

## **Minutes of the 2024 Holt Challenge Inc Annual General Meeting**

Held at Carlyle Hotel, Derwent Park

on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023 6:30pm

Meeting opened at 6:40pm

### **PRESENT:**

Jason Cowan (Chairperson), Cheryl Dennis (Vice-Chairperson), Pauline Webster (Secretary), Teresa Stanley (Treasurer), David Jarman, Brett Oxford, Bridget Perkins, Brahm Price, Krystie Camisa, Steven Fairbairn, Sam Oliver, Shellie van Dalen, Jenny Barnes, Shane Smith, Kerry Cook, Gordon Colmer, Pam Turner, Robert Mastrolacasa, Mel Mastrolacasa, Debbie Staier, Tracey-Lee Elliss, Jason Webster, William Shanks, Sean Hawkins, Darrell Holt, Chris Holt, Krystal Grace, David Kent, Jeanette Kent, Dallas Archer, Andree Porter, Brad Cook, Marilyn Wentworth-Perry, Debbie van der Meer, Bram van der Meer, Michael McLaren, Kim Carney, Heather Baker, Tristan Shailer, Nicole Hicks, Matthew Marshall, Bryce Devenish, Andrew Krink, Cherylynn Cowan.

### **APOLOGIES:**

Leonie Garwood.

### **QUORUM:**

The voting strength of 9 voting delegates was established from the 9 Zones represented in the Holt Challenge.

A.C.T – Debbie Staier  
N.Q – Kim Carney  
N.S.W – Dallas Archer  
N.T – Cherylynn Cowan  
S.A – Kerry Cook  
S.Q – Jenny Barnes  
TAS – David Jarman  
VIC – Jason Webster  
WA – Brahm Price

After a roll call by the Chairperson, it was determined all voting delegates were present.

### **MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

There was no business arising from these minutes.

Moved by Debbie Staier (ACT). Seconded by Kim Carney (NQ).

**CARRIED** as tabled

## REPORTS:

The Chairperson's report, Secretary's report, Treasurer's report and Rules & Ethics report were all presented. There were no questions arising from financial statements.

Chairperson's report moved by Jason Webster (VIC). Seconded by Brahm Price (WA). **CARRIED** as tabled

Secretary's report moved by Debbie Staier (ACT). Seconded by Cherylynn Cowan (NT). **CARRIED** as tabled

Treasurer's report moved by David Jarman (TAS). Seconded by Kerry Cook (SA). **CARRIED** as tabled

Rules & Ethics report moved by Jason Webster (VIC). Seconded by Debbie Staier (ACT). **CARRIED** as tabled

## NOTICES OF MOTION:

1. Moved: *Steven Fairbairn* Seconded: *Samantha Oliver*

Terms of the Motion: *To raise the ladies classic average to 195 as it was for the trial year in 2023.*

Purpose of the Motion: *To entice true classic average female bowlers and to make the mixed classic competition stronger moving forward.*

Lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of this motion. Question was raised if we can choose our own averages given TBA accreditation. It was advised that we can set our own averages.

It was noted that no new bowlers were introduced when the average was increased in the trial period.

Several concerns were raised regarding the potential of losing restricted bowlers who help in classic.

ANC dates clash with Holt in 2025 and this may also restrict some classic bowlers attending. Other zones advised there are more bowlers that could not attend this year due to other commitments.

All zones could potentially attract more bowlers through ATBSO and leagues to help boost true classic numbers.

**CARRIED** – 7 in favour, 2 against

2. Moved: *Steven Fairbairn* Seconded: *Samantha Oliver*

Terms of the Motion: *Classic Challenge mixed format to allow women to bowl against men and men to bowl against women. As it currently doesn't allow this.*

Purpose of the Motion: *To make Classic challenge a true mixed team challenge as its current format is basically a ladies Classic challenge and a men's Classic challenge combined.*

Discussion commenced on the pros and cons of this motion. Consensus was to see how the average increase goes and to attract more true classic women, and to discuss at a further date.

Steven Fairbairn withdrew the motion.

## WITHDRAWN

**3. Moved: Krystie Camisa (Rules and Ethics) Seconded: Pauline Webster**

Terms of the Motion: *not all 23 Matters of Schedule 1 of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 are correctly provided for in the existing rules of the incorporated association known as Holt Challenge Incorporated and will require the following changes to be made to the existing Holt Challenge Incorporated rules.*

*Please see attached documents for all rule amendments.*

Purpose of the Motion: *This is in line with Holt Rule 4.1 Alterations to the rules is to be in accordance with the ACT.*

*The Victorian Associations Incorporation Reform ACT 2012 states an incorporated association may by Special Resolution alter its rules. The Special Resolution is for consideration because the Associations Incorporation Reform (AIR) Act requires that the Association's rules must cover certain matters – these matters are listed in Schedule 1 of the AIR Act.*

Several questions were raised on the motion.

It was asked and agreed that all the rule changes suggested are not an issue. Further questions can be submitted for review by Rules and Ethics Committee and voted on at a special general meeting.

