**Minutes of the General Meeting**

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

President Maurice Powell opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and welcomed all Delegates.

In attendance were 57 Delegates representing 37 Clubs, Board members and Committee Chairmen.

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

Moved, Ted Montfort Black Rock, seconded Glen Baskett Edithvale, that the apologies be received. Carried

**3. Minutes of the General Meeting 5th March 2018**

Minutes of previous meeting having been circulated it was moved, Daphne Camilleri Dandenong RSL Rec seconded Ted Montfort Black Rock that they be taken as read and accepted. Carried

**4. President’s Report**: President Maurice Powell gave a brief introduction of all Sandbelt Board members. Advised that the new BV leadership were co-operating with the BV Pennant Committee and showing some flexibility with the example of the scheduled double header in December in lieu of removal of pennant play on Australia Day. Wished clubs good bowling for the season.

**5. Treasurers Report** verbally given at the meeting due to computer problems preventing a printed copy 5th March 2018 to 2nd September 2018 Current Account $3760 Term Deposits $17317.68 Total Equity $21077.68

Moved the accounts be accepted Bob Baxter, seconded Geoff Cavigan Moorabbin

Carried

**6. BVRR**: Nil Report

**7. Committee Reports**

7.1 Championship Committee: Chairman David Crook spoke about the new method of nominating for Sandbelt championships through the Events Module Entries via the Region website - [www.sandbelt.bowls.com.au](http://www.sandbelt.bowls.com.au/).  There is a link on the home page which will take you directly to where you can register to make entries, as well as a very informative video demonstrating how to do this.

7.2 Selection Committee: Arnold O’Brien nil to report.

7.3 Greens Committee: David Crook advised dates not set for Green Inspection but would be in October once season has started and clubs would be advised of dates and times.

7.4 Under18’s: On behalf of Gary Lasky, Kerry Disney informed the meeting that Darren McDonald from Cheltenham has been appointed to U/18 coaching position.

Maurice Powell advised the selection process for the coach and that Barry Lester, Tiffany Brodie and Graeme Spencer had all offered to assist in coaching the U18s. Informed the meeting of the submission of the grant application for $3000 to be used for purchasing bowls for the U18s and that the Region may provide other financial assistance to the U18s on an as required basis. He also expressed the need for clubs to approach local schools in order to increase participation of U18 players.

7.5 Laws and Umpiring: Rod Bates

1. **Re-accreditation** – we have completed 9 re-accreditations over the past month but there is still quite a number who have not indicated whether they wish to reaccredit or not. I have a small number of applications at the moment and will deal with them in September / October.
2. **New Accreditation** – we have a number of applications and will likely conduct courses in late September / October.

NOTE: We welcome new applications for either, but please have them submitted to BV by mid September so that BV can send Officiating Manuals to the applicants prior to the courses.

1. **Application Process** – BV require each bowler who wishes to become an official or to be re-accredited as an official to submit an application to them. The application forms are available on the BV and Sandbelt websites.

Once the application is received by BV, it is noted and, if required, an Officiating Manual is forwarded to the applicants home address.

NOTE: 1. Each applicant needs an Officiating Manual (not a Umpires Handbook 07) for courses for accreditation and re-accreditation exercises.

2. I would request Club CCO’s to send me a copy of the front page of any application so that I am aware of application sent from Clubs and I can follow up if applications go missing.

When I have sufficient number of re-accreditation applications I will arrange a date for assessment and inform candidates by email or phone of the dates and are asked to confirm their attendance. A reminder is then usually sent to those who have not responded in a week, asking whether they wish to attend or not.

NOTE: The Officiating Manual is a document for the on-going education of our Officials. While it is used by candidates for accreditation and re-accreditation, it can also be used for revision each season to improve the skills of our Officials. Each Official should have a Manual

Rod also gave a precise of the changes to this year’s Pennant Conditions of Play which have already been distributed to all clubs.

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

7.7 Sponsorship, Marketing: Bob Baxter Nil to report

7.8 Coaching: On behalf of Gary Lasky, Kerry Disney advised Steve Glasson is running a Coaching Conference on 24/25 Oct at Mermaid Beach BC Qld, info on BA website.

BV ran 2 successful seminars on weekend. 1 for selectors the other on advanced coaching for tactics

and technique. If clubs wish to host courses on coaching contact Gary Lasky or Neil Gray at BV.

