



Sandbelt Bowls Region Inc.
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Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

4th June 2018

Secretary Ted Montfort read the Notice of Meeting.

President Daphne Camilleri opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed Delegates from 25 Clubs, Board Members, Committee Chairmen and Regional Bowls Managers, and advised that a quorum was established.

Apologies- 13 were received

Motion to accept moved St Kilda (Toni Newell) seconded Glen Eira McKinnon (Brian Rosengarten) and carried.

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Corrections - nil

Motion to confirm moved by Moorabbin (G.Cavigan), seconded Moorabbin (Grace Cory) and carried.

Business arising - nil

President's report- Daphne Camilleri

Sandbelt has had a successful year the details of which will be disclosed in the reports that follow. Personally, I would like to thank all the committees for their support throughout my term of office. I would especially like to thank Ted for all the help he has given me and for his service to Sandbelt. I am sure you all wish him all the best in his future endeavors'. I would also like to thank all the clubs for their continued support. Thank you to Moorabbin for allowing us to use their premises and Noble Park for the use of their facilities for our Delegates Open Day. I would like to wish the incoming President and Secretary and all the board members every success for the coming season. In conclusion I would like to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my term as President and thank you all for making it an enjoyable experience.

Moved Daphne and seconded Dandenong RSL (Julie Galloway) that the report be received Carried

Treasurer's Audited Report for the year ended 30th April 2018

Net loss (\$60.01) Total equity \$18,238.97

Treasurer Box Baxter explained that the higher Men's and Women's Regional Side costs had contributed to the small loss.

Motion to adopt moved Bob seconded Mordialloc (John Widdowson) and carried.

Reports

1. Bowls Victoria Region Representatives (BVRR) report – Gary Lasky

The State Conference had over 70 attendees.

Matters discussed:

1. BV STRATEGIC PLAN Next 4 yrs.: - plan to make bowls fun and try to attract more participants to bowls. Hope to strengthen connection to the wider community especially through social and modified game. Focused on future. - Mission to grow and support the sport of bowls through Clubs and their communities. - The values are; Adaptable- listen more, embrace change, think laterally , Inviting- currently 42,500 members in 517 clubs/in 1980 over 420,000 now 2017 only 120,000 play bowls in Australia considerable decline even though aging population, Unified, Supportive-share ideas and Efficient-manage resources . # Goal 1. Promote participation. # Goal 2. Support clubs- develop strong viable clubs through employing best practice governance and supporting an engaged volunteer network. # Goal 3. Strengthen connections- enhance our community profile through effective communication, positive media presence and commercial growth.
2. FINANCE: - discussed legal requirements. Keeping appropriate cash flow projections. How to maintain budgets. Discussed capitation fees. Vic raise \$2.2mill. yr.contributes 25.6% (\$8.7mill contributed by states)
3. GOVERNANCE: - review Club Assist on BV website. Privacy collection notice needs to be on documents related to members details. Even for clubs to share information or regions displaying committees details.
4. VOUNTEER RECOGNITION: - ways to keep volunteers returning/happy/recognition.

Day 2-

1. PARTICIPATION INITIATIVES: - socially from 2010-17 there has been an increase from 100,000 to 400,000. Need to start collecting participation data. More data helps BV share in funding from State/Government bodies. ALL clubs should supply numbers of social members and usage. Participation of mothers group, schools, corporate, U3. How to improve use? How many hrs. do clubs under utilise facilities? Invited Warburton, Richmond Union and Smeaton to tell success stories with corporate success, social success and involvement of community.
2. BEST PRACTICE: - Good club spirit. Positive culture. Establish a communication officer not relying on secretary. Establish marketing and promotion officer. Establish a welcoming officer who induct new members, appoint mentors for new members. Discussed Selection policy how it applies to ALL. Saw video from Aust sport commission. Discuss 10 commandments of good practice working with council. Issued by Vic. cricket.
3. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY: - fair amount of discussion on opportunities for woman and selection for Tuesday competition.

