

VERMONT SOUTH BOWLING CLUB

LADIES SECTION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN CLUBHOUSE ON MAY 16TH 2011

MEETING OPENED AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT

P. BARNHILL, J.BARTLE, R.BENETTI, V.BENNETT, S. BLANCHARD, M.BORDEN, L.BOUCHER, B.BROWN, C.BURFITT, B. CLARKSON, J.COMTE, P.CULLEN, N.EVANS, P.GOW, A.HALLEY, B.HARVEY, J.HEATLEY, F.HILL, C.HICKMAN, C.HOLLAND, A.MARCHMENT, A.MULLETT, P.OSBORN, F.PARKER, E.PERRY, P.RIORDON, P.RUSSELL, H.SELLECK, C.SIMMONS, J.WAALDYK, J.WALTER, L.WEBB, P.WILSON,

APOLOGIES

P.ANDREW, C.ARCHBOLD, G.BAKER, A.BONUTTO, K.BRYANT, L.BRYANT, T.COVELL, M.HENKEL, J.HESTER, G.JOHNSTON, T.KERR, B.MOORE, M.NELSON, J.OXLEY, N.PEPPERELL, P.PEVERELLE, D.RALFS, M.SAMPSON, J.STACKPOOLE, J.SMITH, J.TEMPLE, S.THOMAS, P.VOGELE, M.WAJS, B.WATSON, V.WEIGHT

SECRETARY RONDA BENETTI ASKED IF ALL HAD SIGNED THE ATTENDANCE BOOK AND IF ANY APOLOGIES.

READING OF NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING:

SECRETARY RONDA SENT ALL MEMBERS A NOTICE OF THE A.G.M. AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS, NOTICE WAS ON SHOW IN THE GREENHOUSE AND CLUBHOUSE.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 23RD 2010, INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT WERE TAKEN AS READ. MOVED B.BROWN SECONDED J.BARTLE

PRESENTATION OF HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACCOUNTS

FINANCIAL REPORT WILL BE GIVEN AT JOINT A.G.M.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. THAT THE MEMBERS OF VERMONT SOUTH BOWLING CLUB CONFIRM THE AMALGAMATION OF THE VLBA AND RVBA SECTIONS INTO ONE ENTITY KNOWN AS THE VERMONT SOUTH BOWLING CLUB.

MOVED C.SIMMONS SECONDED L. WEBB

FOR 32 AGAINST 1

CARRIED 32 MEMBERS

2. THAT THE EXISTING RULES KNOWN AS "VERMONT SOUTH BOWLING CLUB RULES" (ADOPTED 31ST JANUARY 1995 AMENDED 25TH OCTOBER 1996) BE RESCINDED AND BE REPLACED IN THEIR ENTIRETY BY THE "RULES OF THE VERMONT SOUTH BOWLING CLUB DATED 12TH APRIL 2011 AND SUCH RULES SHALL BECOME OPERATIONAL ON 30TH NOVEMBER 2011.

MOVED J.BARTLE SECONDED P.CULLEN

FOR 32 AGAINST 1 CARRIED

ELECTIONS

PRESIDENT ANNE DECLARED ALL POSITIONS VACANT.

PRESIDENT CHRIS HOLLAND PROPOSED BY B.BROWN SECONDED BY R.BENETTI

CHRIS IS DECLARED THE NEW PRESIDENT AND CONGRATULATED BY ANNE

CHRIS WILL NOW CONDUCT THE REST OF THE MEETING

CHRIS THANKED ANNE FOR HER TIME AS PRESIDENT AND WELCOMED HER AS OUR IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT.

VICE PRESIDENT

LIZZIE BOUCHER NOMINATED BY B.BROWN SECONDED BY V.WEIGHT

SECRETARY ONE NOMINATION

RONDA BENETTI NOMINATED BY B.BROWN SECONDED BY C.HOLLAND

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (MIN. 4 & MAX.6)

NOMINEE	PROPOSED	SECONDED
JUDY BARTLE	R.BENETTI	B.MOORE
BARBARA BROWN	R.BENETTI	M.BORDEN
PAULINE CULLEN	A.MARCHMENT	C.HOLLAND
FLORENCE PARKER	A.MARCHMENT	P.CULLEN
VAL WEIGHT	P.CULLEN	L.BOUCHER
CHRIS BURFITT	P.CULLEN	L.WEBB

SELECTION COMMITTEE (MAXIMUM 5)

WE HAVE JUDY BARTLE, VIV BENNETT & FLORENCE PARKER WITH A FURTHER 12 MONTHS TO SERVE, WE HAVE 2 NOMINATIONS.

