



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

Minutes of Committee Meeting - Monday, 8th December 2025

Venue	Bowls Section Clubroom	Meeting Opened at 7.04 pm
Present	Di Agius (Chair), Anne Staley, John Strybosch, Marlene Storer, Mike Petty, Pam Barnhill, Peter Morgan, Sue Morgan Succession Recruits – Craig Anderson, Matt Hay, Paul Bastiani, Steve Raymond	Visitors: Ken George
MINUTES:	Di welcomed everybody	
1)	Apologies: Dean Stuble, Loretta Benson	ACTION
2)	Confirm Minutes: Moved: Sue Morgan Seconded: Anne Staley Circulated minutes of meeting held on 10 th November 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) Pennant going well. (ii) John still to follow up that Team Captains have been appointed for all sides and advise who these are. (iii) Not enough people are turning up to training. Last Monday had very few people attend but 12 attended this morning. (iv) Saturday pennant going quite well, 7th game being played tomorrow for Tuesday pennant sides. (v) Coaches and selectors pennant review meeting to be held this Friday at 10.00 am. Available committee members to attend. Update for the meeting to be provided by John and the convenors. (vi) Bowls Victoria have been contacted by Graeme D regarding the 5th side withdrawing from competition on Tuesday as we are struggling to field a team and there is little interest to play in this division due to the lack of teams. We are aware that Malvern and Blackburn are also considering withdrawing. We have requested that we not be penalised for withdrawing but a fine of \$300 may have to be paid to Bowls Victoria.
b)	Social Bowls - Peter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mal still to provide Peter with his data sheets to be used as a template for the convenors of social bowls. (ii) Matt has received a confidential complaint regarding the Mulgrave Tournament and how players are picked to play. Matt to follow up with member for an official complaint so this can be taken up further.

c)	Tournament – John/Mike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Registration for the Super 4's tournament to be done via Bowls Link and to include all 4 players of the team. Grab a spot option to be available as well. (ii) Graeme D has requested a flyer for next year's Ladies Day. This will be available when sponsors are confirmed. Kieser are on board need to contact Mark Kainey. (iii) Mike to contact KCL in January for sponsorship of the Super 4's. (iv) Craig noted that Vermont South is not well represented at outside tournaments. Craig to liaise with Spiro, John and Ron to draw up a proposal inviting players with potential to become involved in these tournaments to develop their game/skills.
d)	Club Championships - Graeme/Mal/David	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Final of the Men's and Women's singles to be played on Sunday. John to play Phil and Mary to play Helen.
e)	Corporate – Di/Pam/Mike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Mobility Store and Vermont Secondary College functions went very well. (ii) Phil complemented on the changes made to the Square, it is now much easier to use. Some RSA's still don't know how to use the system. (iii) Cape to be advised Barefoot Bowls will not be back until February. (iv) Coles Christmas function is being held this Friday night from 6.00-11.30 pm. Matt to confirm numbers tomorrow. (v) Gemcan Constructions is holding a Barefoot Bowls function on Friday, 19th December at 11.00 am for 15 people. (vi) Peter Ballam's 80th Birthday – 8th February 2026, between 2.00-5.00 pm. (numbers not known at this stage). Catering to be decided. (vii) A tentative booking has been made for a 60th Birthday on Friday, 11th September 2026. Will be self catering. (viii) Tentative booking made by The Mobility Store for 20th November 2026. (ix) Tentative booking made by Vermont Secondary College for 27th November 2026. (x) Ken advised 6-8 barefoot bowlers from Glenburn Tennis Club would be using the top clubroom between 7.30-8.00pm on Friday. (xi) Ken acknowledged the help from volunteers for all the corporate functions they attended. (xii) There has not been much interest in Barefoot Bowls on a Friday night. Committee voted on running Barefoot Bowls for 6 weeks only from February. (xiii) Need to speak to Jeremy on how he wants the fridges to be stocked after a function. (xiv) A meeting of all RSA's to be organised. Di to speak to Phil.
f)	Facilities/Greens – Paul/Di	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Greens – Numbers have been replaced on the top green scoreboards. New rings ordered. (ii) Painting of scoreboards is being undertaken. (iii) The top green will be sprayed and scarified over the Christmas break. (iv) Repairs being made to the divots on the top green. (v) Top green to be rolled back at eastern end early next year for repairs. (vi) To even the wear of the greens (a) Practice and games will be played north-south during pennant season and east-west during the off season. (b) Rinks will be configured as 8 rinks after Wednesday social through to after Saturday Pennant and configured as 7 rinks for the alternate period. For Tuesday pennant we play 2 by 3 rinks plus 1 by 2 rinks so one team will need to shift to the top green. (c) Social games and practice will preferentially be played on outer rinks with pennant, tournaments and championships on inner rinks.

