



Sandbelt Bowls Region Inc.
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Sandbelt Bowls Region Inc
Minutes of the General Meeting
5th December 2016
at Moorabbin Bowling Club

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

In attendance 46 Delegates representing 22 Clubs, Board members and Committee Chairmen.

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

Moved, B. Stephenson, Glen Eira McKinnon seconded M. McConchie, Noble Park that the apologies be received. Carried.

3. Minutes of the 5th September 2016 General Meeting

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

4. President's Report: Daphne Camilleri- Wished all Delegates a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

5. Treasurers Report emailed prior to the meeting to all delegates and Clubs

1st May 2016 to 10th November 2016 Net Income \$7086.84 Total Equity \$27048.36

Income includes Green fees and use of Clubs facilities for Championships, which are still to be paid to the Clubs

Moved that the accounts be accepted Bob Baxter, seconded Brian Lilith Collins, Highett Carried

6. BVRR: meeting 16th September.

Items discussed included:-

Finances –This was the end of the 3rd year of the Affiliation model. On the BV website is an invitation to Clubs to comment-

Umpiring Seminars – 7 held around the state

Coaching 2 held in Sandbelt –which were set by BV

VCAT decision on single gender events- Edithvale (Bob Steele) asked that this item be discussed at the next General Meeting of the Delegates- Clubs to be advised.

Pre Pennant Practice

Region affiliation fees range \$3-\$16 compared with Sandbelt \$2 per affiliated member

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Championship, Brian Howarth

Apart from the Men's and Women's Singles that commences on the 11th December there are 5 Championships Events still to be run to complete the 2016-2017 Season.

Single events –Some Clubs are not offering their facilities as they are unable to obtain Markers. In order to encourage these Clubs to participate without having to resort to compulsory acquisition under the Rules, Brian moved that in Singles events losing players in the morning round will be required to mark games in the afternoon round or face a \$50 fine, seconded by Peter Curwen-Walker Melbourne – Carried

This will be written into the Conditions of Play for next Season.

Late entries for the Championships will NOT be considered once the OPEN DRAW has been completed.

7.2 Laws & Umpiring Committee Report –Neil Smillie

New Accreditations – while I am not sure of the numbers for this season, since the new scheme was introduced in 2015 the Panel have accredited 32 Markers, 48 Measurers and 16 Umpires (those that have completed the Measurer and Markers courses) At present we have applications for 19 Markers, 9 Measurers and 22 Umpires and we would hope to run courses at the end of the season to complete these accreditations in March/April. One of the problems we have encountered is that when our Presenters are available to run courses, some candidates are not.

Re-Accreditations– We have completed nearly 20 re-accredits of Umpire/Measurers and have 6 applications to process. It appears that there are around 40 officials that have expired accreditation and as yet have not made application to re-accredit. Clubs could assess their needs and encourage those that have expired to re-accredit as it is far easier to re-accredit these members than produce new Umpires.

FAQ's – BV has produce a number of frequently asked questions and published them on its

website for all to see, but there are still some contentious questions that a definitive answer has not been produced. Clubs should consult this list when they have a problem and if it does not provide an answer then please contact me to see if I can help. There is also some questions and answers relating to eligibility for finals that clubs may read before it is too late. Neil Smillie – acting for the DUC

7.3 Coaching – Lyn Goodchild

Clubs who have members that are interested in becoming Coaches should apply through BV on the appropriate form (obtainable on BV website). Scott Nicholas at BV will arrange 2 day forum in the Sandbelt Region as soon as he has received a suitable number of requests

7.4 Club Development: Bob Baxter reported that the Stonnington Council is preparing a detailed concept plan for the future use of the area now occupied by the Chadstone BC. The Club will be seeking assistance from Bowls Victoria once the Club has met with the Council

Sandbelt Clubs should be mindful of the use of their club facilities, keep details of the functions held at the Club and record the numbers and age group attending. This may be handy in applying for Grants as well reinforcing your Clubs involvement in the community

7.5 Selection Committee: Arnold O'Brien-reported on the changes to the format of the Men's and Women's Regional Sides Championships commencing March 2017

The 1st of 7 games will commence at 3.30pm on the Friday, 4 games will be played on Saturday, and 2 on Sunday.

This may now restrict the selection of Sides to those players who can make themselves available to play on the Friday.

7.6 Greens Committee: Ian Capp Chairman Greens Inspection Committee

New Greens Inspectors are being tested

7.7 Under18's-Through Brian Howarth, Phil Kelly the convenor of the Under 18 Sandbelt Dolphins reported on the Open Day where 2 players arrived aged 9 and 19.

