

Bankstown Sports Men's Social Golf Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2025/26

Date:	6 July 2025
Time:	2.00pm
Place:	Bankstown Golf Club

Attendees:	Colin Gallagher, Viet Lo, Steve Toogood, Mark Dimond, Frank Lee, Alvin Francis, Parrish McMahon, Peter Brennan, Stuart McCann, John McCann, Kevin Pearce, Tony Kosanic, Pierre Kari, Ed Kass, Kevin James, Neville Keeley
Apologies:	Ian Ramsay, Pete Stanley, Tony Seaman, Bill Leslie, William Havellas, Mark Chiandotto, John Soo
Minutes of Previous General Meeting	Read and accepted. Moved: Robert Goodall Seconded: Steve Toogood Motion: Carried
Business Arising	<i>Appointment of Member Protection Information Officer (MIPO) confirmed as Rob Goodall. The role of the MPIO was explained following a question from the floor. Rob to remain in this role.</i> <i>Question of deposit held by Carnarvon, has this been followed up? (See Acting Treasurer's report)</i> <i>By-laws revision yet to be finalised.</i>

Item	Description
Welcome and inductions	<i>The President welcomed members to the AGM.</i>
President's report	<p><i>Summary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Impact of weather</i> • <i>Changes to reporting requirements for grants</i> • <i>Restrictions on what can be bought with grant money</i> • <i>Plea for more members to get involved with the running of the Club</i> • <i>New defibrillator displayed for members.</i> • <i>Thanks to the Committee.</i> <p><i>The President's report is attached</i> <i>Motion: That the President's report be accepted</i> Moved: Mark Dimond Seconded: Parrish McMahon Carried</p>
Treasurer's report	<p>The acting treasurer reported that we currently have a balance of approximately \$8500 in cash and in the bank.</p> <p>The acting treasurer also noted that we were charged for an additional two spots at the Ridge. Members were reminded that if they pull out of a game after Wednesday prior to the game they may be asked to pay the cost charged to us by the Course. This charge is at the discretion of the Committee.</p> <p>He also reported that the deposit held by Carnarvon has been refunded.</p> <p>Jim Gardner's long-term contribution to the Club was acknowledged.</p> <p><i>Motion: That the Acting Treasurer's report be accepted</i> Moved: Colin Gallagher</p>

	<p>Seconded: Kevin Pearce Carried</p>
Handicapper's Report	<p><i>The handicapper reported that he has received few complaints and once again offered to explain to any interested member how the handicapping system operates.</i> <i>Motion: That the Handicapper's report be accepted</i> Moved: Rob Goodall Seconded: Colin Gallagher Carried</p>
Captain's Report	<p><i>The Captain reported that the weather was a factor during this golf year. Generally, games have run smoothly.</i> <i>Motion: That the Captain's report be accepted</i> Moved: Mark Dimond Seconded: Parrish McMahon Carried</p>
Secretary/ Old Mates Report	<p><i>Summary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Thanks to the membership for the companionship.</i> • <i>Web site and social media challenging at times but seem to be appreciated.</i> • <i>Commend Kevin for the thankless job he does to keep the club running.</i> • <i>Aging club, need for younger members to put up their hands</i> • <i>Old Mates going from strength to strength, success of Auburn Tennis/Bankstown Sports Challenge</i> <p><i>Motion: That the Secretary's/Old Mates report be accepted</i> Moved: Parrish McMahon Seconded: Frank Lee Carried</p>
Election of Officers	<p><i>Motion: That the meeting to be suspended and that all positions are to be declared vacant.</i> Moved: Ed Kass Seconded: John McCann Carried Returning officer to conduct election. (Neville agreed to act as returning officer)</p> <p>Nominations received: President: Kevin James (Interim)/Mark Dimond Club Captain: Steve Toogood Elected Secretary: Neville Keeley Elected Treasurer: Robert Goodall Elected Handicapper: Mark Dimond Elected Members' representative: Parrish McMahon</p> <p>Notes: No nominations were received for President prior to the meeting. Kevin indicated that he didn't want to stand again as he will be overseas for 4 months next year. He agreed to act as interim President until that time and complete a hand-over to Mark Dimond.</p> <p>Alvin Francis volunteered to assist the Handicapper with the view of taking the role after the Interim period Viet Lo volunteered to assist the Secretary by learning the use of the web site.</p>
Resumption of the AGM	<p><i>The newly-elected president resumed chairing the meeting.</i></p>

