VERMONT SOUTH BOWLING CLUB

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

Minutes of Committee Meeting – Monday, 3rd August 2026

Venue	**Bowls Section Clubroom**	**Meeting Opened at 7.03 pm**
Present	Di Agius (Chair), Anne Staley, Graham Munro, John Strybosch, Marlene Storer, Matt Hay, Paul Bastiani, Sue Morgan **Succession Recruits** – Peter Morgan	**Visitors:** Mike Petty
MINUTES:	Di welcomed everybody	
1)	**Apologies**: Craig Anderson, Dean Stubley, Steve Raymond	**ACTION**
2)	**Confirm Minutes:** **Moved:** Sue Morgan **Seconded:** Matt Hay Circulated minutes of meeting held on 13th July 2026, be taken as presented and adopted as a true record of proceedings – Carried	
3)	**Business arising from Previous Meeting and Current Matters**	
a)	**Website**	(i) Mike attended the meeting to advise and show the committee the progress with the website. Explained the bowls section would be accessed by going through the existing Vermont South Club website and then clicking on the relevant tabs. Still in early stages, what has been achieved so far is very promising and Mike, Peter, Graham and David are to proceed with the development of the site. (ii) **Mike, Peter and Graham to attend the next VSC meeting to show what has been completed so far.**
b)	**Occupational Health and Safety** – Paul	(i) There have been no new incidents. (ii) Acid has been purchased to address past incident. **Di to speak to Ken** about him meeting with Paul. **(iii)** There has been no action taken with the lockable waterproof case to be purchased. **Di to talk to Ken** regarding this as VSC responsible for the purchase of this item**.**
c)	**Pennant** – John	(i) Goals and Strategies feedback was discussed and finalised. Document is to remain unchanged. (ii) Looking at having 5 teams entered for Saturday, 4 teams for Tuesday and 2 for Thursday. Team numbers will be confirmed with Bowls Victoria after Registration Day.

		(iii) Registration Day for every member wanting to play Pennant will be on 15th August. Di explained the reason and importance of this day after hearing of a number of complaints. Details have been provided in eNews and on Convenor's running sheets. (iv) John advised that there will be 3 practice games in the 3 weeks leading up to the first pennant game but is still to organise for Tuesday teams. (v) The Croydon Ladies Challenge is to be held on Sunday, 27th September at Croydon. Di yet to hear anything from the Croydon ladies. (vi) The same assessment cards will be used as last year. **John to organise.** (vii) **John to collect Pennant scorecards** at the ERBR AGM on 8th October. (viii) Team Captains to be nominated along with Team Managers. (ix) Dates of Opening of the Season and practice games to be published in eNews. (x) John has spoken to Jim Baker about the need for more umpires. Jim to follow up when he gets back from his holiday.
d)	**Social Bowls**	(i) Review of prize money to be done across all social games by the Bowls Committee and presented to VSC at the end of the winter season. (ii) Barefoot Bowls to run on a Friday night from 13th November to 11th December this year and then from 15th January to 19th February next year.
e)	**Tournament** – Matt	(i) Croydon Ladies Challenge to be held on Sunday, 27th September. (ii) Ladies Day to be on Saturday, 3rd April 2027.
f)	**Club Championships** - Graeme/Mal/David	(i) Addressed email from Graeme re Ladies 100 Up. It was decided to accept Graeme's suggestion to continue on with a separate event for the Ladies rather than being included with the men. See what the outcome is this year and then decide what is best going forward.
g)	**Corporate** – Rhona/Leanne	(i) VSC have introduced when RSAs and those in the kitchen are working across a meal break they will be entitled to a meal at the club's expense. (ii) Phil to organise a meeting of the new RSAs**. Di to speak to Phil.** (iii) Craig unable to update the situation on the mic stand as he wasn't at the meeting. We are looking at a flexible arm to clip onto the lectern – not a stand. (iv) Had a discussion again on the state of the microphones and them dropping out. **Di to speak to James** re the wi-fi but Graham thinks it may be a router issue. (v) Blackburn Cycling Club is holding a function on Saturday, 5th September. Approximately 140 people will be in attendance. (vi) Catherine Chan is holding a 60th birthday function on Friday, 11th September. (vii) Whitehorse Boys Choir have booked Saturday, 19th September and need 3 hours sole use of the clubroom. Top green and tennis club room will have to be used for social bowls that day. (viii) VSC Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday, 4th October. (ix) Keyton will be holding a meeting all day on Monday, 12th October. (x) Mobility Store is holding an OT seminar on Friday, 30th October. (xi) Mobility Store Christmas Party to be held on Friday, 20th November (xii) Vermont South Secondary College Christmas Party is to be held on Friday, 27th November. (xiii) Coles Christmas Party to be held on Friday, 11th December.