7.9 Website: Rodney Bates

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| **Chair:** | Rodney Bates |
| **Members:** | David Crook (Sandbelt Championship Updates) , Gary Lasky (Joint Website and Social Media Account administration). |
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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:** | * Assisting various clubs with Website setup and training.
* Club events are being progressively updated to the website as they are received.
* BA/BV have announced the new computer system to be progressively rolled out over the next 9 months. There are no changes to the membership and competition components until after the end of the 2018-19 season. Clubs using the IMGSTG provided website portal will need to migrate to the new portal by November 2018. Access to the new portal is expected in September. The subcommittee will be able to provide support to clubs that require assistance in migrating their current sites. It is estimated that around 10-15 clubs in Sandbelt will need to migrate their website
* The Sub Committee is assisting the Championship committee with the setup of the new events portal for use with the 2018-19 Sandbelt Championships.
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 **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. | 31/12/2017 | R. Bates | In progress |

* 1. BV Pennant representatives: On behalf of Brian Howarth and Toni Newell, Kerry Disney advised
1. The pennant draws were produced for perusal and indication were that they would be sent to club ob Thursday 16th August.
2. Midweek Pennant. Middle Park and Albert Park both indicated they may withdraw sides as they consider travelling to Melton would be unacceptable. If this occurs a new draw will be required as promoted sides will have to go into the relative section and this will cascade down to the lowest division.
3. Whittlesea have requested that due green space they do not wish to play their 7th side at Diamond Creek. Laws and rules committee have approved a change so that they can rotate their 4th, 5th or 6th side under advice from B.V.
4. Pennant results. Clubs will be given three options to report results this year (1) by Phone (2) by current TG system (3) by Google form. Information on how to send results will be in the Pennant Bags the clubs will receive.
5. Premier League Grand Final will be held at the Dandenong Club this year.
6. The feedback we received regarding the double header was that it was generally accepted with 5 clubs wanting a different Month and 2 clubs disagreeing all together.
7. The Cheltenham Letter was read in regards to B V not being able to keep record of individuals for recording purposes. A letter is to be sent to Cheltenham advising that the new Bowlslink system will cover this problem.
8. A general discussion on the respective responsibilities of the board and the pennant committee which Sean took to collate and formalise with the idea of talking to the Board for next year.

Maurice Powell spoke further to the report on points C and G. On point C he explained further that clubs no longer have to automatically allocate their lowest pennant side to an away club if the home club does not have green space. The club can nominate the team (Div/Sect) that will play their home game at an away venue, so long as BV and the opposition club are aware of the venue for the game.

On point G, Maurice précised Cheltenham’s letter to BV were they raised concern that BV was not able to identify a player not registered correctly at the club he was paying with and also could not advise of eligible players at finals time. Maurice advised that he had received a copy of the BV letter to Cheltenham BC which advised that the Bowlslink system should prevent the issues raised by Cheltenham.

Byron Coonerty from Melbourne questioned how the system would achieve this as it would mean team sheets from every week would need to be loaded onto the system and he doubted that would be done. Maurice could only reiterate the advice received from BV.

Moved that all reports be received: Martine Kohler St Kilda seconded Byron Coonerty Melbourne carried

**10. General Business-**

1. Kerry Disney reminded delegates of the Delegates day Sunday 9th September at Noble Park
2. Pennant Bags were handed out to delegates as they arrived. The turnout at the meeting was terrific with only 5 clubs not in attendance and only 2 of those clubs not making arrangements for their bags to be collected.
3. On behalf of Paul Holtschke BA, Scot Nicholson BV informed the meeting:

GRANTS -

**Community Sport Infrastructure Grant - (closes Friday 14 September)**

Supports small to medium scale projects up to $500,000 to improve local community sport

infrastructure which will support greater community participation in sport and physical activity

and/or offer safer and more inclusive community sporting hubs. Please note that this is a competitive process so not all applications will be successful. Do read the types of projects that are ineligible such as licensed buildings, repairs/maintenance, and projects that will commence after 2018/19 financial year. https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants\_and\_funding/community\_

sport\_infrastructure\_grant\_program

**The Stronger Communities Programme** (maybe a bit late now, but still call your local Federal MP)

provides each of the 150 federal electorates with $150,000 to fund small capital projects that improve local community participation and contribute to vibrant viable communities. In consultation with their community, each Federal Member of Parliament must identify potential applicants and projects in their electorate and invite them to apply for a grant. This is a dollar for dollar grant which is normally up to a maximum of $20k. My suggestion is to contact your local Federal MP as soon as possible to express an interest in the grant.

https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/stronger-communities-programme

**Volunteer Grants – (Closes 18 September at 2pm)**

Volunteer Grants aim to support the efforts of Australia’s volunteers and provides amounts of up to

