

MINUTES OF THE BALLARAT GOLF CLUB INC
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE
ON MONDAY 4TH OF DECEMBER 2017

Present:

President John King (Chairman) opened the meeting attended by 32 members as per the register of attendance. The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M.

Apologies

Sue Sidebottom, Bruce Sidebottom, Bruce Valpied, Phillip Trevenen, Cameron Bryce, Sandra Burns, Greg Bennett, Barclay Dowling and James Coghlan.

Moved Alan Burns - Seconded Keith Wagner that apologies be accepted. Carried

The President welcomed all members to the Special general meeting.

He stated that the Club needed to decide tonight its future with gaming noting that having a gaming facility within the Club currently provided significant discount to members, assisted in providing revenue to ensure the facilities have are maintained and was essential if the Club to achieve the implementation of its strategic plan including the mater plan for upgrade.

He then asked Michael Phillips - General Manager – to read the notice of the meeting and included motion.

Michael Phillips - General Manager - then read the Motion in full and presented to the meeting a presentation (copy attached) which outlined the timeframes, process, pricing and funding / payments arrangements under the State Governments process for EGM entitlements post August 2022 scheme along with the potential of acquiring an additional 6 entitlements and the impact of not continuing in the gaming environment.

The meeting was then opened to questions:

Alan Burns - Q - Where the potential additional machines would come from?

Michael Phillips – A - Locally and are available within the cap.

Pauline Murphy - Q - Is the money aside enough to pay for the proposal?

Michael Phillips – A – Yes – given what we know and expect.

Vice President (due to a brief absence of the President) read and put the motion to meeting.

The motion was moved by Paul Foley and seconded by John King.

She then asked for speakers for and against the motion.

Maree Pekin – The detrimental effect of gaming on the community should be acknowledged. It is a redistribution of money from those who can perhaps least afford. There are no suggestions that gambling is good for the health quoting percentages of problem, low risk and greatest problem gamblers noting that

only 56% are reported as being in reasonable means and that as employer it is not possible to know who is affected by our involvement and decisions.

Keith Wagner – Noted that he agreed with Maree in terms of the detrimental effect on some parts of the community but it must be acknowledge that it is a legal activity with the Victorian government responsible to make changes. He believed that the Club was adhering to all guidelines and regulations in place and that the motion should be approved with the additional entitlements secured if possible.

Michael Phillips - Speaking as member he noted that in his 20 years in the industry he has seen both the good and the bad. He honestly believes that the way the Club industry operates is in the most responsible way. He noted that it is not just EGMs that contribute to gambling's detrimental effect on the community and was frustrated by the focus on EGM when the biggest scourge is on-line and not regulated – particularly targeting the young. He believes that the Club operates in best practice and that for our Club the social hub of the community it helps maintain outweighs the negatives.

Bob Thurman – Not certain that the Club has explored other avenues for revenue generation and wonder if there was any other way – stating that we had 4 years to explore other options.

John King (President) - Stated that if we did not make a decision to continue with EGMs that the Club would not have asset in the future.

Ross Jones – Noted that having been on the Board for 9 years there would be a major imbalance in the finances of the Club without gaming and that we should continue to ensure that our levels of service was continued.

Vicki Wilson – Questioned if it would be of benefit for the planed upgrades.

John King (President) –responded that the only way of achieving the planned improvement program was with gaming and that the impact from loss of gaming would also have a further negative impact on the Club's other revenue streams.

Keith Wagner noted that the unknown at this stage was for the last 10 years of the arrangement.

Michael Phillips (General Manager) – noted that there was a comprehensive Q and A section on the Department of Justice web site and that come 2032 venue operators will have an opt out options.

Being no further comments from those gathered the President then again read and put the motion to the meeting for the vote.

Motion

That in accordance with Rule 17 approval is granted by this special general meeting to approve the expenditure necessary to secure up to 34 electronic gaming machines entitlements for a further 20 year period being the 16th August 2022 till 15th August 2042”

Moved Paul Foley Seconded Greg Anders

A count of hands showed that 28 voted for the motion, 2 voted against and 2 abstained.

The President declared the motion carried thanking all for their attendance and input to the night and declared the meeting closed at 7.45PM.