



Bowls, Friendships & Fun
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DONCASTER BOWLING CLUB INC.

ABN: 97 565 857 432

BOARD of MANAGEMENT MEETING

Friday 13th December 2019

1. Open Meeting: 9.00 am

2. Present: Peter Letos, Neil English, John Thorburn, Ash Rowe, Gary Baird, Geoff Bandy, Fran Broadfoot, Tricia O'Connor.

3. Apologies: Margaret Parker

4. Obituaries: nil

5. Minutes of Meeting held 15th November 2019

Moved. Geoff Bandy. *Seconded.* John Thorburn

6. Reports

a. Finance Margaret Parker

Cash position is strong at \$32,286.

Loss for the year is \$5323 against a loss for same time last year of \$26 and a budgeted loss of \$9005 so a good outcome compared to budget.

Savings from not using Elsa is \$5000 year to date.

Replacements includes the antenna. The new TV's and Sound Bar has been taken up as assets.

Lawn Greens Maintenance includes the back green review.

Income is down for the period however so are expenses.

Bowls income is \$40,214 compared to last year \$51,576, Bowls profit \$21,244 compared to last year \$26,618.

Bar income also down. Profit to date \$18,857 compared to \$21,882 last year.

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| i. | Income \$148,416 YTD | (\$161,045 last year) |
| | Loss to date \$5,323 YTD | (\$26 last year) |
| | Bowls profit \$21,244 YTD | (\$26,618 last year) |
| | Note net loss \$5,323, budgeted loss \$9,005. | |
| ii. | Bar income YTD \$34,161 | (\$39,704 last year) |
| | Bar profit YTD \$18,857 | (\$21,882 last year) |

Moved. Fran Broadfoot Seconded. Ash Rowe.

b. Membership: Tricia OConnor

i. New Member(s): 5 Full new members

FULL

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BAKER JUDY
DWAN LES
STEFANDIS KATINA
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5 MORE NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORMS PENDING AND ON THE NOTICE BOARD FROM LAST WEEK

Resignations: NIL

Deceased Member(s): NIL

Members:Non-Financial

Report: Peter Hanson (per Tricia OConnor). No non financial members (exception new members)

Membership figures	December 2019 with comparison to December 2018						
	MEN		LADIES		TOTAL		
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	
Full Members	122	120	54	60	176	180	
Social & IBB	17	13	28	23	45	36	
Special	0	0	1	3	1	3	
Life Members	7	6	2	2	9	8	
L.O.A.	0	7	0	3	0	10	
	146	146	85	91	231	237	

ii. There is confusion over “Social members” category. Really it means affiliated vrs non-affiliated members. It would be advisable to have some clear categories that show the true nature of the membership. For example social only members cannot play social games, this has led to confusion. There was support to change members name for “social members” to ‘non playing members’ and ‘Indoor bowlers only’.

To change the categories, it would need to be done by voting and agreement at a members meeting. This will be tabled at the next members meeting.

7. Sub-Committee Reports.

a. Sponsorship: Peter Letos

Offer made to Mackenzie aged group in writing. Sponsorship includes uniforms and Doncaster Classic. With a term of 5 years. Negotiations continue.

Sponsorship is being reworked to have a tiered level model of platinum, gold, silver and bronze. Being developed and will be in place soon.

b. Greens: Geoff Bandy

Normal work done on greens, cutting, rolling.

Chemicals applied to greens as per instruction by Greens Assessment report.

Questions have been asked about dead patches on back green, I spoke to Michael Jones and we both think it has to do with chemicals being applied and killing off weeds. We will see how it goes re regrowth.

Club received yearly Green Inspection Report from Bowls Vic. Overall Green Grading was B which is good. Their comments for coming to this was that Top of Banks are not covered (needs to be synthetic grass) and also in small areas rubber coming away from face of bank. This can be rectified when bank is covered and grass going all way into ditch.

Scarifying to be done 23rd December.

c. Marketing, Special Projects and Clubhouse functions: Report to be presented next meeting.