Unfortunately the Sandbelt Dolphins cannot survive without the backing of the Region Clubs and although the Dolphins were runners-up in last year's State event, this year they cannot field a side

In the January competition.

As the Dolphins have only 4 members consideration must be given to their future unless Clubs are able to provide Junior members to build up the membership.

7.8 Website. Brian Howarth

Details of events submitted by Clubs have been put on the Region website.

7.9 BV Pennant representative- Michael Classon

FORUM CONDUCTED BY THE METROPOLITAN PENNANT COMMITTEE 16 NOVEMBER 2016 AT MCC BOWLS CLUB GLEN STREET, HAWTHORN AT 10.30am

Forum comprising representatives of clubs with Midweek Women Only teams to discuss ways to arrest the current declining numbers of teams entered in this competition.

Barbara Gilbert the newly elected BV President opened the forum, welcomed those present and confirmed that BV do not wish to delete this competition but noted that it was becoming increasingly difficult to conduct due to the decline in the number of teams entered.

Many women spoke of the problems at grass root levels and these comments are summarised below:

There has been a steady decline in women bowlers over the last five years resulting in decline of women only teams.

Travel in Premier League is a problem for many women bowlers.

Club Management of some clubs is not supportive of Women Only bowls.

Some women do not want to play due to the increasing presence of men in the open competition.

Women feel they do not get a fair go in the open competition.

Some clubs are not entering teams in this competition despite being requested to do so by women members.

Whilst the above problems are appreciated women were then asked for suggestions as to how to improve numbers resulting in more teams.

Barrie Lester spoke and indicated that “time poor” is a problem for attracting new bowlers to our current format. Most younger women work due to the current economic climate and cannot play during the working week. He suggested we need to change our current offering to accommodate new bowlers.

Paul Holtschke also spoke and indicated we don't seem to be addressing new members and offering alternate competitions. Society has now changed and more emphasis should be placed on twilight competitions or playing at times which suit working people.

The meeting discussed the option of moving the WO competition to Thursday, however the majority of people felt that traditionally Tuesday has been Women's day and if anything was to be moved it should be the Open competition.

Peter Delaney suggested playing women only Premier League on a Thursday evening as a separate twilight competition.

The following suggestions were put forward by the attendees:

Move women only to Saturday to allow working women to play.

To limit travel play closer clubs more than twice during each season.

To limit travel make arrangements to play at a neutral club to ease travel on both opponents.

Chairman Michael Classon thanked everyone for their interest and participation and advised that all comments and suggestions from the forum would be considered by the MPC and any changes deemed necessary would be put forward for consideration

Michael also discussed several points which included:-

Competitive participation-the transitional graduation to Pennant from Barefoot bowling and Jack Attack “competitions”

2.Short form of competition

3. Clubs who have promotional Bowls activities – Michael would appreciate receiving details of these activities.

4.Surface speeds- BV Greens committee are currently investigating several complaints

5. Drop in Womens Only Bowls Competition- moving to Open Competition

Paul Holtschke Regional Bowls Manager

Apologised for Barrie Lester who is currently representing Australia in the World Bowls Championships in New Zealand

1. Paul reported on Womens Pennant competition and the problems associated with mid week pennant and how in the Metropolitan Area there were 70 clubs with fewer than 70 members

2. Bowls Month

3. Schools program

4. Scorecard scam

5. Grants – Clubs who require assistance in this in applying for Grants should contact Paul.

Federal Government – Volunteer Grant-closing shortly

Sports Grants – Open in January

VicHealth-Active Health Grant-February

Moved that all reports be received: Julie Galloway Dandenong RSL/Rec, seconded Peter Curwen-Walker 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 Moorabbin for the use of their premises for the meeting

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Next General Meeting Monday 6 March 2017

AGM “ 5 June 2017 at 7.00 pm at Moorabbin BC

Sandbelt Bowls Region Inc

Minutes of the General Meeting

held on at 14th September 2015 Moorabbin Bowls Club

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

In attendance 61, Delegates representing 34 Clubs, Board members and Committee Chairmen.

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

oved, D.Mulcock Keysborough, seconded Brian Howarth Cheltenham that the apologies be received.
Carried

3. Minutes of the 16th March 2015 General Meeting

Minutes of previous meeting having been circulated it was moved: Helen van Driel, Beaumaris, and seconded Jim Walker Parkdale that they be taken as read and accepted. Carried

No business arising-

4. President's Report: Daphne Camilleri

This month I have attended openings at Keysborough and Moorabbin-thank you for your hospitality.