$5000 for organisations and community groups to help support their volunteers. This funding is to be used to: purchase eligible small equipment items for use by volunteers, contribute to volunteers’ fuel costs, contribute to transport costs for volunteers with disability who are unable to drive, assist with the costs of training courses; and undertake background screening checks for volunteers. Click here to apply: https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/volunteer-grants-2018

**(NEW) Safer Communities Fund – (Closes Tuesday 25 September)**

The Safer Communities Fund provides grants of up to $1 million to community organisations and local governments for local crime prevention and security infrastructure activities and to protect

community organisations that may be facing security risks associated with racial and /or religious

intolerance. Project activities can include:

• installation of fixed or mobile CCTV cameras

• installation of security lighting

• installation of bollards

• installation of security and alarm systems, intercoms and swipe access attached to a public or

community space

• crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) including changing environmental

characteristics in public or community spaces, such as a lack of lighting or poor natural surveillance,

that can facilitate street crime and violence.

https://www.business.gov.au/Assistance/Safer-Communities-Fund

**HAVE YOU UP-DATED YOUR CLUBS CONTACT DETAILS FOR SEASON 2018-19?**

If you haven’t, can you please up-date all your changes for season 2018-19 so BV can better

communicate with you and your club. Click here: http://www.bowlsvic.org.au/News/your-clubscontact-

information

**NEW PARTICIPATION REPORTING PROCESS FOR CLUBS**

To aid in the promotion of Bowls, gain access to government funding, attract commercial sponsors

and capture a better understanding of the industry landscape, Bowls Victoria needs to collect

accurate and up-to-date participation data state-wide. All Clubs will be expected to track and report

their participation numbers on a monthly basis. Participation data will need to be submitted each

month via an online form provided by Bowls Victoria. The submission process is short and will take no more than one minute to complete. We ask that all Clubs allocate this data collection and reporting responsibility to a committee member. Each club needs to confirm their contact details (name and email) of your club representative to Participation Manager, Neil Gray, via email to

neilg@bowlsvic.org.au

**PLAY BOWLS MONTH** -

During the month of October, bowls clubs throughout Victoria have the opportunity to participate in

Play Bowls Month, Bowls Victoria’s state-wide participation campaign, which aims to link new and

lapsed participants with your club. Essentially BV is asking your club to consider hosting try bowls /

open days at your club in the attempt to attract new people into the sport.

http://www.bowlsvic.org.au/News/Register-your-club-now-for-Play-Bowls-Month

**BOWLING WITH BABIES** -

Has been an outstanding success, has club considered hosting this program? The secrete to it success, is that bowling clubs can provide a safe and welcoming place for mums and dads to meet up, at the end of the day, they are looking for a community space that allows them the room to belong and even enjoy some bowls.

http://www.bowlsvic.org.au/Article-Details/Bowling-With-Babies-Mums-on-the-Green

**INCREASING FEMALE PARTICIPATION** -

Good to see the Thornbury Bowling club getting involved: Thornbury Bowls Club is set to launch a

campaign– part of VicHealth's 'This Girl Can' campaign – to attract and encourage female participation and promote lawn bowls sport and physical activity opportunities for women. 'Whatever your level, shape or size, we're looking for women who want to join a global movement that will help other women to get active too', said a spokesperson for the club. Thornbury Bowls Club is having a Community Open Day on Sunday September 9 at 2-6pm.

Please consider how your club can get involved in this campaign to increase the number of ladies

participating in both our sport and clubs. Visit the article on the BV website:

http://www.bowlsvic.org.au/News/bowls-victoria-team-up-with-vichealth-to-drive-this-girl-can

**JUNIOR BOWLS INITATIVE** -

Teen-friendly bowls activities will be the focus of Bowls Victoria’s new participation program, Roll Up, after the state government announced funding to help address the concerning trend in teenagers becoming less and less active. To help improve the landscape of underactive Victorian teenagers, Bowls Victoria’s will launch ‘Roll Up’ a participation program targeted at under 18s, which will be rolled out across Victoria in the last quarter of 2018. Please start considering how your club could get involved within this space of increasing junior participation. Please let me know if I can assist in this area in any way, which can include planning, activity delivery, visiting schools, sporting schools and policy advice etc. Click here:http://www.bowlsvic.org.au/Article-Details/bowls-victoria-set-to-getteens-active

Paul is always, only too happy to assist in anyway, just let him know.

1. Byron Coonerty Melbourne spoke about State Grant Projects that require community voting which clubs must win in order for clubs to be successful in obtaining the grant. Byron advised that people voting do not have to come from the geographic area of the club requesting the grant and asked that clubs support each other by members voting for each other’s grant proposals.

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

**Meeting closed** at 8.05 pm

**Next General Meeting** Monday 3rd December 2018