



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

Minutes of Committee Meeting - Monday, 6th October 2025

Venue	Bowls Section Clubroom	Meeting Opened at 7.11 pm
Present	Di Agius (Chair), Anne Staley, Dean Stubley, John Strybosch, Marlene Storer, Mike Petty, Pam Barnhill, Peter Morgan, Sue Morgan Succession Recruits – Craig Anderson, Loretta Benson, Paul Bastiani, Steve Raymond	Visitors:
MINUTES:	Di welcomed everybody	
1)	Apologies: Matt Hay	ACTION
2)	Confirm Minutes: Moved: Peter Morgan Seconded: Pam Barnhill Circulated minutes of meeting held on 8 th September 2025, be taken as presented and adopted as a true record of proceedings – Carried	
3)	Business arising from Previous Meeting and Current Matters	
a)	Pennant – John	(i) Goals and Strategies for the new season has been finalised and will be presented on Opening Day. (ii) John has contacted all opposition clubs for Tuesday pennant regarding keeping the start time of 10.30 but has only had minimal response at this stage. (iii) After Saturday’s response the assessment system will be changed. From now on everybody will receive a card. You will not have to vote for yourself and there will be no consultation with other members of the team. (iv) Team Captains for all sides to be appointed before the first pennant game. (v) Bowls Victoria will be at Ringwood Club on 22 nd October. They have requested the President and Secretary of VSBC attend this meeting. (vi) Opening Day this Saturday to commence at 12.00 pm and will run as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dignitaries to be welcomed - Richard Welch (Liberal MP North-Eastern Metro), Jarrod Gunn (Terra Ward), Maria Giramondo (ERBR) and hopefully Matt Gregg (Member for Deakin) and John Mullahay (Labor MP Forest Hill). • New members to be formally introduced. • Veteran Badges to be presented by Maria from ERBR. • Presentation of medallions and certificates to those who were not at the Bowls AGM. • Ken to present meritorious award to Mary who was not at the VSC AGM. • John to explain the revised new assessment system.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Di to go through the club's Goals and Strategies for the new season. • Looking at the above running for one hour followed by Roll the Bowl ceremony. • Fifteen ends then to be played. On completion back in the clubroom nibbles will be served. <p>(vii) Last practice game will be on 18th October with first pennant game on Saturday, 25th October. Tuesday pennant to commence on 28th October.</p> <p>(viii) Graeme Durrant has advised of the Conditions of Play and changes to the year webinar on Thursday, 23rd October at 5.00 pm in the clubrooms. It is recommended that Selectors, Team Captains and Team Managers attend.</p>
b)	Social Bowls - Peter	<p>(i) Mal's data sheet details were discussed. It was decided for all convenors to adopt this same format which will provide accountability to the VSC. Two other columns to be considered are weather conditions and players from other clubs. A template to be set up and then a meeting to be held with all convenors to discuss. It was also suggested we establish what our players, who we don't see, are doing over the winter months and players from other clubs who come to our club to play social bowls. Peter Morgan to action.</p>
c)	Tournament – John/Mike	<p>(i) Ladies Club Challenge was a huge success and along with Croydon included players from Eastwood Golf, Blackburn and Boronia. It was great to see women who would not normally play in a tournament winning prizes - their smiles said it all. It was also a great opportunity for some of our club members to mix with other ladies in the club who they would normally not see. The men also thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had a lot of fun although, very disappointed with the results of the auction. Lincoln Emsley from Keyton (our sponsor) did an amazing job and was at the club all day.</p> <p>(ii) Croydon will hold the event next year and have locked in Sunday, 27th September (day after the grand final).</p> <p>(iii) Peter Ballam is running the Arms Tournament to be held on 17th October. Looking at this being part of the club championships next year.</p> <p>(iv) Mike not going to approach KCL for sponsorship of the 4's competition next year as we are looking at Berry Bowling Systems taking over maintenance of the greens.</p>
d)	Club Championships - Graeme/Mal/David	<p>(i) Men's pairs are underway. Lady's pairs entries close this week.</p> <p>(ii) Phil has confirmed money from entries completed online is being received.</p>
e)	Corporate – Di/Pam/Mike	<p>(i) Whitehorse Physie function which was to be held on 20th September was cancelled at the last minute. They advised we could keep the \$200 deposit.</p> <p>(ii) A 60th Birthday has been booked for 22nd November from 7.00 pm. Need to make sure everybody is out and the clubroom is left clean and tidy after pennant.</p> <p>(iii) Peter Ballam's 80th Birthday – 8th February 2026, between 2.00-5.00 pm. (numbers not known at this stage).</p>
f)	Facilities/Greens – Paul/Di	<p>(i) Greens - We will be using Berry Bowling Systems for the rolling/vibrating of the bottom green and repair of root damage to the top green rather than Chris (ex KCL) as Berry's quote included more extensive work. Rolling of the lower green and vibrating to be completed in a couple of weeks (day not know yet). The VSC has approved the work to be done on both greens.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Whilst progressing work on the top green root problem we will assess if the root damage is continuing and if so will apply to council to have the responsible tree removed. (iii) Di and Paul have spoken to a member after an email was received regarding his concerns with the bottom green. He was unaware of the work that is planned. (iv) Repair and maintenance of the greens should hold off having to replace them. Replacement of the top green will cost around \$250,000. It was noted the bottom green was running well before the building renovation but not good after the flooding events. The edges are much better since the recent roll back and repair. Also need to take into consideration normal wear and tear over a number of years. (v) Projection screen now operational and working well, television in the foyer still to be installed. (vi) Facilities – Project team of Steve Gatt, Di, James, Phil and Ken are putting together a number of things including rebuild of the tennis rooms, dome, lighting and shelter for both tennis and bowls. (vii) \$80,000 project money if allocated could be used for lighting, shade and shelter. If spent on shelter for the bowls club (bus shelters) these could be relocated to the tennis club if we get a dome. Money should be spent on something significant. (viii) Would need to apply for a large grant for the tennis club upgrade and would include looking at moving the car park around the corner into Charlesworth Park and the tennis courts extended out. The council has acknowledged the playground in Charlesworth Park doesn't get much use. The council has also acknowledged that we are a strong sporting hub in the area and wanting to build on this reputation we could also look at catering for pickleball and table tennis.
g)	Membership - Di	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) No new members. Twenty five members have not renewed at this stage. Di to follow up. (ii) Bill Jones sent a letter advising his resignation from the club. A thank you letter to be sent to Bill for his years of service and involvement in the club. Anne to action.
h)	Catering - Pam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Very successful day yesterday. Food was great and boys had fun. (ii) Provide bun for the morning of opening of the season and then nibbles after the game.
i)	Social Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Christmas Party will be the last function for the year. Caterer and entertainment have been booked. Request for hamper donations will start next week. These will be made up by the start of November and tickets will then go on sale.
j)	Finance/VSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Cash report for September provided by Jann.
k)	Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Sharon keeping on top of the buying of supplies.
l)	Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rob Graham is slowly improving. (ii) Jock Halley recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Hoping to be back on the green soon. (iii) Good to see John Laurence up at the club. (iv) David Pearson unable to play pennant this season due to family commitments.
m)	Chairperson's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Most details covered under Greens/Facilities. (ii) A new printer has been purchased for the office. Computer now needs replacing.