2. Championship – Committee Members:

David Crook (Chairman), Rosemary Michael (Secretary), Ted Montfort, Daphne Camilleri, Arnold O'Brien, Margaret Radford

Championship Results for 2017-18:

Event	Skips - Men		Skips - Women	
	Winner	Runner Up	Winner	Runner Up
Over 60 Singles	J Clark Edithvale	M Yelen CPA	A McCarthy CPA	B Vaughan CPA
Over 60 Pairs	T Nelson Burden Park	W Morten Edithvale	U Jamieson Composite	M Adams Composite
Triples	A Forsyth Composite	B Spurr St Kilda	A McCarthy CPA	T Brodie Clayton
Novice Singles	J Watkins Clayton	K Holland St Kilda	V Lloyd RMGC	J Lye Middle Park
Pairs	A Forsyth Clayton	A Burke Burden Park	K McKerihan Clayton	T Brodie Clayton
Under 25 Singles	D Fisher Clayton	B Foote Mentone	T Brodie Clayton	S Jolly Sandringham
Singles	M Ellul Melbourne	D Fisher Clayton	T Brodie Clayton	P Wood Dandenong RSL Rec
C of C Singles	B Spurr St Kilda	D Martinic Bentleigh	D Macaulay Armadale	S Shewan Cheltenham
Fours	A Forsyth Clayton	S Moore Mentone	F Clarke CPA	McKerihan Composite
Mixed Pairs	Winners: Brett Spur/Tiff Brodie (St Kilda/Clayton) Runners-Up: Nate Zeno/Cat Daniel (Middle Park)			

Some boring statistics for this last season:

Number of Clubs Hosting Events	28	(of 42 in the region)
Number of Playing Days (Men)	29	
Number of Playing Days (Women)	22	
Number of Playing Days (Mixed)	5	
Number of Entries Processed (Men)	298	
Number of Entries Processed (Women)	118	
Number of Entries Processed (Mixed)	54	
Number of Round 1 Players (Men)	509	
Number of Round 1 Players (Women)	262	
Number of Individual Players (Men)	300	
Number of Individual Players (Women)	116	

There are a few areas we are working on in preparation for next season:

- Discussions with neighbouring regions to learn from their experiences, aiming to improve all aspects of managing our events
- Encouraging more clubs to host events – spreading the load
- Dealing with markers for singles events – use Sectional play for early rounds; or, nominating one player in each match to provide the marker for the match
- Streamlining administration tasks – using editable PDF documents for entry forms and payment advices, or better still, using the Sandbelt website Event module to process all entries and payments
- Improving the participation rate

As Chairman, I would like to thank all members of the Committee for their valuable input and support during the year, sometimes when we were dealing with unexpected critical events. Rosemary Michael deserves special mention for her tireless efforts in processing all those entries, keeping track of the money and for distributing information to the CCOs. Thanks to Rodney Bates for assisting with collecting and entering match results and a big thank you to the host clubs, managers, markers and umpires without whose help we could not function.

Meetings with other Metropolitan Regions Championship committees have been instigated during the next months. Processing of entries and matching them to payments is also a concern and is being addressed.

3. Selection – Arnold O'Brien.

This has been a successful season with the - Men winning the Regional Sides Championship and the Ladies Runners-up - great overall effort.

Arnold gave a brief report on the playing conditions and the win by the Men at Trafalgar and thanked Hampton and RMGC for providing their greens for the practice sessions'.

4.Greens - David Crook

Greens Inspectors:

David Crook (coordinator), Kerry Disney (deputy), Bruce Harford, Lee Govan, Geoff Cavigan (trainee), Mervyn McConchie (trainee), Bill Turner (trainee)

As reported during the year, all 41 clubs were inspected during September with the following results

- Grass – 42 greens – 36 with A rating, 6 with B rating
- Synthetic – 29 greens – 29 with A rating

Several greens have new synthetic surfaces since last season – notably Brighton Beach, Hampton RSL and Sandringham.

