MINUTES of 12th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEST COAST BOWLS INC.

Zoom Meeting. 1.30 pm Sunday 26th June 2022

**PRESENT:** Board members: Tom Englezos, Graeme Downie, Lionel Shelton, John Molan, Coral Hanson, Graeme Prescott, Daryl Andrew, Marian Treweek

Life member: Peter Inglis

Clubs : -Bernie Hall, Larry Redman (Apollo Bay), Tom Simons (Balmoral ), Ed Williamson (Birregurra), Matt Brewer (Camperdown), John Molan (Camperdown Golf), Gary Davey, Julie Shiels (City Memorial) Janelle Rohan, Damien Riches, Trevor Roberts (Cobden), Janelle Edwards (Colac), Ian Johnson (Colac Central) Linda Inglis (Colac City), Lesley Beaton (Coleraine), ~~Cressy,~~ Glenn McNaughton , Tony Scott (Dennington) D Harrison Donald and Jenny Harrison (Derrinallum) Chris Burrell (Dunkeld) ~~Grangeburn, Hamilton,~~ Graeme Prescott, (Heywood) Lyn Brown (Lismore Memorial) Janet McLeod (Lorne) Alan Becker (Koroit ) Chris Marchant (Macarthur ) Scott Pierce (Mortlake) Mick Ross (Penshurst) Bob Mallett, Allan Parker(Port Fairy)Lionel Shelton, Heather Burgess Portland, Meredith Fredericks (Portland RSL), Jeff Welch (Simpson) ~~Skipton Golf,~~ Ros Ross Barry Stonehouse (Terang) Barry Bowen (Timboon), Rob Treweek (Wbool Lawn Tennis), Chris Curtin, Paul O’Donnell (Warrnambool) Peter McConachy Julie Johnson (Winchelsea )

Chairperson Tom Eglezos declared an acknowledgement of country and opened the meeting at 1.35pm. He welcomed board members, life members and club representatives. A roll call of the member clubs was conducted and any further apologies called for.

**APOLOGIES :** Life members: Ken Woolley, Ray Downes, Heather Gough, Heather Lydford, Margaret Sumner, Graeme Kershaw

Kev Conheady (Cdown Golf) Rex Harris, Maureen Drennan, Dartmoor BC, Bernice Suillivan (Casterton BC ) Ann Rentsch (Penshurst) Marj Whitson (Mortlake) Maria van Someren ( Board member)

**MINUTES** of the 11th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held 20th July 2021 were circulated before the meeting. Moved Chris Curtain that the minutes were a correct record, seconded Graeme Prescott / Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING from the MINUTES :** Nil

**REPORTS :** (These were circulated prior to the meeting )

**Chairperson :**Tom Englezos (Attached)

At the conclusion, treasurer Graeme Downie thanked Tom for his time and effort in his role of chairperson, for the past twelve months. His enthusiasm for the development of lawn bowls in our region and input at board level will be sorely missed.

**Finance:** Treasurer Graeme Downie (Attached)

Graeme reported a healthy starting bank balance with the transfer of funds from the previous three bowls divisions. The surplus for the year is likely to be $4500-$5000, with books to close on 30th June, and to be audited in July.

Revenue for 2021/2022 totalled $31,394. Main sources of revenue are affiliation fees (57%) and State Event entry fees (26%).

Expenses at this stage total $27,050.90 with major expenses being Regional teams (34%) , honoraria (27%) State Event prizes money (19%) and Pennant trophies (16%)

The anticipated balance at the end of the financial year is $33,939.41. A strategy to utilize $25,000 needs to be planned to support development of bowls in the region.

Financial report tabled and moved by G Downie , seconded T Englezos / carried

**Region Sides Managers’ reports** M Treweek and Stewart Trigg (attached )

WEST COAST REGION WINNERS 2021-2022 (attached)

State Regional Sides Championship

West Coast Region Pennant Winners 2021-2022

West Coast Region State Winners 2020-21

Reports accepted Mick Ross seconded Peter McConarchy / Carried

**ELECTION OF WEST COAST BOARD MEMBER** No Nominations were received. Far Western Clubs are urged to find a replacement for Tom Englezos. This is for a one year term, and the new member would not be chairperson. It is in the best interests of the West Coast Region if there are three board members per playing area.

If no-one comes forward within two weeks (July 10th) the Board will fill the casual vacancy from elsewhere.

The new chairperson to be appointed by the Board from amongst their members at the next meeting.

**GENERAL BUSINESS :**

* **Playing Area Committee Expressions of Interest :** MORE VOLUNTERERS REQUIRED !!

Far Western have their Match Committee in place.

Corangamite – a couple of EOI only, for Match and Laws and Umpiring Committees.

Western District : Two Match committee, two Laws and Umpiring, and two Men selectors at this stage.

* **Contact details :** There are some communication difficulties with some of our clubs. We have 36 clubs in our region and I have requested an update of office bearers of clubs since club AGMs. I usually send at least two addresses per club, but if the details are not correct, communication breaks down. Please notify Marian of your details for the coming season.
* **Regional calendar ;** Marian has begun putting together dates for State events at Region and State level.
* **State Events ;** payment of winners at playing area and region level/ certificates. No real feedback was given, other than the certificates were appreciated. However, if accounts for State Events do not tally with club entries, clubs are asked to contact treasurer Graeme Downie.
* **BV Visit to West Coast Region : Thursday 11th August :** The structure and appointment of committees, in playing areas, along with decision making processes by clubs, playing areas and region boards will be mentioned. If your club has any other questions you would like the board representatives to discuss with BV, please email to Marian by 4th August.
* **Discussion on format of committees in playing areas:** Graeme Downie published a paper outlining three possible options for committees in the region. This was distributed to clubs for feedback.

Option 1 : committees as they are at present

Option 2: BV model- two committee members to run the pennant – accountability to clubs ?

Option 3 : Pennant committee to be comprised of a member from each club in the playing area, with a sub committee elected to run the pennant.

*Club feedback was as follows :*

FWPA : (11clubs) Option 1 : 1 club Option 3 : 3 clubs

Corangamite: (15 clubs) Option 1 – 4 clubs Option 3 - 3 clubs

WDPA: (10 clubs) Option 1 : 1 club Options 3 : 9 clubs

According to our constitution, playing areas are responsible for running their own pennant competitions and State events. Committees need to make decisions with club input. However, clubs must provide personnel to make up these committees.

* **Peter Inglis BV President and Life member of West Coast Region** made some comments in conclusion. The region board may make recommendations to sub committees of playing areas. Terms of Reference could be standardized across the three playing areas. Peter thanked those who volunteered in some capacity to assist with bowls in this area, including those who put their hand up to be part of the restructured regional board.

Chairperson Tom closed the meeting at 2.30pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Annual Meeting 2023 in July, with the date to be determined by the Region board.