NOMINEE	PROPOSED	SECONDED
R.BENETTI	B.BROWN	C.HOLLAND
LIZZIE BOUCHER	B.BROWN	R.BENETTI

AS WE HAVE 2 PLACES AND 2 NOMINATIONS WE CONGRATULATE THEM BOTH FOR THEIR TWO YEAR TERM.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (3)

NOMINEE	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
CHRIS BURFITT	P.CULLEN	C.HOLLAND
PAULINE CULLEN	C.BURFITT	A.MARCHMENT
PAT GOW	M.BORDEN	R.BENETTI

SOCIAL COMMITTEE (3)

NOMINEE	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
ANNE MARCHMENT	R.BENETTI	P.CULLEN
JOAN OXLEY	A.MARCHMENT	C.HOLLAND
PAT RUSSELL	B.MOORE	P.RIORDON

CATERING (6)

NOMINEE	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
JUDY BARTLE (CO-Ord)	P.CULLEN	B.BROWN
LIZZIE BOUCHER	A.MULLETT	P.CULLEN
LIZ HENWOOD	P.GOW	V.BENNETT
PAT RUSSELL	J.BARTLE	L.BOUCHER
MARGARET SAMPSON	F.PARKER	A.MULLETT
SUE VAN WEST	B.BROWN	J.COMTE

APPOINTMENT OF HOUSEKEEPER

NOMINEE	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
MARGARET SAMPSON	P.RUSSELL	C.HICKMAN

ALMONER

NOMINEE	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
PAT FERGUSON	P.WILSON	F.HILL

MANY THANKS TO ALL THE LADIES OVER THE PAST YEAR FOR THEIR WONDERFUL SUPPORT TO OUR CLUB.

TO THE LADIES NOT CONTINUING ON COMMITTEE, YOUR TIRELESS WORK HAS BEEN VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

WE CONGRATULATE ALL THE NOMINEES AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE SEASON.

DURING OUR TRANSITION PERIOD WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST OUR COMMITTEES , LEADING UP TO THE CHANGE OVER ON NOV 30TH 2011.

CHANGES TO PENNANT SEASON 2011/2012

BOWLS VICTORIA ANNOUNCED THE NUMBER OF ENDS WILL BE REDUCED TO 21 ENDS, LUNCH BREAK CONTINUES AS PART OF BV TUESDAY PENNANT WHERE STARTING TIMES ARE PRE-MEAL.

BOWLS VICTORIA RECOMMEND A BREAK IN SATURDAY PENNANT FOR UP TO 15 MINUTES FOR COMFORT AND TEAM COMMUNICATION AFTER THE 40th END IS COMPLETED.

PENNANT SIDES WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS LAST YEAR.

LADIES SECTION MEETING APRIL 11TH 2011 VOTED TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT FOR DRIVERS USING THEIR CAR FOR PENNANT, \$4.00 TO BE PAID BY EACH MEMBER AFTER ARRIVING BACK TO CLUB TO OFFSET THE COST OF TRAVEL.

GENERAL BUSINESS :

**CLUB UNIFORM FOR PENNANT -
UNIFORM OF A CLUB SHIRT, BELOW THE WAIST WHITE AND ROYAL BLUE MUST HAVE BOWLS AUSTRALIA LOGO ON THEM, NAVY CAN BE WORN WITH BOWLS AUSTRALIA OR VLBA LOGO 2011/2012.**

OTHER BUSINESS

DATES TO BE PUT IN DIARIES 2011-2012

OPENING OF THE SEASON (UNIFORM TO BE WORN) SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST 2011

TUESDAY PENNANT STARTS 4/10/2011

SATURDAY A & B PENNANT STARTS 8/10/2011

SATURDAY PENNANT DIV 1 – 8 STARTS 2/10/2011 (SUNDAY)

GALA DAY THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2011

GLEN WAVERLEY CHALLENGE TO BE HELD AT VERMONT SOUTH DATE TBA.

EIGHTEEN MONTH DIARIES AVAILABLE PLEASE CONTACT RONDA.

**BIGGEST MORNING TEA MONDAY 30TH MAY @ TEN O'CLOCK
(PLEASE BRING A SMALL PLATE)**

**MAGNET BADGE AVAILABLE @ WAVERLEY TROPHY SHOP WAVERLEY ROAD
TURN RIGHT BEFORE SWIMMING POOL**

MEETING CLOSED 8.20 PM.

Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting of the RVBA Affiliated Section

held at the Clubhouse on 16th May 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman Andrew Ross called the meeting to order at 7.30 pm and confirmed that a quorum of over 20 members was in attendance. He asked members to sign the Attendance Book, if they had not already done so.

The Chairman declared the 17th Annual General Meeting of the RVBA Section of the Vermont South Bowling Club open for business and asked Secretary Geoff Bryant if every financial member of the RVBA Affiliated Members Section had been informed of the Annual General Meeting.

The Secretary advised that notices had been mailed to every financial member of the RVBA Affiliated Members Section, and had also been posted on clubhouse notice boards and the Club's web site.

Attendees:

Jim Baker, Trevor Bartle, Ed Benetti, Noel Bennett, Tony Bennett, Ross Borden, Barrie Brown, Geoff Bryant, Neil Cameron, Brian Clancy, John Comte, Paul Drew, Paul Dunn, Colin Evans, Cyril Evans, Alan Flaherty, Eugene Gnanaiah, Robin Growse, Jock Halley, Ian Heatley, Trevor Holland, Keith Horlock, Joe Iaccarino, Colin Jeffrey, Michael Keel, Allan Lamb, Rob Laver, Peter Lucas, Alan Maher, Graeme Marchment, Mike McFarlane, Derek Mullett, Gordon Nevard, Viv O'Brien, Rolland Peebles, Brian Riordan, Andrew Ross, David Russell, John Seagrave, Oska Setyana, Gary Simmons, Clive Smith, Phil Staley, Mike Summers, John Temple, Clive Wilson, Dennis Youngs.

