



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

Minutes of Committee Meeting - Monday 4th December 2023

Venue	Bowls Section Clubroom	Meeting Opened at 7.36 pm
Present	Di Agius (Chair), John Strybosch, John Ispanovic, Anne Staley, Jan Laurence, Pam Barnhill, Rhona Bastiani, Sharon Hedrick	Visitors:
MINUTES:	Di welcomed everyone	
1)	Apologies: Mike Petty	ACTION
2)	Confirm Minutes: Moved: Rhona Bastiani Seconded: Pam Barnhill Circulated minutes of meeting held 13 th November 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.
a)	Pennant - John S	(i) Pennant season is going well with teams 1 - 4 in the top four. Tuesday teams are struggling a bit having lost some good bowlers to the Thursday 7s comp which is going well. (ii) A forum was held for team 1 at Burwood on Saturday while waiting for the rain to stop. Issues about performance, strategies and what needs improvement were discussed. (iii) Di has spoken to Jason (Vermont Junior Cricket Club) who is still recovering from brain surgery. Advised a couple of his team mates are coming down to the club tomorrow to look at night pennant.
b)	Social Bowls - Jann/Rhona	(i) There has been no response to our call out for people to help with Barefoot Bowls. (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. Anne has started work on this item.
c)	Tournament – John	(i) Club Championships have commenced with some Men and Ladies single matches completed. 13 entries were received for the Men's Pairs with the draw out tomorrow. First round is on 10 th December. The Ladies Pairs has been deferred until next year as only 4 entries have been received at this stage. Entry forms to be available on the notice board. All finals still to be played on the nominated date (3 rd March 2024).

