

**Minutes of Committee Meeting - Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Bowls Section Clubroom</b>	<b>Meeting Opened at 7.15 pm</b>
<b>Present</b>	Di Agius (Chair), Anne Staley, Jann Laurence, John Strybosch, Pam Barnhill, Peter Morgan, Rhona Bastiani, Sharon Hedrick <b>Succession Recruits</b> – Sue Morgan, Tony McCardle	<b>Visitors:</b>
<b>MINUTES:</b>	Di welcomed everyone.	
<b>1)</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Dean Stubley, Rick Nelson, Mike Petty	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>2)</b>	<b>Confirm Minutes:</b> <b>Moved: Rhona Bastiani Seconded:</b> Pam Barnhill Circulated minutes of meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2024, be taken as presented and adopted as a true record of proceedings. – Carried	
<b>3)</b>	<b>Business arising from Previous Meeting and Current Matters</b>	
<b>a)</b>	<b>Pennant - John</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The top side are experiencing a significant difference between playing in second division compared to the top division.</li> <li>(ii) They are currently sitting 8<sup>th</sup> on the ladder, the second team is currently 5<sup>th</sup>. Need to review goals to try and protect the second side from being relegated. The third team is 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder, with the 4<sup>th</sup> side sitting 7<sup>th</sup> but only a few points out of the four. The 5<sup>th</sup> side is sitting 5<sup>th</sup>. There are only 7 games left in the season. Need to ensure potential players in the finals have played 4 games in the division they will be playing.</li> <li>(iii) Tuesday sees the top side sitting 5<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> team 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> team 4<sup>th</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> team 4<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>(iv) At this stage 14 people will attend the session with Danny Simmons this Sunday.</li> <li>(v) John to hold forums for all teams next week (7.00-9.00 pm). 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nds</sup> to be held on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rds</sup>, 4<sup>ths</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> sides to be held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December.</li> <li>(vi) Power point presentation of Pennant results to be loaded onto laptop. <b>Di to speak to Ken.</b></li> <li>(vii) Training is still an ongoing issue with not enough people turning up. This will be addressed at the forums.</li> <li>(viii) A lengthy email has been received from a member detailing their observations on Pennant days and making some suggestions including appointing team leaders to improve team unity and motivating the team before a game. The committee acknowledged the issues and they also had been working on most of them.</li> </ul>

		<p>(ix) Decided to only run the raffle until the break as it is not really worthwhile (possibly due to people not having cash anymore). It has been noted some other clubs no longer hold a raffle during the afternoon tea break.</p> <p>(x) People are not staying for the post match review as often the away teams are getting back to the club too late. There is also very little atmosphere in the club room. <b>Di to speak to Ken</b> about having music played and getting the microphone issue fixed. More help is needed in the bar for the first rush after the game.</p> <p>(xi) Team scores to be displayed on the TV screens. <b>John to speak to Ken.</b></p>
<b>b)</b>	<b>Social Bowls - Jann/Rhona</b>	(i) <b>James from VSC</b> has received a quote for a neon sign - \$30,000. Will look into further.
<b>c)</b>	<b>Tournament – John/Mike</b>	(i) Tournaments (KCL 27/04, Ladies Day 22/03, King of the Hill ?) to be discussed in the new year. Flyers to be ready to go.
<b>d)</b>	<b>Club Championships - Graeme/Mal/David</b>	(i) In the men's comp John S to play Graeme Jackson after he beat Rick Carver today. Oscar and Mal to play off. Pam B to play Gwen B and Pat A and Mary to play off in the Ladies. Finals to be played on 15 <sup>th</sup> December.
<b>e)</b>	<b>Corporate – Di/Pam/Mike</b>	<p>(i) Still need to have a briefing/training session with the RSAs. <b>Phil and Di to organise.</b></p> <p>(ii) Bunnings night went very well.</p> <p>(iii) Numbers for the Kieser function between 6.00-10.00 pm on 13/12 between to be confirmed (100-140). Pam to ring tomorrow for final numbers. Charging \$25 per head. Chicken ham and salad to be served.</p> <p>(iv) Forest Hill Secondary College has booked 3 blocks for 1 hour between 10.45-11.45 on Friday, 28/02, 07/03 and 14/03 for 27-47 students. To be charged \$10 per student.</p> <p>(v) Mulgrave Challenge to be held on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> January at VS. Catering to be provided by our catering team.</p> <p>(vi) Bunnings BBQ to be held on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January. Pam to draw up a roster. Spiro and James to purchase supplies. Tennis and Darts people to be involved as well.</p>
<b>f)</b>	<b>Facilities/Greens</b>	<p>(i) A plumber was called in who found concrete in the bottom drain and the drains at the tennis club blocked with tennis balls and cans.</p> <p>(ii) There is a problem with sections of rock hard sand on Rink 10. It will be up to the green keeper to nominate if the green is playable. Heavy roller to be used to flatten out the green. <b>Di to follow up with VSC.</b></p> <p>(iii) Still no update from the council regarding the damage done to the green during the clubroom renovation.</p> <p>(iv) Merbau benches to be set up properly and bolted down. The benches are designed for bags to be placed under. Laminated signs to placed advising "no bags to be placed on benches".</p> <p>(v) Umbrella storage box has been approved to be built. Kim Fox has been asked to complete this job. Kim to be acknowledged once again in eNews this week.</p>