Ash mentioned that we need to ensure that we promote special functions - such as the 66 school kids bowling on Monday morning, especially as we look to show the Council and other interested bodies that we cater to both ends of the age spectrum. Tricia advised we had planned to promote this on our website (Dinesh), Facebook (Lyn), and Instagram (Tricia). That we were waiting on approval of photos by the school contact. To make it easier to share photos taken by members so we can promote on various platforms that Tricia has set up Google Photos on the Doncasterbowlingclub@gmail.com account. This way it will be easier to share photos. This will simplify and make quicker the sharing of photos. Simply email any photos you take to doncasterbowlingclub@gmail.com and Tricia will upload and provide links to all those so they may be shared.

d. House & Physical Environment: Neil English

The problem with the cleaner not going to clean the outside toilets appears to be fear of the dark. There are two overhead lights on the Greens Floodlight poles that are not working. Probably the globes have ceased to function.

An estimate from a electrician indicates that to replace the two globes would cost around \$700 though my estimate is around \$800.

Alternatively we can fit new external lighting to the equipment shed and gents outside toilet to illuminate that area at a cost of \$891.00.

Neither solution will fix the cleaner's problem with the remoteness of the facilities at night as they do not illuminate the whole area including the path from the Clubhouse to the toilets. I suggest we do not accept either quote at this time.

I have asked John Thorburn to show the cleaner the switch for one of the high floodlights that will illuminate the Green and the pathway to the toilets to see if this resolves the problem.

The evaporative cooling system has been checked and two units serviced in preparation for the hot days ahead.

The middle unit is unserviceable and requires a new circuit board according to the Technician at a cost of \$990.00 fitted.

Alternatively a new unit has been quoted at a cost of \$3430.00.

I suggest we do nothing. We must ensure that at least two doors in the building remain fully open to allow the cool air to flow freely from the working units, through the building and then outside. The units are not Air-Conditioners and cannot recycle and cool the air already in the building so air-flow is essential.

The two new TV's organised by Tricia were installed. One by the supplier's fitters and one by Club members. Both have been used and work well.

The sloping board near the notices wall has now been replaced by Ken Griska who has installed a long section of HDF with lip. New clipboards are to be obtained by Tricia and then will then attach these and discard the old laminated board. This replacement was requested by Phil Rock about a year or two ago and Lyndsay Capuano joined the pressure group formed to see that it was done. Some jobs take a little longer!

A foul smell emanating from grating in the cool room was reported and the Council plumbers were requested to attend. David Grubisich and the CEO were notified. The plumber found no blockage but the smell persisted and Geoff Bandy called the plumbers again. I have no news of any change to their diagnosis but can report that Geoff tipped Vanilla essence down the drain to alleviate the pong!

The soap dispenser in the outside lady's toilet again clogged and leaked and the whole unit has now been replaced with a similar device from Bunnings. A dispenser was also purchased to replace the unit in the inside Gents toilet as a catch had been broken and the whole thing flopped forward when the lid was removed, spilling the contents.

The back hedge has a considerable amount of rampant Blackberry growing out of the top. Apart from the delight of picking juicy berries in the season the thorns make cutting the hedge a difficult and a bloody affair. I will attempt to persuade some member to cut the stalks at ground level and poison the exposed stumps.

We still have no word from the Council about the spare gardener clipping the hedge so it will be necessary to do the sides ourselves and see if any of the members feels inclined to cut the tops with a rented pole clipper.

e. Communications & Promotion: Fran Broadfoot. Got story in local paper for 70th. Ash raised should we be promoting the kids bowling day, showing how bowling reaches those at both ends of the age spectrum. We have taken photos and are waiting on the school to approve the use. Note that all photos taken from now on can go onto a google photos drive (under the doncasterbowlingclub gmail account), so everyone with approval can get access. It will simplify the way we share photos so they can be put on our social media platforms: Facebook, Instagram and the website. In future please submit photos to the email address doncasterbowlingclub@gmail.com and Tricia will add the, to the google photos then share with each person required.

f. Grants: John Thorburn.
Nothing major at present.

g. Social: Fran Broadfoot

The Social Committee organised four Social Events in November/ December 2019:

The Annual Cup Eve Chicken and Bubbly Dinner, catered for by our Committee, was attended by 91 people.

