



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

**Minutes of Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Bowls Section Clubroom</b>	<b>Meeting Opened at 7.05 pm</b>
<b>Present</b>	Di Agius (Chair), Anne Staley, John Strybosch, Marlene Storer, Mike Petty, Pam Barnhill <b>Succession Recruits</b> – Craig Anderson, Matt Hay, Paul Bastiani	<b>Visitors:</b>
<b>MINUTES:</b>	Di welcomed everybody	
<b>1)</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Sue Morgan, Peter Morgan, Dean Stublely, Steve Raymond	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>2)</b>	<b>Confirm Minutes:</b> <b>Moved:</b> Pam Barnhill <b>Seconded:</b> Mike Petty Circulated minutes of meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026, 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>Occupational Health and Safety</b> – Paul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) No new incident/s reported.</li> <li>(ii) Past incident regarding umbrellas is closed. Baseplates have been bolted to concrete and umbrella stand bolted to baseplates.</li> <li>(iii) Past incident regarding slippery concrete remains open. Plan is to acid wash concrete surface. <b>Ken George</b> to speak to our volunteer helper to arrange.</li> <li>(iv) First Aid Kits have been reviewed for contents. There are three in total. One in the Umpire's Box, one in the Clubhouse foyer and one in the First Aid cupboard in the Greenhouse. All are well stocked. Only additional items for committee to consider purchasing are – one EpiPen and three CRP masks. EpiPen will cost approximately \$100. It would be less if we had a script. Craig offered to get spacers and inhalers.</li> <li>(v) Discussed the purchase of analgesics and antihistamines but was dismissed as we are not allowed to provide medications.</li> <li>(vi) Check defibrillators for pad and battery expiry dates.</li> <li>(vii) Joy Smith has handed over management of First Aid Kits and Defibrillator to OHS team.</li> </ul>
<b>b)</b>	<b>Pennant</b> – John	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The results of the Club Review will be held over until the next meeting to be discussed by the new committee.</li> <li>(ii) Di to go to VSC regarding coaching position for next year.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Look at holding a registration day/forum where players can nominate their preference for the position they wish to play along with any concerns they may have. To be held on a Saturday in August in the lead up to pennant.</li> <li>(iv) Winter convenors to ask for any outstanding forms from the Club Review. Forms to be completed on registration day by those who may not have attended the meeting or did not receive the form by email.</li> <li>(v) It was queried if skips should provide feedback to players after a pennant game. This should be happening.</li> <li>(vi) The MVP's for each division were chosen at the selectors meeting yesterday. Names of the top 5 players nominated in each division will be advertised in eNews and on the notice board. <b>Not actioned.</b></li> </ul>
c)	<b>Social Bowls - Peter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) No update details from Peter as he is away.</li> <li>(ii) Balmoral Cup starts on 22<sup>nd</sup> April and runs for 10 weeks, finishing on 24<sup>th</sup> June (weather permitting).</li> <li>(iii) Mal's data sheet has been distributed to all convenors for use.</li> </ul>
d)	<b>Tournament – Mike</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Super 4's has 26 teams entered now.</li> <li>(ii) <b>Mike and Pam to follow up</b> with helpers for the day. Pam to ring skips to find out who is playing in their team so it can be established who is not playing and can be contacted to help on the day.</li> <li>(iii) 16 players from Vermont played in a tournament at Mulgrave on Easter Monday (included 3 of Teresa's friends from Hong Kong).</li> </ul>
e)	<b>Club Championships - Graeme/Mal/David</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Graeme, Mal and David to continue as the Club Championship Sub-Committee.</li> <li>(ii) It was voted at the Club Review for pairs matches to be played in 2x4x2 format and 15 ends only.</li> <li>(iii) Feedback from the Club Review to be provided to the Club Championship Sub-Committee and a Schedule for next club championships to be provided and forwarded to the committee for approval.</li> </ul>
f)	<b>Corporate – Rhona/Leanne</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Task Cards for the RSA's to be organised. <b>Phil to arrange.</b></li> <li>(ii) Ulysses Club from the Yarra Ranges are looking at holding a Barefoot Bowls function. <b>Matt</b> to provide further details. Should know if this going ahead by the end of this week.</li> <li>(iii) The club has been contacted by Bowls Australia to be part of their "Green Day on the Green" to be held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April. There will be 154 children involved with 3 sessions being held:  9.30 am -11.00 am (42 kids)    11.30 am – 1.00 pm (60 kids)    2.30 pm - 4.00 pm (52 kids)  They will accompanied by 1 supervisor but we will need to provide six volunteers of which we have five already. They will be asked to turn up for the first session to see what is involved and then come back at designated times.</li> <li>(iv) Blackburn Bicycle Club have booked the clubroom for Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May for their AGM and Presentation Night. Approximately 100 people will be attending between 5.30 pm – 10.30 pm. Di is going to suggest to VSC that the tennis club run the night.</li> <li>(v) On Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August, Youth Connections Hackathon Forum will be held between 8.30 am – 4.30 pm. They have requested the room be set up for workshop purposes in the morning and theatre style in the afternoon. Group will be split into 6–8 teams with 6 people in each team. It was suggested we leave our Try Bowls flyers on the tables.</li> </ul>

