



VERMONT SOUTH BOWLING CLUB

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

Minutes of Committee Meeting - Monday, 10th November 2025

Venue	Bowls Section Clubroom	Meeting Opened at 7.08 pm
Present	Di Agius (Chair), Anne Staley, John Strybosch, Marlene Storer, Mike Petty, Pam Barnhill, Peter Morgan, Sue Morgan Succession Recruits – Craig Anderson, Loretta Benson, Matt Hay, Paul Bastiani	Visitors:
MINUTES:	Di welcomed everybody	
1)	Apologies: Dean Stubley, Steve Raymond	ACTION
2)	Confirm Minutes: Moved: Sue Morgan Seconded: Marlene Storer Circulated minutes of meeting held on 6 th October 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) After a few changes the assessment system is working well. (ii) John to check that Team Captains have been appointed for all sides and then advise who these are. (iii) Graeme Durrant conducted Conditions of Play webinar. (iv) Saturday and Tuesday pennant is going quite well at this early stage. Tuesday night and Thursday competition starts this week. (v) After discussions, John, Ron and Di to speak to Peter this week re coaching/training strategy.
b)	Social Bowls - Peter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mal to get back to Peter with his data sheets. (ii) VSC reported income received from social bowls over winter was very good. (iii) The committee acknowledged the great work undertaken by Peter, Mike, Sue and Matt Hay in running a very successful Mega Bowls Day.
c)	Tournament – John/Mike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ladies Club Challenge to be held at Croydon next year on Sunday, 27th September (day after the grand final). (ii) Peter Ballam was very happy with how the Arms Tournament went, although there was some negative comments about the players who filled in who normally do not use an arm. Feedback was

		<p>noted but dismissed as the committee are aware that these players are considering moving to an arm in the future and it did not impact on the outcomes.</p> <p>(iii) VSC has requested Mike still approach KCL for sponsorship for the Super 4's tournament next year.</p> <p>(iv) No tournaments planned until March next year.</p>
d)	Club Championships - Graeme/Mal/David	<p>(i) Men's and Women's pairs finals have been played.</p> <p>(ii) Currently recruiting women to enter the singles competition which is to start this Sunday.</p>
e)	Corporate – Di/Pam/Mike	<p>(i) The Mobility Store is holding a Barefoot Bowls function this Friday, 14th November between 5.00-8.00 pm for approximately 20 people and are self catering. An acoustic guitarist will be present. Peter to work the bar. They are to play on the west side of the bottom green and the players from Cape will play on the east side.</p> <p>(ii) The Mobility Store is looking at holding their Christmas function on 5th December from 5.00-8.00 pm. To be confirmed – approximately 20 people to play Barefoot Bowls. They will provide their own catering. To be charged \$20.00 per person plus drinks.</p> <p>(iii) Vermont Secondary College is holding their Christmas Function on Friday, 28th November from 5.00-10.00 pm. for approximately 70 teachers. They will provide their own catering.. Peter, Paul and Craig to work the bar and Mike and Ken the green.</p> <p>(iv) At our Christmas function on 7th December the bar to be worked on a rotation basis.</p> <p>(v) Coles Vermont South are looking at holding a Barefoot Bowls function on 12th December from 6.00-11.30 pm. They will provide their own catering and will put \$2,000 on the bar. Paul has volunteered to work the bar but we need more helpers for this function.</p> <p>(vi) 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 – The top green had white spots but it was established this was only sand.</p> <p>(ii) VSC have approved funds for the top green to be fixed. We do not have a date when this will happen, Berry will advise when they are coming.</p> <p>(iii) Facilities – Still waiting for the TV to be installed in the foyer.</p> <p>(iv) The information board in the greenhouse hasn't been advertised. Di and Mike to update each month. It was suggested a LCD screen be placed in the meeting room window to advise information. Di to discuss at VSC.</p> <p>(v) The project team of Steve Gatt, Di, James and Ken have received negative feedback from the council regarding expansion plans which would cost around \$7 million.</p> <p>(vi) The tennis club still needs updating as they have no ramps or proper facilities. James has gone to Tennis Victoria to see if they can assist with funding.</p> <p>(vii) A meeting to be scheduled with John Mullahay in the near future.</p>
g)	Membership - Di	<p>(i) Currently 181 members after renewal payments received. Di to contact Graeme for the break up of pennant members/social members and FOVS.</p> <p>(ii) Graham Marchment has renewed as a FOVS and John Wokenhurst is looking at renewing his membership.</p>

