



The Hills District Bowling Club Limited

89th Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Members of The Hills District Bowling Club Limited will be held in the Clubrooms on Monday 26 August, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Business

1. Apologies, Attendance Numbers and Quorum (40) established
2. To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
3. To receive and consider the reports of the Board
4. To receive and consider the Statements of Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Cashflow Statement, and the Report of the Auditor
5. To deal with any business of which due notice has been given
6. To approve Ordinary Resolutions (as in this notice)
7. To endorse Club Patrons (if any)
8. General Business

For Bowling Members only:

9. To approve Extraordinary Resolutions – Proposed Constitutional Changes (as in this notice)
10. To elect Appeals Committee – 5 members

Please Note: Members shall be required to give at least seven (7) clear days written notice prior to the Annual General Meeting if any questions relating to the Financial Accounts of the Club which require additional information not shown in the Annual Report.



Melissa Davies
General Manager

Members' are advised that alcohol will not be permitted in the meeting room.

Ordinary Resolutions

Ordinary Resolution (1) – Directors’ Honoraria

Pursuant to Section 10(6) of the Registered Clubs Act, 1976 the Members agree to the payment of the following honoraria to the Club Directors for the period until the next Annual General Meeting:- \$36,000 pa

The Members acknowledge that the benefits in the paragraph above are not available to members generally but only for those who are Directors of the Club.

Ordinary Resolution (2) – Selectors’ Honoraria

Pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act, 1976 the Members agree to the payment of the following honoraria to Bowls Selectors for the period until the next Annual General Meeting:- \$4,000 pa

Ordinary Resolution (3) – Directors’ expenses, conferences, seminars and meetings

Pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act, 1976, the Members hereby approve and agree to expenditure by the Club in a sum not exceeding \$7,000 until the next Annual General Meeting of the following:-

- i. Reasonable expenditure incurred by Directors for attending Board Meetings and performing their duties as directors.

The Members acknowledge that the benefits in the paragraph above are not available to members generally but only for those who are Directors of the Club.

Ordinary Resolution (4) – Directors’ expenses, conferences, seminars and meetings

Pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act, 1976, the Members hereby approve and agree to expenditure by the Club in a sum not exceeding \$8,000 until the next Annual General Meeting of the following:-

- i. Reasonable cost for the professional development and education of Directors.

The Members acknowledge that the benefits in the paragraph above are not available to members generally but only for those who are Directors of the Club.

Ordinary Resolution (5) - Reserved Parking Spaces

The Members hereby approve and agree to the provision of reserved carparking spaces for Directors, Management, Bowls Co-ordinator, Madame President and Bowls President for the period until the next Annual General Meeting.

Endorsement of Club Patrons

Note: Members may obtain a copy of the annual report by writing to the Club (melissa@thehillsclub.com.au) and requesting a copy by email, post, or, by downloading a copy from the Club’s website. www.thehillsclub.com.au

Extraordinary Resolutions

Note: to be voted on by Bowling members only

Explanatory Memorandum regarding proposed Constitutional Changes

Resolution 1 - Quorum for General Meetings

That the number of members required to form a quorum for a General Meeting be reduced to 20.

Current

42.32 At any general meeting of the Club (including an Annual General meeting) forty (40) members present in person and eligible to vote shall be a quorum

Be changed to

42.32 At any general meeting of the Club (including an Annual General meeting) twenty (20) members present in person and eligible to vote shall be a quorum

Reason for change - Clubs NSW recommend a smaller number and the club has struggled some years at the AGM to get 40 members in attendance. Recommend to reduce the quorum to twenty (20) members

Resolution 2 – Schedule B Email Correspondence

That Email correspondence be accepted as an official and accepted means of communication with members.

Current

B2 The member charged shall be notified of the matters in paragraph B1(a) of this Schedule B by notice in writing by a registered letter sent by post to the member's last known address at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting of the Board at which the charge is to be heard.

Be changed to

B2 The member charged shall be notified of the matters in paragraph B1(a) of this Schedule B by notice by electronic means (email) unless there is no email address on record, then it shall be sent by registered letter by post to the member's last known address at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting of the Board at which the charge is to be heard.