		<p>(vii) Paul to write up a Greens Policy.</p> <p>(viii) We need to keep the greens in top condition so we can present as a quality club.</p> <p>(ix) Need to roll the green periodically.</p> <p>(x) Rakes need new castors, handles and to be repainted in a colour that stands out. Paul to action.</p> <p>(xi) We formally acknowledged John Hawes has joined the Greens Team.</p> <p>(xii) Facilities – Ken will install the TV in the foyer.</p> <p>(xiii) The volunteer maintenance man has been unsighted the last few weeks – not sure what is happening but need to keep him if possible as the work he had done so far has been excellent.</p> <p>(xiv) 2 tables are to be removed from the floor.</p> <p>(xv) A meeting to be scheduled with John Mullahay in the near future.</p> <p>(xvi) Di to obtain instructions about how to disarm accessible area when required.</p>
g)	Membership - Di	<p>(i) Currently 177 members. Graeme D provided Di with a breakdown as at 11th November which is – Full Adult (affiliated) 85, Veterans (over 80 and affiliated) 49, Life Members (playing and affiliated) 11, Life Member (non playing) 1, Social Bowlers (playing and affiliated – mainly Thursday bowlers) 13, Social Bowlers (non playing and not affiliated) 19, Dual Club Member (affiliated with Doncaster and Ringwood) 2.</p> <p>(ii) Seek out potential members from those playing Jack Attack and encourage them to play on Tuesday night.</p>
h)	Catering - Pam	<p>(i) Mulgrave Challenge being held on Saturday, 10th January. Catering for 128 players. Maybe look at Guru Catering for this and future catering events.</p> <p>(ii) Mulgrave to be contacted to request that as Colin Evans was an instigator of this event his name be included on the trophy.</p> <p>(iii) Positive Agility are holding a function on 17th March, catering to be confirmed.</p> <p>(iv) Pam away for Peter Ballams birthday function. Pam to confirm who will run the catering.</p>
i)	Social Club	<p>(i) Big tick for the Christmas Party – 78 people attended. Raffle to be drawn earlier in the night next year.</p> <p>(ii) Misunderstanding of who could attend the Christmas Party. Open to all VSC members.</p> <p>(iii) Moama trip going ahead in April. Marlene is helping Mike with the organisation.</p>
j)	Finance/VSC	<p>(i) Phil to provide Cash Report for November and email to committee members.</p>
k)	Housekeeping	<p>(i) Nothing to report.</p>
l)	Occupational Health & Safety	<p>(i) There have been 3 incidents recently with 2 reports submitted and one being written. A member was hit by an umbrella blown out of its holder. As a result, the umbrellas will be bolted to the bases and the bases bolted to the concrete. Straps to be fitted to keep umbrellas closed when not in use. A visitor slipped on the concrete when it was wet and nearly fell into the gutter of the rink. Her hip and shoulder were painful after the fall. Anti slip surface to be arranged for the shiny surfaces of concrete in front of the clubhouse. Ken to talk to concreter when he speaks to him about other work to be done. Another member had a fainting spell from possible heat exhaustion.</p>

