



Venue	Bowls Section clubroom	Meeting opened at 7.35pm
Present	<i>Di Agius (Chair), Mike Petty, John Strybosch, Pam Barnhill, Rhona Bastiani, Jann Laurence, John Ispanovic</i>	Visitor:
MINUTES: <i>Di welcomed everyone.</i>		
1)	Apologies: Anne Staley, Sharon Hedrick	ACTION
<p>Di advised everyone that Debbie Strybosch has stepped down to focus on her wellbeing. Anne Staley is currently overseas but Di will be talking to her on her return about taking up the Secretary role. Sharon Hedrick has agreed to fill the vacancy created and will join the committee.</p> <p>Di took the new members through our induction and welcome. She will go through the same process with Anne and Sharon on Anne's return so that everyone is up to date by our next meeting.</p>		
2)	Confirm minutes: Moved: John Strybosch Seconded: Mike Petty <i>circulated minutes of meeting held 28th March 2023 be taken as presented and adopted as a true record of proceedings – Carried</i>	
3)	Business arising from previous meeting and Current Matters	ACTION
a)	<i>Pennant - (John S)</i>	<p>(i) Umpires – Pam Barnhill will give the laser measure to John Ispanovic for securing in the umpires cabinet in the greenhouse</p> <p>((ii) Applications from members to play Pennant received so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 87/10 emergencies • Tuesday 62/15 emergencies • Night 16/14 emergencies • Thursday 25/13 emergencies <p>(iii) Selection panels will be meeting in the next week or two, including a joint selection panel of all Pennant selectors to determine their Chairperson, assessment processes etc</p> <p>(iv) A forum involving the Bowls Committee, Selectors and Coaches will be held on 29/5 at 7.30pm to determine goals and strategies for the upcoming season.</p>

b)	Social Bowls – Chris/Pat	<p>(i) Di has submitted a submission to Council and the signage review about more visible signage for the club – still waiting for outcome</p> <p>(ii) Jann and Rhona will take on the responsibility for creating the running sheets for convenors. Chris Holland will organize a meeting with them both to handover. Running sheet needs to include reminders about cleaning up after bowls, making sure the gates and toilet blocks are locked.</p>
c)	Tournament - Mal	<p>(i) KCL tournament a great success and written up in Enews. Mike to write thank you letter to John Hastings with feedback about the tournament and a proposal for next year</p> <p>(ii) Deakin Cup was won by Vermont South – written up in Enews.</p> <p>(iii) The Balmoral cup has 16 teams and is into its 5th week (of 10) this week. It has proven to be very popular with additional players wanting to be involved which goes well for a bigger number of entries next year when we should be able to use both greens. Competition is fierce and currently the Village People have the highest points. John Strybosch will donate the winning cup and Balmoral the prizemoney.</p> <p>(iv) Mike Petty assume responsibility for Tournaments from this meeting onwards with support from John Strybosch, Mal Walker and the rest of the committee.</p>
d)	Corporate – Di/Mike/Pam	<p>(i) Team Building session (John S and Di) – will be rescheduled due to the weather – still waiting for a date</p> <p>(ii) Jerome Cole from Vermont Secondary College would like to bring 3 students down for practice on Thursday @ 3.30pm – John Strybosch will handle the session</p> <p>(iii) Katrina Oxley has broached a barefoot bowls session, bbq and bar, for the Melbourne Cheer Squad with up to 100 people involved. – still waiting for details before deciding if it can proceed.</p>

