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President: Cleve Walker **Vice President:** Graham Fisher **Secretary:** Julie Walker **Treasurer:** Glenn Hatfield
Competition Secretary: Heather Roberts **Committee:** Glyn Evans, Brigitte Cary-Smith, Eileen Burt, Mandy Isikson

1st October 2024

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
SOUTHBROOM BOWLING CLUB, HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE,
195 GILBERT ROAD, SOUTHBROOM
ON FRIDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER 2024, AT 17:30hrs.**

1. Notice of the agm was duly posted on the club's noticeboard on 7th September 2024.
2. The attendance register is attached; 47 attended - exceeding the minimum for a quorum. There were 8 apologies, and no proxies (names appended below).
3. Obituaries: A minute's silence was observed for Bev Clements and Terry Shepperd.
4. To approve the minutes of the AGM held in September 2023: proposed by Bruce Burt, seconded by Tony Waters and approved by a show of hands.
5. Matters Arising – nil.
6. To receive and consider the President's report (appended): acceptance proposed by Bruce Burt, seconded by Hein Bester and approved by a show of hands.
7. To receive and consider the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st July 2024 (appended). The treasurer, Glenn Hatfield, presented the financial statements. Bar sales increased by R103k or 25% on the previous year, assisted by Musical Bingo, Pop-Up restaurants and last year's October Beer Fest. GH noted that the bar is a club's engine-room and helps to keep the other costs down. Total turnover was increased to R413k. There were several unplanned and therefore unbudgeted expenses: a fridge condenser failed and had to be replaced, and an opportunity arose to buy a good second-hand fridge and ice machine (for which several donations were received from anonymous members).

Following the withdrawal of green-keeping services formerly provided by the golf club, it became necessary to refurbish the club's own machines for scarifying etc. The new mower required a service and a new grass box.

The cost of employing an additional greenkeeper was partly offset by a reduction in overtime, insourcing of cleaning services etc.

An additional R35k had to be paid on the club's lease although it is still being invoiced at only R40pm in spite of the "revision". The club's own insurance fund was able to pay the outstanding lease amount. R60k remains; GH says that the amount will be brought back up to the minimum reserve of R100k through a drinks levy (bar prices are still amongst the lowest in the district) for around six months, and a proposed R95 increase in subscription fees to R960pa. BSA and KBA affiliation fees of R280 and R240 respectively will bring the total annual subs payable to R1480. Social membership will cost R150 pa.

Bar sales are projected to reach R520k in the year to July 2025 at a profit of R224k.

No capital projects will be embarked upon until the lease has been renewed and the terms factored in to the budget.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Harry Devenish and seconded by Graham Fisher.

8. To elect office-bearers for the ensuing year. Last year's committee agreed to stay on for the club's 75th anniversary.

President	Cleve Walker
Vice President	Graham Fisher
Treasurer	Glenn Hatfield
Secretary	Julie Walker
Competition Secretary	Heather Roberts (KBA Liaison)
Committee Members	Brigitte Cary-Smith (sponsored club days)
	Glyn Evans (Club Championships)
	Eileen Burt
	Mandy Isikson

9. To reappoint the auditor: Kristin Livingstone was reappointed by a show of hands.

10. Presentation of Prizes. The outgoing KBA President Bruce Burt presented trophies to:

Handicap Singles Champion – Rhett Butler

Men’s Novices’ Singles Champion – Dave Campbell

Ladies’ Novices’ Singles Champion – Marlene Collett

Men’s Nominated Pairs – Vernon Clements and Rhett Butler

Ladies’ Nominated Pairs - Eileen Burt and Shirley Longmore

Mixed Nominated Pairs – Glenn and Sue Hatfield

Men’s Drawn Pairs – Cleve Walker and Osie Osborne

Ladies Drawn Pairs – Julie Walker and Fawzia Karani

Mixed Drawn Pairs - Glyn Evans and Mandy Isikson

Ladies’ Singles Champion – Mal Shepperd

Men’s Singles Champion – Glenn Hatfield

11.To consider any other matters decreed competent by the Chairman

- Membership Subscriptions – R960
- Affiliation to KBA and BSA – to be confirmed at the KBA agm on 7th October.

12. General

Hein Bester proposed that life membership status be bestowed on club president Cleve Walker and secretary Julie Walker in recognition of their efforts. The motion was approved by a show of hands.

