**13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**WEST COAST BOWLS INC.**

Zoom Meeting. 1.00 pm Sunday 13th AUGUST 2023

**OPENING:** Chairperson Coral Hanson declared the meeting open and welcomed those present.

1. **ROLL CALL :** A total of 30 clubs out of the 35 West Coast Region clubs were represented.

Apollo Bay **Heath McLaren** Balmoral **Tom Simons**  Birregurra, **Graeme Ryan** Camperdown (apology) Camperdown Golf, **Steve Lucas** Casterton, **Heather Rees, Alan Elijah** City Memorial: **Julie Shiels Bryan Sheehan** ; Cobden **Heather Lydford**  Colac **Darryl Harty** **Diane Hynes**  Colac Central, -

Colac City **Lynda Inglis** Coleraine, **Lesley Beaton** Cressy **Don and Jenny Lang** Dartmoor, **Gwen McMillan** Dennington **Tony Scott Sheridan Barling** Derrinallum - Dunkeld, **Angus Jackson** Grangeburn **Nette Ryan**

Hamilton **Des Rout, Neville Linke** Heywood **Mick Swan** Lismore **John Trotter** Lorne, **Marilyn McKenzie** Koroit- Macarthur. **Chris Marchant** Mortlake **Scott Pierce** Penshurst, **Mick Ross** Port Fairy- Portland, **Mick Jennings** Portland RSL **Ted Leahy Chris Elford** Simpson, **David Costin** Terang **Barry Stonehouse** Timboon-

Wbool Lawn Tennis, **Rob Treweek** Warrnambool, **Paul O’Donnell** Winchelsea. **Julie Johnson**

**Other :** Board members -Coral Hanson, Maria Van Sommeren, Peter Inglis, Daryl Andrew, Marian Treweek, Lionel Shelton, Rob Hamblin,

Janelle Edwards

1. **APOLOGIES :** Wayne Henry (C’down Golf ) Chris Curtin (Warrnambool ) Matt Brewer (Camperdown) Heather Burgess (Portland)

 *Apologies were accepted by Lionel Shelton seconded Julie Shiels / C*

1. **MINUTES of the 12th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** held 26th June 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting. *Paul O’Donnell moved they be accepted as a correct record of proceedings. Seconded Mick Ross / C*
2. **BUSINESS ARISING** - NIL
3. **REPORTS :** (circulated prior to the meeting)
4. **Chairperson - Coral Hanson (attached)**
5. **Finance: Treasurer - Marian Treweek** (attached)

A profit of $1180.07 for the year. The region had a smaller income than last year, with large deposits last season from division accounts being transferred across. The main sources of income are member affiliations and state event entry fees, along with $2800 from Bowls Victoria to assist with Region Sides expenses. Expenditure was up on last season, with payments to Pennant / Match committees and technology support on the playing areas. The final balance as of June 30 was $36,920.48 with a proposed investment to be made of $25,000. This will be set aside until specific needs are determined.

1. **Match/Competitions/ Pennant Committees - Peter Inglis.** (attached)

Chairpersons from the three playing areas had discussion meetings to compare schedules and arrange events

1. **Region Sides - Marian Treweek Paul O’Donnell :** (attached)

Overall both sides experienced more success this year, with the Men’s side making it to the final of their section and going down narrowly. The Women’s side had four wins, losing their final match against Geelong. A change to the selection process this past season with playing area trials and region trials, and a practice match against Geelong to finalise the teams.

*Reports were accepted by Daryl Andrew and seconded Maria van Sommeren /* C

1. **WEST COAST REGION WINNERS 2022-2023** (circulated)
	1. State Regional Sides Championship
	2. West Coast Region Pennant Winners 2022-2023
	3. West Coast Region State Winners 2022-23
2. **ELECTION of DIRECTORS Western District Playing Area**

Nominees: Christopher Curtin (Warrnambool BC)

Maree (Sally) Madden (City Memorial BC)

Bryan Sheehan (City Memorial BC)

Marian Treweek (Warrnambool Lawn Tennis BC)

WCBR Board members Lionel Shelton and Coral Hanson were scrutineers for the vote by Western District Playing Area clubs. Votes were emailed in prior to the meeting. Lionel thanked all for nominating for the positions and congratulated the successful candidates.