Apologies:

Stewart Andrew, Ken Barnhill, Don Boles, Russell Covell, Bob Cowled, Alby Dibbs, Gavan Gow, Alan Hayhow, Lloyd Iaccarino, Bill Jones, Peter Meggs, Ian Oxley, Geoff Parry, Ian Proctor, Brian Sampson, Ray Spelman, Les Stackpoole, Ron Vogeale, Mal Walker, Ray Watson, Norman Weight, Cliff Wigney.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The Chairman advised that the Minutes of the 16th AGM, held on the 16th April 2010, had been printed and circulated together with the RVBA Section reports. He asked for a mover and seconder that they be taken as read, received, and accepted.

The motion was **moved** by Barrie Brown, **seconded** by Alan Flaherty and **carried**.

The Chairman asked whether there were any amendments to the Minutes. There were no amendments.

The Chairman asked members whether there was any business arising from the Minutes. Nothing was raised. The Chairman advised that we had been through

the reports and believed that all relevant matters had been dealt with by the Committee.

Annual Reports:

The Chairman referred to the reports and thanked all the volunteers who had helped at working bees throughout the past year and stated that an enormous amount of work had been done.

The Chairman recorded thanks to the following members who had worked throughout the year for the Club -

Ladies on Saturdays who look after afternoon tea, and do a better job than the men do on Tuesdays;

Selectors, Team Managers and all involved in the running of pennant did a great job for the year;

Jock Halley this year was again a standout having done a multitude of jobs throughout the year, including managing the bar and night pennant teams, and regularly emptying rubbish bins - it would be good if others would step in and take over this duty in future;

George Vayonitis and Derek Mullett did a great job with Saturday night raffles throughout the pennant season;

Coaches have again done a great job;

Congratulations to all the Club Champions on their success, and thanks to all who supported those events by competing in them.

The Chairman referred to the Secretary's report in which it was noted that we have 152 male members and stated that our best source of new members is by word of mouth, and through existing members encouraging family and friends to come and join us at the club. It was also noted that after a very busy year we will now be competing under a new Club flag and logo, and playing pennant in a new uniform from the coming season onwards.

The Selector's Report has recorded the pennant teams' results and thanks to all the emergencies, including the ladies who filled in through the season. Also all the Team Managers who did a great job.

The Chairman asked that it be moved and seconded that the reports as circulated be accepted and approved.

It was **moved** by Viv O'Brien **seconded** by Ian Heatley that the reports be approved. **Carried.**

Concluding the reports, the Chairman commented that it had been worked out that there had been approximately 90 members contributing to the running of the Club over the past year, and this was considered one of the main reasons why the Club runs so well. He extended his thanks to all those people.

Notices of Motions:

The Chairman asked the Secretary if any Notices of Motion had been received.

The Secretary advised that 2 notices of motion had been received and details had been circulated to all members in accordance with the Club's Rules.

The Secretary read the motions:

1. That the members of the Vermont South Bowling Club RVBA Section endorse and agree to the amalgamation of the RVBA Section in conjunction with the VLBA Section into one entity to be known as the Vermont South Bowling Club effective 30th November 2011.

2. That the existing rules covering the operation of the RVBA Section of the Vermont South Bowling Club known as "Vermont South Bowling Club (Mens Section)-Rules" Adopted 31st January 1995 and Amended 7th May 1997) be rescinded and be replaced in their entirety by the "Rules of the Vermont South Bowling Club" dated 12th April 2011 and such rules shall become operational on 30th November 2011.

These motions were **proposed** by John Comte and **seconded** by David Russell and dated 12th April 2011.

The Chairman spoke re **Motion 1** advising its purpose and intention. He then invited questions on the motion. There being no questions the motion was put and upon a vote it was **carried unanimously**.

The Chairman spoke re Motion 2 advising its purpose and intention. He then invited questions on the motion.

Mr Ian Heatley asked why the new rules were not to take effect until 30th November 2011.

The Chairman advised that this was to give the incoming committee 6 months to appoint people into the various roles and to put into place the operational part of the new rules. This was considered the best way as it enabled the incoming committee to get things such as pennant, tournaments and social activities arranged and operating under the existing rules, and then close down the men's and ladies sections to steer into the one committee as from 30th November.

Mr John Temple asked what happened if the Ladies Section did not vote in favour of the motions.

The Chairman advised that we would then go back to the Status Quo.

There being no further questions from the floor the Chairman called for a vote on **Motion 2**. The motion was **carried unanimously**.

Election of Members of the Committee of Management:

Chairman Andrew advised that the next item of business was the Election of Office Bearers, and in accordance with the Club's rules all positions were declared vacant.

In response to the Chairman's question regarding nominations for President the Secretary advised there had been one nomination, that of John Comte.

Chairman Andrew declared that there being no further nominations, John Comte was duly elected as Men's Section President for 2011-12.

