



Minutes of Annual Council Meeting

Held at St Johns Park Bowling Club, NSW, Australia on 5 November 2017

The meeting commenced at 10:00am

In attendance:

World Bowls: Regional Director Karen Murphy in the Chair, Chief Executive Gary Smith

11 National Authority Delegates from the following 10 Member Nations: Argentina (Men), Australia, Fiji, Isle Of Man, Japan, Malaysia, Malta, Norfolk Island, United States, Zambia

In addition the World Bowls Chief Executive held completed proxy forms from the National Authorities of the following Member Nations: Canada, England, Hong Kong China, Ireland (Men), Kenya, Namibia, Netherlands, Scotland, Singapore & South Africa

The Chairman welcomed all attendees to the meeting on behalf of President John Bell, Directors and staff and passed the meeting over to the Chief Executive to conduct the formal business as detailed on the agenda as issued to all Member Authorities.

The Chief Executive highlighted that the only formal business on the agenda at this Annual Council Meeting, other than the adoption of the minutes of the previous Annual Council Meeting, was the consideration and approval of the 2016 audited accounts previously issued to all Member Authorities and the reappointment of the current auditors.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were tendered on behalf of board members not present, Life Member Betty Collins OAM and all other apologies were taken as read.

Adoption of the Minutes of the 2017 World Bowls Annual Council Meeting

The resolution that the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held at the Commodore Hotel, Christchurch, New Zealand held on 5 December 2016 be adopted was proposed and seconded by the delegates from Norfolk Ireland and Isle of Man respectively. The resolution was unanimously carried.

Approval of the World Bowls Audited Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31 December 2016

The Isle of Man delegate indicated that a small figure detailed for 'creditors' on page 7 should have had brackets included, which was agreed.

The resolution that the audited accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2016 be approved was proposed and seconded by the delegates from Isle of Man and Australia respectively. The resolution was unanimously carried.

Reappointment of the World Bowls Auditors

The delegate from Bowls Australia indicated that good governance guidelines issued to them by Australian authorities included that it would be good practice for governing bodies to consider changing their auditors every four or five years and perhaps this is a matter that should be considered by the Board. The attending delegates were in general agreement with the Bowls USA delegate suggesting that this could even be undertaken for a period of a single year and, unless not considered appropriate by the Board, passed back to the original company with whom there had been a long, excellent relationship.

The resolution that ERC Accountants & Business Advisers Ltd be re-appointed as Auditors was proposed by the delegates from Australia and Zambia respectively. The resolution was unanimously carried.

Delegates were thanked for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 10:20am

Gary Smith
Chief Executive
7 November 2017