General Business

Notices of motions received. Required if there is a proposed change to the Constitution.	<p>1. <i>Motion:</i> Notice of motion to change the Constitution That the position of Members' representative be renamed to that of Club Vice-Captain. The role of the Member's representative would be maintained but additionally the Vice Captain would have the additional responsibility to support/deputise for the Club Captain.</p> <p><i>Moved:</i> Neville Keeley</p> <p><i>Seconded:</i> Peter Brennan</p> <p><i>Carried unanimously</i></p> <p>Action: <i>Club constitution be altered to reflect this change.</i></p> <p>Note: The newly elected member's representative agreed to take on this new role.</p>
General Business	<p>Motion: That for 2026 we retain the bookings for Bankstown with a tee off time of noon</p> <p>Moved: Neville Keeley Seconded Peter Brennan Carried</p> <p>Action: <i>Confirm dates with Bankstown Golf Club</i></p>
	<p>Motion: That a sub-committee of Mark Dimond, Alvin Francis and Parrish McMahon investigate the feasibility of organising a trip away this year. Note the date may change if necessary.</p> <p>Moved: Mark Dimond Seconded Parrish McMahon Carried</p> <p>Action: <i>Sub-committee to report back as soon as possible</i></p>
	<p>Motion: That the yellow-ball be the only novelty played in the golfing year</p> <p>Moved: Steve Toogood Seconded Parrish McMahon Carried</p> <p>Action: <i>By-laws need to reflect this change.</i></p>
	<p>Motion: That physical trophies are not purchased and that the Committee investigate whether Bankstown Sports is willing to provide gift cards as prizes.</p> <p>Moved: Parrish McMahon Seconded Steve Toogood Carried</p> <p>Action: <i>Approach Bankstown Sports about the availability of gift cards for this purpose. It was noted that winners are acknowledged on the honour board available on the web site.</i></p>
	<p>Motion: That because grant money can no longer be spent on food or drink an alternative method of funding the presentation be investigated.</p> <p>Moved: Rob Goodall Seconded Parrish McMahon Carried</p> <p>Action: <i>Committee to consider other forms of funding which may include a member's subscription to cover the cost, direct payment by members or perhaps more gift cards.</i></p> <p>It was noted that the Bowling Club has been booked for 2026.</p>
	<p>Motion: That a member's subscription be reintroduced</p> <p>Moved: Parrish McMahon Seconded Peter Brennan Carried</p> <p>Action: <i>Committee to determine an appropriate amount for this subscription.</i></p>
	<p>Motion: That the defibrillator be carried by a nominated person (in acart) at all rounds. The nominated holder is to be shown on the tee times so that members are aware of access. Old Mates to carry defrillator at their games as well. Phone number of carrier to be advised to all members</p> <p>Moved: Steve Toogood Seconded Mark Dimond Carried</p>

	Action: <i>Nominate carrier and show on tee times.</i>
Bankstown Sports Group Challenge	The previous likely date for this event, 1 August 2025 will not go ahead. Bankstown Golf Club is yet to get back on whether it can be played on the date of the Old Mates game on 20 November using the more reasonable Old Mates pricing deal for this event. Auburn Tennis, Baukham Hills and members from Bankstown are enthusiastic about this proposed event.
Meeting Closed	The President thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at: 3.40pm

Presidents Report 2024/25

What an interesting year with the weather and the changes to the Administration of Funds at the Sports Club. The weather has affected the number of games we lost this year as its severity shows the climate change and what can be looked forward to in the future, hotter in the summer and cooler in the winter.

As Volunteers we are now more accountable for the funding received from the Club than in all the time previous. It is as a result of a judgement made in a court not so long ago. It reflects on a committee to be more formally organised in the same way as an organisation is: responsibilities, accountabilities and the formation of structured processes. From that has come the question of food etc which will no longer be supplied or compensated by the Sports Club so no inclusion in the Grant applications, what does that mean and the implication to the presentation.

As observed over the years that I have been with the Club the usual Club problem, that is too much work for too few committee members. I looked at the structure of the Workers Club Golf Club and they have a committee of at least 10 to make sure not one person is left to do all the work and as you may have noticed there will be no trip away as no one has wanted to volunteer to organise.

I have made a point over the years, and I want to emphasize this point.... The club has a pivotal point and that is Neville, his contributions have been inspiring, we discuss items throughout the week, game by game, I thank him for his time, his input, and mostly his friendship, thank you to, to Rob Goodall for stepping in to take over the Treasurers position and to make clearer adjustments to the reporting system. To Steve who has made our playing day a great and functional day, to Mark who has made sure everyone whingers about their handicaps even though it is computer generated, has now allocated players to the start times.

I want to thank the committee for their tolerance, for putting up with my cooking, and for their support

I have enjoyed my time as President and thank you all for the support

Kevin James