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MINUTES OF THE 124th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION (ZONE 2) INC. HELD AT ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS, "CLUB LAMBTON", ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, COMMENCING AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mark Conway President; Don Wells Treasurer, Danny Rowe; John Bilby; Terry Blow, Kevin Bucklee, Vice-Presidents; Ross Gardner Junior Chairperson J.T. Smith OAM, Match Chairperson.

In attendance W Shipley, NDBA Administrator. Nick Nancarrow, Cutcher & Neale, NDBA Auditors. Brian Carling Life Member NDBA.

APOLOGIES:

Mr. Denis Broad	Life Member NDBA
Mr. David Gilday	Vice President NDBA
Mr. Adrian Meredith,	Rathmines Bowling Club.
Mr. Frank Botham	Windale Gateshead Bowling Club
Mr. John Virgo	Wests New Lambton Bowling Club
Mr. Ray Clarke	Wests New Lambton Bowling Club
Mr. Trent Henry	Swansea Workers Bowling Club
Mr. Paul Croucher	Stockton Bowling Club

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Alder Park, Bay Way Village, Belmont, Carrington, Fingal Bay, Jesmond, Lemon Tree Passage, Mayfield, Raymond Terrace, Soldiers Point, Teralba, Warners Bay

WELCOME: In opening the meeting, the President extended a welcome to all in attendance with particular reference to the new delegates and the following distinguished guests:

Mr. Darryl Clout President of World Bowls, Mr. Nick Nancarrow, Cutcher & Neale, NDBA Auditors

A minute's silence was then observed for departing members.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the 123rd Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, July 18, 2023 having been circulated to all present, were taken as read and confirmed. Moved M Rigby, Charlestown B.C, Seconded J Wolfe Windale Gateshead B.C.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S:

(a) ANNUAL REPORT – The President, Mr. Mark Conway, in moving the adoption of the Annual Report thanked all of the club delegates that had attended meetings throughout the year. He also touched on the Unification process taking place and this being the last AGM of the NDBA as we know it. He then called for the Annual report to be adopted which was moved by Kevin Atkinson Edgeworth BC and Second by John Bilby Beresfield BC

(b) BALANCE SHEET & AUDITORS REPORT

N. Nancarrow, Cutcher & Neale, NDBA Auditors reported that the NDBA Financial Statements were an unqualified report and were for a 15 month period. The report showed that the Association had total assets of \$377,068 with total liabilities of \$141,116 and net assets of \$235,952. The Association had an operating loss of \$19,815 compared to an operating loss of \$10,350 last year. This was due to some invoices being issued and not being settled before the end of the financial year.

Treasurer, D. Wells, formally moved the adoption of the Financial Statement, Seconded J Wolfe (Swansea Workers). CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR: Moved D. Wells, Seconded J Smith that the firm of Cutcher and Neale be re-appointed as Auditors. CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICE-BEARERS & SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Returning Officer John Fowler made the announcement of new Office Bearers with the following people remaining in office for the next 12 months.

PRESIDENT: MARK CONWAY BERESFIELD

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

JOHN BILBY	BERESFIELD
KEVIN BUCKLEE	WALLSEND DIGGERS
WERNER (MAX) DETTELBACHER	BERESFIELD
DAVID GILDAY	SOLDIERS POINT
MILTON RIGBY	CHARLESTOWN
TERRY BLOW	CARDIFF
DANNY ROWE	MEREWETHER

TREASURER: DON WELLS CARDIFF

President Mark Conway thanked those that nominated and were unsuccessful and those that did not stand again.

BUSINESS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN.

1. Mr John Fowler conducted a Ballot for Life Member nomination for Don Wells

John Smith OAM spoke to those in attendance about the contribution that Don Wells has made to the NDBA and has served as Treasurer for the past 11 years.

John Fowler then conducted a vote and it was unanimous that Don Wells become the 36th Life member of the NDBA.

President of World Bowls Mr Darryl Clout then invested Don with his Life Member's badge and Don responded and mentioned how humbled he was to receive this honour.

President Mark Conway then invited all present to enjoy some refreshments and wished everyone all the best for the 2022/23 season.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting was declared closed at 6.00pm.

Confirmed *M Conway.*

PRESIDENT
25/09/2023