Availability of inspectors is an issue – of the 7 inspectors currently on the books, only 3 were available for all assigned tasks; 2 provided partial assistance; 3 were not available for any task. Two new people have expressed interest in joining the squad – they will be trained during next year's inspections.

5. Under18 Development – Gary Lasky

There had been 3 applications received from coaches and Gary invited anyone else who is interested to apply – Guidelines are being prepared and then interviews will be done with the It is proposed that there should be 8 sessions held with interested Under 18's and primary school children before the end of the year.

6.Laws and Umpiring -Neil Smillie – Chairperson, Sandbelt Umpires Panel- Report given by Chris Enion – Annual Report SANDBELT Umpires – Season 2017-18

The Umpires Panel for Sandbelt for the Season 2017-18 have been Rod Bates (Clayton), Chris Enion (Mordialloc), Suzanne Gibbs (Malvern), Don Hawse (Murrumbeena Park) and myself as Chair.

1. **Re-accreditation** – we have completed 13 re-accreditations over the past season 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 before the start of the next season.

2. **New Accreditation** – we have accredited 23 Markers, 28 Measurers and 13 Umpires this season. There are a number of applicants that have not responded to suggested dates for courses, we can only assume that these dates have not been suitable, but they will be notified of future courses when dates are set.
3. **Application Process and Problems** – 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 applicant's home address. The Chairperson BV Umpires committee records the application and then sends them onto the Regional DUC's. As he is a volunteer with numerous State and National commitments, he attends BV as required. Thus, sometimes it takes 4-6 weeks before I receive the applications.

NOTE: This is the reason that I 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. Of the last 20 applications, I have received only one copy of the front page from a CCO.

Once I receive an application I enter it onto my Applications database. It is generally at the beginning or end of the Season that the Panel arranges the dates for courses for the Markers, Measurers and Umpire components for new accreditations. When I have sufficient number of re-accreditation applications I will arrange a date for assessment.

When a date is set for courses or assessments the applicants on my database are informed 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. Pre-reading and exercises are then sent to the applicants in the week before the dates set.

NOTE: There are a number of applicants who do not respond at all to these emails or phone calls, but we assume that the dates do not suit, and the names are left on the database and are then informed when the next series of courses / assessments are being conducted.

The courses are then conducted by the Presenters using a competency based, ongoing, assessment during the course and at the end of the course (usually 4-5 hours length) the Assessor determines whether the candidate is competent, and their assessment is forwarded to BV. If a candidate is determined as being not competent in some areas then they will be given a further opportunity to show that they are competent.

The assessment for re-accreditation is also competency based and requires the candidate to show they are competent by exercises and questioning on their role as an Official.

Once a candidate has completed the course / assessment, their paperwork is forwarded to BV for processing. Depending on the availability of the Chairperson, BV forwards the assessment to BA at the end of each month. BA then forward the candidates card within 2-3 weeks of obtaining the assessment.

NOTE: There are occasions where the assessment “goes astray”, so if a candidate has not received their card after a period they should contact BV in the first instance who follow up on their behalf.

My last task is to include successful candidates on the Sandbelt Umpires database and to include them on my email mailing list. From time to time I send out updates on procedures / decisions or any changes to Rules. I also use this mailing list to request assistance from our Officials for events at Regional or State level.

I apologise for being long winded in this explanation of the processes that are involved in the accreditation and re-accreditation of our Officials but I hope that it gives an idea of what the Panel does apart from our duties as Umpires at Club, Regional, State and National level.

4. **Assessment Assistance** – from time to time when we are conducting assessment of candidates the Panel calls on Officials to assist our Panel, if any other Officials would like to help in these matters please contact me (nsbowls@hotmail.com) as I would appreciate a larger list upon which to call.

