

Australian Tenpin Bowling Seniors Organisation National Inc

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of ATBSON Inc
held at the AMF Joondalup Bowl
on Wednesday, 2 September, 2015 commencing at 7:10pm.

Present: 35 ATBSO Members attended the meeting. All attendees sign the AGM Register at the door.

Apologies: Roy Searle, Brenda Kirkwood.

Chair: Dan Kirkwood (President)

The meeting was opened at 7:10pm by the Chairman. The Chairman advised all attendees the meeting would be recorded to assist in the documentation of the meeting.

Delegate Representation

Each state was issued with three (3) delegate cards which were to be used for voting purposes. All cards had been issued.

Previous Minutes

The minutes from the 2014 AGM have been available via the ATBSO(N) web site.

It was **Resolved** the minutes from the 2014 AGM be accepted (unanimous).

There was no business arising from the minutes of the 2014 AGM.

Board Reports

The President spoke to his report. A copy of the President's Report is appended to the minutes. The President made reference to the issue of the number of grades in the Senior's Week Challenge and advised the Board would accept the decision of the members.

Secretary's Report was read to all attendees. A copy of the Secretary's Report is appended to the minutes.

The Treasurer spoke to the financial statements which had been provided. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is appended to the minutes. The format of the financial statement was questioned and deemed not to be a true Profit and Loss or Income and Expenditure Statement. It was a list of financial transactions. It was further noted the statement included two items which will be included in the 2015/2016 statements.

It was **Resolved** the President's, Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports be accepted.

Notices of Motion

The President made reference to the removal of the paragraph in Section 10 of Article 4 regarding resubmission of defeated or withdrawn motions for a period of 3 years. The President advised the amendment to the constitution had been accepted by the Department of Commerce (WA) but also advised that a number of changes were required to ensure consistency. These changes will be drafted and distributed to all states with the view to call an extra ordinary meeting to approve the changes.

It was agreed Motion #3 and #4 would be combined into a single motion.

	Proposed By	Seconded By	Motion	Purpose	Result
1	Glenn Lennell (SA)	Di Lennell	<p>In Article 4, Section 5, it states that at each AGM or General Meeting, each state, territory or zone will be allowed 3 delegates with voting rights. In addition, the Executive Board will each have a vote with a maximum of five (5) votes for any state, territory or zone.</p> <p>This section provides an advantage for a state that has any representation on the Executive Board.</p> <p>I propose that the Executive Board, which consists of 5 members, have a single deciding vote where a clear majority can't be reached from the state, territory or zone delegate voting.</p>	<p>This motion keeps key decisions with the state, territory or zone delegate voting and is not unduly influenced by the state participation on the Executive Board.</p>	<p>There was discussion for and against the motion.</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously</p>
2	Jill Quinn (SA)	Glenn Lennell	<p>An audit of the financial statements for the financial year to be carried out annually with the resulting report tabled at the next Annual General Meeting</p>	<p>The purpose of the motion is that incorporated bodies require an annual audit to safeguard not for profit organisations and sporting bodies</p>	<p>The issue of cost was discussed.</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously</p>
3	Ronda Hatchard (SA)	Glenn Lennell	<p>The ATBSO (N) Inc to be in control of the setting up of the Tournament Events for the annual "Seniors Week" competition.</p> <p>This would involve the Entry Form, Event Schedule and Lane Draws</p>	<p>To have documents/templates which have been proven to be working documents and would only need minor adjustments to suit the selected Centre's requirements (if needed).</p>	<p>It was deemed there was insufficient information to make a decision. It was agreed the two nominators</p>

				It is always a big task to ask the host state to have responsibility of this	would provide clarification of what is required and provide a recommendation to the National Board.
4	Cheryl Denis (ACT)	Richard Makins	That the National committee runs and organises Senior's Week along with a selected Tournament Team.	This should ensure a smoother running of the event and all states would only have to provide the information to one body. Would stop the double handling and misinterpretation of information required. The host state would then have no need to obtain clearance on scheduling as all information pertaining to timings for Senior's week would be provided by the National body. Host state would then only have to arrange for a guest speaker for the Opening Ceremony and arrange the dinner.	The motion(s) were deferred pending clarification.

There was general discussion about the number of divisions being competed in the Senior's Week Challenge. It was agreed changes to the format was required if the association was to succeed in the long term. There was discussion, for and against, about removing one division or to change the structure of the divisions in Senior's Week.

