

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Toowoomba Indoor Bowls Hall, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

President Kyle French opened the meeting at 2pm and welcomed everyone to Toowoomba and thanked Millmerran Association for hosting the meeting and Restricted Rinks.

A minutes' silence was held for the Bowlers who have passed away over the past 12 months.

*Maude Telfer moved that the Committee of Management may remove their blazers, seconded by Marilyn Long.* *Motion Carried.*

President Kyle French then asked Senior Vice President Angus Young to read the Roll Call for the Committee of Management and Delegates.

### **VOTING POWER:**

**COM:** Patron Robin Cruikshank, President Kyle French, Senior Vice President Angus Young, Secretary Janet Stockel, Treasurer Sharon Hancock.

**Delegates + Proxies:** Brisbane (Cameron Hancock + 2 proxies), Caloundra (David & Carmel Blyth, Glenda Wilkinson), Dalby (Glenn Casey, Dulcie Casey + 1 proxy), Ipswich (Annette Dunstan, Diane Knight, Ron Knight), Kingaroy (Maryanne Pearce, Graham Myles), Nambour (Maude Telfer + 2 proxy), Queens Beach (Tony Watson), Toowoomba (Kaylene Weir, Marilyn Long, Ian Long)

**VOTING POWER:** Committee of Management (5), Delegates (16), Proxies (5) = **Total: 26**

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES (AGM Saturday 4.3.2023)**

*Robin Cruikshank moved the minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Rockhampton be accepted as read, seconded by Sharon Hancock* *Motion Carried*

### **REPORTS**

**Patrons Report**, moved Robin Cruikshank, seconded Carmel Blyth

**Presidents Report**, moved Kyle French, seconded Robin Cruikshank

**Senior Vice Presidents Report**, moved Angus Young, seconded Marilyn Long

**Secretary's Report**, moved Janet Stockel, seconded Robin Cruikshank

Robin thanked Janet for her work over the last 5 years.

**Treasurers Report**, moved Sharon Hancock, seconded Glenda Wilkinson

**Selectors Report**, moved Carmel Blyth, seconded Diane Knight

**Auditors Report**, moved Sharon Hancock, seconded Ron Knight

**Games Directors Report**, moved Robin Cruikshank for Max Evans, seconded Graham Myles

**Registrations**, moved Janet Stockel, seconded Kaylene Weir

**Disputes Report**, moved Cameron Hancock, seconded Carmel Blyth

Cameron commented on delays with some Disputes still outstanding.

**Games Masters Report**, moved Robin Cruikshank for Max Evans, seconded Carmel Blyth

**Team Managers Report**, moved Annette Dunstan for Anita Brown, seconded Angus Young

Annette Dunstan relayed an apology from Anita Brown for the lateness of her report.

There were no reports for the following committees:

Coaches, Referees and Umpires.

*Robin Cruikshank moved that all reports be adopted, seconded by Maude Telfer*

*Motion Carried*

## **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

President Kyle French declared all positions vacant and handed over to Patron Robin Cruikshank. Robin commented as Patron of the QIBA that the work the Committee does is very hard and trying to keep up with everything is difficult. He thanked the outgoing committee for the work they have done. Our numbers are getting shorter, as you look around the amount of Associations we have now compared to what we used to have is very short. The number of players we have, we are all getting older, it is getting harder to get players.

**Patron:** a written nomination was received from **Robin Cruikshank**, Robin was elected.

**President:** There were no written nominations received. Nominations were called from the floor.

*Kyle French ..... nominated by Diane Knight ..... Declined*

*Carmel Blyth..... nominated by Kaylene Weir seconded Marilyn Long ..... Declined*

Carmel stated that as Secretary of Caloundra, under their constitution she cannot accept an executive position on another association committee. Kaylene Weir asked if Carmel would be willing to give up being Caloundra Secretary in favour of Queensland President?

*Angus Young..... nominated by Maude Telfer seconded Glenn Casey*

Angus said he would be willing to be interim president until a special meeting could be held and the position could be filled properly.

He has just started a new job and finding time for both work and his commitments on the AIBBC COM is already difficult. His experience on the committee to date is that he finds it very difficult to get anything actioned because of the way the constitution and by-laws are set up.