**CARRIED – Unanimous**

**ACTION – Rules and Ethics Committee to update Rules of the Association and submit.**

**ACTION – Brad Cook to tabulate his questions for review.**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### **1. Changes To Zone Lines for the ACT**

*Currently, the ACT only has a small number of bowlers that can be considered for roll off for the ACT consisting of those only bowling at Zone Tuggeranong. Each year this has got considerably harder to attract new bowlers, and while we typically can encourage one or two, we also find it hard to retain others due to many reasons that we are sure the rest of the country is well aware of. Each year we are needing to go through the draft process and even then these pools are getting smaller particularly for the women.*

*To build on the attraction of Holt Challenge Inc. and for the competition for those restricted and classic bowlers we would like to consider changing the zone lines for the catchment of the ACT. Similar to that of the old President Shield lines we would like to change the zone to ACT and Regional NSW. If the delegates are on board to change the zone lines, what locations are the point up for discussion. We by no means want to take anything away from the NSW Zone. The aim of this is to attract additional bowlers who may be more likely to travel to the ACT for roll offs, or for the ACT to travel into Regional NSW, or something similar which is a point for reference if this gets passed. The ACT wants this to be an open discussion that encourages and builds participation to grow this tournament.*

Discussion on zoning undertaken. NSW did not object to new zoning lines.

It was agreed that all members of ACT and NSW should be included in the discussion of zoning lines. Allowing further areas into ACT zone would enable a larger reach of bowlers and a broader base for ACT. It was agreed that a list of centres would be a better way to zone rather than areas.

Possible rule changes will be required in relation to zone membership and residency vs bowling centre.

**ACTION** – Debbie Staier to compile a list of bowling centres to use for zoning.

### **2. Holt membership.**

Darrell Holt asked who a member of Holt can be. It was advised that any person who resides in the zone can be a member of the zone. Memberships should be received within 2 weeks of the zone roll off, unless they are appointed a coach, manager, committee member or invitational bowler.

### **3. Proxy forms.**

A question was asked on how many proxy forms can be held. It was advised that a financial member attending the AGM can hold 3 proxies. The form provides for those giving proxy to allow the holder to vote on their behalf in all matters or provide the vote. It was advised that scrutineers at the AGM should cite all proxy forms to ensure voting has occurred as per the members wishes.

Further discussion suggested that the proxy form should be removed from the Rules of the Association to allow it to be adjusted.

**ACTION:** Removal of proxy form to be tabled at a special resolution meeting.

#### 4. Zone roll offs.

Steven Fairbairn raised that very early roll offs make it difficult for the tournament team to review entry forms and validate averages. It was suggested that all roll offs should be held in February or early March.

Pam Turner advised that there are only 5 centres in SA. Three are Zone centres (Crossroads, Woodville and Noarlunga) which struggle to accept roll offs. Elizabeth is not an accredited centre. Therefore, Salisbury is the only available centre, and they only permit roll offs in early January.

Pam was advised that some SA contacts have indicated that Woodville and Noarlunga would take roll offs and contacting those centres again would be advisable.

#### 5. Generic emails.

Jeanette Kent raised that all national and zones should have generic emails.

Pauline Webster advised that many zones have adopted the generic emails, and all executives have established generic emails now. It was also mentioned that not all zones are at the same level of 'tech savvy' and that each zone will move at their own pace.

#### 6. Sports pattern.

Darrell Holt asked about rules on sports pattern averages. It was advised that the question had been asked of TBA and that the response is that there is no conversion table in place by TBA.

Zones were also reminded that the Tournament team can re-average bowlers, so if a sports pattern is the only available average, then a re-average would be probable.

#### 7. Draft.

Dallas Archer raised the introduction of the medically exempt ruling and the impact on the draft.

It was advised that although the concept of a primary and secondary draft has been actioned on for several years, there is no documented procedures and rulings on the draft process. There is minuted evidence of a medically exempt member being available in the draft.

It was advised that although the medical exemption was permitted this year, no bowler that completed their roll off in full was excluded and all members were picked up in the draft.

**ACTION:** National Executive to prepare draft rule transparency.

#### 8. Bowler location post roll offs.

Pam Turner raised a question regarding the status of bowlers that have move states post roll offs.

It was advised that a member who has changed zones are still eligible to bowl for the zone they made the team for, however they still need to comply with the rules, specifically continuing to bowl between roll offs and the Challenge.

The tournament team advised that there were a few bowlers who were removed from teams as they did not complete the eligibility requirements. The tournament team also expressed that each case will be looked at individually and where possible a solution will be sought when a person is incapable to bowl on a regular basis. All zones and bowlers should be up front with their situation and not leave exemption requests to the last minute.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:**

All required positions were declared vacant.

Pauline Webster retains Secretary for the second year of existing term.

### **Chairperson:**

One formal and valid nomination received for the Chairperson position.

Jason Cowan nominated by Steve Catts, Seconded by Victoria Cook.

**Jason Cowan was elected unopposed.** Jason Cowan accepted the position.

### **Vice Chairperson:**

One formal and valid nomination received for the Vice Chairperson position.

Krystie Camisa nominated by Jeanette Kent, Seconded by David Kent.

**Krystie Camisa was elected unopposed.** Krystie Camisa accepted the position.

### **Treasurer:**

One formal and valid nomination received for the Treasurer position.

Teresa Stanley nominated by Stephen Hayes, Seconded by Adrian Broomhall.

**Teresa Stanley was elected unopposed.** Teresa Stanley accepted the position.

Cheryl Dennis was thanked for her time over the last year as Vice Chairperson.

Cheryl thanked the members and advised that she enjoyed her time on the committee but would not be able to commit the time needed in 2025 due to medical reasons.

## **Further discussion**

### **2025 Carnival**

Krystie Camisa advised that 2 tenders have been received, both Perth based centres. These will be forwarded to the executive committee for review.

Krystie mentioned she has a contact in hospitality to assist in sourcing dinner venues.

Dates are tentative as 9<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August.

Kim Carney mentioned that ANC dates are 9<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August so there may be some difficulty for sourcing classic bowlers who choose ANC over Holt.

Meeting closed 9:07pm