



Special General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 21st April 2026

Meeting Started: 7.30pm

Meeting Closed: 8.47pm

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WHOM	
	Members Present	MS	Mike Sheehan, Diana Mason, Candace Baldwin, Fran Legge, Allen Ennew, Di Ennew, Archie Mason-Reynolds (Jr), Bev Peart-Kuter, Pippin Goodsell-Harding, Liz van Eck, Kim Green, Cathy Puglisi, Lyn Gale, Iesha Williams, Karen Harding, Andrew Broadley, Megan Elliott, Rod Bruem, Warwick Binney, Paul Belsham, John Hannaford, Peter Harding, Robin Quinlivan.
	Apologies	MS	Barbara Stephens, Shirley Scott, Tony Puglisi
1	Formal Motions	PH	These can be found by copying and pasting the following link into your search engine. https://1drv.ms/b/c/854f5be0f5b40def/IQD3CQUlrOyTR6VIQ-5a4r-EAVAnT8klUq2-c423jQV6ojQ?e=MgykrV In Summary, they reduce to these 3 motions: 1: A person must be an active member of Ballina Players for at least one year before they can be on committee. 2: Before holding an executive position on committee (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) the member must have been actively involved on the Ballina Players Committee for at least one year. 3: In line with the current model constitution, the three-year term limitation for executive positions is removed. With 22 voting members present, the required number for a motion to be passed (75%) is 17.
2	Preamble	PH	PH advised the meeting about the previous Special General Meeting held on 15 th October 2024 to alter the Constitution could not be ratified, therefore the changes could not be made to the Department of Fair Trading in time. He presented the resolutions without argument.
3	Motion 1	PH	PH moved motion 1- A person must be an active member of Ballina Players for at least one year before they can be on committee. Secunder: Diana Mason

			Diana spoke for the motion. Warwick Binney stated that there was no quantitative definition for what 'active member' actually means, and until that happened the motion should lapse. John Hannaford stated that, in organisations he had been in, the problem of a new member being able to be 'elected automatically' (ie the same or less than the 5 ordinary members on committee being nominated), then the membership could still vote on that person's election at the AGM. Diana withdrew her seconding and the motion lapsed. Warwick moved that the 1st resolution be presented again at another Special Meeting after Committee had: A- defined a constitutional definition of 'active member', and; B-had a mechanism inserted into the Constitution that prevented the election of 'non-actively involved' members. Seconded: John Hannaford. Passed
4	Motion 2	PH	Peter moved motion 2-Before holding an executive position on committee (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) the member must have been actively involved on the Ballina Players Committee for at least one year. Seconded Diana Mason. Diana spoke to the motion. There was a vigorous discussion on the motion. PH moved an amendment that the words 'actively involved' be removed. Seconded: Karen Harding The new motion was then voted on with 19 in favour. Passed.
5	Motion 3	PH	Peter moved motion 3- In line with the current model constitution, the three-year term limitation for executive positions is removed. Seconded: Lyn Gale Discussion centred around advantages and disadvantages of having no limit to the number of terms that executive members can be in their positions, and having a limit. Warwick Binney foreshadowed a motion that if this motion failed, then he would move a move to change the wording to 6 years. Motion 3 was put and 10 were in favour. Motion failed. Warwick then moved that the '3 years' be changed to '6 years'. Seconded: John Hannaford. Passed unanimously.
		PH	Peter thanked the attending members for their discussions and questions, and for their interest.