Errol Weir asked if our constitution even allows for an interim president? Kyle French responded that no, it did not. Angus would have to accept the position and resign at a later date.

Tony Watson asked what is involved in the position? Running meetings, generally helping and being involved. There are 3 delegate meetings and COM meetings are being held via Zoom. Tony said that even though he has a fair bit of experience on committees, he has been playing for only a few months (October) and does not know enough about bowls to be able to be effective.

Janet Stockel asked Diane Knight if she would step down as Assistant Secretary in favour of being president. Diane declined.

Carmel Blyth said she needed to make a phone call to see if her Caloundra Assistant Secretary would step up to Secretary so Carmel could become the assistant instead, thus allowing the Presidency.

*Carmel Blyth..... nominated by Kaylene Weir seconded Marilyn Long ..... Accepted*

No further nominations were received. **Carmel Blyth** was elected.

## **Senior Vice President:**

There were no written nominations received. Nominations were called from the floor.

Kaylene Weir asked about the role responsibility of being Games Director, would it be assigned to the Senior or Junior VP? Many years ago it was the Senior VP, but later became one of Junior VPs.

It could be that the Committee could delegate one of their number at each event to be the Games Director with the balance of the committee helping.

*Tony Watson ..... nominated by Angus Young ..... Declined*

*Errol Weir..... nominated by Glenn Casey ..... Declined*

*Angus Young..... nominated by Annette Dunstan ..... Declined*

*Kyle French ..... nominated by Annette Dunstan seconded Marilyn Long ..... Accepted*

No further nominations were received. **Kyle French** was elected.

## **Junior Vice President:**

There were no written nominations received. Nominations were called from the floor.

*Tony Watson ..... nominated by Angus Young seconded Sharon Hancock ..... Accepted*

*Cameron Hancock..... nominated by Annette Dunstan ..... Declined*

No further nominations were received. **Tony Watson** was elected.

**Secretary:** A written nomination was received from **Annette Dunstan**, Annette was elected.

**Treasurer:** There were no written nominations received. Nominations were called from the floor.  
*Sharon Hancock..... nominated by Glenn Casey ..... Declined*  
*Philip Lowry..... nominated by Carmel Blyth seconded Glenda Wilkinson..... Accepted*  
No further nominations were received. **Philip Lowry** was elected.

**Assistant Secretary:** A written nomination was received from **Diane Knight**, Diane was elected.

**Immediate Past President:** Kyle French automatically became Immediate Past President also.

Patron Robin Cruikshank handed the meeting back to Immediate Past President Kyle French.

**Auditor:**

*Treasurer Philip Lowry will seek an Auditor. Angus Young spoke on the inappropriateness of the treasurer choosing the Auditor.*  
*Carmel Blyth moved that Treasurer Philip present 3 proposed Auditor names for the Committee of Management to choose from.*

**Signatories at Bank of Queensland**

As there are new Office Bearers the signatories for the bank account will need to be changed to Carmel Blyth, Annette Dunstan and Philip Lowry, moved by Robin Cruikshank seconded Sharon Hancock.  
Motion Carried.

**ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Selection:** *There were five nominations received from: Annette Dunstan, Kyle French, Philip Lowry, Nelson Thomas and Errol Weir.*

These five were elected and Immediate Past President Kyle called for nominations from the floor for the Reserve Selector.

*Glenn Casey..... nominated by Marilyn Long seconded Sharon Hancock ..... Accepted*  
No further nominations were received. **Glenn Casey** was elected.

**2024 Selection Committee:** **Annette Dunstan, Kyle French, Philip Lowry, Nelson Thomas and Errol Weir** with Glenn Casey as Reserve Selector.

**Referees and Umpires:** No written nominations were received.

<i>Robin Cruikshank..... nominated by Annette Dunstan</i>	<i>Accepted</i>
<i>David Stoker..... nominated by Carmel Blyth</i>	<i>Subject to Acceptance</i>
<i>Kyle French..... nominated by Robin Cruikshank</i>	<i>Accepted</i>
<i>Cameron Hancock..... nominated by Robin Cruikshank</i>	<i>Accepted</i>
<i>Glenn Casey..... nominated by Angus Young</i>	<i>Accepted</i>

**2024 Referees & Umpires Panel:** **Glenn Casey, Robin Cruikshank, Kyle French, Cameron Hancock, David Stoker(STA)**

We do need to arrange for re-accreditation of some Referees and Umpires this year. It was requested that the members of the Panel arrange a chairperson and a suitable date and let the QIBA Secretary know.