Andrew congratulated John on his election and advised members that John will be an excellent leader to take the Club forward through transition from operating under separate men's and ladies sections to a unified committee of management later in the year, providing that the Club's new rules are adopted at the SGM later this evening.

John took the Chair and congratulated Andrew on the job he had done over the term of his Presidency. John stated that during Andrew's term so much had been achieved at the Club, including a new clubhouse, a second green and surrounds and progress towards unification to name just some of the achievements.

Members acknowledged Andrew's leadership throughout this period of growth and development for the Club.

Taking the Chair, John advised that the other positions on the Board were now to be addressed.

B. Senior Vice President:

As David Russell was the only nomination for this position he was duly elected and thanked for his nomination.

C. Junior Vice President:

As Michael Keel was the only nomination for this position he was duly elected and thanked for his nomination.

D. Secretary:

As Geoff Bryant was the only nomination for this position he duly elected and thanked for his nomination.

E. Treasurer:

As Ian Oxley was the only nomination for this position he duly elected and thanked for his nomination.

F. Assistant Secretary:

As there had been no nominations received, they were then called for from the floor. Keith Horlock offered himself for nomination. His nomination was proposed by Mike McFarlane and seconded by Trevor Holland and Keith was elected. The Chairman thanked Keith for making himself available.

G. Committee Members:

For the 6 positions to be filled, 4 nominations had been received, those being for Mike McFarlane, Ed Benetti, Graeme Marchment and Neil Cameron. The

Chairman declared those 4 duly elected and thanked them for their nominations. He then called for further nominations from the floor. Barrie Brown and Tony Bennett offered themselves for nomination. Ed Benetti and Derek Mullett proposed and seconded both nominations and Barrie and Tony were elected.

The Chairman thanked retiring committee member Brian Sampson for his contribution over his time on the committee. Brian will be continuing in his role as Garden Convenor.

8. Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Delegate:

As John Comte was the only nomination for this position he was duly elected. He advised that one delegate from each of our men's and ladies sections would now represent the Club as delegates to the newly formed ERBR which had replaced the former Group 13 that operated prior to unification.

9. Selection Committee:

The Secretary reported that 2 members had one further year to serve, they being Ed Benetti and Paul Dunn. The Selection Committee has another 3 positions to be filled for a period of 2 years. There were 3 nominations for those positions, those being Mike McFarlane, Barrie Brown and Allan Lamb. The Chairman advised that as there were 3 nominations for the 3 positions, Mike McFarlane, Barrie Brown and Allan Lamb were duly elected and he thanked them for their nominations.

10. Tournament Committee:

As there were 3 nominations for the 3 positions to be filled Robin Growse, Michael Summers and Ken Barnhill were duly elected and thanked for their nominations.

11. Social Committee:

As there were 3 nominations for the 3 positions to be filled Norman Weight, David Russell and Ian Oxley were duly elected and thanked for their nominations.

12. Number of Pennant Teams for 2011/12:

The Chairman advised that we have not yet received information from Bowls Victoria regarding the formats for pennant competitions for the 2011/12 season so we are not in a position to make a decision on the number of pennant teams to be entered for next season. He invited the Selectors to add any further comments.

Mike McFarlane reported that in response to pennant availability questionnaires put out following the last pennant season there have been 96 affirmatives to date with 3 or 4 more likely to play. The feeling of Selectors was that we would be able to enter 6 teams again for the 2011/12 season.

The Chairman requested that there be a motion put that the number of Pennant teams, both Day and Night, be left to the Selectors to decide, together with the appointment of the necessary Managers.

A motion to that affect was **moved** by Ian Heatley, **seconded** by Paul Drew and **carried**.

13. General Business:

The Chairman invited matters of General Business from the floor.

Trevor Holland's request that a vote of thanks be recorded to Andrew Ross on having done a great job as President throughout a busy and difficult year was strongly endorsed by members.

John Seagrave requested new white jacks be purchased for next night pennant season. The Chairman advised that approval had already been obtained and they will be available for the coming season.

Allan Lamb asked whether there had been confirmation from Bowls Victoria regarding the new pennant structures relating to men's, ladies and mixed teams for next season. The Chairman advised that we are still waiting on further advice from Bowls Victoria and clarification was still required on some matters before we can make a decision on future formats and structures.

Ian Heatley asked whether the change to 21 ends without afternoon tea breaks for pennant had been made law. The Chairman advised that the 21 ends has been confirmed but Bowls Victoria has suggested that whilst there will be a short break the method of doing that will be up to host clubs.

Andrew Ross advised that Bowls Victoria have suggested that a break of up to 15 minutes be taken after around 40 ends but it is likely that team managers will be able to decide when the break is taken. Afternoon tea may be possible but it will not be a sit down format, as in the past. Changes from Bowls Victoria were still likely to be made before next season starts.

Noel Bennett asked whether Vermont South had any say in the introduced changes.

Andrew Ross advised that we did not have a say and 2 previous surveys of clubs had not been taken into consideration.

Gary Simmons asked why the decision for change had been made and the previous surveys disregarded. Gary suggested that our delegates should be standing up and rejecting the changes as we should not have decisions made against the wishes of bowlers.

Andrew advised that of 6 clubs he was aware of, 5 were writing letters of complaint to Bowls Victoria.

