

**Minutes of Committee Meeting - Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Bowls Section Clubroom</b>	<b>Meeting Opened at 7.08 pm</b>
<b>Present</b>	Di Agius (Chair), Anne Staley, John Strybosch, Marlene Storer, Mike Petty, Pam Barnhill, Peter Morgan, Sue Morgan <b>Succession Recruits</b> – Craig Anderson, Matt Hay, Paul Bastiani, Steve Raymond, Warren Strybosch	<b>Visitors:</b>
<b>MINUTES:</b>	Di welcomed everybody.	
<b>1)</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Dean Stubley, Loretta Benson	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>2)</b>	<b>Confirm Minutes:</b> <b>Moved:</b> Anne Staley <b>Seconded:</b> John Strybosch Circulated minutes of meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2025, be taken as presented and adopted as a true record of proceedings – Carried  <b>Moved:</b> Sue Morgan <b>Seconded:</b> Pam Barnhill Circulated minutes of meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025, 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</b> – John	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Coaches meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> July. Peter Wardle advised commitment to training between 1.00 pm–5.00 pm on Tuesday and Thursdays. In August Peter will concentrate on technique and then drills in September.</li> <li>(ii) The New Member Checklist to be adhered to by the coaches and will cut out the need for a mentor.</li> <li>(iii) Ron Short to roster other coaches on training times (Ron back at the end of the month).</li> <li>(iv) Nomination of final pennant teams to Bowls Victoria closed yesterday. We have advised 5 teams for Saturday, 4½. on Tuesday and 2 on Thursday. Final draw will be released on 15<sup>th</sup> August.</li> <li>(v) Bowls Victoria has made the decision to start Tuesday pennant at 11.00 instead of 10.30. The logic behind this is to give the green keepers more time to prepare the greens and also to avoid the last of the peak hour traffic. A number of our members (10-12) are not happy with this arrangement as it means playing in the hotter part of the day which is why they do not play Saturday pennant. The members have indicated they will not play on Tuesdays now. John has responded on facebook.</li> <li>(vi) The club to respond to Bowls Victoria voicing our concerns, with heat being the main issue, traffic congestion at the other end of the day and players not coming back to the clubrooms. <b>Di to action.</b></li> <li>(vii) Bowls Victoria has also asked for a response to the following:</li> </ul>

