**Minutes of the General Meeting**

**held Monday 3rd December 2018 at Moorabbin Bowling Club**

President Maurice Powell opened the meeting at 7.05 pm and welcomed all Delegates.

In attendance were 53 Delegates representing 33 Clubs, Board members and Committee Chairmen.

**7 apologies** were received from Board members, Delegates and Committee Chairmen.

Moved, J. Galloway Dandenong RSL Rec, seconded S. Webber Edithvale, that the apologies be accepted. Carried

**3. Minutes of the General Meeting 3rd September 2018**

Minutes of previous meeting having been circulated it was moved, Geoff Cavigan Board Member seconded J. Widdowson Mordialloc, that they be taken as read and accepted. Carried

**4. President’s Report**: President Maurice Powell advised that the primary issue of pennant management was to be discussed in general business and he had nothing further to report.

**5. Treasurers Report**

Sandbelt Bowls Region Inc.

**Profit and Loss 13 Sep to 3-Dec-18**

INCOME

Capitation Fees $ 872.70

Interest Received $ 114.98

Regional Championships

Regional Champ. Entry Fees $ 7,781.21

less champ.prizemoney $ 2,700.00

less novice singles trophies $ 72.00

$ 5,009.21

TOTAL INCOME $ 5,998.89

EXPENSES

Bank Charges $ 17.63

honorariums $ 1,000.00

Insurance $ 991.60

Committee Expenses

Umpires $ 125.00

Match $ 60.00

Delegates Day Net Costs $ 308.63

Fees Filing Annual Return $ 55.80

Name Badges Directors $ 50.00

Office Supplies $ 61.77

TOTAL EXPENSES $ 2,670.43

**NET INCOME $ 3,326.46**

**Balance Sheet 3 December 2018**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Chequing/Savings

Bendigo Bank Current A/C 7,135.95

Bendigo Bank Term Deposit 16,317.65

Total Chequing/Savings 23,453.60

Total Current Assets 23,453.60

TOTAL ASSETS 23,453.60

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Dolphins Under 18 Current A/C 1,888.17

Total Other Current Liabilities 1,888.17

Total Current Liabilities 1,888.17

TOTAL LIABILITIES 1,888.17

NET ASSETS 21,565.43

EQUITY

Opening Bal Equity 7,597.40

Retained Earnings 10,641.57

Current year 3,326.46

**TOTAL EQUITY 21,565.43**

Moved the accounts be accepted Treasurer Bob Baxter, seconded Don Hawse Murrumbeena Park

Carried

**6. BVRR**: Nil to report from BV Representatives but Maurice Powell advised that he attended the BV AGM on 7/11/18. Approximately 70 Delegates attended. Of note was that there was a vote on a Constitution change to enable BV to provisionally suspend a player for adverse behaviour before the discipline hearing is held. This vote was carried. There was a question from the floor on whether at the AGM, there was also a vote to change within the Constitution the number of clubs required to call a Special Meeting from 25 to 40. Maurice advised there were a couple of other changes but was not sure if that was a change. Postscript: Upon checking with BV this was a change to the Constitution. The amendments to the Constitution have been forwarded to Consumer Affairs for approval so currently BV are operating under the 2014 Constitution. The Minutes of the AGM are not yet available.

**7. Committee Reports**

7.1 Championship Committee: Chair David Crook an apology report provided by David and read by the Secretary Kerry Disney:

Competitions Committee

It was disappointing that only 16 clubs in the region offered viable dates for greens availability for the championship events.

Of the 17 competitions to be held this season

 10 have been completed

 2 are under way

 5 have entries yet to open (Mixed Pairs, M & W Champion of Champions Singles, M & W Fours)

The introduction of the SportsTG Event module this season has significantly reduced the administrative effort required to run the championships. It will be interesting to see what changes come with the new IT system due to be released next year.

Entries (to date)

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| **Entries (to date)** | | | | |
| **Event** | **Men – this year** | **Men – last year** | **Women – this year** | **Women – last year** |
| Over 60 Singles | 56 | 38 | 15 | 7 |
| Over 60 Pairs | 32 | 38 | 10 | 11 |
| Triples | 24 | 19 | 14 | 11 |
| Novice Singles | 18 | 10 | 9 | 3 |
| Singles | 66 | 86 | 25 | 22 |
| Pairs | 41 | 46 | 18 | 23 |

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| **Overview (to date)** | | |
|  | **This Year** | **Last Year** |
| Participants | 509 | 498 |
| Income – Entry Fees | 7679 | 7470 |
| Expenditure Venue Fees  Prize Money | 4305  2700 | 3930  2700 |
| Surplus | 674 | 840 |