Ed Benetti advised that Bowls Victoria had stated that one of the reasons for the changes was because of the distances that teams now need to travel under the new regional structure.

Cyril Evans asked whether the new format starts this year. The Chairman responded affirmatively.

Clive Wilson asked why the Group could not take a position and in that case the travel would not be an issue.

Andrew stated that Bowls Victoria is the authority not the Region, so it sets the rules.

Clive asked why a group of clubs could not take a position on the matter.

Noel Bennett stated that it seemed as though the decision was based on what the Premier Division clubs wanted.

Andrew advised that the Premier Division Clubs were not part of the process, it had come about through a working party that made recommendations to Bowls Victoria, which it then adopted.

Gary Simmons asked why we couldn't decide as a Section. Andrew replied that the first thing to do was to put in a letter of complaint to Bowls Victoria.

Trevor Holland asked whether the intent of our letter was to advise that we want pennant to remain 25 end matches.

Andrew stated that the correct procedure was for the incoming Board of the Club to consider the matter and then lodge a letter stating the Club's position.

Joe Iaccarino stated the decision is a done deal and putting in a letter would not do any good.

Gary Simmons disagreed and said that we should be able to have a say on what we feel. The majority should have the say as Bowls Victoria chops and changes its mind.

Rob Laver asked who represented Bowls Victoria. Andrew advised that there was an elected Board of 6 men and 6 ladies who then appoint one of those people as the chairman.

Jock Halley asked whether there was a clear feeling of members in favour of 25 ends or 21 ends.

John Temple stated that Bowls Victoria had been elected to make the decision.

Rob Laver asked whether we had voted on this matter last year. Andrew stated we had, and 25 ends had won hands down.

Robin Growse commented that there was need to clarify the situation regarding breaks as that affected whether the preference was for 25 or 21 ends.

Andrew advised that there was no likelihood of 25 ends straight through so there would be breaks, and other issues such as income from raffles and bar sales would have an effect on what happens.

Alan Flaherty commented that with bowls finishing at say 4.30 p.m. many will go straight home to take advantage of the early finish, and so income will be adversely affected.

The Chairman stated that from the discussion just held it was clear that members were not happy with Bowls Victoria's decision, and that needed to be conveyed to it.

Ed Benetti stated that there was no point as the decision had already been made.

The Chairman asked for a show of hands to indicate whether the feeling of the meeting was to put in a letter to Bowls Victoria, with a copy to go the ERBR. This action was approved.

Gary Simmons stated that there had not been any entry forms for the Australian Indoor Championships made available for members at the Club and a letter of complaint about that should also be sent to Bowls Victoria. Andrew Ross advised that all Bowls Victoria communications were sent through the Club Communications Officers and Bowls Victoria have now taken the approach that all communications were made to Clubs via direct email or on its website. Bowls Victoria expect bowlers to obtain entry forms for all but a very few events from its website.

Allan Lamb commented that it is not right that Bowls Victoria were able to make decisions when it was apparent that most bowlers were against those decisions.

There being no further general business items the Chairman moved on to the remaining items on the agenda.

14. Next Annual General Meeting:

The date for the next AGM of the Club was set for Monday 16th May 2012 (Note: this date may be amended as a result of matters that may arise during the transition to a new structure under the new rules, if adopted at the later Special General Meeting).

15. Next Meeting of the Men's Section:

The Chairman advised that the next meeting of the Men's Section Committee will be convened at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 30th May 2011.

16. Close of Meeting:

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and declared the 17th AGM closed at 8.15 p.m.

The Chairman reminded members that the Club's Annual General Meeting immediately follows this meeting, and the Special General Meeting to consider

adoption of new rules will immediately follow that AGM. These meetings will be held in the Bowls Clubhouse.

Minutes approved

Dated

Vermont South Bowling Club

Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting held on 16th May 2011 at the Clubhouse

The Chairman, Andrew Ross, called the meeting to order at 8.30 p.m. and reminded members to sign the Attendance Book if they haven't already done so.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance, confirmed with the Secretary that there was a quorum present, and declared 17th Annual General Meeting of the Vermont South Club Bowls Section open for business at 8.32 p.m.

Present:

Jim Baker, Pam Barnhill, Trevor & Judy Bartle, Ed & Ronda Benetti, Noel & Viv Bennett, Tony Bennett, Susan Blanchard, Ross & Margaret Borden, Lizzie Boucher, Barrie & Barbara Brown, Geoff Bryant, Christine Burfitt, Neil Cameron, Brian Clancy, Beverley Clarkson, John & Jean Comte, Pauline Cullen, Paul Drew, Paul Dunn, Colin & Nancy Evans, Cyril Evans, Alan Flaherty, Pat Gow, Robin Growse, Jock & Alice Halley, Bev Harvey, Ian & Joan Heatley, Chris Hickman, Fay Hill, Trevor & Christine Holland, Keith Horlock, Joe Iaccarino, Colin Jeffrey, Michael Keel, Allan Lamb, Rob Laver, Peter Lucas, Alan Maher, Graeme & Anne Marchment, Bruce May, Mike McFarlane, Derek & Audrey Mullett, Gordon Nevard, Viv O'Brien, Pat Osborn, Florence Parker, Rolland Peebles, David & Enid Perry, Brian & Pam Riordan, Andrew Ross, David & Pat Russell, John Seagrave, Helen Selleck, Oska Setyana, Gary & Carole Simmons, Clive Smith, Phil Staley, Mike Summers, John Temple, Judith Waaldyk, Jean Walter, Laurice Webb, Clive & Pauline Wilson, Dennis Youngs.