I would like to thank Panel members who have supported me in the courses and assessments we have done and it is hoped that we will conduct a series of courses and assessments before the start of next season. It is important that a Club assesses their umpiring needs and submit applications for these courses. Clubs should not leave it till the last minute as candidates will need a Manual from BV so that they can do the preliminary work before attending.

7.Club Development and Support – Bob Baxter.

Re the changes to Chadstone BC Bob gave a report on the committee that has been formed by the Council and will consist of members of all interested groups.

Bob invited Clubs with any problems that required outside assistance to contact him

Rob Sharpe Dandenong Club spoke on the proposed development of an covered artificial green that should be available to play on late August 2018 and the facilities that would be on offer to the bowling community

8. Sponsorship, Marketing, – Bob Baxter. Nothing to report

9. Coaching –Gary Lasky.

Coaching courses were being arranged through Bowls Victoria Neil Gray and applications should be made to him.

i.e. A Competition course is being run at Frankston and is advertised on the BV website

There will be a 2 day course in August/ September- Sandbelt venue to be advised.

A 4 hour Introductory coaching course is also planned

10. Website- Chair:Rodney Bates

Members: David Crook (Sandbelt Championship Updates), Gary Lasky (Joint Website and Social Media Account administration).

This year the committee undertook a number of initiatives including:

- A refresh of the website, including a new menu structure, change of colour scheme, and new content including the Sandbelt Honour board, and revised coaching and umpiring resource pages
- Creation of a Sandbelt Facebook Page, and Twitter handle
- Regular updates and news items shared across each of the media platforms

The uptake of page likes and contributions to Facebook was quite pleasing, with many clubs linking stories from their page to Sandbelt, and close to 100 followers and a similar number of “likes”. The Twitter site has seen minimal activity, and based on current responses, it is likely that we will discontinue linking to Twitter, as the Website and Facebook channels are by far the more popular of the 3.

The website content is slowly building, and the initial creation of Sandbelt Honour boards created some interest. There are a number of gaps, and it would be appreciated if clubs could contribute information from their honour boards to fill out missing information around region, state and national honours by Sandbelt clubs and players.

I would like to thank David Crook for his contributions in creating and maintaining the competition portal and related entry and draw pages. There is a lot of work behind the scenes to create the final information presented. Gary Lasky also came on board during the year as a site administrator and contributor. He provided a lot of information from Bowls Victoria and other events, particularly for coaching, which appeared on the page.

A big thank you to all those who sent in photos of the Sandbelt Champions to brighten up the news pages. Sandbelt had many successes beyond its borders and hopefully the news was spread a little further by using the social media avenues we now have available to us. Many clubs contributed flyers for their competitions and events, please keep them coming. The colourful summary of night pennant goings on from Bev Baxter were also much appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge Brian Howarth for his work in prior years, and for the help he provided in handing over to the new sub committee and making time to train the current site administrators.

We welcome any suggestions for additional content, or if anyone has an interest in being part of the sub committee, we would appreciate your involvement for 2018-19.

11. BV Metro Pennant Committee –. Representatives Brian Howarth and Toni Newell
Toni said that there is nothing to report as no meetings were held due to the ill health of the the BV committee Chairperson.

12. Paul Holtschke BRM introduced Scot Nicholson | Regional Bowls Manager (Eastern Metropolitan / Gippsland

and then spoke on the following items:-

Grants

Sporting Clubs Grants – closes June 27

<http://www.sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/sporting-club-grants-program>

Vic Health Active Club Grant – Opens in sometime this June 2018

<https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/acg>

Pick your project Grant – First submission closes on June 24

<https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/>

BPL Cup

<http://www.bowls.com.au/Events/BPL-Cup>

Bowls Show – SBS Sunday's at 3pm

<http://bowls.com.au/News/more-bowls-on-sbs-in-2018-1>

No Bias Radio Show

<http://www.bowls.com.au/News/Without-Bias>

Australian Open (AO) on the Gold Coast commences this Saturday

<https://eventdesq.sportstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&EventDesqID=27080&OrgID=16084>