		(iii) James to look into the lux lights on the top green. What should the output be and measure what it actually is.
n)	ERBR Delegates Report	(i) AGM to be held at Ringwood Bowls Club on Wednesday, 8 th October at 7.00 pm. Di and Anne to attend. (ii) Bowls Victoria meeting to be held at Ringwood on Wednesday, 22 nd October at 11.00 am. One topic will be women in bowls. (iii) Nothing was gained from the coaching forum.
o)	Correspondence In/Out	(i) Email from Rhona asking if players from other clubs could play for VS in the night pennant competition if they do not have a team from their club in the comp. ERBR do allow this but because we have excess players for Tuesday night, we would not allow a player from another club to be selected before a VS player.
4)	GENERAL BUSINESS	ACTION
a)	Roving Reporter	(i) Steve presented his first roving report which featured The Gnomes and was very well received and will go into eNews this week.
b)	Uniforms	(i) Sample shirt did arrive but had to be given to a new member as he required a bigger shirt to what he originally ordered. (ii) A small order has been placed for the new shirts. They will be made in the cool mesh fabric which has a good feel to it. The men's shirts have a mesh insert under the arm. Cost of the new shirt will be \$50.00. Sue has found the company relatively easy to deal with. (iii) Still have some old stock of shirts which Di will ask VSC if these can be sold at a discounted price. (iv) Caps are still being made here. (v) Pre-loved sale of second hand uniform items made over \$200.00.
c)	First Aid/Defib Training	(i) Fourteen people have now registered for the First Aid Training on 3 rd November. Need to complete questionnaire to be eligible to attend on the day. Di to check if this includes Defib Training.
d)	Website	(i) Mike and Peter have again looked at the Bowls Victoria website. Mike needs to look at the wordpress template before they can go any further. Steve has volunteered to see if he can be of any help to Mike and Peter.
e)	Good Governance Meeting	(i) Di attended the webinar run by Bowls Australia. An exploratory meeting to be organised with members who can assist with the review and update of this document.
f)	Cape (ex Nadrasca) Meeting	(i) Di had a meeting with Jeetinder Bhuller on 18 th September. They currently have 18 intellectually disabled people aged 18-25 and 200 people who are available for supported employment eg. gardening, working bees. Would bring their own support people for anything undertaken at the club. Also interested in hiring the tennis courts. Di has heard nothing from Jeetinder since her follow up email.

