



VERMONT SOUTH BOWLING CLUB

(A Member of Vermont South Club Inc. ABN 60-896-828-957)

Minutes of Committee Meeting - Monday 13th November 2023

Venue	Bowls Section Clubroom	Meeting Opened at 7.32 pm
Present	Di Agius (Chair), John Strybosch, John Ispanovic, Mike Petty, Anne Staley, Pam Barnhill, Rhona Bastiani	Visitors:
MINUTES:	Di welcomed everyone	
1)	Apologies: Jann Laurence, Sharon Hendrick	ACTION
2)	Confirm Minutes: Moved: Anne Staley Seconded: Pam Barnhill Circulated minutes of meeting held 2 nd October 2023, be taken as presented and adopted as a true record of proceedings – Carried	
3)	Business arising from Previous Meeting and Current Matters	(i) VSC to provide details of insurance cover for the club and its members. Di to follow up. (ii) As a result of the Whitehorse Spring Fair held at the Civic Centre on 15 th October 2023, 5 people attended the follow up event at the club on 25 th October. One played social bowls on a Thursday but has not returned to the club.
b)	Pennant - John S	(i) Start of the pennant season has been better than last year, with some success – Saturday's second, third and fourth teams are going along well. (ii) Car pooling was discussed and it was decided the driver to receive a payment of \$5.00 from all passengers if the distance travelled was over \$20 kilometers. (iii) Mike has tried to contact Jason at Vermont Junior Cricket Club but he has not responded to his calls or messages.
c)	Social Bowls - Jann/Rhona	(i) More people are required to help with Barefoot Bowls. It would be good if we could get enough volunteers so that a rotation system could be put in place. Request for volunteers to be placed in this week's eNews. Di to action. (ii) Di has lodged a submission to Council about more visible signage for the club – still waiting for outcome – Di to follow up – still waiting. We will explore the option of erecting the sign ourselves. (iii) Di and Anne to review and standardise the entry sheets/folders for social bowls. Di and Anne to action.

d)	Tournament – Mike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Disappointing response to the Club Championships at this stage - 15 entries for the Men's Singles and only 6 for the Ladies. Closing date for these entries is 18th November with first game to be played on 26th November. (ii) Mike to contact John Hastings at KCL to arrange a date for next year's competition. (iii) John and Warren S played in the Eastern Ranges Championships but after being level at the second last end lost and were eliminated.
e)	Corporate – Di/Pam/Mike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Livingston Primary is holding an event on 8th December for 20 people between 2.00-3.15 pm. Cost \$5.00 per head. (ii) Child Youth and Family Preservation (Blackburn) is also holding an event on 8th December for 22 people between 3.30-5.00 pm at \$20 per head - \$50 towards the bar. (Di, John and Alex will be available.) Di stated that we will need to get a pool of people who can be available to help with corporate functions in the future. (iii) A Corporate Brochure is to be drafted with details of what we can offer (bowls and catering to be included). Mike to action.
f)	Facilities/Greens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Scarifying cannot be outsourced as nobody undertakes this type of work. We should manage if we can get a larger pool of people to help. Machine requires new blades – approximately \$1,000. (ii) Drainage/water supply seems to be sorted out – need a massive downpour to test if all okay. (iii) There has been no mention of the reinstallation of the water pump. (iv) The water fountain in the bottom corner of the rink has been reconnected but the one near the steps is not connected yet. (v) Maintenance will be required on the sprinkler system when building works completed along with a significant clean-up of the area around the green to get it back to its original state.
g)	Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Currently there are 184 fully affiliated members. Social members must be affiliated as prize money involved when they play. (ii) Graeme D to provide Di a list of all current fully paid members - Pennant and Social along with a list of FOVS. (iii) Master keys have been returned from David Dressing. Follow up still required for Andrei. (iv) New member information night to be held on Monday, 27th November at 7.30 pm with the committee. Di to email invitations. John to attend as coach and Mary and Derek to be invited to attend as selectors. Light supper to be served after the meeting.
h)	Catering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Pam to visit Cosco to see what is available for our catering purposes. (ii) Okka Pies to be contacted to see what they can supply for corporate functions on a regular basis and if they are prepared to offer a discount. (iii) Dominos are providing a 20% discount to the club on Jack Attack nights.
i)	Social Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Lunch at Wantirna Hill on Sunday was enjoyed by all who attended. (ii) Christmas Party interest closed on 11th November. (iii) \$5.00 was not added to the cost of the above as the events were advertised before the \$5.00 was announced.

