



Sandbelt Bowls Region Inc.
ABN 28 163 129 274
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Minutes of the General Meeting held Monday 5th September 2016 at Cheltenham Bowling Club

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

In attendance 53 Delegates representing 34 Clubs, Board members and Committee Chairmen.

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

Moved, Kerry Disney, SOC seconded Lilith Collins, Highett that the apologies be received. Carried

President Daphne welcomed Rob Nethercote the Delegate from Royal Melbourne Golf Club who have recently affiliated with Bowls Victoria and become a Sandbelt Region a member

3. Minutes of the 7th March 2016 General Meeting

Minutes of previous meeting having been circulated it was moved, Julie Galloway, Dandenong RSL/REC seconded Marilyn Mulcock, Keysborough that they be taken as read and accepted. Carried

The alteration in apologies -showing Alan Walker as Edithvale and should be Bentleigh refers to the AGM minutes

Business arising- A submission by Bowls Victoria to VCAT re their ruling on Single gender events is still proceeding-

4. President's Report: Daphne Camilleri- Thanked all the Board members who have been visiting Clubs on their Opening Days

5. Treasurers Report emailed prior to the meeting to all delegates and Clubs
1st May 2016 to 4th September 2016 Net Income \$2938.35 Total Equity \$22899.87

Bob asked that Clubs who have not paid their Capitation fees should do so ASAP

Moved that the accounts be accepted Bob Baxter, seconded Brian Howarth Cheltenham Carried

6. BVRR NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY: 16th September 2016

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Championship, Brian Howarth

All Championship Entry Forms and Conditions of Play have been sent to the clubs and are also on our website.

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Brian was concerned that some Clubs had not offered their facilities to assist in running the Championship events and had left it to just a few willing Clubs.

“Clubs are reminded of their responsibility under the Bowls Victoria Constitution to, where possible; make their greens available upon request. If a majority of Clubs made their facilities available as often as possible it would assist us in spreading the load across all Clubs and not just the few willing to help out”.

7.2 Laws & Umpiring Committee Report –Neil Smillie

1. BV Umpires Information Session – this will be held at Glen Waverley BC on the 18th Sept at 10.00 am. Any interested persons can let me or Doug Whorlow know of their attendance. It will involve information, questions and answers and practical session, weather permitting.

2. Re-Accreditation – I have completed 10 re-accredits, have 5 more to process but there are still around 40 I have not heard from. I would appreciate again if Clubs would assess their needs for the upcoming season and encourage those that they need to re-accredit.

3. Accreditation of New Officials – There appears that there is a problem or two with the new system. As we have only two Presenters, our time is limited as to when we can conduct courses (we have a life outside of bowls), but as I send out invitations for applicants to attend courses (sometimes twice) I don't seem to get much of a response. There are only 4 (out of 20) that have responded to the two Markers course on the 14th and 18th Sept and 8 (out of 14) that have responded for the Measurers course on the 11th Sept. These responses are disappointing as we have an amount of preparation for each of these courses and follow up work, and this takes more of our time with what appears little support from those who have indicated they wish to do the courses. In addition their Clubs have been invoiced for the costs. I am at a loss to explain what is happening but it is not for the want of trying to provide for the bowlers wishing to be accredited as Officials. Even if we had more Presenters, the number of those applying and attending the proposed courses is worrying.

4. BV Pennant Documents – the Rules for Competition, the recent changes to the Rules and Conditions of Play for Metropolitan Pennant are available on BV website, and Clubs should ensure that their Managers, Umpires and administration are aware of these documents.

5. Use of Measurers – Clubs are reminded that if they are to use accredited Measurers on Pennant days, appoint them as the Umpire of the Day or Green as their decision is then final and cannot be challenged. If they are appointed with an Umpire on the green there is the possibility that the players could challenge their decision and ask the Umpire to re-check the measure.

Neil Smillie – acting for the Sandbelt DUC

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Ron Glenn Toorak asked Don Hawes re the use of non accredited players to act as measurers and Umpires.

2016-2017 Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Pennant "Conditions of Play".

Umpires:-

Venue Clubs are to appoint accredited Umpires where available to officiate in matches. If the venue Club does not have an accredited Umpire a visiting accredited Umpire may be appointed to officiate. If there is no umpire present at a game but an accredited national measurer is, then the measurer becomes the appointed umpire. If no Umpire available then a competent player from the home side should be appointed to act as Umpire.

7.3 Coaching – Lyn Goodchild

Two weekends were devoted to coaching in this region and resulted in 18 new coaches from Clubs in the Region being accredited. Thanks to the two clubs (Moorabbin & SOC) who allowed us the use of their facilities and to the presenters and assessors who took the tutorials.

7.4 Club Development: nothing to report

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

7.6 Greens Committee: Ian Capp Chairman Greens Inspection Committee

Letters will be going out to all clubs this month notifying them of our greens inspection dates & times.

7.7 Under18's-Phil Kelly convenor is moving from Carrum to play at Beaumaris BC.

Phil will be meeting with Sean O'Kane at Bowls Victoria to discuss the future of U 18's in the Regions and formulating a survey to send out to all Sandbelt Clubs seeking information on their involvement with U18's /schools etc in their area

7.8 Website. Brian Howarth

Clubs that have sent details of their events to him have been put on the website.

The Southern District Electric Light committee will also be using the website this season

7.9 BV Pennant representative- Michael Classon
Pennant draws

The release of a provisional draw for lower Divisions was successful, giving clubs the opportunity to review Saturday Divisions 6 to 8 and Midweek Divisions 4 to 5 prior to making a firm commitment for teams.

- A significant number of byes were filled by additional entries
- Only 6 travel complaints have been received
- More clubs entered new teams than those who withdrew teams

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- It may be possible to release the draw earlier next year
- The introduction of Google mapping in developing the sections has been instrumental in minimizing travel

Region based competition

A concept is being considered by Yarra Region for a short competition to be played after the pennant season.

The goal is to initiate a post season competition for clubs to field a side for a limited number of players over a period of seven weeks with finals

The proposal is to divide that Region's 28 clubs into 4 sections playing a seven week competition at neutral venues. In each section teams would play against every opponent and a cross over game against a team from another section. This would eliminate byes.

The similar Inner City Winter Competition has proved successful.

Pennant Fines

The BV Board has approved the new structure for fines being \$25 per week for forfeits rather than the increasing scale of fines previously in place.

It is hoped that clubs may be able retain sides if they are able to wait a little longer to gain/regain players to fill the team, while having to pay significantly reduced fines in the meantime.

Change to heat rule

Under the heat rule matches will be abandoned if play has not resumed within one hour of the cessation of play.

Notification of pennant results

Clubs will be able to submit pennant results via mail, direct data entry to the Bowls Connect IT system **and in addition, via other electronic means such as scan and email.**

Provision of flags to Division winners

The BV Board has adopted the committee's recommendation that prize money for pennant be discontinued and replaced by the presentation of a flag to Division winners by a BV representative on the day of the grand final.

Circulation of minutes to regions

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We have received very positive feedback from Regions regarding the circulation of the pennant committee's minutes. **Michael Classon 5 September 2016**

Moved that all reports be received: Bob Steele Edithvale, seconded Brian Rosengarten Glen Eira McKinnon, Carried

10. General Business

No business other than that set in the notice has been received prior to 30 days of the date of the meeting from any Club

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

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Next General Meeting	Monday	5 December	2016	
	"	6 March	2017	
AGM	"	5 June	2017	at 7.00 pm at Moorabbin BC

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