e)	Facilities/Greens	<p>(i) Meeting with council for a progress update on Monday 8/5 – need to address the issues of the gates and lack of pathway.</p> <p>(ii) John I. advised that the greens team had moved into the winter cycle of greens maintenance. The 1st phase of scarifying the top green has been done and will look to complete the job soon. Work is also being done on the scarifying blades which will save money for the club.</p>
f)	Membership	<p>(i) Welcome to Bowls – Guidance for new member booklets have been received and will be distributed to our newer members.</p> <p>(ii) In the Groove booklets – advanced bowling and tactics are now in stock and available for \$5 – contact Di Agius</p> <p>(iii) Also, Chrystal Mark IV rule books have now been received and are available for umpires – contact Di Agius</p> <p>(iv) We have 1 new member – Pearl Barratt (tfr from Lilydale).</p>
g)	Catering	<p>Our next event is the Volunteer “thank you” afternoon tea on 21/5 from 1 to 3pm. Invitation to go into Enews and added to convenors running sheet. A sheet for attendance needs to be placed in the greenhouse – Di to action.</p>
h)	Social Club	<p><u>Social Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Party will again be at Knox Club with the same entertainer Chuck Charles Sunday 3rd December 2023... Bookings for both confirmed • Social Committee decided to hold back on events as there has been a lot happening in the last month. Numbers for Social activities decline over the cooler month • Mike is going to run a couple of movie nights in Tennis Club rooms date & movies TBA. • Christmas in July at outside venue Hotel Bistro if enough interest is shown ... no information available at this time. TBA
i)	Finance	<p>Monthly finance report of cash takings and participation numbers received from Ray. Thanks Ray for supporting our committee with this information.</p>
j)	Housekeeping	<p>(i) Rhona and Sharon will now help with the housekeeping functions assisting Loretta. Pam will go through the duties with them.</p> <p>(ii) Mike will create a sign for the urn to make sure we avoid anyone getting burned</p> <p>0000000</p>

k)	Wellbeing	<p>Jack Purcell - recovering well from surgery, enjoying a return to bowls. Marg Sampson - recovery from surgery going well. Carole Simmonds - recovery from two surgeries is going well. Bill Jones - getting over covid and looking forward to returning to bowls. Paul Drew - getting over covid and returning to work. Bev Harvey - home and doing well after surgery and a stay in rehab to assistance her recovery. Val Weight- recovering at home after surgery. Gwen Baker - recovered well and is returning to bowls. Alan Rolfe - recovering from surgery and is now putting some bowls down. Geoff Parry - Doing well at home and getting out and about in a wheelchair, good to see him visit VS</p>
l)	Chairperson/VSC report	<p>Discussion mainly around the renovations with updates from us to VSC. New printer approved Presentation expenditure approved Provided latest bowls information around, Balmoral Cup, KCL etc New website is progressing</p>
m)	ERBR Delegates report	<p>(i) Chris Holland will remain one of our ERBR delegates and John Strybosch will be our second representative.</p> <p>(ii) Chris provided a summary report but the main issue of concern from our perspective is that ER are wanting all clubs in the region to advise them of their tournament dates so they can work out when they will schedule theirs. Chris will write to them advising that we should be doing it the other way around, they schedule their block of dates and we will then schedule our dates around them.</p> <p>Over 60s events and Novice Championships will now be conducted by Bowls Vic in the form of carnivals that are proposed to be run in May 2024 – ER are disappointed with this change.</p> <p>Fees to the clubs in the region will increase to \$7 (increase from \$6). To be ratified at their AGM</p> <p>New law books are available to order on-line – new laws come into effect on April 1st 2023. Umpires/Officials Day will be organized for mid-Sept to discuss changes in the laws, Conditions of Play etc.</p> <p>Courses for all levels of officiating are being arranged</p>
4) General Business		ACTION
a)	VSC website update	<p>Damien and Mike are working with Warren Strybosch to progress our new website – they are currently in the processing of selecting a template and the next meeting is 22nd May.</p>

b)	Presentation afternoon	Another successful afternoon of bowls, presentations and afternoon tea enjoyed by all.
c)	Committee Action Planning	The committee will workshop the development of our new action plan on Monday 15/5 at 7.30pm.
d)	Uniforms	A meeting will be held on Monday 15/5 at 10.30am with Deb Banner, John Strybosch, Mike Petty, Deb Strybosch, Sharon Hedrick and Di to discuss current issues with uniform
e)	AGM minutes	Di has received the draft of the AGM minutes from John I. She will send them to committee members When she has reviewed them.

5) In closing the meeting, Chair Di thanked everyone

Next VSBCc Meeting will be Monday 5th June at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed – 9.32pm

Approved by Di Agius (Chairperson).....

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