<b>g)</b>	<b>Membership - Di</b>	(i) There has been one new member join since last meeting – Jaya Jayasinghe. 12 memberships have lapsed. We are aware of some members who due to illness will not be renewing their membership.
<b>h)</b>	<b>Catering - Pam</b>	(i) Kieser and Mulgrave Challenge coming up. (ii) It has been difficult to cater for how many dim sims are required when numbers can differ significantly each week. (iii) Notice to be put on the dishwasher regarding last minute dishes.
<b>i)</b>	<b>Social Club</b>	(i) Currently 74 attendees for the Christmas Party. Hamper sales are going well, Christmas tree will be put up shortly.
<b>j)</b>	<b>Finance/VSC</b>	(i) Monthly Report for November provided by Jann.
<b>k)</b>	<b>Housekeeping</b>	(i) Paper towel for the Men's and Ladies toilets has been purchased by James. (ii) The throw away cups are still to be used as well as the glass cups. Rubbish bins have new notices on them advising where to dispose of the throw away cups.
<b>l)</b>	<b>Wellbeing</b>	(i) No report submitted.
<b>m)</b>	<b>Chairperson's Report</b>	(i) All issues from our last meeting were brought up at the VSC meeting and have/are being attended to. (ii) Peter to organise table for the laptop corner. (iii) Lectern to go back into the communications room. (iv) The receiver is too old for the microphones. Needs to be replaced. (v) Decided on a clock face rather than digital clock for outside. (vi) A meeting to be held with Kim Fox, the catering team, Ken, James and Trevor re potential work to be done on the back wall of the kitchen. A permit might be required for any work to be done.
<b>n)</b>	<b>ERBR Delegates Report</b>	(i) Nothing to report.
<b>o)</b>	<b>Correspondence In/Out</b>	(i) Nothing received
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>a)</b>	<b>Debriefing of Skips and Thirds Forum</b>	(i) Forms to be completed to get feedback. (ii) Results of forum to be reinforced through the club so that leads and 2nds are aware of the requirements. (iii) Progress outcomes through team meetings.

<b>b)</b>	<b>Club Culture</b>	<p>(i) A lengthy discussion was held regarding the negative culture seeping into the club. A number of matters to be brought up at the forums being held by John to see if resolutions can be found. First question to be asked - not enjoying bowls – why not?. “Voice your concerns so we can address them, if you don't come and tell us we don't know”.</p> <p>(ii) It was acknowledged how tough it had been for the first team so far this season. The committee is proud of their efforts and hopes they can be positive and enjoy the rest of the season.</p>
<b>c)</b>	<b>Bowls Section Wish List</b>	<p>(i) Greens need to be fixed</p> <p>(ii) Canvas blinds to provide more shade</p> <p>(iii) Shelter from the roof line over the concourse – retractable blinds</p> <p>(iv) Kitchen revamp</p> <p>(v) Notice board at eye level</p> <p>(vi) Appointment of Bar Manager (it is difficult for the committee to take a case to the VSC to start paying for one area of the bowls section without considering all the other sections we need to manage)</p> <p>(vii) Bigger freezer</p> <p>(viii) Dome</p>
<b>d)</b>	<b>Social Media</b>	<p>(i) Di, Anne, Mike and Phil to organise a meeting when college resumes next year with Simone and Davin from Holmesglen to get our webpage updated.</p>
<b>e)</b>	<b>Extreme Weather Conditions</b>	<p>(i) Dean Stubleby has raised the issue of players suffering from dehydration on extremely hot days. He has suggested umbrellas be made available for the skips. Dean is willing to purchase 4 umbrellas. This is to be discussed at John's forums to see what the response is.</p>
<b>f)</b>	<b>Recognition of Volunteers</b>	<p>(i) Email received from member suggesting a way to recognize volunteers. As much as the sentiment behind the suggestion was acknowledged it was decided we could not set a precedent of naming various areas of the club after members. Instead volunteers who go above and beyond expectation will be recommended for a Life Membership, Meritorious Service or Local Legend award as determined appropriate..</p>
<b>g)</b>	<b>Pool Table</b>	<p>(i) A pool table has been offered to the club for use. This was rejected by all members of the committee.</p>

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

**Next VSBC Meeting will be Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at 7.00 pm**  
**(This may be brought forward depending on the feedback from team meetings and 3rds/Skips forum)**

**Meeting Closed – 10.15 pm**

Approved by Di Agius (Chairperson) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

