



# Australian Tenpin Bowling Seniors Organisation

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON 21ST OCTOBER 1996  
AT THE SERBIAN CULTURAL CLUB, HEARD STREET, MAWSON ACT.

The National President, June Marks, declared the meeting open at 9.10am and welcomed the state delegates together with the guests A.T.B.C. President John McLean and A.T.B.C. Director Johnno Johnson.

## 1. ROLL CALL.

J.Marks (NSW), M.Smith (SA), M.Bacon (NSW), M.Lovell (NSW), K.Baldock (TAS), B.Freestone (NSW), J.Biviano (NSW), N.Goodwin (TAS), E.Phelan (SA), J.Pask (SA), R.Vreugdenburg (SA), P.Gadsen (QLD), D.Flanagan (QLD), D.Dockery (QLD), A.Innes (VIC), S.Moroney (VIC), J.Vine (VIC), I.Castle (VIC), J.Heath (NT), H.Morgan (NT), R.Piper (ACT), M.Foote (ACT), C.Francis (ACT), A.Brentnall (WA), J.Schneider (WA), J.Palmer (WA), N.Pinchen (NSW), L.Bruce (NSW), R.Clarke (QLD).

GUESTS: ATBC President John McLean, ATBC Director Johnno Johnson.

## APOLIGIES.

T.Brindle (NSW), I.Swan (NSW).

## SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

June Marks invited John McLean to address the Meeting.

This address was an update of A.T.B.C. Initiatives including the decisions from 36 hours of ATBC board meetings held during the Nationals.

Highlights included:-

Commonwealth Games - Tenpin Bowling accepted - Invitation to join the Australian Commonwealth Games Association accepted by John on Saturday 19th October 1996 at a reception held in Sydney - all State T.B.A.s will receive Complimentary invitations to join State

Commonwealth Games Associations - details will be circulate soon through the State Associations.

Walter de Veer Tournament - Seven States competed with the eighth (S.A.) almost certain to compete in 1997 - teething troubles with this first up effort - varying interest in each states response.

Appointment of a Media Officer - Lynne Clay carrying out the position in an enthusiastic manner - any copy for the magazine welcomed.

Appointment of a Marketing Consultant - Herson Communications - Michelle Herson, the Managing Director, has in a very short time been actively seeking sponsorships and is on the verge of obtaining a very large Sponsor - details are not yet available.

Changes to the Award System - The existing Patch system is to be phased out over a period of time whilst the existing patch stocks are exhausted - it will be replaced by a colour printed award system whereby each award can be displayed and additionally, added to, in a framed Presentation - the awards will be cost free and available in three groups namely Bronze, Silver and Gold - Bronze Silver and Gold will be the basic colour<sup>of</sup> the inscribed backing for the Awards - More information later.

The Coca Cola Tournament in Brisbane - a joint project by AMF and Coca Cola, A.T.B.C. and Associations - to air on 29th & 30th Nov.

ATBC National Championships 1998 - Juniors and Seniors to be held on the Gold Coast - main venue Burleigh Superbowl with the backup at Ashmore Village Bowl.

Government Funding - Tenpin Bowling funding stayed buoyant whilst most other sports were cut back - our detailed submissions and programmes were pleasantly received.

Seniors challenge clashing with the A.T.B.C. AGM. - request that consideration be given to rescheduling away<sup>from</sup> the Friday start.

3. Confirmation of the Previous AGM Minutes held on 16th October 1995 - Minutes circulated taken as read.

Moved K. Baldock seconded M. Smith that the minutes as circulated be confirmed.

CARRIED

Business arising:

M. Foote queried the accuracy of the wording of the Notice of Motion No. 3 (Page 3) "Extension of the Challenge to 3 days" as printed. She felt that the motion was put as a suggestion and

That it was left to the host Association to make the final decision. J.Marks asked for anyone present at the last meeting who could recall the position, to speak.

K.Baldock expressed an opinion that it was 4 games on Friday night. M.Smith advised she had thought it was 4 games on Friday night and had arranged for all states to be notified of the change when the 1996 format was announced with the Tournament being conducted through the day on Friday. She requested that any decisions made at these meetings be adhered to, so as to prevent problems created by the change. Any decision must be clearcut.

N.Pinchen, as Tournament Director, explained the problems encountered during the planning stages of this Tournament and the reasons for the decisions made. He stated that he believed the 1996 Tournament format was correct.

Piper apologised to the A.T.B.C. for the clash with the AGM and further elaborated on the problems encountered.

J.Marks read out the actual Motion passed as it was reworded. "That the ATBSO Challenge be extended to three days, starting on Friday with the opening and a limited number of games bowled on Friday night".

D.Dockery Motion No.4 (1995) Page 4. Proposed ATBSO Masters Tournament No Circular sent out during this years Tournament

J.Marks ruled that it was up to the proposers to put forward their ideas for circulation and discussion. In this case no more information was forthcoming.