g)	<b>Facilities/Greens</b> – Paul/Di	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) SportEng visited the club on behalf of the Council to audit the Greens. Informal feedback was positive. Council plans to hold a meeting with local bowls clubs on completion of audits. It was felt this was to do with rationalisation of clubs.</li> <li>(ii) Scarifying of both Greens is planned for coming weeks.</li> <li>(iii) Painting of the bowls rakes has commenced.</li> <li>(iv) The watering system has insufficient pressure when sourced from the tanks but works well from mains pressure. <b>James still to investigate.</b> First report is that it requires a different pressure switch. Still outstanding.</li> <li>(v) Shade sails on the bottom green need addressing – some have come away from the pole. Paul to do a health check on all the shades and report back to Di before the next VSC meeting.</li> <li>(vi) Fountain on top green needs to have a canister replaced.</li> </ul>
h)	<b>Membership</b> - Di	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Membership was 174 – 64 Ladies and 109 Men.</li> <li>(ii) A new member, Mark Oski signed up online which caused a few issues which need to be sorted out. Di to meet with Mark tomorrow morning.</li> <li>(iii) Now have 175 members with 110 men.</li> <li>(iv) John Temple has advised he has 23 candidates for membership from Jack Attack and suggested an introductory night be held. This has been organised for Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.00 pm. Need to advise on the night what the club can offer, including a special membership deal. Craig, Matt and Di will attend.</li> <li>(v) 30 people from Martin Haines church recently attended a Friday night session with a few returning the following Friday but nothing since. We have also had people come from the Positive Ageing Forum and Kieser BBQ.</li> <li>(vi) Community Day on 26<sup>th</sup> April between 12.00 noon – 6.00 pm to include try bowls, darts, tennis, face painting, indoor golf game. A flyer in Chinese has been created. Ken to prepare an article for eNews this week. Letterbox drop is underway.</li> <li>(vii) Volunteers for the day to come from bowls, tennis and darts.</li> <li>(viii) BBQ to be a sausage in bread with coleslaw and/or onion. Look at charging \$3.50.</li> <li>(ix) Try Bowls flyer to be prepared in Chinese for next year.</li> </ul>
i)	<b>Catering</b> - Pam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Super 4's catering is organised.</li> <li>(ii) Fashion Parade on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, to be followed by afternoon tea. Pam to check with Sue if she has organised this.</li> </ul>
j)	<b>Social Club</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Pearl to join the committee when she returns from Fiji.</li> </ul>
k)	<b>Finance/VSC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Di did not attend last meeting and has not received minutes yet..</li> </ul>
l)	<b>Housekeeping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) All in order.</li> </ul>
m)	<b>Wellbeing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Viv Bennett is recovering after her bout in hospital. Under doctor's instructions Viv will not be bowling for a while yet.</li> <li>(ii) Liz Henwood is making a slow recovery after being in hospital.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Gavin Gow has had a number of tests completed at Knox Hospital. Results not known at this stage.</li> <li>(iv) Oska is recovering from a bout of gastro.</li> <li>(v) Martin Haines has been through a very worrying time which resulted in a pacemaker being inserted after a cardiac arrest. At the time Martin made the comment "I died, but they weren't ready for me and sent me back".</li> <li>(vi) Phil Smith has had a hip replacement.</li> <li>(vii) Maggie Dwyer will not be bowling for some time as her knee has "given up" and she will need to have a knee replacement.</li> <li>(viii) It was noted Peter Ballam questioned why Wellbeing is no longer on the running sheet.</li> <li>(ix) Garry Simmons has pulled out of the Moama trip after having leg surgery and being advised he needs to rest up.</li> </ul>
n)	<b>Chairperson's Report</b>	(i) Nothing to report.
o)	<b>ERBR Delegates Report &amp; Bowls Victoria Meeting</b>	(i) Di and Anne attended meeting at Heathmont Bowling Club and advised outcomes.
p)	<b>Correspondence In/Out</b>	(i) Nothing received.
<b>4)</b>	<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
a)	<b>Roving Reporter</b>	(i) Nothing to report - out roving.
b)	<b>Website</b>	(i) Rob Sharpe has volunteered to help out with the website. He is currently away but for how long will depend on the fuel situation.
c)	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Paperwork has gone out.</li> <li>(ii) AGM will be different this year as the sub-committees do not have to be elected just appointed by the committee.</li> <li>(iii) The committee do have to be nominated and elected.</li> <li>(iv) Di read out updated sub-committee positions. Only a few positions remain vacant now.</li> </ul>
d)	<b>Club Review Outcomes</b>	(i) Club Review outcomes will be discussed at the first committee meeting of the new committee.
e)	<b>Health Report</b>	(i) Health Report will be discussed at the first committee meeting of the new committee.
f)	<b>Sponsorship Boards/Trophy Cabinet/Calendar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Decided the wooden sponsorship boards were no longer needed as sponsorship boards around the rinks were current. <b>Di to speak to Spiro.</b></li> <li>(ii) Craig suggested a new trophy cabinet should be placed in the foyer under the honour boards. <b>Di to take to VSC.</b></li> <li>(iii) Calendar in window next to the wailing wall is working well at this stage.</li> </ul>

<b>g)</b>	<b>Ladies Tournament</b>	(i) Need to have more men helpers in the morning taking bags to rinks. (ii) Prize allocation to be done manually if Graeme Durrant is not available on the day to put the results in Bowlslink.
<p>5) In closing the meeting, Chair Di thanked everyone for their contribution.</p> <p><b>Next VSBC Meeting will be Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 at 7.00 pm.</b></p> <p><b>Meeting Closed – 9.02 pm</b></p> <p>Approved by Di Agius (Chairperson) _____ Date: _____</p>		