Current

B13 A member shall be notified, by notice in writing sent by post to the member's last known address, at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting of the Board at which the resolution is to be considered of the Board's intention to suspend or expel the member pursuant to Rule B12.

Be changed to

B13 A member shall be notified, by electronic means (email) unless there is no email address on record, then it shall be sent by registered letter by post to the member's last known address, at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting of the Board at which the resolution is to be considered of the Board's intention to suspend or expel the member pursuant to Rule B12.

Reason for Change - To keep updated with modern communication methods

Resolution 3 – Voting requirements: Change two thirds majority to a simple majority

That a simple majority be adopted when a vote is required by the Board or by voting members of the Club.

Current

10.23 If a nomination for Life membership is approved by a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of the members present and voting at the general meeting the person shall thereby be a Life member of the Club

Be changed to

10.23 If a nomination for Life membership is approved by a resolution passed by a majority of the members present and voting at the general meeting the person shall thereby be a Life member of the Club

Reason for change- Proposed to change the words “passed by two thirds majority” to “passed by majority”. This is in keeping with other clauses in this Constitution that say majority.

Current

B5 After the Board has considered the evidence put before it, the Board must come to a decision as to whether the member is guilty or not of the charge. No such decision shall be deemed to be passed unless a two thirds majority of the directors present in person vote in favour of such motion by secret ballot

Be changed to

B5 After the Board has considered the evidence put before it, the Board must come to a decision as to whether the member is guilty or not of the charge. No such decision shall be deemed to be passed unless a majority of the directors present in person vote in favour of such motion by secret ballot

Reason for change - With the Constitutional change some years ago to a 7 member Board achieving a two thirds majority is difficult in a split vote and it is also in keeping with other clauses in the Constitution that say majority.

Current

B8 No motion by the Board to reprimand, fine, suspend or expel a member shall be deemed to be passed unless a two thirds majority of the directors present in person vote in favour of such motion by secret ballot

Be changed to

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Resolution 4

That the following clauses in the Constitution be amended as per the recommendations below

Current

15.9 An interval of at least fourteen (14) days shall elapse between the deposit at the office of the nomination form of a person for election and the election of that person to membership of the Club

Be changed to

15.9 An interval of at least fourteen (14) days or until the next board meeting shall elapse between the deposit at the office of the nomination form of a person for election and the election of that person to membership of the Club

Reason for change – At times it has been imperative to assess a bowling membership application at the earliest time to permit that member entering in competitions

Current

27.4 (e) is a member of another bowling club in New South Wales and has nominated that other bowling club as their main, primary or home club for the purposes of bowls with any district, regional or State body governing bowls;

Be Changed to

27.4 (e) is a member of another bowling club in New South Wales and has nominated that other bowling club as their main, primary or home club for the purposes of bowls with any region or State body governing bowls;

Current

41.1 (h) is or becomes a member of another bowling club in New South Wales and nominates that other bowling club as their main, primary or home club for the purposes of bowls with any district, regional or State body governing bowls.

Be changed to

41.1 (h) is or becomes a member of another bowling club in New South Wales and nominates that other bowling club as their main, primary or home club for the purposes of bowls with any region or State body governing bowls.

Reason for change - Remove the word "districts" as there will be no "districts" from 1 July 2024

Delete clause

12.3 Provisional members are entitled to;
(a) such playing and social privileges and advantages of the Club as the Board may determine from time to time.

Reason for change - The Board feels this is not necessary. All provisional members are always entitled to privileges and advantages of the Club.

Current

29.10 Any committee shall make minutes of its meetings and will forthwith submit those minutes to the Board and the Board will retain those minutes as if they were minutes of the Board

Be changed to

29.10 Any committee shall make minutes of its meetings and will forthwith submit those minutes to the Board upon request if required

Reason for change – The Board has not retained committee/s minutes previously

Current

30.1 The Board may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit provided that the Board shall meet at least once in each calendar month for the transaction of business.

Be changed to

30.1 The Board may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit provided that the Board shall meet at least once in every calendar quarter or more regularly as the Board sees fit for the transaction of business

Reason for change - It is no longer a requirement under the Corporations Act to meet every month