The Australian Open will be shown live on SBS and Fox Sports Australia from 11.30am to 4.00pm on June 21 and 22

Jack Attack success at Mitcham BC

<http://www.bowls.com.au/News/mitcham-reap-rewards-from-jack-attack-and-community-investment>

Bowls Victoria State Conference

<http://www.bowlsvic.org.au/Article-Details/bowls-victoria-2018-state-conference-presentations>

Selectors Module - Up-coming course

City of Frankston Bowling Club (Yuille Street, Frankston) Thursday 7th June at 11am

Caulfield Park Bowls Club Sunday 26th August at 9.30am

<http://www.bowlsvic.org.au/Article-Details/upcoming-coaching-courses-7>

Moved Hightett (Peter Blakey), seconded Armadale (Maurice Powell) that the reports be accepted, carried.

Election of Office Bearers

Under Rule 18(d), If no more than one nomination is received for a vacancy on the Board, the person nominated shall be declared elected.

Secretary Ted Montfort advised that as only 1 nomination had been received for President, that **Maurice Powell** was declared elected **President** for the ensuing year.

Ted Montfort advised that no nomination had been received for **Deputy President**, and that under Rule 17.4, in the event of a casual vacancy in the office of any Director, the Board may appoint an appropriate Affiliated Member of a Club to the vacant office and the person so appointed may continue in office up to the end of the term of the Director they are replacing.

That, as only two nominations for the two positions of **BVRR's** had been received, **Lyn Goodchild and Gary Lasky** were declared elected.

That, as only 1 nomination had been received for the office of **Secretary, Kerry Disney** was declared elected.

That, as only one nomination had been received for the office of **Treasurer, Bob Baxter** was declared elected.

That, as two nominations had been received for the two positions of **Board Members, Daphne Camilleri, and Geoff Cavigan** were declared elected.

The Board for 2018/2019 is: President Maurice Powell, Secretary Kerry Disney, Treasurer Bob Baxter, BVRRs Lyn Goodchild and Gary Lasky, and Board Members Daphne Camilleri and Geoff Cavigan.

IPP Daphne Camilleri congratulated the new Office Bearers and thanked the retiring officers for their contribution during the past year

Appointment of auditor

Moved that **Geoff MacWhirter** be elected **Auditor** for the 2018/2019 season – Elsternwick Club (Bob Baxter), seconded Mordialloc (Chris Enion) and carried. Geoff was thanked for doing a great job this season.

General Business

1. Region Open Day – Sunday 9th September 2018 at Noble Park – Social day for club representatives.

2. Moved by IPP Daphne and seconded by Treasurer Bob Baxter that a vote of thanks for the use of these premises for our Board Meetings and General Meetings be given to Moorabbin Bowling Club. Carried

3. Honorariums. Moved Elsternwick Club (B. Baxter), seconded Armadale (M. Powell) that the Honorariums remain the same at \$500 each for the Secretary and Treasurer. Carried.

5. **Region levy** for 2018-2019 has been set by the Board at \$2 per person on the Club Register – moved Elsternwick Club (B. Baxter), seconded Dandenong RSL (Julie Galloway) and carried.

6. The use of Laser measures (approved by world Bowls) that had been used in Pennant was clarified by Rodney Bates.

7. Immediate Past **President Daphne thanked delegates for their attendance.**

President Maurice Powell presented retiring Secretary Ted Montfort with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Sandbelt Region - Ted responded with thanks to all Clubs and Delegates

Next General Meeting Monday 3 September 2018 at 7.00pm at Moorabbin BC

	“	3 December	2018
	“	4 March	2019
AGM	“	3 June	2019

Close of meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.30 pm.