



## EASTERN RANGES BOWLS REGION

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

#### SEPTEMBER 18, 2023-HEATHMONT BOWLS CLUB

OPENING AND WELCOME- Gordon Baker (ERBR President) welcomed attendees and declared the meeting open at 7.20pm

PRESENT: (17 members to be present to form a quorum)

CLUB MEMBER	DELEGATES	CLUB MEMBER	DELEGATES
Bayswater	Barbara Keenan	Heatherdale Recreation	Elise Hansen, Brian Ross-Soden
Bennettswood	Stephen Cronin	Heathmont	Greg Pullen, Jan McGregor
Berwick	Jeff Parker	Lilydale	Len Cumming
Blackburn	Anne Coleman, Garry Pickering (Night Pennant Committee)	Mitcham	Bill Smith
Blackburn North	Margaret Fehring, Ian George	Monbulk	Craig Ward, Jennifer Holmes
Boronia	Matt Clarke	Mooroolbark	Colin Huggins
Box Hill RSL	Phillip Johnson	Mt Waverley	Barrie Epstein, David Beard
Burwood District	Glen Dodaitis	Mulgrave CC	Jeff Van de Steenoven
Chirnside Park CC	Stuart Patrick	Pakenham	Jennifer Bainbridge, Gian Pianezzola
Churchill Waverley Golf	Ann Jeffrey	Ringwood	Simon Mitchell
Croydon	Pam Arnot, Ray Purdey	Upwey- Tecoma	Andrew Walters, Les Lane
Eastwood Golf	Alan Cain, Carolyn Dick	Vermont South	John Strybosch, Christine Holland
Ferntree Gully	Merilyn Selvey, Robert Selvey	Warburton	Max Reynolds, Tony Van Meurs
Glen Waverley	Luke Purcell	Yarra Glen	Rodney Bates

- Board members: Bruce Aumann, Lyn Baker, Paul Dodd, Maria Giramondo, Richard Sluggett
- Other attendees: Doug Whorlow and Adrian Goldsmith- Umpires Committee; Richard Sanzin and Liz Bower (Junior Development Committee); Jim Toal (Heathmont)

APOLOGIES: Warren Griffin -Club Support Manager; Elly Byrne and Graeme Steel (Yarra Junction BC)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: (these were circulated) Minutes of previous AGM were confirmed on the motion, Moved P.Arnot (Croydon) Seconded R. Bates (Yarra Glen) CARRIED

ANNUAL REPORT: (this was circulated). Comments were added.

- President's report- Gordon Baker- Thanked all clubs and members for the support he received over the four years he was president of ERBR.
- Treasurer's report- Richard Sluggett
  - Financial statements and auditor's report (attached)
  - Honoraria- the region pays for those who hold the position of secretary \$1000 and chairman of the Championship committee \$750. These payments will be made in two parts.
    - Moved Adrian Goldsmith seconded Barrie Epstein CARRIED
  - Club levy- the club levy for 2023-24 will be \$7 per club member with playing rights. This will be payable in two parts (\$3.50 on October 1<sup>st</sup> and \$3.50 on January 16<sup>th</sup>). Club numbers will be taken from Bowlslink on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Clubs who host Region Championships will be paid more than season 2022-23.
  - Championship Events- \$15 per entry

- Auditor for 2023-24
  - Moved Brian Ross-Soden, Seconded Colin Huggins that Anthony Allan (Mt Waverley) be appointed the ERBR auditor for 2023-24 CARRIED
- Confirmation of the financial report and auditor's report. Richard Sluggett reported even with the increase of membership he expected ERBR to run a deficit in the coming year of approximately \$3000.
  - Moved Adrian Goldsmith, seconded Christine Holland that the financial report and auditors report be accepted. CARRIED
- Championship Committee report. Bruce Aumann asked if there were any more clubs willing to make their clubs available to host region events as there had only been fifteen responses. Mathew O'Brien (Yarra Glen) was commended on his achievement of winning the region, state and now representing Victoria at the Nationals in Perth in the Mens' Singles.
- Night Pennant Committee report. Garry Pickering commented on the number of younger players competing in this competition.
- Region Sides report
- Under 18 Development Committee report
- Umpires/ Laws Committee report. Adrian Goldsmith introduced himself as the new chair of this committee and thanked Doug Whorlow for his work over many years.
- Bowls Australia report prepared by Warren Griffin and in his absence was read by Lyn Baker (attached)
- Glen Sodaitis (Burwood District) introduced himself and spoke of his new role at Bowls Victoria as the Participation Co-Ordinator.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: The following positions were filled.

President: Richard Sanzin

Vice President: Maria Giramondo

Secretary: Jennifer Holmes

Treasurer: Richard Sluggett

Directors: Bruce Aumann, Gordon Baker, Lyn Baker, Jim Toal

A ballot was held for two positions and the scrutineers for this were Pam Arnot (Croydon) and Len Cumming (Lilydale)

CALLS FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

- Region Championships
- Coaching
- Laws & Umpiring
- Junior Development
- Night Pennant

THANK YOU: Richard Sluggett presented Gordon Baker with a gift from the region to thank him for all the work he has done in the past four years as Region president.

