



VERMONT SOUTH BOWLING CLUB

A section of Vermont South Club Inc

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Livingstone Road, Vermont South

MINUTES OF 20TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE

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Held at the clubrooms – Livingstone Road Vermont South

ON

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OPENING OF MEETING

Chairman David Russell called the meeting to order, reminded members to sign the Attendance sheet and declared the 20th Annual General Meeting of the Vermont South Bowling Club open for business at 7:30pm and thanked 64 financial members for their attendance (Ref Appendix 1).

1. APOLOGIES

Chairman asked Secretary Keith Horlock read the list of recorded Apologies – there being 52 recorded and 2 received from the floor – Total Apologies 54 (Ref Appendix 2 - "Apologies")

2. NOTICE OF MEETING:

Chairman David asked Secretary Keith if every financial member of the Club had been informed of the AGM, in accordance with Club Rule 32(a)

Secretary Keith advised that: a Notice had been posted to the address of all financial members without email, transmitted by email to all members with an email address, placed on the clubroom noticeboard and the club website. There were no Notices of Motion received.

3. BOWLS SECTION 2013 AGM:

Chairman John advised that Minutes of the 2013 Bowls Section AGM; held 8th April 2013, had been posted on the noticeboard and website and circulated in hardcopy form and asked for a motion that they be taken as read and adopted as a correct record of the previous AGM. The motion moved by *Paul Dunn* and seconded by *Mal Walker*; was carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM BOWLS SECTION 2013 AGM:

Chairman David asked Secretary Keith if there was any business arising from the Bowls Section 2013 AGM; Minutes. There being none, the meeting moved on to Agenda item 5

5. PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS

Chairman David referred members to the tabled and previously circulated, Annual Reports:

a. Chairman's report:	David Russell
b. Secretary "	Keith Horlock
c. Treasurer "	Ian Oxley
d. Social Committee	Norm Weight (Chair)
e. Bowls 1 and 2	Barrie Brown (Competitive and Social Bowls) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sat Pennant Selection - Mike McFarlane (Chair)• Tue Pennant Selection - Ronda Benetti (Chair)
f. Membership	Peter Ballam (Coordinator)
g. Facilities	Christine Holland – Coordinator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greens - Director Andrew Ross• Gardens & Surrounds - Viv Bennett• Maintenance – John Molloy• Housekeeping – Margaret Sampson
h. Sponsorship	Neil Cameron (Coordinator)
i. M & PR	Lizzie Boucher

Chairman David reflecting on his Report, invited members to contribute a 3 year Plan for the Bowls Sect and urged more members to join committees and take on leadership roles – Refer "Appendix C".

Chairman David asked that Reports (9), as published, be taken as received, read and accepted.

Moved: *George Vayonitis*, Seconded *Allen Maher* – Carried

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The election of Chairman and 4 Committee members to serve on the Bowls Section Committee was not required as, in accordance with the Club Rules, *David Russell* (Chair), *Christine Holland*, *Ian Oxley* and *Lizzie Boucher* having 1 year, of their 2 year elected tenure; to serve on Committee.

- **Secretary:** Secretary Keith advised that no one had nominated for the position. However, subject to being elected he advised he was prepared to fill this position for the year ahead. Chairman David thanked Keith for offering to take on the position for a further year.
- **Committee:** Secretary Keith advised that two formal Nominations had been received from: *Neil Cameron and Gail Pearson*. As there were only 2 nominations for Committee for 4 vacant positions, Chairman David declared *Neil and Gail* elected as Committee members and *Keith* elected as Secretary and thanked them for nominating for these positions.

There being 2 further Committee positions available Chairman David invited members to Nominate from the floor. There being no response, David introduced the new Bowls Section Committee for 2014-15

Chairman David thanked retiring Committee member *Barrie Brown* for his many years service to the club and for offering to continue serving the club, as a Saturday Selector and Coach.

Chairman David thanked *Peter Ballam* too, for his service on Committee and for offering to continue, with his work on Try Bowls.

7. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES:

- **Saturday Pennant Selectors (5):** Three selectors: *Barrie Brown, Mike McFarlane* and *Allan Lamb* agreed to serve the second year of their 2 year elected terms (2013 AGM).

Two Nominations; to fill the 2 vacant positions; were received from: *Ed Benetti* and *Paul Dunn* and, as the number of nominees equalled the number of vacant positions, Chairman David declared *Ed* and *Paul* elected for the next 2 years and thank them for offering to serve on the Saturday Selection committee.

