

**MINUTES OF HALF YEARLY MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023****AT THE ELSTERNWICK CLUB at 7.30pm**Attendance

Russell Bingham (President), Bev Baxter (Match Committee Chairman), Bob Baxter (Secretary and Treasurer). Match Committee members Martine Kohler, Toni Newell and 26 delegates.

Apologies

Ray Rutherford (Black Rock)

Russell Bingham opened the Meeting at 7.35pm.

Minutes of last General Meeting October 2022

Have been circulated to delegates. There was no business arising from that meeting, The Minutes were passed on a show of hands.

Financial Report

Opening Balance		\$4,447.40
Team Registrations	\$4,550.00	
Extra Medals	\$40.00	\$4,590.00
<u>Bank Balance</u>		<u>\$9,037.40</u>
<u>Team Registrations outstanding</u>		<u>\$1,040.00</u>
		<u>\$10,077.40</u>

Please note since meeting all outstanding registrations have all been paid. (Secretary.) No changes to last year's fees.

Moved Dandenong Club, seconded St. Kilda that the Financial Report be accepted, passed.

Match Committee Chairman's Report.

28 Clubs, and 43 teams Premier and 4 Divisions. But prior to the Meeting Bentleigh entered a 4th side, a Combine with Hampton Bayside, it will be called Higgins and has removed the Bye in Division TWO.

Great effort by Bentleigh. Bayside Higgins, we have been joined by new sides from Oakleigh, Armadale, and Middle Park. Thanks, to the way Clubs are getting their results in, it makes our job so much easier. Do not forget the earlier start to the season, opening matches Tuesday. 24<sup>th</sup> October. No games Cup week.

General BusinessBowlslink

We have been contacted by Bowls Victoria to use Bowlslink for our player registration and results, instead of our present method. This will be at no charge to the Association or our Clubs. The delegates realize the problems if anything happens to any of the executive and agreed that we switch to Bowlslink. However, several Clubs felt they needed more time to train up Managers and Selectors for the Night teams as many of the night teams are made up with

players not really concerned with daytime pennant, or using Bowlslink and haven't got their player list confirmed yet.

Night Pennant allows new bowlers and social members to play in the Competition. It also includes members from other Clubs, to play for the Club of their choice regardless of whether their registered Club has or hasn't got a team in SDELBA Nearness to work or home, friends, family, or previous Club are some of the reasons a player may wish to play the season at another Club.

All agreed that it is the way for the future and look forward to training up administrators early so we can switch in 2024/5, our 70<sup>th</sup> year of competition. Training and getting it setup should commence after the AGM in July.

#### Relegations

SDELBA has a discretionary policy in place. We have sides pulling out, wanting to play their sides together at home, new Clubs joining and in most cases Clubs do not let us know if they will be stronger or weaker the coming season. We try to promote winners and runner up where it is possible, trying to avoid Byes, having two teams from a club in the same section. On top of this we had four new Clubs and have lost one this season. It's a bit of a nightmare trying to get all this together. Sometimes we get it wrong, and this case relegated Bentleigh from Premier Division, the Club was extremely disappointed and asked for us to reconsider. Fortunately, Keysborough who had finished Runner up in Division One were more than happy not to go back into Premier. Fortunately, at this meeting a swap between the Clubs made everyone happy. This is the strength of the SDELBA that delegates can come together and generally solve any unforeseen problems. Once again thanks and amended fixtures will be circulated as Word and PDF asap.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 830pm.

Next Meeting is the AGM July 2024- tba