Apologies:

Stewart & Pat Andrew, Cynthia Archbold, Gwen Baker, Ken Barnhill, Don Boles, Lyn & Karen Bryant, Russell & Pat Covell, Bob Cowled, Alby Dibbs, Gavan Gow, Alan Hayhow, Margaret Henkel, Judith Hester, Lloyd Iaccarino, Gwen Johnston, Bill Jones, Trish Kerr, Peter Meggs, Bernadette Moore, Margaret Nelson, Ian & Joan Oxley, Geoff Parry, Norma Pepperell, Pam Peverelle, Ian Proctor, Brian & Margaret Sampson, Joy Smith, Ray Spelman, Les & Jan Stackpoole, Shirley Thomas, Ron & Pat Vogele, Mal Walker, Marie Wajs, Ray Watson, Norman & Val Weight, Cliff Wigney.

Notice of Meeting:

In response to the Chairman's enquiry the Secretary advised Notice of this Annual General Meeting had been sent to the last known address of all financial Members, and had been posted on Clubhouse noticeboards and the Club's website. The Chairman noted that in keeping with the growing use of electronic communication there had been 56 "hits" on the Club's website notice.

Confirmation of Minutes:

It was moved by Jock Halley and seconded by Oska Setyana that the Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting, as printed, be received, read and accepted. The motion was carried.

Business Arising from 2010 Annual General Meeting Minutes:

The Chairman advised that the matter of Members' insurance cover was raised at the last AGM. He stated that members have cover against accident and injury that takes place on the club's premises and also have public liability coverage. Full details have

been sought from the Club's insurance broker and will be posted on the noticeboard and website as soon as we receive them.

Presentation & Acceptance of Annual Reports:

Chairman Andrew spoke to the reports and congratulated John Comte and Christine Holland on their election as Presidents to the Men's and Ladies Sections respectively, and wished them well for their term in those offices.

Andrew reported that over the past year all Board members and Committee members for both the ladies and men had been very active, and there had been many issues addressed with good outcomes. He congratulated and thanked the great number of people, numbering in excess of 90, who had contributed to the running of the club in some way or another to make Vermont South a successful and happy club, including the following:

The New Rules Working Party – a great group of committed people who did an important job so well;

The Tournament Committee headed by Russell Covell did a great job for the year;

The Greens Committee did an excellent job looking after the greens;

The Selectors, Side Manager and Coaches all did a great job;

All who looked after the hospitality and housekeeping requirements so competently;

The Social Committee headed by Fay Hill provided us with many enjoyable events;

Almoner Pat Fergusson who was assisted by Derek Mullett;

Gary and Carole Simmons for their work on the new club uniform and flag;

The Vermont South Club Committee of Management provided great support and guidance for the Bowls Section;

The Junior Development Committee did a great job with school children and juniors, and provided a service to the local community in what is a long term job;

Brian Sampson who headed the Garden group and all the volunteers who turned up regularly to working bees to ensure the greens and surrounds always looked so good;

Jock Halley and his team of helpers who looked after the bar so competently.

Upon conclusion of Andrew's report it was **Moved** Viv.Bennett and **Seconded** Gary Simmons that the reports, as printed and circulated, be accepted. **Carried**

Appointment of Officers and Committee Members:

Chairman Andrew declared all positions vacant in accordance with Club Rules.

In response to Andrew's question who had been nominated for the position of Chairman of the Board for 2011/12 the Secretary advised there had been one nomination for that position, that of John Comte.

Chairman Andrew congratulated John, invited him to take over the chair for the remainder of the meeting, and wished him well for his term in office.

Newly elected Chairman John took over the chair and paid tribute to Andrew stating that he had been a tireless worker in office and had led the Club through a very busy time and achieved much during that period.

Vice Chairman:

The Chairman advised the meeting that in accordance with the Club's Rules, the Ladies President, Christine Holland becomes the Vice-Chairman. He congratulated Christine, welcomed her to the position, and invited her to join him at the table.

Secretary:

The Chairman asked which of the two Bowls Section Secretaries had accepted the nomination as Secretary. Men's Section Secretary Geoff Bryant advised that he had accepted the position. The Chairman thanked Geoff and welcomed him as Board Secretary.

Assistant Secretary:

The Chairman advised that in accordance with the Club Rules, Ronda Benetti, the Ladies Section Secretary becomes Assistant Secretary. The Chairman thanked Ronda and welcomed her to the Board as Assistant Secretary.

Treasurer:

The Chairman advised that as Ian Oxley had been elected as Treasurer of the Mens' Section, and is the only Section Treasurer, the Rules provide that he becomes the Board Treasurer. The Chairman thanked Ian and welcomed him to the position.

