



Venue	Bowls Section Clubroom	Meeting Opened at 7.32 pm
Present	Di Agius (Chair), Anne Staley, Jann Laurence, John, Strybosch, Mike Petty, Pam Barnhill, Rhona Bastiani, Sharon Hedrick Succession Recruits - Dean Stubley, Leanne Bourke, Peter, Morgan, Rick Nelson, Sue Morgan, Tony McArdle	Visitors:
MINUTES:	Di welcomed everyone, especially the six new succession recruits.	Di explained how the bowls section operates and the rules and structure of VSC for the bowls section. When matters arise Di will explain the background to understand the position where we are now. Di is looking forward for new ideas to come forward from the recruits but also stressed the importance of confidentiality. Code of Conduct for Committee Members forms were given to the recruits to read and sign.
1)	Apologies: Nil	ACTION
2)	Confirm Minutes: Moved: Rhona Bastiani Seconded: Jann Laurence Circulated minutes of meeting held on 27 th March 2024, be taken as presented and adopted as a true record of proceedings. – Carried	Di explained at committee meetings the subject matters are addressed in line with the agenda.
3)	Business arising from Previous Meeting and Current Matters	(i) Samples have been received - Uniform update next meeting.
a)	Pennant - John S	(i) Intention to Play - There have been 97 players register for Saturday pennant with 13 emergencies. Looking at five teams for Saturday but maybe increased to six. This will be decided at the selection meeting next week as rotation of players is to be avoided if possible as we don't want the issue we had last season in the Tuesday comp. Tuesday will have 4 teams - 51 players and 20 emergencies. Thursday will have no more than 2 teams - 12 players with 14 emergencies. Tuesday night will have 2 teams - 23 players with 9 emergencies. (ii) There have been two resignations from the Tuesday selection panel - Pat Andrew and Barbara Carroll. John advised they can manage with 4 on the selection panel but would like there to be 5 people on the panel. (iii) The Selection Policy needs to be reviewed for both Saturday and Tuesday pennant. John to provide a draft selection policy to the Committee. There was discussion about issues that occurred last season. There will be a player briefing prior to the commencement of the season. We need to do everything to support our players. (iv) A Future Forum to be held on Tuesday, 4th June at 1.00 pm. Coaches, selectors, committee and a number of players have been invited to attend.

		<p>(v) Head Coach applications close on Friday, there has been no further response since the two previous unsuitable applicants. John suggested to readvertise and extend the close off date to 4th June. If we don't get a head coach the committee will decide what action to take. We do not want a paid player to act as coach or a coach with no accreditation. We would need to pay a head coach around \$15,000-\$20,000.</p> <p>(vi) Di has been following up on Coach Force which appears to be a positive alternative to a club coach. This involves 4-6 sessions (\$300 per session) which would include skips - back end, running shots and drives, development group - basics to advanced, drills.</p> <p>(vii) Mike Petty suggested a Development Squad be open to any member of the club with top coaches to come in and speak to the squad. Also look at developing future skips and instilling good skills. We need to be developing players in the lower grades who are on the way up.</p> <p>(viii) Pam, Jann and Anne to revise Duty Rink Tasks to cover off the self service aspects of lunchtime and afternoon tea. There will be no rostering this season.</p>
b)	Social Bowls - Jann/Rhona	<p>(i) Di to take up with VSC organising signage ourselves to go on the street. If not approved drop the idea.</p> <p>(ii) Jann to continue with the Running Sheet for Social and Pennant. Jann was confirmed as Convenor Liaison Officer to assist with any matter that may arise with the convenors for social bowls.</p>
c)	Tournament – John S	<p>(i) All tournaments have now completed. Congratulations to all who worked really hard to make these days the success they were. Mike to write to KCL.</p> <p>(ii) We finished 4th in this year's Deakin Cup competition.</p> <p>(iii) Balmoral Cup is going well with teams alternatively playing at Vermont South and Balmoral.</p> <p>(iv) Leanne to be a backup for Pam with Facebook and social media.</p>
d)	Club Championships - Graeme/Mal/David	<p>(i) Di to meet with Mal, David and Graeme and organise a schedule of the club championships which are to be completed in a much shorter time frame than this year. Di, Graeme, Mal and David.</p>
e)	Corporate – Di/Pam/Mike	<p>(ii) Corporate flyer is still in progress. (Mike to present a draft.)</p> <p>(iii) Hire fee decided by VSC is \$500 plus GST for 3 hours, then \$50 per hour after that up to 11.30 pm with a bond of \$300. For club members the cost will be half (\$250 then \$25). It was suggested the hire fee was too low.</p> <p>(iv) Catering for functions to be decided on a case by case basis.</p>
f)	Facilities/Greens	<p>(i) John Ispanovic has resigned today as Chair of Green Maintenance. Denis Quintal will take on this position in the short term.</p> <p>(ii) Quote for large shed to replace the two existing sheds at the bottom green has been approved by VSC.</p> <p>(iii) Scarifying of top green completed last Friday. Bottom rink to be done this Friday</p> <p>(iv) Sooper soppers have been resleeved.</p> <p>(v) Alex Blundell has resigned as Bar Manager.</p> <p>(vi) Peter presented a paper detailing a review of the bar servicing for recent events. Discussed how to resolve the issue of queuing for the bar at future events. Entry and exit points to be set up.</p>