		<p>(iv) Raffle tickets for Christmas Hamper go on sale from 13th November. (A profit of \$500 was made last year.)</p> <p>(v) Club trip dates to Bendigo are Thursday, 18th April to Sunday, 21st April. Accommodation is cabins at Gold Nugget Tourist Park (Epsom) which Mike has secured. Friday bowls to be held at Golden Square Bowls and Croquet Club, Saturday bowls and total cost of trip TBA.</p> <p>(vi) It was suggested somebody from the Tennis Club join the Bowls Club social committee. Di to raise at VSC.</p> <p>(vii) Libby Ferguson to be contacted re organising a Trivia Night (which she has done before). Di to raise at VSC.</p>
i)	Finance/VSC	<p>(i) The committee acknowledged Ray's report.</p> <p>(ii) Building works are coming along. There will be 6 ladies' toilets along with an ambulant toilet. The main area is spacious but the kitchen area is still an issue although the storage area is much bigger.</p> <p>(iii) Working now on painting, carpet and tiles.</p> <p>(iv) Discussion was held about the analysis work that Phil had prepared...committee felt that we need to be looking at full year, not just a quarter. Di to give feedback to Phil.</p>
k)	Housekeeping	Nothing to report – all going well.
l)	Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was good to see John and Lorraine Bennett who visited the club last week. • Jim Baker has made a good recovery after his hip surgery. • Alex Robertson has now gone into care but there are some issues. • Ray Spelman was in hospital after a motorbike accident but has returned to running the Thursday Social program and playing Tuesday pennant. • Marie Wajs is in hospital at this time. • Graham While will be unavailable for the rest of the season while he deals with his current health issue. • We were saddened to hear of the passing of Lenny Way and Colin Jeffrey.
m)	ERBR Delegates Report	<p>(i) There has been little interest in the ERBR Championships from our club. There was discussion about how much bowls is available and the impact on pennant/social bowls..</p>
	Correspondence In/Out	<p>(i) Email received from Armadale Bowls Club re increased security and police presence around the club.</p> <p>(ii) Received email from Bowls Australia requesting nominations for Local Legends Bowls Competition which Di has responded to.</p> <p>(iii) Email from Bowls Australia received advising of webinars to be held on recruiting volunteers, fundraising and new-age revenue. This was emailed to all members of the committee.</p>

	Bowls Victoria Annual General Meeting (Zoom Meeting held on Thursday, 26th October 2023)	Business Matters: (i) Minutes of the last AGM, Annual Report and Financial Statements 2022/2023 were delivered and accepted along with Confirmation of Auditor. (ii) There is continuous improvement with changes being made which can be challenging but no changes are left to chance. (iii) Into the second year of their strategic plan. (iv) Financial – in surplus with sound financial result. (v) Board of Management is stable. (vi) Life members announced (Bob Carlson, Matt Flapper, Carla Krizanic and John Roberts). (vii) Directors for 2023/2024 advised.
General Business		ACTION
a)	Member Handbook	(i) Special thanks to Ray Evans for his hard work and time involved in producing the 2023/2024 Member Handbook. eNews article submitted. (ii) Members are to be advised of the safe disposal of the old Handbook. Because of the sensitive information involved, books are to be returned to the club where Jan Laurence will dispose of them in a secure and responsible manner.
b)	New Member Contact Update	List provided with new member contact details.
c)	ERBR Invite	Mary Farley has been invited to attend trials for the women's region team which she has accepted.
d)	Bunnings BBQ	Has been booked for Sunday, 14 th January 2024. Bowls members only at this stage. Volunteers to be called for in eNews.
e)	Upwey Tecoma Bowls Club	A cheque for \$1,000 and covering letter was not received. Secretary at Upwey finally contacted and EFT details secured. Cheque cancelled and payment made direct. Received notification from Upwey secretary on 14/11 that cheque had finally been received and has been destroyed.
f)	Mega Draw	71 entries for a total of \$1,420 - \$320 in the black. Late entries can still be accepted.
g)	Furniture/Fittings – Fund Raiser	Hold off until a later meeting when we have a better idea of what will be needed. Look at the possibility of purchasing a plaque to raise funds.
h)	Fund Raising Raffle	The reverse raffle is up and running with some tickets sold already. It was Rhona's intention to sell tickets to members of other clubs to raise more money but this was not approved by the committee.
i)	New Members Meeting	To be held on Monday, 27 th November 2023. Di to email new members with an invite to attend.

j)	John Strybosch Request	John requested the availability of the club for a family function on Saturday, 15 th June 2024. Will involve a game of bowls and catering for dinner.
k)	Prom Night	A suggestion for consideration was received by a committee member from a club member suggesting we hold a Prom Night for those who missed out in their younger years. This has been referred to the Social Committee.

5) In closing the meeting, Chair Di thanked everyone.

Next VSBC Meeting will be Monday, 4th December at 7.30 pm

Meeting Closed – 9.40 pm

Approved by Di Agius (Chairperson) _____

Date: _____