D.Dockery Motion No.4 (1994) Page 4. Proposed Handicap Section. No questionnaire was circulated as stated in the Minutes.

J.Marks advised that again no correspondence was forthcoming for the National body to circulate. It was the proposers and any interested parties to compile the proposal details and arrange circulation via the National body. To be discussed with the other Notices of Motion.

M.Smith Motion No.2 Page 3. State ATBSO Officers details. Lists not being sent out.

J.Marks advised only 1 sent to the National Secretary - 1 received today - state lists not being received in Sydney.

N.Pinchen sent lists to each State - he did not receive any reciprocal lists.

D.Flanigan advised that problems are created with the late rendition of the Minutes resulting in the action required to be taken being too late or ineffective or never carried out.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE (List attached)

Additional:

J.Hall (S.A.) Re problem with Strikeout not publishing copy submitted. suggested the need for the National body to keep a high profile by submitting items of interest in each Strikeout eg State team compositions, articles on high profile Senior bowlers, etc.

J.Pask reinforced the letters contents.

M.Bacon advised that copies of this letter was passed on to Bob Cook and quite a deal of Seniors articles appeared in the next Strikeout.

#### 5. PRESIDENTS REPORT.

President J.Marks presented her report to the meeting.

Copy attached.

#### 6. TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer T.Brindle having tendered an apology had submitted a Statement. Copy attached.

J.Marks made a statement about the form of the report and its looseness. She had no doubts as to its accuracy but felt that the positions of Secretary and Treasurer would be better served combined.

K.Balcock advised that he had inspected the Statements submitted and had found some sheets unnecessary as they were from previous years, also there was no way of verifying the statement with a bank balance. The bank account had not been separated from the NSW bank account and so any bank charges, State and Federal Taxes, Interest etc could not be identified readily.

J.Vine drew attention to the conduct of the position and the need to carry out the position's duties as required by the Constitution.

R.Piper suggested that the Report should be audited as required in the States.

Unidentified drew attention to the extremely late banking of cheques

J.Marks advised of an offer from Debbie Biviano to rationalise the accounts with the Commonwealth Bank, which should also give relief from taxes as a non-profit organisation.

M.Smith drew attention to the collection of fees due after 1st September for the current year and should be remitted to the National body in time for inclusion in the Treasurer's Report.

J.Marks reinforced these remarks by referring to Article Three of the Constitution.

Moved P.Gadsen Seconded J.Vine that the Statement tendered be accepted.

CARRIED.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary M. Bacon advised that no report had been submitted as very little action had taken place as to warrant a report.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved M. Smith seconded M. Lovell that for this year and succeeding years the Election of Officers be held over till the last item on the AGM agenda as previously moved and carried. CARRIED

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

No. 1 Moved B. Freestone Seconded J. McRae that in future years the ATBSO Interstate Challenge does not clash with the A.T.B.C. AGM.

CARRIED

No. 2 Moved E. Phelan seconded M. Smith that the Peterson Points Scoring System be abolished for the Challenge and replaced with a simpler system of 1 point per win in head to head games and 1 point for the team games won with .5 for drawn games.

The South Australian submission was read out.

E. Phelan advised that the System had been used in S.A. Local Tournaments successfully, allowing a much closer competition and provides a more equitable playing field for the lower skilled bowler. J. Pask then elaborated on the proposal.

**An AMENDMENT** moved by P. Gadsen seconded D. Dockery that the points for the team game be 2 points.

The amendment was put and CARRIED.

The amended Motion was put and

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned 11.25 am to 11.40 am.

No. 3 (From the Floor)

E. Phelan moved M. Smith seconded that in the event of a tie between two teams a full game will be played on the full points system. In the event of a 3 way Tie, a Round Robin Playoff will decide the winner on total pinfall only. A draw will decide the first two teams to playoff.

J. Marks drew attention that the Total pinfall should decide the winner of a 2, 3 or 4 way Team Tie.

J. Johnson explained the principle of the scoring.

An Amendment moved by D. Dockery seconded M. Smith that in the event of a tie for first place on total points, the team with the highest total pinfall will be declared Champions.

Amendment put and CARRIED. The Amended Motion was put & CARRIED

Deferred Motion No.4 (1994) Proposed Handicap Section in Interstate Challenge.

D.Dockery sought feedback from the other states re the proposal. Following negative response from most states the motion was **WITHDRAWN**.

Deferred Motion No.4 (1995) "Moved K.Baldock seconded I.Swan that an ATBSO Masters be held with 2 representatives, 1 male, 1 female representing each State."

K.Baldock outlined the position in Tasmania where they actively promote the idea.

General discussion re the viability and desirability of conducting this tournament.

D.Dockery sought an opinion on a Handicap Tournament for the lower average bowlers rather than open bowlers.