h)	Catering - Pam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mulgrave Challenge to be held on Saturday, 10th January 2026 at VS. Looking at catering for 120 people. (ii) As it is the 25th anniversary of the Mulgrave Challenge Mel wants to make it a special occasion and is forming a committee to run this event. (iii) Mulgrave to be contacted to request that as Colin Evans was an instigator of this event his name be included on the trophy.
i)	Social Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Christmas Party will be the last function for the year. List for attendees is now on the board. Hamper raffle tickets are now on sale. (ii) Moama trip temporarily booked for 9th, 10th and 11th April 2026. Mike to ask for interest in attending via eNews. Mike to ask for assistance if trip is to go ahead, if not much interest trip to be cancelled.
j)	Finance/VSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Cash report for October provided by Jann.
k)	Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nothing to report.
l)	Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Life Member of the club Nellie Sutherland passed away on 30/10/2025. (ii) Colin Evans passed away on 2/11/2025. (iii) Good to see Rob Graham is back on the selection committee. (iv) John Laurence is very unwell. (v) Marie and Jan Wajs recently lost their son to cancer. (vi) Marj Walker is currently in hospital. (vii) Ray Spellman recently had a brief stay in hospital.
m)	Chairperson's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Steve Gatt is now looking after applying for grants for the club. Spiro still looking after sponsorship. (ii) The worker who came to us via the Centrelink volunteer program is working out well. The work he has done around the club has been excellent. He is being supervised by James. (iii) Our new screen has been a huge asset. (iv) Ladies are happy with the kitchen upgrade. (v) A new computer will be purchased for the office. (vi) 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 & Bowls Victoria Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Constitution changes discussed. (ii) Club policies to be displayed on the notice board as members need to be aware of club policies. (iii) Coaching and selection policy to be included. Selection panel to be approved by the committee. Change of process for future selection panels was discussed and voted on. All in favour of the change. (iv) Bowls Victoria are wanting to phase out scoring cards with all divisions live scoring after 2 years. Cost factor of printing scoring cards was the main reason for this. Failures of live scoring include flat phone batteries, phone dropping out. Would it be easier if the 3rd did the live scoring? (v) After feedback from clubs mid week pennant will revert back to commencing at 10.30 am.

o)	Correspondence In/Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Letter received from Bill Jones thanking us for the thank you letter he received after advising he was leaving the club. (ii) Letter received from Eastwood Gold advising food cannot be taken into their club. They will provide a roll in the clubhouse for each member playing pennant on Tuesday. (iii) Email received from Croydon advising no matchday parking is available at the club and an alternative needs to be found in the surrounding area.
4) GENERAL BUSINESS		ACTION
a)	Roving Reporter	(i) Uniforms the next feature for eNews.
b)	Uniforms	(i) VSC have approved the shirts currently in stock be sold at a reduced price of \$50.00.
c)	First Aid/Defib Training	(i) 13 people attended the First Aid Training. Craig to complete course on Tuesday.
d)	Website	(i) Mike, Peter, Steve and Roy Arscott have a meeting on Monday week to map out a structure on how to go about creating our website.
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)	Fashion Parade	(i) This event was very successful with over \$3,000 in sales, resulting in just under \$300 for the club. Another date has been made with Donna for 17 th April next year for her to show her winter range.
g)	In Memorial Cabinet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) VSC discussed possible movement of the cabinet and determined it should stay in the same place. (ii) Anne to contact Gail with the names of passed members for name badges to be made up.
h)	Catchcry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mike to complete minor changes to the logo and then send to Spiro. Will not involve a graphic artist due to cost. (ii) Good to hear GoVees across the green.
i)	Opening of the Season	(i) A complaint was received that this was held on a Saturday and some Tuesday players felt they were overlooked. This event was well publicised via the running sheets and eNews that it was to be held on a Saturday and all pennant players were invited. It has not been held on a Sunday for a number of years now.
j)	Bunnings BBQ	(i) Our club BBQ fundraiser will be on Sunday, 18 th January 2016. Pam and Spiro to seek volunteers to man the stall closer to the date.
k)	Code of Conduct Policy	(i) This policy document was distributed to the committee. A paragraph regarding safety to be included. Di to action and finalise.

l)	Constitution Deadline for Changes	(i) Draft to be provided by Di for next meeting. Health check to be done next meeting for Governance purposes.
m)	Breach of Bar Duty Procedures	(i) The bar is not to be opened unless a Vermont South RSA can be behind the bar at all times.
n)	David Fisher Taking on a Workload	(i) David Fisher has taken on the purchase of trophies and medallions for presentation.
o)	Draft Risk Assessment/Procedure/Risk Assessment/OHS	(i) Paul provided and extensive draft report relating to the various hazards around the club and what needs to be done to minimise the associated risks to members/visitors. Paul spoke at length on the details in his report. Craig and Pam to help Paul with undertaking the tasks as advised in the Action Plan.
p)	White Jacks	(i) A member has requested heavy white jacks be available for players with deteriorating eyesight to use on game day. We do have a number of white jacks which are locked away in the greenhouse. Matt to check the number we have. Anne to ask member if they are asking the club to buy jacks for individual members.
q)	Action Plan	(i) To be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

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

Next VSBC Meeting will be Monday, 8th December at 7.00 pm.

Meeting Closed – 10.14 pm

Approved by Di Agius (Chairperson) _____

Date: _____