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| **Results (to date)** | | | | |
| **Event** | **Skips - Men** | | **Skips - Women** | |
| **Winner** | **Runner Up** | **Winner** | **Runner Up** |
| Over 60 Singles | G Rogers  Beaumaris | R Gaunt  Burden Park | A McCarthy  CPA | T Comerford  Edithvale |
| Over 60 Pairs | Supple/Willett  Parkdale | Van Haastert/ Cerreto  Armadale | de Tastes/ Meltzer  CPA | Gumbleton/ Eastwood  Edithvale |
| Triples | A Forsyth  Clayton | D Manger  St Kilda | K McKerihen  Clayton | G Munro  Keysborough |
| Novice Singles | S Leon  Murr Park | B Smith  Burden Park | J Houston  Chadstone | J Kamien  Armadale |
| Singles | M Kurta  Beaumaris | M Ellul  Melbourne | S Rodger  Melbourne | T Ferrier  Middle Park |

7.2 Selection Committee: Arnold O’Brien advised the meeting that he would soon be seeking Expressions of Interest for players for the men’s Sandbelt Region Sides Championships.

7.3 Greens Committee: Chair David Crook an apology but notified nil to report.

7.4 Under18’s: Maurice Powell informed the meeting that Darren McDonald from Cheltenham has resigned as U/18 coach due to personal reasons and that Gary Lasky would temporarily fill the position. Maurice also gave a wrap up of the U25 trials/development day that was held at Keysborough on the 28th Nov 18. 12 players attended the night and it went well, the next training night will be the 12th of Dec 5.30pm to 7.30pm venue TBA.

7.5 Laws and Umpiring: Neil Smillie. Nil to report.

7.6 Club Development and Support: Bob Baxter nil to report.

7.7 Sponsorship, Marketing: Bob Baxter Nil to report

7.8 Coaching: Chair Gary Lasky not in attendance at the meeting. Report read by Lyn Goodchild.

On Sunday 20th January, Sandbelt will be running a coaching symposium at Caulfield Park BC at cost of $15 includes a Bar B que lunch. From 10am - 3pm. Course topics include technology in bowls, tactics, motivation, psychology of bowls and preparation. There will be guest speakers.

Check Sandbelt website soon for details.

7.9 Website & Media: Chair Rodney Bates

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| **Purpose and Responsibilities:** | * Maintain the Sandbelt Bowls Region Website. * Maintain the Sandbelt Bowls Region Social Media Accounts. |
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| **Meeting dates:** | * NA |
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| **Achievements:** | * We set up a new Facebook group called Sandbelt Bankers to enable clubs to post/request bankers for pennant. About 18 people in the region have joined, only 2 requests posted to date. We will continue to publicise the group over the next month to see if there is any ongoing interest in this idea. Hopefully the CCO updates have included references to it. * News items and updates continue to be added on both the old and new website systems. * The new website system went live on Thursday 23rd of November. I have received some positive feedback on the new site. * We have fielded a number of enquiries from clubs and other regions/divisions migrating to the new website system. A session was held with Edithvale BC as well as a number of emails and enquiries received via social media. |

**Planned Activities:**

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| **Activity / For Noting by the board** | **Due Date** | **Owner** | **Status** |
| Update a Sandbelt Electronic Honour board on the website for BA/BV/Sandbelt Region achievements. | Ongoing | R. Bates | In progress |

* 1. BV Pennant representatives: Representatives Brian Howarth and Toni Newell. Nil to report from the Representatives as there have been no meetings held. However, in response to queries that have been raised since the Pennant Management matter arose, Maurice Powell informed the meeting that the BV Pennant Representatives were not invited to the October BV meeting on the Pennant management as they do not have any voting rights. Region Board members have the voting rights. Beaumaris Delegate Terry Cole asked about the Constitutional correctness of BV expecting the Board to vote. The Board did not know the answer.

**General Business**

1. Decision on Management of Metropolitan Pennant Competition was put to the meeting. All documents as distributed were acknowledged and the following options considered:
   1. Option 1: The Metropolitan Pennant Competition breaks away from Bowls Victoria to form a new Metropolitan Bowls Association
   2. Option 2: Create a new Metropolitan Pennant Group to look at the long term strategy of Metropolitan Pennant and have decision making ability whilst reforming the Metropolitan Pennant Committee to be more operational
   3. Option 3: Regions and Divisions run their own Pennant Competitions

Maurice Powell read out an email received from BV Graeme Bridge addressing a Beaumaris BC letter which was sent directly to BV. A copy of the letter was also sent to the Sandbelt Board and forwarded to club CCOs.

RE: Letter regarding the future of Metropolitan Pennant

Ian Donald

CCO

Beaumaris Bowls Club

Hello Ian

Many thanks for your email and its attached correspondence. The concerns you have raised are many, and at this stage the Bowls Victoria Board has not met to discuss your request for further information. What I can say to you though is that the item of Metropolitan Pennant is in a discussion phase only.

To start the process Bowls Victoria needed to table the options with the duly elected Regional officials who have a constitutional status, unlike the Metropolitan Pennant Committee which is currently appointed as a consultative body only.

There will always be views on what step should be first, but the most important thing to be recognised is that Bowls Victoria has listened to the issues and is now wanting all our collective feedback on how the Metropolitan area can be better empowered in the conduct of Pennant.