		<p>A display of drinks available to be displayed near the bar. Di to take recommendations to VSC. The committee was not in support of the bottles on the bar ledge.</p> <p>(vii) iPad stands to be purchased for easier use.</p> <p>(viii) Storeroom to be reorganised so that three tables can be stored and wheeled in and out when required. This will overcome the problem of the darts players not putting the tables back when they have finished for the night.</p> <p>(ix) Requests for paper towel dispensers and wastepaper bins for the toilets are being addressed.</p> <p>(x) The kitchen storage area needs to be locked.</p> <p>(xi) Pam and Jann to discuss with Ken overall concerns with the cleaning.</p> <p>(xii) The issue of bags being placed in front seating leaving no access to sit down was discussed. The suggestion was made to move the benches under the clubroom windows to be in line with the original benches but decided this would be a hazard and would also be in full sun over summer.</p> <p>(xiii) Aluminum chairs are becoming dangerous near the green and are to be banned from the concourse. DI to raise at VSC.</p> <p>(xiv) Pennant to start at the other end of the green to avoid bags being a hazard on the concourse.</p> <p>(xv) There has been further delay with the fence because of the colour chosen.</p>
g)	Membership - Di	<p>(i) Six new members have signed up since the last committee meeting. Lindsay and Lorelle Borgas, Ken Barnhill, Simone Gatt, Fourteen year old Elijah Chiodo, Elka Nowak and Ian McGregor. There is also the possibility of two others transferring from other clubs.</p> <p>(ii) New Member's Night to be held on Wednesday, 10th July at 7.30 pm.</p>
h)	Catering - Pam	<p>(i) All catering for tournaments and corporate events has been completed and were a great success.</p> <p>(ii) Updated list of requirements for the Duty Team to be updated by Pam, Jann and Anne.</p>
i)	Social Club	<p>(i) Still need members to join the Social Committee. No response from eNews so will approach some members personally.</p> <p>(ii) Approximately 30 members enjoyed the trip to Bendigo. Bowls were played at Golden Square and North Bendigo Bowls club. A survey will be done with those who attended for feedback and possible improvement. Alex Blundell has volunteered to run next year's trip away.</p> <p>(iii) Calendar of events will be organised soon. An expression of interest will be required and if there is insufficient numbers the event will not run.</p> <p>(iv) Christmas Party will be on Sunday, 1st December in the clubroom. Caterer and entertainer yet to be organised.</p> <p>(v) Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea will be held next Tuesday, 14th May. Leanne Bourke is organising this event.</p>
j)	Finance/VSC	<p>(i) Having taken over from Ray, Jann delivered her Cash Report which will be emailed to the committee in future.</p> <p>(ii) Jim Cull has volunteered to take on the job of preparing the handbook.</p> <p>(iii) Next VSC meeting to be held next Monday.</p>
k)	Housekeeping	<p>(i) Sharon very happy with the trolley.</p>

l)	Wellbeing	(i) Wyn McNamara is home from hospital after her successful knee replacement.
m)	ERBR Delegates Report	(i) Newsletter received from ERBR today with details of next meeting. Items to be discussed - Club Membership Fee, Region Championships Schedule, Changes to the Constitution. Di will talk to John and Chris to check if they will attend the zoom meeting and are willing to vote on any changes.
n)	Correspondence In/Out	(i) Nil
GENERAL BUSINESS		ACTION
a)	Building Completion	(i) A toilet sign needs to be placed on the wall facing the front door for when visitors arrive. (ii) Second fridge has been received. (iii) List of instructions to be placed on the dishwasher. (iv) Notice to go near the front door to check everything is off (lights, air conditioning etc.) before leaving the building.
b)	Annual General Meeting	Went well.
c)	Presentation Day	Went well.
d)	Fund Raising/Reverse Raffle	Pam Barnhill the happy winner of the \$1,000 first prize.
e)	Life Member Requests	Discussed at length and passed to VSC level for further action.
f)	ERBR Over 60's Championships	Event run by Graeme Durrant and was very successful resulting in much praise from those at ERBR.
g)	Centrelink - Use of Unemployed People	No contact has been made as yet.
h)	Umpire Training	John Strybosch will contact Gordon Baker to ascertain how we can get umpire reaccreditation at our club. To be raised at the Selectors' Meeting and will fall under Selectors in the future. Refresher sessions to be held prior to the start of the season.
i)	Donation to Paralympics Team	Di will speak to Steve Gatt about how to go about donating to the team after the Cancer morning tea on 14 th May.
k)	Women's' Pre-Season Competition	Carol Protopapas from Heathmont has contacted Di about our club hosting a competition for new lady bowlers and will consist of a team of 5 players from 6 clubs in the Eastern Region. The players would be just starting out in bowls or having minimal experience (up to 3 years). The idea is to teach ladies all

		aspects of the game on the green and with guest speakers off the green. To be held from 25 th August through to 25 th September, commencing at 6.00 pm. Fee to be set by VSBC (\$10.00 as per green fee). If we can get a sponsor there will be no need to charge a green fee. Winning team will be announced at the end of the tournament. Di to get back to clarify some details with Carol ie. is uniform to be worn, can others come to hear the guest speakers.
l)	Action Plan	To be updated at the next meeting. Ladies Day to be included, along with Club Championships.
m)	Committee Organisational Chart	Chart to be revamped. Di and Anne to prepare.
n)	No Cash	As the availability of cash is becoming harder to come by it was agreed in principle that we look at purchasing tokens to pay green fees in the future for those members that want to take up that option. Di to talk with Phil.
o)	Calendar	Mike to set up access to the club calendar for all committee members.
p)	Youth Policy	With Elijah Chiodo wanting to play pennant the committee agreed that we feel it is appropriate to pay his affiliation fee. Di to discuss at VSC.

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

Next VSBC Meeting will be Monday, 3rd June 2024 at 7.00 pm

Meeting Closed – 11.02 pm

Approved by Di Agius (Chairperson) _____

Date: _____