

WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS HELD AT PINELANDS BOWLING CLUB ST STEPHEN'S ROAD, PINELANDS ON SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST 2019 at 09h30

Present: G Kemp (President), G van Milligen (Vice-President), M Higgins (Treasurer)
Executive: N Painter, C Swan, C Olivier, J Olivier, C Nurrish
Administration: L Botha

A quorum being present, (26 of 36 Clubs) were in attendance.

1 To read the Notice Convening the Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was read.

2 Welcome by the President to Life Members, Past Executive Members, Council Delegates and a special welcome to Mark Gibbs of Personal Trust.

3 Attendance Register (Recorded on arrival)

(26) CLUBS WERE PRESENT : Bellville, Bergvliet, Camps Bay, Durbanville, Edgemoed, Fish Hoek, Fresnaye, Glen, Goodwood, Gordon's Bay, Helderberg, Jagers, Kraaifontein, Kuilsrivier, Meadowridge, Milnerton, Mowbray, Oakdale, Parow, Pinelands, Plumstead, Pollsmoor, Rondebosch, Strand, Sunningdale & WPCC.

Plus 13 Alternate delegates

Also in attendance:

Exec Nominees: J Griffiths, K Hey

Life Members: R Myers

Representatives of: Coaches, Peninsula Blind Bowlers, Disa Bowlers, Technical, Nomads – Women, BSA Representative

Sponsors: Personal Trust (Mark Gibbs)

4 To receive apologies

The following Clubs were not represented:

With apology: Constantia, CT Military, Gardens, Malmesbury, Old Oak, SA Police & Somerset West

Without apology: Helderberg Village, Stell vd Stel, Wheatfield

Personal Apologies: T Bright, L Verwey, J Tallack
S Martinengo, G Donaldson & D de Power (Life Members)

5 Record Obituaries for the year

The President stated that that there had been 23 affiliated members who had passed on during the Period 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019. These were recorded in the Annual Report of which the delegates were in receipt of and Council stood for a minute's silence.

The President requested that all clubs please inform our District office immediately of the passing of any of their members to ensure that the records be kept up to date.

6 Address by Mark Gibbs, Director of Personal Trust

Mark Gibbs congratulated Graeme Kemp and his Executive for their professionalism and for an extremely well run district. He thanked them for their transparency and their communications with all the clubs. It has greatly improved.

He also stated that with the employment of Taryn Bright in her role as Marketing & Membership Manager, that this was undoubtedly a good decision made for the district. He urged other clubs to make use of her for 'think tank' sessions if they wished to increase memberships or run successful business leagues and to say that her strategies are clearly working.

He further said that Personal Trust are proud sponsors of Bowls and it was a privilege to be involved for over 10 years now with WPB. They too are happy to be involved with sponsoring the Boland Open, the All Cape and Bowls SA.

He asked that members continue to support them and pass on any leads as they rely on their reputation and word of mouth referrals. He also reminded all clubs to display their leaflets during any WP competitions and these can be obtained from Lynette Botha in the WP office.

He wished all clubs and bowlers a good season ahead.

Graeme Kemp thanked Mark Gibbs for the continued sponsorship from Personal Trust and stated how fantastic it is and also unheard of, to be able to secure a sponsor for so many years. He also asked that we support our sponsors and looks forward to another great season.

7 To read, consider and confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (18th August 2018)

The minutes of the 112th Annual General Meeting held on 18th August 2018 were taken as read.

Proposed & Seconded by Bellville and Jagers respectively.

8 To read, consider and confirm the Minutes of the last Council Meeting (20th July 2019) held prior to the Annual General Meeting in progress

Proposed & Seconded by Bergvliet and Paul Cohen respectively.

9 To consider and if approved, adopt the Annual Report for the Year 01 July 2018 to 30th June 2019

9.1 Two changes were noted, the spelling of Conclusion in the Presidents Report on page 26 and also the U30 team on page 24 to state that Lavona Gordon is playing 2nd position in the A side and with Bradwin Persent being the non-travelling. (This was noted prior to the AGM by Gerrit van Milligen)

Proposed & Seconded by Jagers and WPCC respectively.

10 To present recommendations of the Executive:

- 10.1** The President confirmed that the green fees / tea money would remain at R25.
- 10.2** WPB Affiliation Fees will be increased by R15 with the total now being R190.
- 10.3** BSA affiliation fee is to be increased by R25 (R250). This is to be confirmed at their AGM.
- 10.4** The announcement of the various Standing Committees for 2019-2020 season was made:

Coaches: Paul Cohen (Helderberg), Chris Nurrish (Constantia), Nick du Preez (Old Oak), Jenny Griffiths (Meadowridge), Margie Cochrane (Pinelands), Theuna Grobler (Somerset West)

Greens: Terry Hepworth (Constantia), Bill McCarthy (Meadowridge), Terence Drew (Bergvliet), Collyn de Witt (Durbanville), Vernon Dryden (Kraaifontein)

Ladies Sel: Sandy Wehrli (WPCC), Anita Groenewald (Edgemead), Sylvia Burns (Mowbray), Nina Painter (Somerset West), Margaret Thomas (Durbanville)

Men's Sel: Lionel Verwey (Edgemead), Eugene Ferreira (Pollsmoor), Graeme Elliott (Constantia), Peter Dewhurst (Durbanville)

M&M: Taryn Bright (Mowbray), Alan Bennett (WPCC), Paul Cohen (Helderberg), Anina Black (Edgemead), Leon Venter (Old Oak), Angela Peirson (Edgemead)

Tech Officials: Claudia de Hahn (Somerset West), Gordon Patrick (Pollsmoor), Nico Taljaard (Somerset West), Robert Standen (Durbanville), Estela Rawlins (Milnerton),

Disa Bowlers: Nina Painter (Somerset West), Gerrit van Milligen (Bellville), Taryn Bright (Mowbray)

Junior Bowls: Paul Cohen (Helderberg), Aloma Smith (Strand), Christo Olivier (Pollsmoor), Gerrit van Milligen (Bellville)

The President took the opportunity to applaud and thank the members of the various Standing Committees for their hard work over the past season and welcomed those back who had put in nominations to stand again for another two year term.