	Sue Raphael (Vic) (from the floor)	Glenn Lennell(SA)	To remove the Grand Seniors division from the Senior's Week program effective immediately.		The motion had been discussed. There were 15 for and 9 against. The motion was carried
	Bob Whybrow (NSW) (from the floor)	Amanda Ludlow (WA)	To restructure the Senior's week format into 3 divisions. One will have a handicap but no average limit, one scratch with no average limit and grand seniors (handicap to be decided).		The motion was discussed. There were 9 for and 15 against. The motion was defeated

Following the discussion regarding the Senior's Week program, it was agreed the deferred motion would be tabled.

5	Alex Blakeley (Qld)	Andrew Nicol	To increase the Classic Challenge teams to 6 males and 6 females the same as Restricted and Open Challenges	I believe there are enough bowlers to fill the Classic Division who are too high for Restricted and not high enough to make the Open team.	The motion was discussed. The motion was defeated
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General Business

Ken Baldock's contribution to ATBSO was recognised.

It was unanimously **Resolved** the Restricted Challenge will be renamed the Ken Baldock Restricted Challenge.

The issue of having a photographer attend the Senior's Week was raised. It was recognised that it was no longer financially viable for a professional photographer to attend Senior's Week. It was agreed the hosting state would be responsible for organising a photographic service.

The Secretary advised that there were some inconsistencies with how states were managing the calculation of averages.

It was **Resolved** the Secretary will document the process to be used for the calculation of bowler averages. This process will be distributed to all states for implementation.

The ability of ACT to host Senior's Week in 2017 was raised as it was possible there would not be a registered centre available. It was agreed Cheryl Dennis would monitor the situation and a decision would be made by the end of 2015.

Election of Officers

It was noted that the notification of nominations was delayed and didn't give state delegates an opportunity to consider voting preferences. This issue is to be considered by the new Board.

The positions of President, Vice President (Male) and Treasurer were declared vacant.

President: Dan Kirkwood (WA) was nominated by I Swan (ACT), Seconded by C Swan (ACT) for 12 months to complete the 2 year term. Being no other nominations, **Dan Kirkwood** was declared President for 12 months.

Treasurer: Jill Quinn (SA) was nominated by I Swan (ACT), Seconded by C Swan (ACT). Being no other nominations, **Jill Quinn** was declared Treasurer for a 2 year term.

Male Vice President: Andrew Nicol (QLD) was nominated by A Boxsell (QLD), Seconded by M Sullivan (QLD)

Richard Makins (ACT) was nominated by I Swan (ACT), Seconded by C Swan (ACT)

Andrew Nicol was elected as Male Vice President by secret ballot for a 2 year term.

It was noted South Australia would distribute details regarding the 2016 Senior's Week at the dinner.

Richie Palmer's contribution as treasurer for a long period was recognised and appreciated.

As no further business had been brought forward, the meeting at closed at 9:00 pm.

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Chairman

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President's Report 2015

2015 year for us began with Ken Baldock being elected as President and shortly after taking ill and not being able to continue in the role. As a result I have filled the position as President and Andrew Nicol was seconded to the board to fill the role of Vice President. Thanks to Andrew for stepping in and we wish Ken all the best as he manages his illness.

During the year we organised a number of teleconferences with the States and Territories Presidents and one with the States and Territories delegates. The purpose of these meetings has been to encourage greater input into the running of our association, where it is recognized that we need consensus and agreement on issues of importance.

In organising for this year Senior week it became obvious that as an association there were differing views still existing around the format of the Seniors week and that some states would not be able to fill teams in some divisions. This resulted in communications from a number of our states regarding the need to review and maybe change our tournament rules and regulations.

As a result of becoming aware of this, we also became aware of a block in our constitution which prevented motions on a specific topic from being resubmitted for two years. This motion could have impacted on our ability to make timely decisions on the running of our association. I therefore called a special meeting of all delegates to put a motion to remove this block. It was passed unanimously.

Changes to the constitution were submitted and approved by the regulator. The regulator has also conducted a full review of our constitution and advised us of a number of changes that we should make in order to ensure our Constitution meets present expectations of the regulator.

In a general discussion with the states and territories there was a view put forward that the Grand Seniors part of the competition should be withdrawn. Straw pole reflected that there was a majority support for this approach. For this change or other changes to occur there will need to be motions from the floor during general business, at the AGM.

Thinking to the future of our association and our annual competition there were two messages received. They were:

1. That the number of divisions needs to be reduced.
2. That the length of time the tournament runs need to be reduced, if possible.

Number of divisions

Comments have been "get rid of Grand seniors", "get rid of Classic", "expand the classic to six men and six women" and a number of other. You as members will need to decide what the decision is to be.