Chairperson of this committee to be chosen by the Saturday Selectors, at their first meeting.

- **Mid-week Pennant Selectors (5):** Two selectors: *Lizzie Boucher* and *Ronda Benetti* agreed to serve the second year of their 2 year elected terms (2013 AGM).

Five Nominations; to fill the 3 vacant positions; were received from *Florence Parker, Peter Ballam, Ian Oxley, Ken Barnhill* and *Barbara Brown* and as the number of nominees exceeded the number of vacancies, a ballot was held in accordance with the Rules, to fill the 3 positions available with the outcome being that *Barbara Brown, Ken Barnhill* and *Florence Parker* were elected to the Mid-week Pennant Selection committee

Chairman David congratulated the successful candidates and thanked the unsuccessful contenders for offering to serve on the Mid-week Selection committee. The Chairperson of this committee to be chosen by the Mid-week Selectors, at their first meeting.

- **Tournament committee.** Chairman David advised that due to the amount of work involved in putting together and running the Club's bowling fixtures, the Committee had resolved not to set a maximum number of people for the Tournament committee.

Chairman David thanked Nominees (6) for the Tournament committee: *Val Weight, Chris Burfitt, Mal Walker, Ken Barnhill, Gary Simmons* and *Barbara Brown* and declared them appointed to the Tournament committee, for 12 months.

The position of **Tournament Director** will be decided at the committee's first meeting.

7. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES CONT:

- **Social committee.** Chairman David advised that, as with the Tournament committee, it had been decided not to set a maximum number of members to serve on the Social committee.

Chairman David thanked Nominees (7) for the Social committee: *Norm Weight, Ian Oxley, Joan Oxley, Pat Russell, Win McNamara, John Comte and Joy Smith* and declared them appointed to the Social committee for 12 months

The Chairperson of the Social Committee will be decided at the committee's first meeting.

- **Greens Committee** - Chairman David advised that, as with the Tournament and Social committees, the number of members serving on the Greens committee, would not be limited.

Chairman David thanked Nominees (7) for the Greens committee: *Andrew Ross, Noel Bennett, Ron Vogeles, Tony Bennett, Ian Bennett, Denis Quintal and Keith Horlock* and declared them appointed to the Greens committee; for the next 12 months

Chairman David announced that Stewart Andrew had offered to continue helping the Greens committee, on an as-needed basis, and thanked *Andrew* and the Greens committee, for their support and ongoing commitment to the club.

8. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENERS & COORDINATORS:

Chairman David informed the meeting that:

Greens Director: Andrew Ross did not wish to re-appointment as Greens Director and Chairman David advised that the new Committee would consider this appointment, at its first meeting.

Chairman David commended Andrew for his dedication to the task, know-how, hard work, lead by example, "get things done", style and thanked Andrew for a job really well done.

Maintenance Manager: John Molloy offered to continue in this role and in acknowledging his offer to continue-on with this critical job, Chairman David commended and thank John for his much admired craftsmanship and many hours he spends on tasks and project-work around the club

Wellbeing Coordinator: Val Weight offered to continue in this role to continue as Wellbeing Coordinator and Derek Mullett has offered to assist with hospital visits - Chairman David thank Val and Derek for their responsive and sensitive commitments to this role.

Catering Coordinator – Position unfilled. Chairman David announced catering team leaders including Sue Van West. Gwen Baker, Liz Henwood, Margaret Sampson, Lizzie Boucher and their teams had offered to continue leading teams for another year.

Housekeeper - Margaret Sampson has offered to continue as Housekeeper and Joy Smith and Gail Pearson have offered to help Margaret with this essential job. Thank you Margaret, Joy and Gail

Gardens Coordinator - Viv Bennett offered to continue as Gardens Coordinator. Chairman David commended Viv who was ably assisted by Noel, for their dedication and hard work to achieve a splendid, cost effective, vista of colour and variety of foliage and flower.

Corporate Bowls Coordinator – Chairman David announced that after very successful first year as Coordinator of Corporate Bowls events, Lizzie Boucher had elected to step-down from the job. Offering to help anyone interested in taking on this rewarding role.