		(xiv) Steve Gatt's Christmas Party to be held on Sunday, 13th December. (xv) Highvale Secondary College is holding their Christmas Party on Thursday, 17th December for 100 people and includes barefoot bowls. (xvi) Rapid Labels holding a function on Friday, 18th December. (xvii) Barefoot Bowls structure handbook is available for all involved to read. Copies are available.
h)	**Facilities/Greens** – Paul/Di	(i) ***Facilities*** – It is unlikely at this stage that we will receive any funds from the grant applied for but we are still hopeful VSC will allocate funds so that some form of shelter can be built on the southern end of the bottom green for the coming season. (ii) ***Greens –*** The top green has been treated with algaecide. (iii) Lines are currently being repainted. (iv) Exploring options for a lightweight leaf vacuum blower. All batteries on hand are Dewalt but may not be able to get vacuum blower that these batteries will fit which will require buying a new machine. (v) Waiting on James to fit new watering system pressure switch. Not required until summer. (vi) Understand concreter has been onsite to quote on cracked concrete repairs. Confirmation and feedback required from VSC. **Di to check.** (vii) Develop Business Case for LED Lights: We have already explored the effectiveness of lighting on top green. **Action VSC ongoing.**
i)	**Membership** - Di	(i) Graeme D received an email from Sam Grillo advising he was leaving the club to join Elijah and support him at Ringwood. Sam advised if circumstances changed, he would return to Vermont South. (ii) No new members since last meeting.
j)	**Catering** - Pam	(i) Nothing to Report.
k)	**Social Club**	(i) The social committee has decided to only hold 3 events this year as there has been very little interest from the members to do any more.
l)	**Finance/VSC**	(i) Graham has taken over from Phil collecting, balancing and banking the money that comes in. Monthly report to the committee will be available next meeting going forward.
m)	**Housekeeping**	(i) Sharon has contacted a supplier in Epping where we can get double wall cups, toilet paper and kitchen wipes for a much cheaper price than we are currently paying but they will charge $65.00 for delivery. It was suggested Sharon and I go out to Epping to view the products and then make a decision.
n)	**Wellbeing**	(i) Rhona had nothing to report but Norm Weight advised the passing of Ron Kelly on 28th July. Ron was a Foundation bowling member.
o)	**Chairperson's Report**	(i) Steve Gatt has taken over the role of applying for grants from Spiro.

		(ii) Hoping to have a firm decision on the shelters at the next VSC meeting. (iii) Treasurer's Report shows a profit of $34,500 for the year. (iv) Would like the opportunity to see an income -v- costs report across darts, tennis and bowls. (v) Still waiting on a permit from the council to move the signage board onto the lawn.
p)	**ERBR Minutes**	(i) There has been no meeting. (ii) AGM to be held at Ringwood Bowls Club on Thursday, 8th October. **John and Anne to attend.**
q)	**Correspondence In/Out**	(i) Nothing to Report.
4)	**GENERAL BUSINESS**	**ACTION**
a)	**Roving Reporter**	(i) Nothing to Report. Roving Reporter is still away roving.
b)	**Action Plan**	(i) Graham presented a new version of the Action Plan which was well received. A few minor adjustments need to be made, the Health Survey to be incorporated in the document and further input required from the committee which needs to be received by Graham in the next 2 weeks. (ii) The Action Plan is to become ongoing with updates to be included when necessary and items deleted as they are completed.
c)	**Clubmap 12 Month Health Check Summary**	(i) To be incorporated in the Action Plan.
d)	**Over 80's Tournament**	(i) To be held in January 2027. Ken and Grahame organising.
e)	**Emergency Exit Bottom Green**	(i) Emergency exit concerns to be raised with VSC. (ii) Risk to be assessed. A combo lock to be placed on the bottom gate if felt necessary. (iii) Paul to update OHS document with details.

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

Next VSBC Meeting will be Wednesday, 9th September 2026 at 7.00 pm.

Meeting Closed – 9.44 pm

Approved by Di Agius (Chairperson) _____ Date: _____