Reduce Tournament length

A number of ways this could be achieved:

1. Play each team in each division 3 times over two days. I.e. 10 games one day 11 the next
 2. Play each team in each division 2 times over two days. I.e. 7 games one day 7 the next
- Either of the above solutions would result in a three day reduction. From 11 days to 8 days. Again the national committee requires input from the membership.

A way forward would be for the general assembly at the AGM to provide direction regarding the number of divisions. Once the number and which divisions is decided I would recommend that the Rules and Regulations sub-committee be asked to put together the changed format and distribute to all delegates for review and approval.

Financials

Expenditure exceeded income by \$830 for the year. This would suggest/reflect that there is cost cuttings required to ensure survival. As to what those cost cuttings may be I would suggest that the National committee in conjunction with representatives from the states and territories prepare and make recommendations that could be taken to the national committee and delegates in the first half of 2016.

ATBSO WA worked very hard to ensure a successful competition for 2015. Thank you for the effort.

Your National committee has worked diligently during the year to meet the needs of the states and territories and the running of the national body. Members of the National committee, thanks you for your support.

Dan Kirkwood
National President ATBSON



2015 Secretary's Report

2015 has been a year of learning so up front, I would like to thank all state president's, secretaries and tournament directors for their patience throughout the year.

The National Board have met 12 times since the 2014 AGM and unfortunately, through ill health, Ken was not able to fulfil his duties so we had Dan Kirkwood assume the role of President for the past 12 months with Andrew Nicol coming in as Male Vice President for the same period. I would like to thank all Board members for their assistance over the past 12 months.

I have tried to keep the National Database current and send an updated sheet to all states on a monthly basis. More on this shortly.

The 2015 Senior's Week has been challenging for the WA organising committee and National Board with the primary concern being the number of bowlers that are competing in multiple grades just to try and fill the teams. We had a record number of vacancies that needed to be filled by draft bowlers this year and being my first year a secretary, I concede the communication to both successful and unsuccessful draft bowlers could have been better. I will look to have a better process in place next year to manage this but hopefully we won't have the same issues as this year.

There are a couple of items that will be raised during General Business which I will talk to later in this meeting but the key issues from my perspective are;

1. We need a Senior's Week program that is sustainable for the long term future of ATBSO. The existing scheduling of events has extended the timeframe for Senior's Week which increases the cost for individuals and state/territory associations and based on this year's participation, is having a negative impact on most state line-ups.
2. As mentioned previously, the National Averages database has been updated and distributed to state secretaries on a monthly basis. I am proposing that we standardise the calculation of all bowler averages and have consistency across the state and national records. This should include the rolling of an average from one year to the next. I believe having consistency between state and national records will improve the accuracy of the records.

2015 has been an interesting time and I look forward to 2016 being a little less hectic.

Yours in Bowling

Glenn Lennell

Australian Tenpin Bowling Seniors Organisation National (Inc)
 Tournament Account 12-716-8062

Income and Expenditure Statement for Period ending 31st Aug 2015				
Date	Income	Outgoing	Explanation	Reconciliation
	\$6,003.00		Carryover Balance	\$6,003.00
			Outgoing Balance	\$0.00
				\$6,003.00

Australian Tenpin Bowling Seniors Organisation National (Inc) Everyday Account
86-830-0999

Income and Expenditure Statement for Period ending 31st Aug 2015

Date		Income	Expenses
1-9-2014	Carryover Balance from 2013-2014	\$3,962.69	
	Memberships 2013-2014	\$119.00	
	NQ Directors Insurance 2013-2014	\$86.02	
	Medals and \$1.00 per Squad payment from TAS	\$3,044.00	
	Repayment Masters shirts from TAS	\$400.00	
	Directors Insurance	\$1,826.25	
	Membership 2015	\$2,485.00	
	TBA Grant	\$1,000.00	
	Income	\$12,922.96	
	<u>Expenses</u>		
	Website Annual Domain Charges and Renewal Fee		\$273.77
	Medals and Engraving 2015		\$3,977.00
	Hall of Fame and Masters Shirts		\$1,078.00
	Trophies Masters Rep & S'Person Trophies and engraving		\$771.00
	Trophies Covers and Postage		\$248.80
	Directors Insurance		\$1,825.65
	Tournament Secretary Expenses including Honarium		\$ 1,400.00
	Tape Recorder, 2 way batteries, flash Drive and Doc Changes		\$190.10
	TBA Fsla Rebate ACT		\$28.00
	Expenses		\$9,792.32
31-8-2015	Balance		\$3,130.64
	Totals	\$12,922.96	\$12,922.96