Other Positions - Chairman David acknowledged the many other positions to be filled each year which are not as the result of election or appointment and expressed thanks members who have put in so much time and effort over the past year, including

- Bar Managers - Jock and all his helpers
- Gardens – Viv Bennett and willing Gardening Group members

8. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENERS & COORDINATORS CONT:

Other Positions Cont

- Handbook Production - Michael Summers, Laurice Webb and Barbara Brown.
- Monday Pairs Convenor – Mal Walker
- Monday Skills – Pat Andrews, Barrie Brown and Margaret Borden
- Wednesday Triples - Social Bowls Convenors – Robin Growse and Michael Summers
- Wednesday Night Social Bowls Convenor – Ken Barnhill
- Thursday Social Bowls Convenors - Ray Spelman & Allan Lamb,
- Night Pennant Convenor – Lloyd Iaccarino
- Membership Coordinator – Peter Ballam & team
- Junior Bowls - Barrie and Barb Brown
- Housekeeping - Margaret Sampson, Joy Smith and Gail Pearson
- Corporate & Social Bowls – Lizzie Boucher and the on-green & catering teams
- Coaches – Lloyd Iaccarino, Barrie Brown, Pat Andrew, and David Perry
- Wednesday morning Special Needs Group - Bernadette Moore and helpers
- Sponsorship - Neil Cameron and Gary Simmons.

And the many members who regularly turn-up to assist at working bees and so many other jobs that go to making ours a successful and friendly club.

9. RECORDING NAMES OF COACHES:

Chairman David informed members that for insurance purposes names Coaches need to be record in the minutes - the names of accredited coach and club coaches *Barrie Brown* (accredited coach) and club coaches: *Andrei Butskikh, Pat Andrew* and *David Perry* with *Jim Cull* and *Jim Baker* pending

David thanked *Barrie, Andrei, Pat and David* for the many hours they put into coaching thanking them desire to develop skills and bowls know-how, throughout the club and commended *Jim Cull and Jim Baker* on their commitment to coaching

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

There being no formal Notice(s) of general business matters Chairman Davis opened the meeting up for informal questions and discussion (not formally minuted) reminding members it may be necessary to refer questions to the Committee or relevant sub-committee Committee

11. NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY 13th April 2015

12. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - Wednesday 15th April 2015 at 7:00 pm

13. MEETING CLOSURE: There being no further business, Chairman David thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8:20 pm

APPENDICES (6 PAGES): “A” Attendance Record (2p)
“B” Apologies (2p).
“C” Chairman’s Statement (1p)
“D” Informal discussion Notes (1p)

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APPENDIX "A"

RECORD of ATTENDANCE 20TH AGM Monday 7th April 2014

Print Name	Signature	Print Name	Signature
1	TREUSE HOLLAND	21	Florence PARKER
2	CHRISTINE HOLLAND	22	PAT RUSSELL
3	GAIL PEARSON	23	Joel HARVEY
4	DAVID RUSSELL	24	PAUL DUMINT.
5	IAN OXLEY	25	JOHN COMTE
6	KEITH HARLOCK	26	HUGH ROSE
7	ROLLAND PERIBLIS	27	MICHAEL M' FARLANE
8	ENIA PERRY	28	RONALD BENNETT
9	DAVID PERRY	29	ED BENETTI
10	PAT OSBORN	30	MAL WALKER
11	Joy Smith	31	Peter Meggs
12	Barbara Cunniff	32	John Bennett
13	Anne Marchment	33	ANDREW ROSS
14	Val Weight	34	ALAN FLEMING
15	KEW BARNHILL	35	CYRIL EVANS
16	GEORGE VAYONITIS	36	GORDON NEVRAD.
17	PETER BALLAM	37	RAY SELMAN
18	Norman Weight	38	Pauline Miska
19	NANCY EVANS	39	Aileen Lamb
20	COLIN EVANS	40	Viv Bennett

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41	Noel Bennett	63	ALAN HAYHORN.
42	Marg Borden	64	Brian Blaney.
43	Blive Smith	65	
44	BARRIE BROWN	66	
45	ALLEN MATHER.	67	
46	JOHN TEMPLE	68	
47	Barbara Brown	69	
48	Lloyd Iaccarino	70	
49	Wyn McNamara	71	
50	Jim and Alice	72	
51	Clare Simons	73	
52	Gary Simons	74	
53	Neil Simons	75	
54	Lizzie Boucher.	76	
55	Joan Heatley	77	
56	Jim Heatley	78	
57	HARRY TEW	79	
58	DAVE McJANNET	80	
59	PAUL DREW	81	
60	Michael Summers	82	
61	GEOFF BRYANT	83	
62	IAN BAUER	84	

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APPENDIX "B"