MEETING CLOSED: Gordon thanked all for coming and closed the meeting at 8.00pm

**EASTERN RANGES BOWLS REGION INC.**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**From 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023**  
**BALANCE SHEET**

<b>Assets</b>		
Term Deposit	Invested to 22 October 2023 @4.2%	\$15,778.10
Inventory ERBR Uniforms		\$5,898.00
Cash at Bank		\$10,278.09
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$31,954.19</u> <b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Members Equity		\$34,928.89
Adjustment (after allowing for non cash charge shown below)		-\$2,974.70
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>\$31,954.19</u> <b>TOTAL</b>

**RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE**

<b>Receipts</b>		
	BV Region Sides Contribution	\$2,800.00
	Eastern Eagles	\$968.80
	Regional Accomodation & Gear	\$1,998.00
	Regional Levy @\$6	\$18,292.00
	State Championship Event Entries @\$15	\$11,250.50
	Term Deposit Interest	\$212.83
	Grant Subsidy	\$2,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,522.13</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
	Bank fees	\$6.20
	Club Subsidy -Cham/ship events	\$5,070.00
	Computer & Website	\$919.41
	Consumer Affairs Victoria	\$61.20
	Eastern Eagles	\$0.00
	Green Travelling expenses	\$2,350.84
	Hon. Sec & Championship	\$1,750.00
	Insurance	\$825.00
	Opening Night/ Catering	\$1,142.50
	Post Office Box Rental	\$0.00
	Postage & Stationary	\$0.00
	Region Accomodation	\$5,182.00
	Region - Bowls Victoria	\$1,416.00
	Region Sides expenses	\$2,082.58
	Regional clothing	\$2,693.20
	State Cham/ship Prize Money	\$5,500.00
	State Championship Week	\$2,000.00
	Training Programs	\$319.00
	Trop.,Gifts & Presentations	\$204.50
	Misc	\$0.00
	<b>Total Receipts over Expenditure</b>	<b>\$31,522.43</b>
	<b>Less non-cash adjustment (write off old ERBR Uniforms)</b>	<b>-\$3,025.00</b>
	<b>Net amount</b>	<b>\$2,974.70</b>

**Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Inc**

In the opinion of two Executive members of the Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Incorporated, and as set out in the attached Financial Statements, comprising a Balance Sheet and a Receipts and Expenditure Statement, are drawn up to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as of 30 June 2023.



Gordon Baker, President, ERBR Inc

21 August 2023



Richard Sluggitt, Treasurer, ERBR Inc

21 August 2023

**Audit Report**

I have examined the Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Financial Statements comprising a Balance Sheet and a Receipts and Expenditure Statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 to 30th June 2023. This was undertaken by sample of the material and review of the accounting procedures maintained by the Region during the period. Based on this sample and review, in my opinion the Statements present a true and a fair view of the accounts for this period. This is not an audit or a review for the purposes of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, but merely an independent check and verification of the accounts as presented and therefore should not be seen as being in accord with those legislative obligations.



Anthony Allan, FCPA

Honorary Auditor

1 September 2023

Apologies for not being in attendance this evening

Clubs will have received from Bowls Australia notification of a restructuring of the former Regional Bowls Manager program

With this restructure Mark Coleman who shared the Eastern Ranges Bowls region with myself, has departed Bowls Australia returning to work in his former profession in horticulture. Mark isn't lost to the sport, still heavily involved with his club City of Geelong, and of course his rising star son Harry who continues to make junior squads and state teams in the sport of bowls

Mark was a terrific addition to the BA team and was very proactive in his RBM role

It is always a shame to lose great people when organizations restructure

As a result of that restructure I have a new role being the Head of Club Support for Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia, along with a Club Support Managers role for Eastern Victoria

This means that I am the point of contact for all Eastern Ranges clubs

The restructuring and changes in the role sees a number of tasks removed from the position description.

RBM's regularly called on primary schools to promote our Rookie Rollers program, and this task has now passed to a third party provider, who are already delivering sports into the schools environment, and we believe we can provide better coverage and opportunity to promote bowls into schools using this methodology.

I will still be looking to link clubs to schools that have chosen to run a Rookie Rollers program and look to build the connection between club and school

We have a number of other initiatives currently taking shape, inclusive of a range of webinars for clubs focusing on areas such as governance, social media marketing and fund raising along with other topics that we will run on a regular basis

Clubs will then have the opportunity to reach out to the CSM's for further assistance following those webinars to develop strategies and business plans that are crucial in providing direction for your club.

In this new structure I will continue to work with clubs who are looking for assistance, but won't be in a position to try and see everyone at least once a year as we did try to do

Thank you to all the clubs I have worked with so far, I have appreciated your support and thank you to those that reached out when the restructure announcement was made.

It was terrific to know that there are those who appreciate what we do to assist you with your goals and objectives and the occasional interesting issue!

To those I have yet to meet, I look forward to doing so and learning more about your bowls world.

Thank you

Warren Griffin

Head of Club Support and Victorian Club Support Manager