**Coaching:**

<i>Sheree Lynam..... nominated by Carmel Blyth</i>	<i>Subject to Acceptance</i>
<i>Angus Young..... nominated by Carmel Blyth</i>	<i>Accepted</i>
<i>David Blyth..... nominated by Glenn Casey</i>	<i>Accepted</i>
<i>Robin Cruikshank..... nominated by Angus Young</i>	<i>Accepted</i>

**2024 Coaching Panel:** **David Blyth, Robin Cruikshank, Sheree Lynam, Angus Young**

We do need to arrange for re-creditation of coaches this year. It was requested that the members of the Panel arrange a Chairperson and a suitable date and let the QIBA Secretary know.

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**Disputes:** No written nominations were received.

<i>Cameron Hancock..... nominated by Annette Dunstan</i>	<i>Accepted</i>
<i>Marilyn Long..... nominated by Ian Long</i>	<i>Accepted</i>
<i>Diane Knight..... nominated by Kyle French</i>	<i>Declined</i>
<i>Anita Brown..... nominated by Kyle French</i>	<i>Subject to Acceptance</i>
<i>Kaylene Weir..... nominated by Cameron Hancock</i>	<i>Accepted</i>

**2024 Disputes Committee: Cameron Hancock, Marilyn Long, Anita Brown (TBA), Kaylene Weir**  
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**Finance, Fundraising and Publicity:** No written nominations were received.

Philip Lowry as Treasurer is automatically chairperson.

<i>Tony Watson..... nominated by Janet Stockel</i>	<i>Accepted</i>
<i>Dulcie Casey..... nominated by Kaylene Weir</i>	<i>Accepted</i>
<i>Sheree Lynam..... nominated by Kyle French</i>	<i>Subject to Acceptance</i>

**2024 Finance and Fundraising Committee:**

**Treasurer Philip Lowry, Tony Watson, Dulcie Casey, Sheree Lynam (STA)**

Janet Stockel asked the panel to look into what grants were available to us, due to the Sport & Recreation funding ceasing as we are not affiliated with a NSO (national sporting organisation) as recognised by the Australian Sports Commission. AIBBC are looking into it, there are 8 compliance points and currently AIBBC only meets 4 of them. ASC does not see enough differentiation between Indoor and Outdoor bowls.

All states could affiliate with Bowls Australia, and while money would become available there could be sacrifices on our part.

Tony Watson asked if we could consider affiliating with another sport, such as Bocci. They are a small organisation looking to expand.

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**Health & Safety Committee:** No written nominations were received.

<i>Tim Lowry..... nominated by Kyle French</i>	<i>Declined</i>
<i>Anita Brown..... nominated by Kyle French</i>	<i>Subject to Acceptance</i>

**2024 Health & Safety Committee: Anita Brown (STA)**  
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**Strategic Planning Committee:** This is the Head of each Standing Committee plus the COM.

All committees are to please advise the Secretary of their chairperson.

*Robin Cruikshank moved the Strategic Planning Committee be endorsed, seconded Sharon Hancock*

*Motion Carried*  
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**Appointment of Selector to AIBBC:**

*None required this year.*

**Old COM member to AIBBC:**

*Written nomination received from Angus Young (Janet Stockel, Nelson Thomas)..... Accepted*

It was commented that the COM member should forward a report from AIBBC COM meetings to the QIBA committee.

**AIBBC Patron:**

*Written nomination received from Robin Cruikshank (Jenny Cruikshank, Daphne Devantier)... Accepted*

**AIBBC President:**

*None required this year.*

**AIBBC Secretary:**

*Written nomination received from Kyle French (Shirley Moore, Jody Moore)..... Accepted*

**Old Delegates to the AIBBC AGM:**

Angus Young (COM Member), Annette Dunstan (Secretary), Carmel Blyth (President) plus one more required.