We have welcomed two new members to the Board, Michael Classon and Tony Gamble and we are sure their input will be valuable.

We have kept the capitation fees at \$2 per head, this has been made possible in part through the changeover to the IMG website which is excellently maintained by David Crook and Brian Howarth.

I wish you all well for the coming season.

5. Treasurers Report emailed prior to the meeting to all delegates and Clubs

1st May 2014 to 10 September 2015 Net Income \$5193.81 Total Equity \$22295.34

11 Clubs still to pay Capitation fees

Moved that the accounts be accepted Bob Baxter, seconded Sara Rodger St. Kilda Carried

Reports

6.BVRR. Meeting Minutes 9th September 2015-

Items discussed included:- Equal opportunity progress

Pennant Permits

Guy Hand Communications and Media officer –Heads up

No provision for hardship cases

Future affiliation structure for 2016 under review-waiting on BA

Bowlers becoming members

State events- Vic Open, Over 60 Singles, Under 25's and Novice

Footwear regulations

Volunteer of the year award

Nominations for BV Board

Club coaches, assessors and presenters

Full report attached to the minutes

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Championship, Brian Howarth

Championship entry forms sent to all Clubs

Clubs allocated events and notified

7.2 Laws & Umpiring Committee Report

1. Accreditation courses – at present we have completed 27 assessments for Measurers and 7

Assessments for Markers, but we still have 32 applicants for Markers, 18 for Measurers and 27 for the Umpire components. We will attempt to complete the assessment of the Markers / Measurers applicants in Sept / Oct, and the Umpires in Jan 2016. Any further applicants received will unfortunately have to wait until April 2016 for their assessment due to workload of the Panel members.

2. Scheduled courses – Measurers, Sunday, 27th September at Burden Park BC at 9.30 am

Markers, Sunday, 27th September and Friday, 2nd October at Hampton BC at 10.30 am

NOTE: These are for only the applications we have received so far

3. Re-accreditation – at present we have completed 15 re-accreditations and have 7 outstanding

which we will complete in early October. It alarms us that 14 Umpires / Measurers have indicated that they do not wish to continue, but more so, that we have not heard from 28 others. We ask that Clubs assess their needs and encourage these people to re-accredit if required.

4. Corrections to Law Books – there are a considerable number of errors in the Index of the Law

books. The number will vary depending on the version the Clubs have obtained. It appears that BA have re-printed books on a number of occasions with corrections as they knew them at the time (no indications in the books of re-print version), I will circulate to CCOs a copy of the corrections for distribution to their Umpires in due course.

7.3 Coaching – Lyn Goodchild

There is to be a club coach/introductory course held at Cheltenham on Sunday 18th and Sunday 25th of October, if any club has people interested get on to BV ASAP. We have only had three re-accreditations in the last 3 months. BV are looking for persons interested in becoming presenters and assessors if you know of anyone who might be interested please let BV know. Lyn

7.4 Club Development: nothing to report

7.5 Selection Committee: nothing to report

7.6 Greens Committee: nothing to report

7.7 Under18'-Sandbelt Dolphins

Brian Howarth report that talks are being held with Phil Kelly President of Carrum re taking over the running of the Dolphins. Karen Brodie was to have become involved but has been unable to due to Tiffany's move to Fitzroy BC

Once Brian has received the correspondence files meetings will be held Ted Montfort and Phil Kelly

7.8 Website. Brian has notified clubs re updating their financial year end dates but quite a number do not understand the system that requires them to change the financial year end date to 2016 and resubscribed each member – it may be tedious but if the Club is not to lose points in Pennant for playing unregistered players this MUST be done. They have to make all players “active financially”

Moved that all reports be received: David Mulcock Keysborough seconded Don Hawse
Murrumbidgee Park, Carried

10. General Business

1. Region Open Day (Delegates Day) Sunday 20th September 2015 at 1.00pm at Noble Park Bowls

Club- 56 attendees –still a number of clubs to reply

2. Ron Glenn Toorak referred to an email sent to BV re Pennant Sides travelling considerable

Distances- Michael Classon, Sandbelt representative on the BV Pennant Committee made a

number of comments re and email to be sent by Sandbelt to BV suggesting that the Pennant

Committee should be involved more in the process to alleviate many of the problems faced by clubs.