The item was discussed at a meeting of Region representatives back in October and it was purely an opportunity to garner ideas and look at some options that could be put on the table for open and frank discussion. Nothing is set in stone with the distribution of this material other than to be provided with feedback from the Clubs back through the Region.

It is interesting to note that the proposal for a Metropolitan Bowls Association to be responsible for administering Metropolitan Pennant was first mooted by a Metropolitan Region who raised a number of concerns regarding travel in the Metropolitan Area.

Bowls Victoria is constantly criticised for appearing to not be listening to the constituent Clubs, and on this occasion, we’ve put this topic on the table for conversation only to be chastised further for taking an open approach through the Regions on the matter?

Please be assured that any decision to implement change to the Metropolitan Pennant season will

be after the fors and againsts have all been well considered. Let’s ensure conversations take place at Regional level with the Member Clubs and come up with some constructive solutions.

regards

Graeme

Maurice then called on the meeting to discuss the Pennant Management proposals.

Byron Coonerty Melbourne questioned the lack of a ‘no change’ option.

Maurice advised that abstaining from the vote would be equivalent to ‘no change.

Edithvale Delegate stated was not confident a no vote will mean no change.

Beaumaris Delegate stated wanted an independent assessment of the options not a discussion paper.

Hampton RSL Delegate stated that the option may not come out as originally put so was not sure how to vote.

Maurice advised the meeting that bowls was not going to change, just how the pennant is managed.

Albert Park Delegate stated we do not know what this is going to cost us.

Maurice advised the meeting that BV are going to forego income to implement the Pennant Management change.

Hayden Williams Elsternwick referred to the Beaumaris letter and was concerned that the individual points were not answered in the email.

Royal Melbourne Delegate stated it was a terrible way of going about it as they have not made a case for change.

Maurice advised the meeting that BV receive funding from the Government based on participation numbers. BV want to increase social participation numbers but BV staff time is taken up with Pennant issues preventing them from doing their jobs.

Royal Melbourne Delegate stated that that is a part of running the sport, there are too many unanswered questions. Should be voting yes or no for change.

Julie Galloway Dandenong Rec stated there is no detail about committees, who is going to be on the committees. They will run their own agendas.

Maurice advised that he had spoken to a representative of Bowls South Australia who advised him that they have changed to a Pennant Management committee and it has greatly improved bowls in South Australia.

Bob Baxter Sandbelt Board stated there was no financial direction given. Money may originally be provided but may later be with drawn.

Ken Dowling Glen Eira-McKinnon read out a motion: This region is opposed to any change unless and until BV submit justification for change together with implications of each option including financial implications.

Maurice said the motion was not accepted as it had not been received in accordance with the Constitution.

Grace Cory Moorabbin stated that given the number of clubs and teams playing pennant that BV were receiving approximately one hundred thousand dollars for running pennant.

Maurice advised the meeting that the funding would go to the independent body to run pennant if it goes ahead. There should be no extra cost to players.

Gerry Hogan SOC said that he could see a parallel with country football in that the AFL do no look after the country clubs. If the Pennant Committee goes bad will BV provide support.

Maurice said that we can not account for the AFL treatment of country clubs. Option 3 is not a viable option and this is not just a Sandbelt issue. Sandbelt is not the only Region that will be involved in running the competition.

Rob Sharp Dandenong Club stated he worked in football and cricket and BV is one of the few sports where the state body runs competitions. Other sports have individual organisations running competitions. But there is not enough information provided to make a decision.

Maurice advised the meeting that BV want feedback , the vote will give them feedback. Maurice gave an undertaking to speak to Sean O’Kane at BV as to how he wants the feedback.

Ted Russell Elsternwick stated there is a lack of risk analysis on the proposals.

Byron Coonerty Melbourne stated he sees this as a BV resourcing issue. 90% of bowlers will see no change but sees this as trying to move from paid staff to volunteers.

Maurice advised that whoever is running pennant will be paid for jobs completed.

Rob Nethercote RMGC said he wants BV to make a business case for change. There is a danger of voting numbers for option 1, 2 or 3 or abstaining but BV will not get the message on not wanting change.

Maurice advised the meeting that 20/21 bowls year Pennant will change because BA is changing their calendar. BV want the new committee in place by then to handle the change.

Hayden Williams Elsternwick stated we need to have a motion put forward on this business.

Maurice called for a 5 minute break in order for the Sandbelt Board members to consider the request.

During the break Daphne Camilleri advised that the 30 day notice in the Constitution referred to new business but as the Pennant Management was listed business, a motion should be accepted.

Upon resuming the meeting Maurice called on Ken Dowling to again read out the earlier motion.

Ken Dowling Glen Eira-McKinnon: This region is opposed to any change unless and until BV submit justification for change together with implications of each option including financial implications.

Seconder Terry Cole Beaumaris

Carried unanimously.

**President Maurice Powell thanked Moorabbin BC for the use of their premises for the meeting**

**Meeting closed** at 8.40pm

**Next General Meeting** Monday 4th March 2019