

**Minutes of the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting of the  
Burnside Bowling Club (Inc) held in the clubrooms  
on 26 June 2011 at 2pm**

- Welcome** The President, Neil Cornelius extended a warm welcome to the 81 members including Life members who were in attendance and noted the great turnout despite inclement weather.
- Bereavements** Members stood for a moments silence to respect the sad passing during the year of members – Bryan Neave, George Watson, Bruce Davidson, Ellen Walker, Bernie Bragg, Colin McMahon and Stewart Park
- Apologies** Received from 23 members  
Moved acceptance  
(J Gamblin/M Young) carried
- Minutes of previous meeting** The minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting held on 27 June 2010 as circulated were taken as read and approved  
Moved (M Hill/D Youl) carried
- Matters arising** -Nil
- Annual Report** The Annual Report as circulated was accepted  
Moved (N Cornelius/B Waldron) carried
- The President spoke to his report and included reference to –
- Minimal damage has been suffered to our premises and greens from the earthquakes and we have offered to assist other Clubs in need, to possibly include sharing Greens.
- We have been inundated with hire opportunities but an important balance must be maintained to ensure members are not disadvantaged, A special thanks to Ken Haworth for his tireless work with hiring of facilities.
- A vote of thanks was extended to Club Captain Trevor Paterson for his organization of club functions.
- Comment was made on the financial report reflecting a good year – a nest egg is in place but challenges confront us with increased insurance costs and lack of Charity grants.
- Reference was made to the meritorious award of Volunteer of the Year to Graham Lowery.
- Thanks to Ken Wilson-Pyne and his group, for efforts concluding with our Strategic and Operations Plans being put in place and the Gold Club Check Award granted by Bowls NZ.
- The green and buildings maintenance and improvements made during the year were canvassed.
- Membership remains a challenge confronting us notwithstanding the best efforts made by Alan Bryce and his team.
- The Club program continues to be popular and thanks expressed to convenors for this success.
- Our achievements on the Greens have been only average and a lift is desirable in Centre events. Congratulations were extended to our younger Junior bowlers for their success and also to Jo Edwards who has now sadly left us to return to Nelson.

A strength of our Club is our strong volunteer base and special thanks extended to AJ for his IT work, Mort Young for communication, and to our Greenkeeper.

Our sponsors require our continual personal support and we are delighted to take on Peter Timbs Meat and Pacific Blue during the year.

Art@Burnside proved to be a wonderful event and all credit to those involved .

Our Club is fortunate to have as a member, CDO Vince Roper and in conclusion a thank you was expressed to the outgoing Executive for their support during the year.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The report was read on behalf of the Treasurer, Nancy Field, by Warwick Ainger. Warwick noted that Bar trading was up \$9,000 on last year thanks in no small part to the success of the Burnside Pairs tournament. Income from hiring has helped alleviate the lack of Grants received. Whilst the Balance sheet reflects reserves, members must be mindful that these represent only six months of Club expenditure.

Mike Small asked why there had been a lack of Grants received during the year and Warwick explained that this was in part due to a change of Trust adopted by one of our Sponsor's.

Moved the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Budget  
(W Ainger/N Field) carried

## **Subscriptions**

Full Playing Member	\$250
First or second year bowler	\$125
Full time student	\$125
Secondary School student	\$30
Associate	\$80
Social	\$35

Warwick explained the increase in subscription due to increase in Cost of Living adjustment and GST

Moved acceptance  
(W Ainger/N Field) carried

## **Election of Officers**

Patroness	Noney Morrison
Patron	Mayor Bob Parker
President	Neil Cornelius
Vice President	Bill Fowlie
Secretary	Vacant (no nominations received)
Treasurer	Nancy Field
Executive	(Elected following ballot)

Moved appointment of scrutineers M Young/D Bisman  
(N Maloney/D Youl) carried

Duly elected -  
Robert Clark, Peter Doell, Terry Paterson, John Reese,  
Gordon Watson.

Moved voting papers be destroyed  
(N Cornelius/C James) carried

## **Appointed by Executive**

Green Super	Ken Prebble
Hon. Solicitor	Peter Quinn
Auditor	Warwick Ainger

Moved Election of Officers  
( N Maloney/D Youl) carried

## **General Business**

**Trevor Paterson** spoke on the forthcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations planned under the leadership of Bill Fowlie and asked for current addresses and contacts for former members. The question was posed by Trevor whether we should have a special project to commemorate this event.

**Vince Roper** gave a rundown on the state of Clubs in Christchurch and referred to the damage sustained in the earthquakes affecting the unsustainability of a number of Clubs to function. Rationalisation is required to ensure the viability of the sport going forward.

**Ken Haworth** gave a rundown on Bowls Canterbury Annual report, spoke on the financial aspects and commented that an excellent relationship now exists at Centre level. The Board is made up of professionals and administration is vastly enhanced.

Ken commented that after 15 years as Club Delegate he wishes to relinquish this role and nominations are needed from Club members.

Ken indicated that he is happy to retain the Club hiring role but will shed other administrative functions and advocated the incoming Executive appoint a Bowls Events Manager, Catering Manager, Social Convenor and committee and a Club Tournament Manager.

**Warwick Ainger**, on behalf of the Special Projects group, spoke on the advantages of a lift for the building at that an engineer had been commissioned to look into this. The cost may be in the region of \$100,000 and we are to look into eligibility for Grants to assist with the cost. Members including Dal Stott were supportive of this action.

**John Switalla** was invited to report on the current insurance situation and gave a comprehensive summary of events leading up to our requiring to change our Insurance provider and revaluing our buildings for this purpose.

The current situation is that we have been required to pay a premium of \$8,736 for cover that excludes earthquake risk and for this inclusion, an annual premium of some \$16,000 would be payable.

John invited feedback and the direction the Club should take.

Graham Champion asked for clarification on Green Cover.

Mike Small asked whether we should levy members to pay for this additional insurance.

Vince Roper stated that options being adopted at some other Clubs in Christchurch have been to include such levies and stated that we must pay our way and cover any earthquake contingency.

Tom Brankin questioned the valuation and John gave a breakdown of the figures that make this up.

Des Fitzpatrick suggested hire rates be increased to offset the charges.

Ken Haworth responded by confirming charges are set for the current calendar year but would be reviewed then. Mike Small suggested a whole hiring structure review looking at fair return and maybe a flat fee plus hourly rate.

Graham Tate suggested we must as prudent members carry earthquake insurance cover and suggested - "A Recommendation to the Executive to take up the option of earthquake cover"

Moved (V Roper/Len Seear) carried

**Graham Tate** referred to the gender imbalance on the incoming Executive and recommended that perhaps the Executive look at the prospect of co-opting women representation and advocated a review of our current Constitution. Various members spoke to this issue and the recommendations referred to here are to be referred to the incoming Executive for consideration.

Moved( G Tate/N West) carried

**Colin James** questioned the start date for interclub competition and was informed that such detail is not available yet.

**Ken Judd** asked for an update on the TV replacement and was informed by President Neil that one of our sponsors has promised early delivery.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.35 pm

**President**

**Date**