APOLOGIES - for 20TH AGM Monday 7th April 2014

Name		Name	
1	Russell Covell	29	
2	Michael Keel	30	
3	Margaret Sampson	31	
4	Maggie Dwyer	32	
5	Nellie Sutherland	33	
6	Stuart Andrews	34	
7	Pat Andrews	35	
8	Jean Compte	36	
9	JOAN OXLEY	37	
10	IAN BENNETT	38	
11	Pat Gow	39	
12	GAVIN Gow.	40	
13	Graeme Marchmont	41	
14	PAM BARNHILL	42	
15	PAT & RON VOGEL	43	
16	JUDY + FREDOR BARTLE	44	
17	SHIRLEY THOMAS	45	
18	DEREK + AUDREY MULETT	46	
19	ANCE HALLEY	47	
20	JEAN COMTE	48	
21	BERWADETTE ROSS	49	
22	BRUCE MAY	50	
23	JULIE TEMPLE	51	
24	LYN BRYANT	52	
25	WARREN BRYANT	53	
26	MR MRS J BAKER	54	
27		55	
28		56	

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Summary of Chairman Statement to members:

Ref: David Russell "5. Presentation & Acceptance of Annual Reports"

- "Mention was made in the my written report of the way people support the committee to achieve its goals this year, the Committee has been working on the development of a plan to provide a blueprint for the Bowls section over the next 3 years. Bowls Vic and Bowls Aust are strongly encouraging and supporting all clubs to do this because of serious concerns about the future of many clubs and changed legislative requirements".
- "Our draft plan is in the process of being discussed with groups of members and sub-committees. However, to give you a brief snapshot, we have identified four main areas of focus; Governance and Management (necessary given the changes to govt regulations around how Community Groups are run,); Membership (recruitment with a focus on attracting younger members as our analysis shows a steady increase in our age profile which has considerable implications for the future); Player Development and Bowls Operations (focussed on providing comprehensive competition opportunities across the board, including social bowls, and skills development from beginning to highest levels. The Committee's aim is to have VSC represented in every pennant level on offer for both Sat and Tues, from the lowest level to Div 1 and to maintain that representation); Resources (physical ones such as greens, environment, technology and also human resources such as communication with members, recruiting and training volunteers, supporting accreditation of umpires, coaches and other officials)"

"If you would like to be involved in discussing this further, please let a Committee member know so you can be included in one of the focus groups."

- "Now is an exciting time for the Club with its new green and lots of community involvement happening, as you have read in the various Report's. HOWEVER we urgently need more members to join committees and take on leadership roles. Many of our original members who have worked hard to get the club established, are looking to step back a bit. We need to honour their work by stepping up and taking on key roles. This club needs "new blood and new ideas" I urge you to give active involvement very serious consideration. Committee members will willingly answer questions about becoming involved, if you are unsure"

2014 AGM - GENERAL BUSINESS ITEM 10

SEC’S NOTES FROM INFORMAL QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

- i. *Gary Simmons* reiterated the reported the “*huge success*” of the Pro-Shot Tournament held on 5th April and expressed dismay that the “*Most successful tournament the club had ever run*” had not been recognised by the Committee.

Chairman David Russell, responding to Gary, acknowledged and commended the Tournament committee on the very successful outcome of the event and reasoned that as the event was held just a few days before the AGM, mention had not been made in Annual Reports or noted on the running-sheet for the meeting, because both were, finalised / printed before the date of the Tournament and given the formal nature of the Agenda, for the meeting (AGM as set-out in the Rules) non-formal matters and aspects of the clubs operation were generally outside the focus and purpose of the AGM.

Having given this explanation *Chairman David* again congratulated the Tournament committee, and all who contributed to the successful running of the event.

- ii. *Gary Simmons* asked whether the Committee had reconsidered its position on the Heat Policy and potential impact on the Tournament should temperature on the day exceed the trigger temperature of 34°C.

Secretary *Keith Horlock*, responding to the question conveyed the rationale behind the Committee’s recent decision (March 14 meeting) to leave the Heat Rule unchanged, included:

- A one off watering-down of the Heat Policy specifically for the Pro-Shot Tournament would diminish the purpose of the Policy and set an unnecessary precedent.
- The Policy had been eased with the removal of “Forecast temperature”
- The risk of daytime temperature in early April, exceeding 34°C is minimal
- The health and safety of members remains the paramount consideration and the Committee has decided, on review, that the Heat Policy “Trigger” temperature should remain at 34°C.