A profit of \$1,032.91, after GST adjustments, was made on the night.

The second Event was the 70th Anniversary Afternoon Tea also catered for by our Members. We catered for 120 people with about 110 in attendance.

The hamper raffle takings were \$431.00 and expenses relating to the catering and hampers were \$610.88.

Net Loss for the event was \$179.88

The Blumes Fashion Parade and Lunch had 25 women in attendance. Net profit from this event was \$210.00.

The Christmas Dinner Dance was disappointing with only 97 people attending compared to 152 last year. Our admittance charge remained at \$30 even though the catering costs increased by \$1 per head and the Musician Andrev was \$100 more expensive than Camille. The evening made a profit of \$44.86 after GST adjustments.

The good news is that the Christmas Hamper raffles netted a profit of \$1,132.00.

None of the above figures include Bar Sales. Total income (ex GST) \$ 2239.63.

Vote of thanks for the efforts and planning by all social committee members and volunteers.

h. Forward Planning Program Progress: Peter Letos
Ongoing consideration.

i. Bowls Committee: Gary Baird

Tournaments are still trending down in numbers of participants, last Monday the 9th of December was cancelled due to extreme heat conditions. Future Club revenue increasingly has to come from sponsorship, corporate functions and the hiring of our facilities and I know that the BOM is concentrating heavily in these areas.

There are two Pennant games to play before the Christmas break and ladder positions are;
Current Pennant Positions;

	Weekend:	Midweek:
Side 1	7 th	5 th
Side 2	4 th	5 th
Side 3	10 th	3 rd
Side 4	2 nd	5 th
Side 5	5 th	7 th
Side 6	6 th	

There will be our usual sausage sizzle on 21st December after our last Saturday Pennant match before Christmas.

Bowls Vic are cracking down on non approved bowling attire. Each Bowling Club President is responsible for maintaining dress codes among their membership and they will personally be fined for any misdemeanours of these dress codes.

Club Championship

Three Championship events have had to be cancelled this year:

Women's Singles

Women's Pairs

Novice Singles

Region Singles Events at Doncaster

This Sunday will conclude the three successive Sundays for Regional events held at the Doncaster Bowling Club. Thanks to Lou Annastasiou for umpiring all three events and Richard Lovell for managing each day. This event held at Doncaster is very prestigious for our region and is a great promotion for our Club.

Ash Rowe said that the Ballarat visit needs to be heavily publicised during the Tournament and Pennant matches coming up before Christmas.

8. Correspondence

a. In: Letter from Lyn Goodman re reimbursement of expenses. See General for resolution.

b. Out: nil

9. General Business:

a. Evaporative cooler, & Outside lights Quotes

Neil English

Board need to consider the quotes. Option 1. Service and replace circuit board @ \$990.

Replace. \$ 3434. Motion to replace the circuit board and repair the a/c. Moved Peter Letos.

Second Ash Row. Carried.

Outside toilet lights. Held over for other lighting solutions.

b. Back Green Conversion

Ash Rowe

Members voted favourably to convert back green to synthetic. Funding and support from various State, Local and Federal governments will be sought, and any applicable grants will be pursued.

Ash Rowe said he would write to BioScapes and let them know that Club Members have voted in favour of a synthetic back green and that they were the preferred Contractors. He would also let the other Contractors know that their bids were unsuccessful.

Peter Letos said that he, Neil and Tricia were meeting with Matthew Guy on Thursday 20th December to discuss the Club's needs. This has had to be rescheduled into late January 2020 as Matthew Guy had to postpone and is then on holidays till the end of January.

c. Solar panels held over

d. Afternoon tea for game days

Geoff Bandy held over

e. Reimbursements for kitchen/food purchases.

Peter Letos

There have been some members who have paid for kitchen/food items and not been reimbursed for weeks. A request for a credit or debit card was received. The debit/credit card is not usual for our business but holding floats for each area is. It was decided that a float for kitchen food purchases should be provided to Lyn Goodman. This will be managed by the Treasurer, as is the practice with all other floats.

10. Next Meeting: 17 January, 2020

11. Close Meeting: 11.00 am