		<p><b>Metropolitan Division 1</b> – Change to an open draw rather than Sections being selected geographically. Committee voted NO to this as it was felt barriers were being put up to those who wanted to play in Division 1 and the travel that would be involved.</p> <p><b>Temperature Measurement</b> – Use the BOM ‘feels like’ temperature, rather than the ‘actual’ temperature. Committee voted YES to this suggestion.</p> <p>(viii) John to arrange forums for the new assessment system. <b>John to get back to Di with dates.</b></p> <p>(ix) John will email all players regarding availability each week. Unavailability book will still to be available in the green house or John to be advised by email if unable to play. Practice matches will be advised by email ONLY.</p> <p>(x) After the coaches meeting Geoff and Peter assessed the training tools and decided we do not need any more training items.</p> <p>(xi) A reminder of the four practice games. The first to be held on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> September and then on 4<sup>th</sup> October – both will be away against other clubs. Opening Day, with dignitaries to attend, will be on 11<sup>th</sup> October – a practice game at Vermont South for all members. Last practice to be on 18<sup>th</sup> October for all members at Vermont South. Pennant season to commence on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> October. Last round to be held on February 14<sup>th</sup> before the finals commence. Tuesday pennant to commence on 28<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>(xii) Goals and Strategies meeting to be held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>(xiii) John to review the Selection Policy and advise of any changes to be made regarding rotation.</p>
b)	<b>Social Bowls</b> - Peter	<p>(i) Mike has organised the update of the social bowls information flyer which is now on facebook.</p> <p>(ii) Matt needs an assistant when he takes over as convenor of winter Saturday social bowls. No urgency as this stage.</p> <p>(iii) Warren’s King of the Mountain competition on hold due to training commitments on Tuesdays. Look at running this as a tournament in the future.</p> <p>(iv) Peter M has spoken to Ray about a name change for Thursday social and they have come up with ‘Thursday Social with Ray’.</p> <p>(v) Barefoot Bowls not being held at the moment but will resume when the weather improves.</p> <p>(vi) Friday night still has minimum numbers. Expecting the numbers to improve when it gets warmer.</p>
c)	<b>Tournament</b> – John/Mike	<p>(i) Mike has not contacted KCL yet regarding balance of sponsorship for next year’s tournament.</p> <p>(ii) Ladies Club Challenge on 5<sup>th</sup> October currently has 28 Vermont South ladies entered (35 is the maximum) with a total of 70 players. Flyer has been created and is on facebook. At this stage the day is only for Vermont South and Croydon ladies but if numbers not reached may invite other players from other clubs.</p>
d)	<b>Club Championships</b> - Graeme/Mal/David	<p>(i) Graeme, Mal and David have provided an amended schedule as requested and includes the Open Tripples now to be played on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March. The committee approved the schedule.</p>
e)	<b>Corporate</b> – Di/Pam/Mike	<p>(i) Bunnings Trivia and Presentation Night being held this Sunday. 60 or more to attend – 4 RSAs to man the bar.</p> <p>(ii) Whitehorse Physie to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> September between 6.30-10.30 pm (150 people) Trivia Night - need at least 4 RSAs for the bar.</p> <p>(iii) Peter Ballam’s 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026, between 2.00-5.00 pm. (numbers not known at this stage).</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iv) MP from the state upper house to speak at the club on security and burglary in the area.</li> <li>(v) At the recent VSC meeting cost sheet was approved for hiring of club rooms. Details on the noticeboard.</li> </ul>
<b>f)</b>	<b>Facilities/Greens – Paul/Di</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Rolling back of the bottom rink for repairs to take place on Wednesday. 28 people have volunteered to help out.</li> <li>(ii) After our last meeting Paul provided Di with the requirements for work on both greens which was discussed at the VSC meeting. Paul has continued to research the repair of the greens and has found Bio Scope can carry out repairs. It was suggested after the green is repaired on Wednesday, we then contact Bio Scope to see what they suggest can be done to repair both greens which may be a better alternative than spending \$200,000 on replacement of each green.</li> <li>(iii) Kitchen fold down shelf to be installed by Kim tomorrow.</li> <li>(iv) Projection screen has been approved. <b>Mike to ring James</b> to see what the situation is regarding installation.</li> </ul>
<b>g)</b>	<b>Membership - Di</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Currently have 194 members but this will reduce when membership fees are due. Rhona and Dean to follow up with those on the lost member list to see if they still want to receive eNews and to encourage them to become a social member so they can still be involved in the club.</li> <li>(ii) John Hawes has taken two membership forms for possible new members.</li> <li>(iii) Transfer fee was questioned. \$22.00 is the current fee.</li> </ul>
<b>h)</b>	<b>Catering - Pam</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ladies Club Challenge on 5<sup>th</sup> October and Opening of the Green on 11<sup>th</sup> October to be organised. Pam will be away on 11<sup>th</sup> October.</li> </ul>
<b>i)</b>	<b>Social Club</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Christmas in July function went very well with positive feedback. Will look at Gourmet Guru providing catering again in the future as their service was very good and the kitchen was left spotless.</li> <li>(ii) <b>Norm Weight</b> to look into Diamond Blue Catering for cost comparison and let Di know.</li> <li>(iii) Trivia Night is coming up on 29<sup>th</sup> August.</li> </ul>
<b>j)</b>	<b>Finance/VSC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Cash report for July provided by Jann.</li> </ul>
<b>k)</b>	<b>Housekeeping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) There is half a box of teapot bags that are passed their use by date. A couple of teapots to be put on the serving tables on bowling days to use these up.</li> <li>(ii) Maccona coffee has gone up \$8 in price when on special. Do we go back to the Nescafe or pay the extra cost? <b>Pam to check</b> Coles, Woolworths and Costco to see where we can get the best price for Maccona when on special.</li> <li>(iii) Still have 4 boxes of cups in storage. To be used for tournaments.</li> <li>(iv) A leak has been found under the sink. Paul looking into.</li> </ul>
<b>l)</b>	<b>Wellbeing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ian Parry is very unwell with cancer returning.</li> <li>(ii) Noel Bennett has had a stroke but is doing very well. He hopes to be back driving in a month's time.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Jenny Carrick is back bowling after a pancreatitis issue.</li> <li>(iv) John Henwood passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> July.</li> <li>(v) Spiro A and Margaret Sampson are back bowling again after their health issues.</li> <li>(vi) Jim Baker is moving better but may need surgery to repair the damage to his spine after his fall.</li> </ul>
m)	<b>Chairperson's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) A TV is to be installed in the foyer. James to pick up and organise installation.</li> <li>(ii) Jim Baker's request for arms for coaching has been approved.</li> <li>(iii) Membership fees to be increased to - Adult Member - \$241.00, Veteran and Student - \$186.00, Junior - \$160.00, Social Members - \$115.00, Friends of Vermont South - \$25.00.</li> <li>(iv) There will be no increase in green fees this season.</li> <li>(v) The Annual General Meeting of the VSC will be held on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30 pm.</li> <li>(vi) James to look into the lux lights on the top green. What should the output be and measure what it actually is.</li> <li>(vii) Richard Welsh and Sam Groth (Opposition Leader for Sport) to visit the club as the council has nominated that we are a strong sporting hub in the area.</li> <li>(viii) Richard has taken up sponsorship with signs to replace those of Michael Sukkar.</li> <li>(ix) We need to develop a grand plan for our precinct. Charlesworth Park near the playground to be better utilised as it has been noted this area is hardly used. A VSC sub committee of Ken, James, Di, Phil, Spiro and Steve Gatt to provide a proposal for submission.</li> <li>(x) Mike and Paul attended the Marketing and Promotion seminar by Whitehorse Council on 16<sup>th</sup> July. The second session via zoom did not go ahead and will be rescheduled.</li> <li>(xi) RSAs to be responsible for their own renewal.</li> <li>(xii) Warren's recommendation to be included in the bowls committee submission to VSC under the Project Plan.</li> <li>(xiii) Matt Gregg, Federal Member for Deakin to visit on 13<sup>th</sup> August.</li> </ul>
n)	<b>ERBR Delegates Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nothing to report as there hasn't been a meeting.</li> </ul>
o)	<b>Correspondence In/Out</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nil</li> </ul>
4)	<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
a)	<b>Action Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Has to be reviewed quarterly but may do this monthly instead. <b>Every committee member to provide an item to be included in the Action Plan.</b></li> </ul>
b)	<b>Uniforms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Sue has received suggestions about another option for our club shirts which are currently supplied by Sportscentre in South Australia. We have stayed with them as the shirts are Australian made and because of copyright issues which we have heard some other clubs are ignoring. We can go through Sportscentre but have the shirts made overseas which would cost \$50.00 or for five or more \$43.50. Current fabric is aero light which the overseas provider does not use. Decided to get a couple of samples made up in the cool mesh fabric and then decided the way forward.</li> </ul>
c)	<b>First Aid/Defib Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Craig has looked into having qualified first aid personnel at the club on extremely hot days.</li> </ul>

