

Sandbelt Bowls Region Inc. ABN 28 163 129 (A0056086V)

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Minutes of the General Meeting

14th September 2015

at Moorabbin Bowling 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.

Moved, 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

7.1Championship, 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.

Neil Smillie

7.3 Coaching - Lyn Goodchild

There is to be a club coach/introductory course held at Cheltenham on Sunday18th and Sunday 25th of October, if any club has people interested get on to BV ASAP. We have only had three reaccreditations 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 Murrumbeena 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 2015at 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.