11 The Auditors Reports were presented by Michael Higgins, the Treasurer. (These notations to follow under separate email). To consider and if approved, adopt:

11.1 The 2019- 2020 Budget

Proposed & Seconded by Jagers and Gordon's Bay respectively.

11.2 The Audited "WPB" Financial Statements for the year 01 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

Proposed & Seconded by Helderberg and Meadowridge respectively.

11.3 To announce the elected Auditors being True North Accounting.

12 Motions for changes to the WPB Constitution as set out below:

- 12.1 *Each Member Club shall maintain correct Minutes and Account Books and shall submit to the Association by not later than the 1st September in each year, a true copy of its Annual Report and Accounts for the immediately preceding financial year and a list of its Office Bearers for the ensuing year. The word AUDITED will be removed from the clause.*
- 12.2 A new clause 14.7.1 shall be added, taken from the BSA Constitution, which will state the following: *An individual who participates in a game of bowls at an affiliated club on a regular basis, whether socially or otherwise, for a period exceeding three months shall be regarded as a bona fide member of that club and is liable to pay subscriptions and shall become a registered member of Bowls South Africa through their district.*

13 Presentation of Long Service Awards Trophy & Certificates

- 13.1 The President presented a long service award to Helen Edwards who served on the Technical Standing Committee for numerous years and also as Convenor for 5 years. She was one of 6 Level 3 Umpires for our district and also a National Umpire. He thanked her for all her hard work and contributions.
- 13.2 The President of WPB presented Markers Badges and Certificates and congratulated the President of Gordon's Bay on eight of his club members who had qualified.

14 To deal with any correspondence

None

15 To elect Honorary Life Members

None

16 To Elect Executive Committee Members for the incoming season 2019-2020

The President thanked his Executive for their input and the improvement with communications between the committees and clubs. This has improved dramatically. Special thanks then went to the three members who have resigned. Firstly he thanked Mike Higgins for his past seven year's contribution and the last few years as Treasurer whereby he did a fantastic job.

He also stated that Nina Painter and Andre du Toit had brought lots to the party. Nina having brought the Disa Association back to life as it was near fading out. To Andre, for the opportunity to get Bowls aired on Smile FM and with his help which he will give to Taryn Bright in producing a video which will be presented to schools.

He then announced the Executive as follows:

President:	Mr G Kemp (Edgemead)
Vice President	Mr G van Milligen (Bellville)
Treasurer:	Ms J Griffiths (Meadowridge) 2019-2021
Executive:	Ms J Olivier (Pollsmoor)
	Mr C Olivier (Pollsmoor)
	Mr C Nurrish (WPCC)
	Mr T Snyman (Durbanville)
	Mr K Hey (Edgemead) 2019-2021

17 Other matters

- 17.1 **Membership:** The President was happy to report that membership had increased by more than 200 members as at the same time last year with this being attributed to an increase of 75 of these being Juniors. By Employing Taryn Bright, which was not going to be an overnight fix, it has clearly been possible to achieve these memberships and new goals will be set for the upcoming season. He further advised Council about the inroads currently being made with UCT and which kicked off later that day at Mowbray BC. Once the Bowls section was up and running and which would ultimately secure the lease for MBC, then she would concentrate on Stellenbosch University and promote an Inter Varsity League.
- 17.2 **WP Midweek:** The President proposed that we open the entry for WP Midweek for the new season to all genders, thereby it either being mixed teams or full teams of one gender. This will most certainly increase the number of entries. He stated that in the past travelling had been an issue and therefore proposed that the round robin section be zoned but only for the Basin area. They would then only need to travel for the play-offs. An email will be sent out asking all clubs to revert back with their decisions.
- 17.3 It was requested from the WP office, that clubs please advise how many Yearbooks are Required and also the confirmation of members for the Whatsapp broadcast group. They were also asked to please distribute the Guide for Office Bearers.

- 17.4 The President thanked Graham Ward of the Provincial Blind Bowlers for his commitment and huge success with the Blind Bowlers of our district.
- 17.5 The President confirmed the success of the informal meetings held with the club Presidents over the last season, that being the braai and cricket bowls, and confirmed that these will continue.
- 17.6 The President advised that Clearance Certificates are no longer required and that the database administrators must put that member into transit if cleared to move to another club.
- 17.7 It was confirmed that A2 Calendars will be printed for all clubs and they are urged to let us have their club competitions urgently if they wish to be included. The standard calendar will be available as always in the Yearbook and on our website which is updated regularly by Taryn Bright.
- 17.8 As noted, there is one vacancy on the Executive and clubs were asked to submit nominations. The Secretary will relay this via email.
- 17.9 It was queried by Bellville BC what National events WP apply to host and the President confirmed that we apply for all of them.
- 17.10 The Circular pertaining to the drinking of alcohol was once again queried and the President stated that clubs were not asked to close their bars and not serve alcohol. It is merely whilst any WP games are in progress. Before play commences and at tea/lunch time, there is no problem with this.

The President wished the Executive everything of the very best for the incoming season and thanked Council, Clubs and all members for their valued support.

With no further business the Meeting closed at 10h30.

President.....

Administration.....

Date.....