Marian Treweek, Warrnambool Lawn Tennis BC

Bryan Sheehan City Memorial BC

Chris Curtin Warrnambool BC

Lionel Shelton moved the votes be accepted and wished successful members all the best. Seconded Scott Pierce / C

1. Coral thanked others who have accepted director positions:

Peter Inglis - Corangamite PA

Janelle Edwards - Corangamite PA

Maria van Someren - Corangamite PA

Lionel Shelton - Far Western PA

 Rob Hamblin - Far Western PA

1. **ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

As only one nomination was received for the position of secretary, Marian Treweek was appointed as secretary**.**

President to be appointed by the Board from amongst their members (after AGM)

1. **SPECIAL RESOLUTION** on terms of directors - vote by clubs

(Clubs have been informed and an informal zoom was held with clubs that showed interest in Why the change etc.)

**Changes required 15.4 Term of Appointment for Elected Directors**

a).  Directors elected under this **Clause 15** shall be elected for a term of three (3) years, subject to provisions as set out in the Regulations.

b).  A third of the Director positions shall become vacant each year.

c).  The sequence of retirements under **Clause 15.(4b)** to ensure rotational terms shall be determined by the Board and specified in the Regulations.

(d) The secretary shall be elected at the AGM but will be under the same rotation terms as other directors.

 **19.1 Appointment of Secretary**.  *A Secretary shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting*

*Vote : All clubs present voted in favour of the resolution and the WCBR Constitution will be changed accordingly. Changes to be made as per the resolution moved by Lesley Beaton Seconded Tom Simons / Carried*

**Close of Annual Meeting :** Chairperson Coral closed the Annual Meeting and handed over to board members to host the General Meeting for clubs.

**GENERAL MEETING :**

1. **PLAYING AREA COMMITTEES :**

**Corangamite :**

Match Committee : Matt Brewer Peter Inglis Tim Hassett Heath McLaren Craig Skene

Officiating and Laws : Graeme Burrell Peter Inglis Janelle Edwards Ron Simcox

Grounds : Ron Simcox. JeffTurner

Bowslink ; Luke Wright

Selectors : Lynda Inglis Carmel Watson Ron Cameron

**FarWestern :**

Competitions Committee :Mick Swan, Ray Downes, Ken Woolley, Ann. Rentsch, Cheryl Trotman, Jeanette Ryan, Greg Hoggan

Selectors :Ann Rentsch. Heather McIntyre

Bowlslink : Wendy Kosch, Tom and Cathy Simons

Laws and Umpiring : Lesley Beaton Ann Rentsch

**Western District :**

Pennant and Events : Daryl Andrew, Barry Baker, Barbara Bibby, Jamie Heffernan, Judy Murnane, Marian Treweek, Mark Savage

Laws and Umpiring : Rob Treweek , Martin Brown

Bowlslink : Les Johnson, Scott Pierce

Selectors : Bryan Sheehan Marian Treweek, Darren Gordon, Paul O’Donnell

1. **STATE EVENTS :**

Entries and payments for events this year will be done through Bowlslink. Players will need to know their National ID number and log on to their accounts to enter through My competitions. Payment by Mastercard or Visa.

**Novice and Over 60 Events** : no longer run at playing area and region level. BV will be running carnivals for both these categories. If a club is interested in running these popular events, put in a EOI to the region by 22th August.

1. **REGION SIDES SELECTION :**

With a much shorter time frame this season, due to the competition being played in Ballarat on 13th – 14th January, the WCR trials have been scheduled for October 29th. Playing Area trials can be held prior to this date, If required, after numbers of interested players are known. Playing areas to endeavour to source 8 Men and \* Women players to go to Region trials on 29th October .

1. **OTHER BUSINESS ;** Alan Elijah (Casterton ): Although the club website had said otherwise until recently, Casterton club is open for business.
2. Lesley Beaton asked when the Presenters and Assessors Course for Umpire Trainers is to being held. Marian advised she has not had and update and will chase up.
3. Darryl Harty from Colac asked whether the date for the Region Sides Practice Match with Geelong on November 26th could be confirmed. Geelong have verified the date so Colac BC can lock in their club as the venue.

Marian thanked all who attended the meeting and wished all clubs the best for the coming season. The meeting closed at 1.34pm.