13. Closure – There being no further discussion, the meeting was formally closed at 18h25 and was followed by snacks.

Signed.....

Apologies – 2024 AGM

Eric Annegarn

Colin Wright

Heather Roberts

Sue Wood

Nora Hill

Richard Moore

Juanita Fourie

Linda Montgomery

President's speech 2024

It's been another successful year – especially for the ladies. Eileen and Helen in particular, they represented the KBA at the inter-districts and came back with bronze; they came second in Margate Week along with Glenn, Rhett and Osie, and they have reached the semi-finals of the KBA Ladies' pairs which are to be played tomorrow Julie and Lyn are in the other semi – good luck to all of them. Eileen and Tony were runners up in the KBA Mixed Pairs; Eileen and Mandy won bronze in the KZN Ladies' Pairs, and Eileen and Brian Douthwaite won the Lower South Coast 2-4-2 again. Eileen was runner up in the KBA Ladies' Veterans' Singles, and has now been appointed the convenor of the KBA Ladies' teams.

Glyn was appointed a selector for the KBA Men's teams.

Glenn had another good year as you will see when he presents the financials. Besides that he has achieved bronze in the KZN Singles, runner up in the KBA Masters and bronze in the KBA Men's Veterans' Singles.

Tony, Ian, Julie and yours truly won Margate Week.

On to the leagues. It was the club's second year in the First League and we did well to finish third. The Ladies' second league team were runners up again. The Men's Third league team came sixth, as did the Ladies' 4s.

For the first time, our club had enough players to justify both a men's and a ladies' Novices' competition – won respectively by the then new player Dave Campbell and Marlene Collett. Marlene was also the runner up in the club's

handicap singles – only Rhett was able to defeat her after she had won her way past Tony, Heiner and me on the way to the final.

Last but not least, congratulations to Bruce Burt on being selected to the executive committee of Bowls South Africa. It's a big loss for the KBA but the KBA is in a much healthier position than it was a year ago when Bruce took over.

Our green has held up really well in spite of leaking pipes, stolen water, mysteriously emptying tanks, weeds, encroaching trees and roots, broken mower, new mower bucket, a new electric cable, and our old friend Mr Mole. And never mind the 700 hundred pairs of feet we get across it every month! We had to shell out about R20000 on refurbishing equipment because the golf club – which used to help us freely – got in a contractor which doesn't want to extend any services to us even though we can pay. We don't have the luxury of closing our green for six months to allow the bare patches to grow over because we'd all rather play even if the green is imperfect. We got a B rating from the KBA Greens' Inspection committee and there's room for improvement in the runoff on all the banks, the banks themselves, and the bare patches. Now it looks as though the municipal yard next to our club is going to become available and this gives us options to consider, including a second green or perhaps two artificial rinks to give us more capacity. Nothing's decided; I'm just saying.

I'm proud of the way that our members volunteer to help when we need it and forgive me if you are not mentioned:

Rhett, for help in the bar – wine-glass racks, those perfectly aligned new optics as well as taking over when Glenn was away; for tackling the shabby score boards and labelling the bags for the club's coaching bowls.

John Bailey – for assisting with the score boards as well as the new windsock.

Gerhard, for lending his bakkie for me to fetch instant lawn from Cato Ridge

Harry, for resealing the bar fridges, replacing taps, repairing the vacuum cleaner, fixing guttering, tidying up the shed door and fixing leaks in the ladies' loos.

Graham, for chasing up and checking everything

Mandy, for organizing a great year's entertainment as well as some interior improvements

Glenn: bar, treasury, liquor license. A fantastic job - need I say more?
Glyn, Heather and Brigitte, for managing the club's sponsored and internal competitions, scoring, KBA liaison, coaching and more
Eileen, for running the ladies' bowls and all the coaching
Julie: secretary, coach, organizer
Sue, for all the shopping, ordering, housekeeping and so on
Juanita and Mrs Chris Faber, both for valiantly fixing the windsock
Tony, for updating the honours' boards – a huge task in humid conditions.
Vernon, for fetching the new bar fridge.
Grant Abbott, for putting up curtain rails.
Bev Aquisto for refilling the first-aid boxes at her own expense.
Glenn, Dave Campbell, Gerhard, Tony, Mandy, Julie and everyone who helped me get the new fridges and ice-maker installed. Thanks also to everyone who lent cooler boxes, crockery, etc.
Dave C again, for repairing the vacuum cleaner and arranging the donation of a wheelchair from South Coast Hospice
Monica, for giving the Ladies' locker room a revamp
Brent, for tightening up the outside tables' nuts and bolts
To the donors for the new ice machine – you know who you are. Many thanks.