Committee Members:

The Chairman advised members that current Rules provide that the Senior Vice Presidents of the Men's and Ladies Sections are appointed as Board Members. Therefore David Russell and Lizzie Boucher automatically become members of the Board. There are to be 2 more representatives to come from each of the sections and those appointments will be decided at the next meetings of the Ladies and Men's Sections.

Appointment of members of Sub-Committees:

Greens Director:

The Chairman advised that Andrew Ross had nominated to continue as Greens Director. He thanked him for his nomination and advised that the appointment of Greens Director will be made at the next meeting of the new Board. The Chairman thanked Andrew and his Greens Committee - Stewart Andrew, Ron Vogeles and Noel Bennett, for the tireless work they had carried out over the past twelve months.

Maintenance Manager:

The Chairman advised that John Molloy had offered to continue his services in this role. John has done an excellent job since taking on the role and we are pleased to accept his offer.

Almoner:

The Chairman advised that Pat Fergusson had indicated her willingness to continue as Almoner. We thank her for her ongoing contribution in this role and also Derek Mullet who has assisted in keeping us up to date with the male members.

The Chairman commented that under the new Club Rules, as from 30th November this year the Almoner will be known as "Well Being Person".

Social Sub-Committee (6 positions 3 men & 3 ladies):

The Chairman advised that at the RVBA Section AGM, Norman Weight, David Russell, Ian Oxley were the elected candidates for the Social Committee. He asked the Ladies Secretary Ronda to advise who the 3 elected ladies were. Anne Marchment, Joan Oxley and Pat Russell were the successful candidates from the VLBA Section AGM.

Tournament Sub-Committee (6 positions 3 men & 3 ladies):

The Chairman advised that from the RVBA Section AGM, Robin Growse, Michael Summers and Ken Barnhill were the elected candidates for the Tournament Committee. Ladies Secretary Ronda advised that the 3 elected ladies at the VLBA Section AGM were. Christine Burfitt, Pauline Cullen and Pat Gow.

The Chairman advised that the position of **Tournament Director** will be decided at the new Board's first meeting.

Other Positions not determined by elections:

The Chairman advised that there are many other positions that have to be filled each year but not as the result of elections. He commented that it was important to recognise that such tasks exist, and every year someone has to undertake responsibility for them.

The Chairman extended thanks to all the volunteer members who had put in so much time and effort over the past year looking after the following positions:

Bar Manager - Jock & his team, Gardens Convenor - Brian Sampson and his many helpers, Handbook Coordinators - Barb Brown & Judith Waaldyk, Wednesday Night Social Bowls Convenors - Ian Oxley & Phil Staley, Membership Coordinators - Ronda Benetti & Graeme Marchment, Catering - Judy Bartle, Chris Holland & many helpers, Housekeeping - Margaret Sampson, Sponsorship - Gary Simmons, Neil Cameron & Ian Oxley, Corporate Bowls - Clive Wilson & his team, Coaches - Margaret, Pat, Barrie, Ian, David Perry & David Jones, and also Clive Smith who recently retired.

Coaches:

The Chairman advised that it was necessary for insurance purposes to record the names of our qualified coaches in the Minutes – Margaret Borden, Pat Andrew, Barrie Brown, Ian Heatley, David Perry. Our thanks go to all these people and also to Clive Smith (retired) and David Jones for their commitment and hard work over the past year.

General Business:

a) Andrew Ross referred members to his Greens Director's Report and drew attention to the fact that the West green is to be closed for June and July to rest it from wear and tear. If numbers in the Saturday, Monday and Wednesday competitions deem it

necessary some rinks on the West green could be used to enable all bowlers to be accommodated for those competitions.

b) A notice regarding availability of new Club shirts has been posted on the noticeboard.

c) New bowls rings will be required for the coming pennant season as a consequence of our new logo and flag. A notice showing 3 different designs has been posted on the noticeboard. Members were asked to record their initials next to their preferred design.

d) On Sunday 19th June 2011, Vermont South Bowling Club will host a qualifying round of the Australian Indoor Championship. The Tournament Committee will be involved in running this event and arrangements are now being put in place for it.

e) In response to Barrie Brown's question it was confirmed that the Ladies AGM members had voted in favour of adopting the proposed new rules which are to be considered at the Special General Meeting immediately following this meeting.

f) Barbara Brown requested that consideration be given to holding next year's AGM in April rather than May as many members have gone away in May. The Chairman advised the Board will consider the request.

g) The Chairman thanked all retiring Board and Committee members for their contributions to the Club and welcomed the newly elected people. He thanked Secretaries Geoff Bryant and Ronda Benetti for their work in preparing for the Annual General Meetings and Special General Meeting.

There being no further questions or any other general business matters the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Minutes approved

Dated

Notice of Meetings to follow:

Next Annual General Meeting:

The next Annual General Meeting of the Club is to be held on Monday 16th May 2012. (**Note:** this date may be amended as a result of matters that arise during the transition to the new structure under the new rules, if adopted) at the following Special General Meeting.

Next Meeting of the Board of Management:

The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday 30th May 2011 at 8.00 pm.

Members were asked to remain in attendance for the **Special General Meeting** which is about to commence. The purpose of the SGM is to consider the adoption of the New Rules for Vermont South Bowling Club. There is no need to sign the attendance

book for this meeting but if you are NOT staying please advise so that we can ensure the attendance record for the SGM is correct”.

