have offered a discount in the price if A Green could be resurfaced either before or after the same time frame as Haywood Bowling Club.

Graham Dent proposed a Motion to:-

* formally approach Bendigo Bank for loan funds up to $150,000.00 and,
* Berri Bowling Systems to be formally contracted to resurface A Green this financial year.

Graham Dent’s notice of Motion was Seconded by Vice President, Jennifer Bowering.

The Notice of Motion was put to the vote by Club Members present (50 in attendance) and the motion was unanimously approved to:-

* formally approach Bendigo Bank for loan funds up to $150,000.00 and,
* Berri Bowling Systems to be formally contracted to resurface A Green this financial year.

Meeting closed at 11.50 am.

Signed…………………………………………………………..Dated:……………………………………………………..