		<p>Ambulance was rung for but did not attend after conversation. Member was able to drive home. This incident enforces the need to keep hydrated and drink water before and during a game.</p> <p>(ii) Heat Policy was discussed for social games. Start game earlier (10.00 am) if the temperature is forecast to be over 34° on a Wednesday or Thursday. If this doesn't suit the Thursday players game to be cancelled.</p> <p>(iii) Blank Incident Reports are now kept on the bench in the foyer area.</p> <p>(iv) The OH&S team are Paul (Leader), Pam, Craig and Dean.</p> <p>(v) Emergency equipment to be examined and replaced if necessary. Location of emergency equipment to be communicated ie. the Running Sheet, eNews and notices around the club.</p> <p>(vi) Paul wishes to speak to the players for approximately 5 minutes each week after pennant on Safety and Wellbeing.</p> <p>(vii) Safety is everybody's responsibility.</p> <p>(viii) There may be mitigating circumstances which will have to go to VSC.</p>
m)	Wellbeing	<p>(i) Wyn McNamara's recovery from hip surgery is going better than she was expecting.</p> <p>(ii) Ian Reid passed away on 22/11/2025.</p> <p>(iii) Frank Demauro has a back injury after a fall. Not sure when he will be back bowling.</p> <p>(iv) Ian Parry now receiving palliative care at home.</p> <p>(v) Wilma and Greg were not members of the club but played Barefoot Bowls. Unfortunately, Greg has passed away.</p>
n)	Chairperson's Report	<p>(i) Computer in the office is not being replaced as it is not being used. To be thrown out.</p> <p>(ii) Bendigo Bank have changed the way they sponsor organisations. Di to take matter to VSC.</p>
o)	ERBR Delegates Report & Bowls Victoria Meeting	<p>(i) Delegates meeting being held via zoom tonight. Graeme D is sitting in on behalf of Di and Anne.</p> <p>(ii) Latest newsletter had an article on Women in Bowls which identified the lack of opportunity for women becoming skips/playing in the back end. We only have two women skipping on a Saturday and four on a Tuesday. We need to gauge the interest of women wanting to play back end positions. At our Ladies Meeting in October, it was agreed women didn't get the same opportunities as the men. The committee is to do everything it can to help players who want to progress. To be addressed at Friday's pennant review meeting.</p>
p)	Correspondence In/Out	<p>(i) Thank you card received from Robyn Mair and family for the flowers sent after the passing of her dad, Colin Evans.</p>
4)	GENERAL BUSINESS	ACTION
a)	Roving Reporter	<p>(i) There has been no response to the articles written as yet.</p>
b)	Website	<p>(i) Mike, Peter, Steve and Roy looked in detail at the Bowls Link page and its functions and felt it was not a better alternative than the website we already have. Just need to look at updating the bowls section. They are having another meeting next Monday where they will map out how we want to go. They are hopeful of having it up and running prior to next year.</p>

c)	Catchcry	(i) May take sometime for GoVees to be heard across the green. (ii) Two GoVees signs to be done for both greens.
d)	Mega Bowl	(i) Is not making enough money for the club for the amount of work that goes into running it. Jackpot draw as has been done in the past will be held next year. (ii) Check with Rhona to see if she is prepared to run the Reverse Raffle again this year.
e)	Bunnings BBQ	(i) Our club BBQ fundraiser will be on Sunday, 18 th January 2026. Spiro to seek volunteers to help out on the day.
f)	Thank You	(i) Ken thanked all the committee for their time and effort put in this year for the successful running of the club. The committee was invited to attend the last VSC meeting for the year next Monday night at 7.00 pm for drinks and nibbles.
g)	Action Plan	(i) To be reviewed at the next committee meeting.
h)	Bowls Club Rules	(i) Di has sent everyone the first draft of updated Club Rules. Everyone to read and provide feedback by next meeting.

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

Next VSBC Meeting will be Monday, 2nd February 2026 at 7.00 pm.

Meeting Closed – 10.35 pm

Approved by Di Agius (Chairperson) _____

Date: _____