



Sandbelt Bowls Region Inc.
ABN 28 163 129 274
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**Minutes of the General Meeting
held Monday 4th September 2017 at Moorabbin Bowling Club**

President Daphne Camilleri opened the meeting was at 7.00 pm and welcomed all Delegates

In attendance 54 Delegates representing 31 Clubs, Board members and Committee Chairmen.

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

Moved, Glen Baskett Edithvale, seconded Julie Galloway, Dandenong RSL/Rec, that the apologies be received. Carried

RNDS Kerry Rendell Project Officer spoke re change of name to Bolton Clarke and the Services they can provide to Clubs including approx ½-1 hour free talks on a variety of Health and Wellbeing sessions.

3. Minutes of the General Meeting 20th March 2017

Minutes of previous meeting having been circulated it was moved, Marilyn Mulcock Keysborough seconded Gaby Cohen Armadale that they be taken as read and accepted. Carried

4. President's Report: Daphne Camilleri.

As the new season is about to commence I would like to wish all Clubs good luck and best wishes for a successful season.

5. Treasurers Report emailed prior to the meeting to all delegates and Clubs
1st May 2016 to 1st September 2017 Net Income -\$1420.59 Total Equity \$18878.39

Invoices for Capitation fees will be sent to Clubs early September

Moved that the accounts be accepted Bob Baxter, seconded Bruce Richards Beaumaris Carried

6. **BVRR:** next meeting 4th October 2017.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Championship,

The Championships Committee held its first meeting for this season on 14th July. David Crook was elected Chairman and Rosemary Michael as Secretary. Ted Montfort, Daphne Camilleri, Margaret Radford and Arnold O'Brien continue as members of the committee.

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A request for Greens Availability was forwarded to each club in the region. The response was poor, with more than 50% of clubs failing to respond despite follow-up emails to the CCOs.

Conditions of Play and Event Entry forms have been received from BV, amended where required and issued to all CCOs. The Competitions section of the Sandbelt website has been updated to show details of all events, with links to the relevant documents. Event templates have been set up in the Competition Portal so speed up publishing of the draws once they have been drawn.

At the second meeting on 25 August, we allocated events to the various clubs according to the Greens Availability responses, but found it necessary to approach a number of additional clubs directly to balance out the load. 28 clubs have been allocated events amounting to 63 club-days for the 19 events. The allocations will be published within the next week.

We processed a query re protection from a member at Clayton and a query re eligibility for entry to the Novice Singles for a member at Cheltenham.

7.2 Report Umpires Panel – Neil Smillie

– The new season is approaching fast, clubs have entered teams and here are a few reminders for Umpires / Measurers

1. The Victorian Open (18th - 24th November) requires a number of volunteers for both umpiring and marking. It is a very good experience to further expand your knowledge and expertise. If you are interested contact John Roberts at BV
2. A reminder that a National Umpire shirt is available from BA see their e-store on the website. there were a number being worn at the Vic championships and at the Aus Open, they look impressive.
3. There is a new application form for accreditation of new officials and re-accreditation of previous officials. I have attached the new form to this email if you require one. It has the new Code of Ethics and as such ALL new applications are required to use this form.
4. The Sandbelt Panel have decided on dates for upcoming courses. A Measurers course will be conducted on Sunday 10th Sept (venue tba) and a Markers course on Sunday October 19th (venue tba). Applications will need to be at BV by Sept 1 for these courses so that applicants will have their Officiating Manuals prior to the courses for their pre-reading. More details will be sent to applicants.

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An Umpire component will be arranged after these dates. NOTE: please CCO's send a copy of front page of all applications to me so that I can follow up if necessary

5. Re-accreditation - there are a number (over 70) that require re-accreditation (see attached list) before the season starts. If you are one of these please put in an application ASAP to BV on the application form and when we have a number the Sandbelt Panel will arrange dates and venues for assessment. NOTE: please CCO's send a copy of front page of all applications to me so that I can follow up if necessary

We accredited 6 new Umpires on Sunday 30th July and new courses will be Measurers Sunday 10th Sept at Burden Park and Markers Sunday 22nd Oct, venue TBA regards Neil

7.3 Coaching – Lyn Goodchild

Coaching has not been set for this season yet.

7.4 Club Development: Bob Baxter reported on the latest steps taken by Stonnington Council to acquire the area occupied by the Chadstone BC. The Council is currently conducting a feasibility study which should be enable them to make a decision by November.

7.5 Selection Committee: Arnold O'Brien-Nothing to report

7.6 Greens Committee: With the departure of Ian Capp, David Crook has taken over his role as Chairman. Inspectors for the coming season are: Kerry Disney (SOC, 1 year), Bruce Harford (Brighton, 1 year), Lee Govan (Clayton), Ray Wescott (Hampton, newly accredited), Bill Turner (Burden Park, newly accredited), although Ray has indicated he will not participate this year because of medical issues.