**Minutes of the Special General Meeting of the Vermont South Bowling Club
held at the Clubhouse on Monday 16th May 2011**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9.10 p.m. and advised that the attendance and apologies lists is as per the list for the just concluded Bowls Section Annual General Meeting, with the exception of any member or members who have not stayed for the SGM. No change to the attendance list was required.

The Chairman declared the Special General Meeting open and advised that the only business to be addressed at the meeting is to consider, and if thought fit, approve two motions for the adoption of new rules for the Club which have previously been notified to members and discussed at a members' information night on 8th May 2011.

Present:

Jim Baker, Pam Barnhill, Trevor & Judy Bartle, Ed & Ronda Benetti, Noel & Viv Bennett, Tony Bennett, Susan Blanchard, Ross & Margaret Borden, Lizzie Boucher, Barrie & Barbara Brown, Geoff Bryant, Christine Burfitt, Neil Cameron, Brian Clancy, Beverley Clarkson, John & Jean Comte, Pauline Cullen, Paul Drew, Paul Dunn, Colin & Nancy Evans, Cyril Evans, Alan Flaherty, Pat Gow, Robin Growse, Jock & Alice Halley, Bev Harvey, Ian & Joan Heatley, Chris Hickman, Fay Hill, Trevor & Christine Holland, Keith Horlock, Joe Iaccarino, Colin Jeffrey, Michael Keel, Allan Lamb, Rob Laver, Peter Lucas, Alan Maher, Graeme & Anne Marchment, Bruce May, Mike McFarlane, Derek & Audrey Mullett, Gordon Nevard, Viv O'Brien, Pat Osborn, Florence Parker, Rolland Peebles, David & Enid Perry, Brian & Pam Riordan, Andrew Ross, David & Pat Russell, John Seagrave, Helen Selleck, Oska Setyana, Gary & Carole Simmons, Clive Smith, Phil Staley, Mike Summers, John Temple, Judith Waaldyk, Jean Walter, Laurice Webb, Clive & Pauline Wilson, Dennis Youngs.

Apologies:

Stewart & Pat Andrew, Cynthia Archbold, Gwen Baker, Ken Barnhill, Don Boles, Lyn & Karen Bryant, Russell & Pat Covell, Bob Cowled, Alby Dibbs, Gavan Gow, Alan Hayhow, Margaret Henkel, Judith Hester, Lloyd Iaccarino, Gwen Johnston, Bill Jones, Trish Kerr, Peter Meggs, Bernadette Moore, Margaret Nelson, Ian & Joan Oxley, Geoff Parry, Norma Pepperell, Pam Peverelle, Ian Proctor, Brian & Margaret Sampson, Joy Smith, Ray Spelman, Les & Jan Stackpoole, Shirley Thomas, Ron & Pat Vogele, Mal Walker, Marie Wajs, Ray Watson, Norman & Val Weight, Cliff Wigney.

Notice of Meeting:

In response to the Chairman's enquiry the Secretary advised Notice of this Special General Meeting had been sent to the last known address of all financial Members, and had been posted on Clubhouse noticeboards and the Club's website.

Notice of Motions:

The Chairman informed members that the purpose of this Special General Meeting was to consider 2 (two) motions which, if approved, would -

- a) bring the rules under which we manage the Club up to date;
- b) make the rules gender neutral and establish a framework for the efficient running of the Club as a single entity and meet the changed circumstances created by the amalgamation of the VLBA and RVBA sections of the Vermont South Bowling Club;
- c) address the necessary amendments required in order to comply with the Rules of the VSC.

The Chairman read Motion 1, as follows -

That the members of the Vermont South Bowling Club confirm the amalgamation of the VLBA and RVBA Sections into one entity known as the Vermont South Bowling Club .

The **Motion** was **Proposed** by David Russell and **Seconded** by Christine Holland, and dated 12th April 2011

The Chairman invited questions from members on any aspect of Motion 1 about which they required clarification. He also advised that if Motion 1 failed there would be no need to vote on Motion 2 as the status quo would remain.

There being no questions raised the Chairman called for a vote by show of hands.

Motion 1 was unanimously **Carried**.

The Chairman declared that as Motion 1 had been carried he would proceed and read Motion 2, as follows -

That the existing rules known as “Vermont South Bowling Club-Rules” (Adopted 31st January 1995 and Amended 25th October 1996) be rescinded and be replaced in their entirety by the “Rules of the Vermont South Bowling Club” dated 12th April 2011 and such rules shall become operational on 30th November 2011.

The **Motion** was **Proposed** by David Russell, **Seconded** by Christine Holland, and dated 12th April 2011

The Chairman invited questions from members on any aspect of Motion 2 about which they required clarification.

There being no questions raised the Chairman called for a vote by show of hands.

Motion 2 was unanimously **Carried**.

Declaration of Results by Chairman:

The Chairman declared that as both Motions had been carried, the new “Vermont South Bowling Club Rules” dated 12th April 2011 had now been adopted and would come into effect as from 30th November 2011.

Closure of Meeting:

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.15 p.m.

Minutes approved by

Dated