*Diane Knight ..... nominated by Carmel Blyth, seconded by Kyle French..... Accepted*

**2024 Old AIBBC AGM Delegates:**

**Angus Young, Annette Dunstan, Carmel Blyth, Diane Knight**

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**QIBA INC. FEES and EXPENSES**

The following fees were set at the November meeting:

**2024 Registration fee:** \$20 (Senior & Junior) (\$10 membership, \$10 insurance)

**2024 Association/Club Affiliation Fees:** \$50.00

**2024 Nomination fee for Restricted Events:** \$10.00 per player (Senior & Junior)

**2024 Nomination fee for State Championships:** \$10 per player per event, free for Juniors for Junior events, Juniors in Open events subsidised by Scarborough Account.

The following expenses were decided at the November meeting:

**Honorariums**

*Secretary \$800, Assistant Secretary \$200 (or paid to Secretary if no Assistant Secretary), Treasurer \$300.*

Honorariums are paid for the year just past, with the amount paid being the amount voted the previous year. The amount moved/accepted above is for the coming year, to be paid next AGM.

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**Travelling Expenses for Committees (COM, Sub-Committees and delegates)**

*Travelling Expenses remain at 25c/km.*

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**Restricted Events Host Associations** to assist with the cost of hosting Restricted Events:

*Restricted Events Hosting fee be \$400 (\$200 per day) for 2 days.*

There will be discussion in the General Meeting regarding venues for the July and November meetings.

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**NOTICES OF MOTION**

*No motions were submitted.*

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

For business in relation to AGM matters either from the previous minutes or from this meeting.

**1. QIBA Mats stored at Toowoomba**

Kaylene Weir wanted to know whose responsibility the mats were? Kaylene also queried why 9 carpets had come back to Toowoomba after the Nationals instead of the 8 that went?

Errol Weir handed over a list of the carpet ID numbers currently at Toowoomba:

- Toowoomba (22, unknown older carpet, 776, 779, 781, 789, 794, 804, 805, 814, 870). One of these carpets (794) came from Brisbane who no longer requires it
- Carpet 801 is at Nambour
- Carpets 815 and 830 are at Dalby
- Carpet 874 is at Ipswich
- One of the older carpets (30) unsuitable for nationals is at Kingaroy.

Toowoomba has put in an application for 9 carpets.

Kingaroy has applied for another (older) carpet.

QIBA needs to do an inventory of their bowls also.

Ian Long asked what is going to happen with the Fassifern mats and bowls they collected from Boonah and are currently stored at the Toowoomba Hall. Angus said he would bring this up during the delegates meeting.

## **2. One Shot Bowls Singles Competition**

Kaylene Weir wanted to know why QIBA had taken over the idea of the competition that Haydn Weir had proposed, and then just abandoned the idea.

Haydn put in a lot of time and effort to generate interest, it was well received, then nothing eventuated. It was played once at Toowoomba and not followed up for the 2023 National Championships.

It was commented that it was an oversight that the competition was not proceeded with.

## **3. Nationals proposed new format**

Kaylene Weir said that she had been told that our AIBBC COM member Angus Young had voted against the Queensland proposal and wanted to know if it was true.

Angus responded that he had fought for our proposal until it was absolutely clear that it was not going to be the recommendation that the Sub-committee was going to be putting to the AIBBC for consideration.

Kaylene stated that in her opinion the singles competition gave unfair levels of practice to the participants, with the players who chose not to participate being unfairly disadvantaged by having no opportunity for practice.

## **4. Nationals certificates**

Carmel Blyth stated that Caloundra Association had requested that the certificates be re-issued with the correct event number (53<sup>rd</sup> instead of 54<sup>th</sup>).

**There being no further business** Immediate Past President Kyle French thanked everyone for their attendance at the Annual meeting, reminding everyone that the Restricted Rinks would start at 9.00am tomorrow.

Kyle French then declared the meeting closed at 4.05pm.

*Janet Stockel (outgoing)*  
*Secretary QIBA Inc*  
*17<sup>th</sup> March 2024*

*Kyle French (outgoing)*  
*President QIBA Inc*