At this stage, the plan is to inspect all the greens in September as close to the start of Pennant as possible, when the greens should be fully prepared. The scheduled dates are therefore Mon 18 and Mon 25 September. Each club will be advised by email two weeks prior to the scheduled visit

As 2 members of the Inspection panel are unavailable David asked delegates who may be interested in assisting to come forward

7.7 Under18's-no report

7.8 Website. Rodney Bates

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Achievements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ News items posted on websites and social media accounts during the month as requested by the board and member clubs ◆ Number of views on Facebook increasing, but would like to see more members and clubs clicking on the “Like” button to extend reach ◆ Archived old club event and tournament listings on the website, updated for new events received. ◆ Electronic honour boards updated for additional information received – ongoing activity.
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Planned Activities:

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
Web Administrator is away travelling from 3 August to 5 September, but will be available on-line and via email for any actions required during this time	3/8/2017	R. Bates	In progress

For Committee Decision:

Decision Required	Reqd By	Contact	Status
Appointment of additional Facebook Administrators – preferable to have more than one administrator to maintain the page and be able to post updates for events as they happen.	30/9/2017	R. Bates	Awaiting Feedback

Any delegate or Club member who is interested in assisting Rodney should make contact with him ASAP.

7.9 BV Pennant representatives- Brian Howarth and Toni Newell

Toni commented on 2 items in particular:-

- (a) When Clubs have insufficient Greens and Rinks available for Pennant then it's a Clubs lowest Side that must play by arrangement at another Club.
Refer to Rules of Competition 2016-2017 Rule 9.5 (Rules for Competition 2017-8 are not available at the moment)

Toni will take the matter to the next Pennant Committee meeting.

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(b)Rule 10.5 Inclement Weather. Delegates suggested that the Heat Rule should be discussed at Club level and reviewed again by the BV Pennant Committee.

Comments: - that 36 degrees was too high in the Metropolitan Area

BV has a Duty of Care

Side Captains should consult and refer to the Umpire if they cannot agree to stop playing.

Playing conditions on artificial surfaces can be at least 5 degrees higher than grass greens

Attached is a copy of an email that was circulated to Delegates on this same subject dated

Scot Nicholson Regional Bowls Manager

Reminder all Delegates that Government Grants are available and that Clubs requiring assistance should contact either Scot or Paul Holtschke

Moved that all reports be received: Peter Blakey Highett seconded Chris Enion Mordialloc. carried

10. General Business

1. Conditions of Play Changes - Metro Pennant -Delegates were made aware of BV Correspondence MC158-17 contains the following information: (*subject to Bowls Victoria Board approval)

There are two important changes to the Metropolitan Pennant Conditions of Play for season 2017-18 and these are:

SATURDAY PENNANT

1. No pre-game practice is permitted by visiting sides at away venues, only home venue sides may practice on **rinks not allocated** for their match and only up to midday on the day of competition.

2. Timing of the greens is no longer mandatory nor required by Bowls Victoria – this decision is left entirely to the venue Club if they wish to do so; no visiting Club may demand the greens be timed. “

MIDWEEK PENNANT

1. No pre-game practice is permitted by either side on the day of competition.

2. Timing of the greens is no longer mandatory nor required by Bowls Victoria – this decision is left entirely to the venue Club if they wish to do so; no visiting Club may demand the greens be timed

Bruce Richards Beaumaris was concerned that Clubs should have been consulted. It was explained that the process that BV undertook was that The BV Match Committee made a recommendation to the BV Laws and Rules Committee who agreed with the proposal and passed it to the BV Board of Management for approval.

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2. Gaby Cohen Armadale expressed concern that players should be allowed to play for 2 different Clubs in Pennant competitions even that they are allowed under the Permit system to play for one Club on Saturday and the other on Tuesday. The original position has changed from players only being allowed to apply for a Permit if their nominated Club did not have a Side in that day's competition.

3 Peter Blakey Highett . Re changes to the Tuesday Pennant Draw. **(The fine has now been withdrawn.)**

4. Bev Baxter Chadstone - re Scorecards printing costs. More information is available through Bev Baxter or BV.

5. Marilyn Mulcock Keysborough- Re lowest Pennant Side -Under the Division numbering system where 16 a side were say Div 1-5, the 12 a side was Div 1, and the 6 a side Div 1, Is the lowest Side still considered by Division –

BV answer is that Sides are numbered from 1 upwards and the Division that they are playing in is immaterial.

President Daphne thanked Moorabbin for the use of their premises for the meeting

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Next General Meeting	Monday 4 December 2017
	" 5 March 2018

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