		<p>To avoid issues with which green/rink to use, a toss of a coin is to be used to decide. Note regarding this to go into this week's eNews.</p> <p>(ii) Mike has spoken to John Hastings at KCL who has requested a submission to be mailed outlining what is involved. Looking at 28th April next year to hold this event, need to create a flyer detailing what we are going to do for circulation as soon as date confirmed. Mike to action.</p> <p>(iii) Ladies Day competition to be held on Sunday, 24th March 2024. Players from other clubs to be invited. Mike to develop flyer for circulation.</p>
d)	Corporate – Di/Pam/Mike	<p>(i) Livingston Primary still going ahead with event on 8th December for 20 people. Rick Carver and Elaine Kindler to run.</p> <p>(ii) Child Youth and Family Preservation (Blackburn) has reduced its number to 14 people on 8th December. Di, John and Alex will be available to run. Di stated that we will need to get a pool of people who can be available to help with corporate functions in the future.</p> <p>(iii) A Corporate Brochure is to be drafted with details of what we can offer (bowls and catering to be included). Mike to action.</p>
e)	Facilities/Greens	<p>(i) Hot water system is going back in same location.</p> <p>(ii) Still pushing for changes to the kitchen. There will be more cupboards in the bar area than the kitchen.</p> <p>(iii) Industrial fridge to be obtained for the kitchen.</p> <p>(iv) Pie warmer to be located in the bar storeroom.</p> <p>(v) Stainless steel bench to be installed across the oven area.</p> <p>(vi) Drainage on bottom green worked well after the soaking on Saturday. Draining should improve now that the green has had a really good soak.</p> <p>(vii) John and Ken meeting with James, the Project Manager on Wednesday at 10.00 am to finalise concerns.</p> <p>(viii) Both water fountains are now working but the one near the stairs will be moved closer to the front of the clubroom.</p> <p>(ix) 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.</p>
f)	Membership	<p>(i) New member Hazel Stokes was signed up last Friday.</p> <p>(ii) New member information night went very well with potential volunteers coming from the evening.</p>
g)	Catering	<p>(i) Pam to visit Cosco to see what is available for our catering purposes.</p> <p>(ii) Okka Pies contacted re catering for corporate functions. They will charge \$15.00 for a dozen party pies. On checking with Aldi they charge \$7.00 for 2 dozen. Sandwiches from Cosco are okay but not as good as the ones we make. Need to assess each function individually for catering purposes.</p>
h)	Social Club	<p>(i) Christmas Party was enjoyed by all. It was suggested for next year same venue but look at a different entertainer.</p> <p>(ii) Christmas Raffle made a profit of \$657.00.</p> <p>(iii) Damien Mullens (Elvis Night) on 17th March. To provide own nibbles/snacks. Should be able to fit 120 people in the club room.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) In future there is to be clear instructions on how money is to be paid for social functions. (v) Club trip dates to Bendigo are Thursday, 18th April to Sunday, 21st April. Gold Nugget Tourist Park (Epsom) has requested a deposit of \$350.00 to be paid to secure booking. Mike to provide total cost of trip. (vi) It was suggested somebody from the Tennis Club join the Bowls Club social committee. Di to raise at VSC. (vii) Libby Ferguson to be contacted re organising a Trivia Night (which she has done before). Di to raise at VSC.
i)	Finance/VSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The committee acknowledged Ray's report. (ii) Swipe cards to be used to access the new building. (iii) Plenty of wall space for notice boards etc. to be hung. (iv) There is no access to the main building from the back tennis toilet. (v) Look at a ledge running along the blind side of the wall for the entry sheets etc. that are now held in the Green House.
j)	Housekeeping	Nothing to report – all going well.
k)	Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Really pleasing to see Alex Robertson at skills training this morning.
l)	ERBR Delegates Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 37 players were involved in singles matches at VSBC on Sunday. (ii) 2 matches were played with another match marked by each player. No markers needed to be provided by our club. John S was manager for the day, Jim and Gwen Baker, David Fisher and Jim Jones the umpires. Pam Barnhill also assisted. (iii) Congratulations to Phil Staley who made it through the first round of the tournament and will return to Pakenham this Sunday for Round 2. (iv) Several players made comment that they were very impressed with the state of the greens.
m)	Correspondence In/Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Received an email from Ken Sanford thanking all the committee for their time and effort in making the new members welcome at the recent meeting. He also commented on how helpful the New Member Package booklet was.
General Business		ACTION
a)	Member Handbook	Members are to be advised of the safe disposal of the old Member Handbook in this week's eNews. 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. Di to Action.
b)	Bowls Victoria CLUBMAP Webinar	Di attended the webinar which addressed volunteering and exploring the use of unemployed people to help out at bowling clubs. Run by Centrelink any candidate would have to be thoroughly scrutinised but could help out at our club with greens maintenance and handyman jobs. If taken on a payment of \$16,000 would be made by Centrelink to the volunteer. Di to investigate further.

		The webinar also highlighted our Duty Statements need to be reviewed and our Incorporated Certificate located.
c)	ERBR Invite	Unfortunately, Mary Farley was unsuccessful in her bid for the women's region team.
d)	Bunnings BBQ	Has been booked for Sunday, 14 th January 2024. Volunteers to be called for in eNews. Paperwork to be completed this week. Need to check with Phil Staley re using our EFPOS machine on the day. John I can provide batteries to maintain power for machine.
e)	Upwey Tecoma Bowls Club	Have not received any official notification from Upwey Tecoma that money was received although playing at Upwey last Tuesday some players did acknowledge our donation. Anne to follow up.
f)	Mega Draw	Up and running – 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/Reverse Raffle	\$1,230 received so far which has covered expenses. Darts and tennis players to be asked if they would like to be included. This is a major fundraiser for the new building.
i)	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. Has been put in the calendar..

5) In closing the meeting, Chair Di thanked everyone for their year of hard work and support to her.

Next VSBC Meeting will be Monday, 5th February 2024, unless called beforehand due to building completion.

Meeting Closed – 9.07 pm

Approved by Di Agius (Chairperson) _____

Date: _____