3. Bev Baxter Chadstone suggested that BV should consider a partner in the vehicle hiring business that may allow clubs who have to hire buses to reduce costs.
4. Ted Russell Elsternwick Club was concerned that the Club and Region Guide was not in hard copy for distribution to Club Side Managers.
5. Hardship relief –payment of BV capitation fees (refer to the BVRR report). Concerns were raised by a number of Clubs at BV's attitude towards consideration of any requests for relief. One club reported that they had lost 66 members this year. It was suggested that Sandbelt should take up the matter with BV and clubs were asked to copy any correspondence with BV to the Region.

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Next General Meeting Monday 7 December 2015 at 7.00pm at Moorabbin BC

“ 7 March 2016

AGM “ 6 June 2016

BVRR Report September 2015

Meeting held at MCC Bowling Club.

Delegates were welcomed and new BVRR delegates introduced to group

Equal Opportunity Progress:

There is still a hold up with the progress of single gender events rulings; VCAT is now investigating these events through the Human Rights path. Because of the hold up single gender comps can be held till a decision has been made by VCAT

The hearing that was being held at Kerang has had for bowls a good outcome as the person bring the complaint agreed to withdraw the complaint as long as the division made some adjustments to their way of selecting. All bowlers must be selected on their ability and if another case came up before the tribunal and it can be proven, it may not be the clubs that are fined, it may be the selectors.

Pennant Permits are now permitted even if your club provides a field of opportunity for players they may now chose to play for another club if they so wish, meaning you can play for one club on Tuesday and another on Saturday but you must play championships with your nominated club only. Both clubs must agree to this, no permits will be granted after round 4, cost will be \$25 and forms can be obtained on BV website, if both clubs do not agree, no permit will be granted.

GUY HAND was introduced to the group. He is the Communications and media officer employed by BV. He edits "Heads Up", the new fortnightly information sheet distributed on email to BV members. Clubs can advertise coming events free of charge through Heads Up, just by contacting Guy or BV, any information that you think will be of interest to fellow bowlers can also be added. Social Media is also a powerful tool, information that used to take weeks to be out to bowlers can now take minutes, information on all events, results etc are readily available. Streaming through the Periscope app, live coverage of some bowls game has been tried and hopefully some of the Victorian Open will be shown in this way so please "LIKE" BV on social media.

Your private information on your bowls Victoria registration form will not be given to anyone, any advertisement from partners will be sent out through Bowls Victoria, privacy is at all times a consideration.

There will be no provision to clubs for "Hard ship" cases this season.

Future affiliation structure from 2016 is still being processed, BA will be putting up their fees using the structure BV has in place at the moment, when their fee structure is known BV will have some idea on how they are placed to increase their own fees.

Discussion held on "When should social bowlers become members". We now have less registered members than in previous years but we seem to have many more social bowlers, confusing if trying to gather statistics. It is felt that after 6 visits every endeavour should be made to get people to join the club.

STATE EVENTS: Victorian Open to be held in Shepparton Park from 7th – 13th November already has more entrants this year than in previous years. Barbara Gilbert is willing to seek partners for persons wishing to be part of Mixed Pairs, triples or fours if you cannot get a complete team. You can play with people not of your own region in these events so if you are thinking you would like to play but not sure of a partner contact Barbara Gilbert.

Finals Men's and Women's over 60's singles will be held at Bundora RSL 18th and 19th November

Pairs will be held at Bairnsdale

State Under 25's will no longer be run by the regions it will be run by BV and final will be at Belmont (2-3 of January 2016).

Men's and Women's Novice Singles will be held at Mulgrave CC 10th January.

General Business:

Footwear Regulations, it is not necessary to wear shoes manufactured by the approved suppliers but on replacement it is asked that you consider these suppliers, shoes can be of any colour but must be flat soled and no heels.

Volunteer of the Year Award: Small numbers of entries from clubs, some certificates have already been handed out to people who have been nominated, winner will be announced at Bowls Victoria's AGM.

BV were disappointed that no females nominated for the board of BV, if there is anyone who would like to nominate please contact BV.

Less than half of the clubs have forwarded voting papers to BV, could you please advise your clubs to return the forms.

Anyone wishing to be a coach please contact BV or get form from website and forward it to BV ASAP as we are holding coaching courses on 18th and 25th October at Cheltenham BC, thank you to Cheltenham for the use of their club and greens. There is on the website information on how to coach people with disabilities, the coaching panel is at present trying to process videos on a wide range of subjects so that coaches can be more prepared. BV has 1028 club coaches and 129 introductory coaches but more are needed. BV are also looking for people to become assessors and presenters so if you know of anyone that might be interested please contact Scott Nicholas at BV

Next meeting will be 25th of November.