



MINUTES

South Australian Bowling Greenkeepers Association Inc.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held on 22 June 2012 at the Toorak Bowling Club

Attendance:

Members: Russell "Rowdy" Edmonds (Toorak), Steve "Buster" Prentice (Para Hills), Michael Tsousoglou (Hope Valley), Simon Sczesny (D & D, Somerton), Kyle Slattery (D & D, Woodville), Jake Herrmann (D & D, Port Noarlunga), Wayne Ruediger (Grange), Scott Thulborn (Adelaide), Max Kleining (Holdfast Bay), Nigel Ryan (D & D), Ben Smith (Rosewater), Geoff Langley (Nuriootpa), Aaron Brinsley (Underdale-Airport), Greg Daulby (Salisbury), Nic Storer (Willunga), Brad Porter (Lockleys).

Associates: Paul Hallam, Steve Durbridge, Bob Jamieson, Andy Colebatch.

Bowls SA: John McDougall OAM, (Chair, Greens Advisory Panel).

Sponsors: Mark Scovell (Nuturf), Luke Clohesy (Globe).

Apology: Dean Mosch (K & B Adams) who was unable to attend due to illness.

2011 Annual General Meeting was held on 16th September 2011. The meeting did not proceed as there were only 8 full members in attendance which was insufficient to form a quorum, therefore the previous committee remained in place as acting positions. President Rowdy stated that therefore no members were currently financial.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes were read from the 2010 Annual General Meeting and approved.

Presidents Report

Rowdy spoke to the meeting stating that the Association had hosted the Federation Week in May 2011. A very successful week of Education, Bowls and Social Activities was had with South Australia taking out the Championship Fours, beating the other SA team in a close fought final. A highlight of the week was the tour of Adelaide Oval. Over \$12000 was transferred to NSW who are hosting the next Federation week in 2014. The Association is in a reasonable financial position so we should have no problems in the future. Bowls SA conducted a Field Day and Seminar on the Yorke Peninsula at Ardrossan Bowling Club in September with over 100 people in attendance. The Association was represented by Rowdy Edmonds, Greg Daulby, Nigel Ryan, Brad Porter & Kevin Lewis. A further Field Day is to be held at Lameroo in the Mallee during August. John McDougall, Chair, Greens Advisory Panel, Bowls SA was thanked for his attendance and assistance to the Association. There is to be further discussions with Bowls SA regarding programming, however Geoff Northcott (Assoc. Member) is now chair of programming so this should assist the Association with cooperating over state events. There is a push from some areas in Bowls SA for Friday night and possibly Sunday Premier League events, with concerns from Greenkeepers over workload, watering and maintenance requirements. Feedback from Bowls SA following the International Event held recently at Holdfast Bay was that we have some world class greens in Adelaide, as many of the international bowlers practiced or played in tournaments at other clubs. Rowdy congratulated Wayne Ruediger on making his debut for Australia at this event and to Scott Thulborn on his being included in the Australian Squad.

Rowdy said he was handing over the presidency as he had done his time and then thanked Greg Daulby for his work as Secretary and Brad Porter as Treasurer, who were both resigning from the Committee.

Election of Officers. President Rowdy declared all positions vacant and asked for nominations.

Nigel Ryan accepted the position of President after nomination by Rowdy, seconded Brad Porter.

Nic Storer accepted the position of Secretary after nomination by Greg Daulby, seconded Buster Prentice.

Steve "Buster" Prentice accepted the position of Vice-President after nomination by Greg Daulby, seconded Rowdy. Buster also said he would take on the role of Sponsorship, following his success at this for Federation Week.

There being no nominations for Treasurer, Nigel Ryan said he would take on the role.

The following members then put themselves forward for the Committee:
Aaron Brinsley, Geoff Langley, Simon Sczesny and Scott Thulborn.

Rowdy, Greg and Brad would assist the new Committee as required.

New President's Report

Nigel introduced himself and spoke to the meeting about the Association's need to go forward and our relevance as an advisory body to Bowls SA and its member clubs. He sees us working to promote top quality grass bowling greens in an era when more clubs are looking to the synthetic alternative. As a contractor, Nigel said that we should all share our problems and successes. As an employer of several apprentices he stressed the importance of passing on our knowledge to the young people who will be the ones to take greenkeeping forward as a reputable profession. Education both formal and informal was something we should all take on board. There is pressure on green keepers from clubs to have greens available all year round as the clubs need the income from winter bowls, Nigel stressed that our members plan ahead and carefully manage our greens using technology such as Hydroject, verti draining and drilling to help our greens through winter and think about later pre-season renovations to allow for a smooth transition coming out of winter bowls. He spoke about the trend in Victoria of replacing aging synthetic surfaces with new tifdwarf greens and this has happened here at Brighton and Toorak successfully. Nigel sees the Association as being more pro-active and to promote what we do best – producing top quality grass bowling greens. He is establishing a new website and Geoff Langley is going to do a Facebook page to share information and act as a forum, on similar lines to the VGA one. Membership Fees would remain at \$35 for full members, \$30 for Associates and \$25 for Apprentices.

Bowls SA Greens Advisory Panel

John McDougall OAM, (Chair, Greens Advisory Panel) spoke to the meeting about the role of the Panel and asked us if we want to expand the Panel to become a greater consultancy group to Bowls SA. He spoke of the need to assess more clubs' greens and to possibly expand this to country areas if resources permit. He again offered to assist the Association wherever possible and promote our services through the SA Bowler Magazine. A meeting would be arranged in the near future with the Association to put some of these ideas into place.

Other Business

Nic Storer (Willunga) spoke briefly about the differences in organisation between bowls in the Metropolitan area and the Country Regions. They tend to be much older fashioned and set in their ways and are less open to suggestions on programming than the metro area which is controlled directly by Bowls SA. Geoff Langley (Nuriootpa) agreed with this. This is an area the Association needs to work on with Bowls SA.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

The bar was opened and an excellent BBQ lunch was cooked by Buster and enjoyed by all.