After further discussion D.Dockery moved an addendum that the ATBSO conduct a Double Elimination Handicap Masters with State representation of ladies and men during the ATBC Nationals. Handicap to be 90% of 200 with the average cut-off date being the 31st August each year for the National rolloff. K.Baldock accepted the addendum.

Johnno Johnson announced he would arrange for a donation of two Cups to be known as the "ATBSO Masters Cups" with two small replicas suitably engraved for 1997.

The motion with the addendum was CARRIED

Deferred Motion No.9 (1994) Proposal by K.Jakeway (N.T.) "that the ATBSO Interstate Challenge not follow the ATBC Nationals venue in future years."

Motion LAPSED for lack of a Mover or Seconder and any support.

#### 10. Constitutional Changes and By-laws.

Covered by Item 9.

#### 11. New Business.

1a. R.Piper - Interstate Challenge - request for firm commitment ie the actual bowling days, the number of games per day, etc. so that everyone is aware and can plan around it.

D.Dockery suggested a format of Friday night for the ATBSO Handicap Masters Final, Saturday, Sunday, Monday for the Interstate Challenge with Monday Night for the Presentation Dinner.

J.McLean offered the first weekend of the Nationals in Perth for the ATBSO to hold the Challenge at the Nationals main venue at Pennington. Ideally this would allow the ATBSO Interstate Challenge to become part of the ATBC National Championships. The lineage charges would be at the low ATBC rate.

W.A. delegates advised that they have a commitment to Fairlanes City Bowl for the 1997 Challenge.

It was suggested that the Organisers for the 1998 Challenge if possible, fit in with the ATBC, by not making a commitment to any Bowling Centre.

Moved R. Palmer seconded N. Pinchen that the ATBSO Interstate Challenge commence on Saturday at 10.00 am, Sunday at 10.00 am and Monday at 9.00 am with the National AGM on Thursday Night and the Presentation Dinner on Monday Night. The Team Photos are being arranged at the Team's accommodation. CARRIED

1b. J. McLean - 1997 National Championships Perth Dates; Championships commence on Sat. 11.10.97 and finish on Sun. 26.10.97 Walter de Veer Trophy on Wed. 15.10.97 and Thu. 16.10.97 ATBC AGM on Fri. 17.10.97

aching Assembly on Mon. 20.10.97 Rachuig Trophy on Tue. 21.10.97, Wed. 22.10.97, and Thu. 23.10.97 Masters Finals on Fri. 24.10.97, Sat. 25.10.97.

2. J. Marks - Interstate Challenge Winning Team Medallions - low stocks only 6 left - are we to continue presenting medallions? if so, can we purchase more?

I. Castle queried the number of medallions that are presented. J. Marks advised that they are presented to the two winning teams only with a total of 16 being presented.

Moved N. Pinchen seconded M. Smith that we continue presenting Medallions and that more Medallions be purchased. CARRIED

3. J. Vine - Replacement Bowlers in the Challenge Series - Clarification of the use of replacement bowlers.

J. Marks advised that the Tournament Director has discretionary powers to treat each case on its merits and quoted Rule 6 (d).

4. J. Marks - Rule 9. Uniformity of wording on Bowlers Shirts - attention drawn to the lack of uniformity currently on the shirts. Moved R. Piper seconded B. Freestone that the shirt must have "ATBSO Challenge" and the year (of the challenge) on the back, clearly defined.

Discussion took place, arguments against included the wording interfering with the States design on the back.

The motion was put and

DEFEATED

Note: ATBSO Challenge and the Year must still appear on the shirts clearly defined, but can be on the front or the back.

5. ? - Rule 5. Eligibility of Coaches etc. due to being under age. An example was quoted of one team having a coach well under 45. Further discussion included whether there was a need for age restriction and also Selectors and Managers as well.

Moved M.Smith Seconded N.Pinchen that Rule 5 be amended to delete the age restriction on Team Coaches, Team Managers and Team Selectors.

CARRIED

6. Asian Senior Teams Tournament - J.Pask outlined the tournament and issued an invitation to compete - details available from the ATBC and Mary Bacon.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The meeting decided to amalgamate the offices of Secretary and Treasurer as provided for in Article Five of the Constitution and to appoint an assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

The following were duly nominated and elected:

President ; June Marks  
Vice President : Marion Smith (Note Spelling)  
Vice President : Ken Baldock  
Secretary/Treasurer : Mary Bacon  
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer : Noel Pinchen

Meeting closed at 1.30 pm.

Mick Lovell (NSW)  
Acting as Minute Secretary.

Reminders;

1. Contact for W.A. Challenge  
Richard Palmer  
3 Millcroft Elbow  
Jandakot W.A. 6164
2. Book accomodation in W.A. early as other sports are in competition at that time.
3. Younger persons aiding Seniors functions are on a coopted basis only.