Development Bowls

Starting right here at home. Elliot has played in our sponsored comps all year, and Andrew has made a good start to his bowls career. Eileen got a BSA-approved coach's qualification and Glyn, Julie and I all did the refresher course. Coaching is freely offered to anyone who asks, and we have had at least ten parties of non-bowlers who have had a great introduction to our sport.

The Singles Ladder attracted 10 players, and the club singles championships drew 5 ladies and 15 men.

We're also playing 18 ends at tabs to get us match-fit for KBA and other comps: no more excuses of "just lost on the last end".

Sponsored Competitions

We tried something new this year with the Hibiscus Brokers Supertrips, which has been a huge success. It did involve a bit of shuffling around because of the floods at Margate and we thank Riverside and the Village for making a green available. JL Panelbeaters continues to be hugely popular, the Sheryl Schilz Remax Chicken & Egg is always full, Tiago's ticks over, but The Wolf Security Open Fours has been a bit hit and miss and it remains for the incoming

committee to decide where to take it next year. We will try to fit in another round of B20 Cricket Bowls this year.

The future

At this point I have to say a few words about the renewal of our lease with RNM which expires at the end of January next year. For the last 10 years RNM has invoiced the club R40 per month despite our calculations showing that the rental should be closer to R700 per month, which is what we had budgeted for. With the renewal of our lease being imminent, and at the insistence of Graham Fisher for which I am now very thankful, Glenn and I went to the RNM treasury offices to get clarity. The club must have clearance from the treasury before the renewal can even be considered at the Port Shepstone office. We have now discovered 2 signed versions of the lease agreement and an unsigned addendum relating to a rental review that took place at the end of 2020. If everything had been signed correctly the back-calculation showed that we owed some R43,000, which we have paid out of our “insurance” fund. RNM did not charge interest because we weren’t at fault: we have always paid every invoice that gets presented. Anyway, we submitted our application to renew on the 1st august as stipulated and it looks as though everything is in order but have been told by the estates office that we shouldn’t expect to hear anything before November at the earliest. Obviously, until we have security of tenure, we won’t be embarking on any capital projects – although we do have plans.

The club turns 75 next year and the new committee is working on how to celebrate the landmark. No funding will be allocated until we see where we are in respect of the lease renewal. Glenn has prepared a budget based on a R95 increase in subs to R960. The fees have been kept as low as possible as long as I have been a member. WE have also decided to introduce a R1 “levy” on each drink sold (R5 on bottles of wine) to replenish the insurance fund after the large lease payout. This will come into effect from 1 October and remain until we can happily have our insurance fund sitting at R100000 without affecting our day-to-day cash requirements. Judging by the bar turnover in recent months this won’t take very long.

Glenn will take you through the details.

Thank you.


Southbroom Bowling Club Annual General Meeting 2024 – Attendance register

Julie Walker

Cleve Walker

Glenn Hatfield


Glyn Evans


Graham Fisher 

Brigitte Cary-Smith

Eileen Burt

Mandy Isikson

Marianne Boston 

Bruce Burt 

Aue Hanford

Lynn France

Alf Deckerson

Cees van Slikke

Fawzia Karani

PAUL Michael

Chris Falor

M. A. Karani

Wendie Bowers

Chris Stark

BONNY HILLS

SKAN PURTAL

BILL BURKE.

Denis Hodgson

Mal Sheppard


HARRY DEVENISH


DAVE CAMPBELL


MONICA CAMPBELL


HYGGS CANNON

APRIL CANNON

Vernon Clements 

RHETT BUTLER 

PAM HUNTER 

IAN HUNTER 

DICK PLAISTOISE 

N CARY SMITH


HEIK BESIEK

CALLA VIERENWEGE 

Mike Hyatt 

Debby Evans.

BRENT ADDISON

• TONY WATERS 

Ren Smuts.

Des Evans.

DELAN SPACK

John Bailey