g)	Recent Falls on the Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Health and Safety Policy distributed to committee members. Paul volunteered to be Health and Safety Co-Ordinator. Paul to meet up with Linda Liebbrant to check out first aid kits to make sure everything is current. (ii) Wheelchair, defibrillator and stretcher also need to be checked to see if need to be replaced. Need to place signs advising where these are located. (iii) Defib training to be updated every year and first aid training every three years. (iv) The Mobility Store is a sponsor of the club. To be the first stop if the wheelchair needs replacing. (v) An incident report needs to be completed if an incident occurs and then followed up. Look at how the incident happened and what needs to be done to avoid it happening again. Process under the Health and Safety policy and follow first aid steps if required. (vi) Elaine had a fall on the concourse after tripping over a bag she didn't see. She is okay.
h)	Fashion Parade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Has been booked in for Friday, 7th November – 1.30-3.30 pm. Marlene, Lynne and possibly Sue to be the models on the day.
i)	In Memorial Cabinet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Anne to contact Graeme for recently passed members to enable the memorial cabinet to be updated. (ii) Look at moving the cabinet to a more prominent position. Di to follow up.
j)	Social Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A whiteboard to be placed in the Greenhouse with all social events/club championship games and any other matter of interest. To be updated monthly. Di to action.
k)	Ladies Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Was a good opportunity for the ladies to speak out. (ii) Need to promote ourselves and be encouraged to play skip or third if this is our goal. (iii) Discussed more females given the opportunity of playing in the top two sides which are still male dominated. Many felt they were not being recognised and were pigeonholed. (iv) Suggested approaching side selector if feeling you are not getting a good go. (v) Need more ladies to compete in club championships.
l)	Catchcry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Graphics Peter had been working on were put up on the big screen for a vote. Peter to now have a graphic artist fine tune the design which was chosen. (ii) Catchcry will not be mandatory to yell out.

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

Next VSBC Meeting will be Monday, 10th November at 7.00 pm.

Meeting Closed – 10.20 pm

Approved by Di Agius (Chairperson) _____

Date: _____