		<p>The cost would be \$500.00 which includes travel but there would be additional charges. It was thought this was out of the question because of the cost and that our members would not have the benefit of this service when playing away. Di to speak to new member Linda who is a qualified nurse (and doesn't want to play pennant yet) about being at the club on extreme weather days in case of a medical event.</p> <p>(ii) Expression of interest to be advertised in eNews for those wanting to undertake First Aid training.</p>
d)	<b>Website</b>	<p>(i) Look at building our website under the Bowls Link Banner (for Bowls only). Lilydale Bowls Club has used the Bowls Link site and their website is excellent and easy to use. It has been recommended that a website works better than facebook.</p>
e)	<b>Catchcry</b>	<p>(i) To be discussed at the goals and strategies meeting. Review submissions so far. Members to vote on whether they want a catchcry or not.</p>
f)	<b>Limited Viewing/Vision Strips</b>	<p>(i) Ken is looking into having a thinner vision strip along the windows.</p>
g)	<b>Keyton Partnership</b>	<p>(i) 15 members of the club have been invited to attend an open day/lunch at Keyton's Forest Hill village on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> August. By attending Keyton will give the club \$500. They are also sponsors for the Ladies Tournament on 5<sup>th</sup> October.</p>

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

**Next VSBC Meeting will be Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 pm.**

**Meeting Closed – 9.10 pm**

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

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