VERMONT SOUTH BOWLING CLUB

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

Minutes of Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 9th September 2026

Venue	**Bowls Section Clubroom**	**Meeting Opened at 7.04 pm**
Present	Di Agius (Chair), Anne Staley, Dean Stubley, Graham Munro, John Strybosch, Matt Hay, Sue Morgan **Succession Recruits** – Craig Anderson, Peter Morgan	**Visitors:**
MINUTES:	Di welcomed everybody	
1)	**Apologies**: Marlene Storer, Paul Bastiani, Steve Raymond	**ACTION**
2)	**Confirm Minutes:** **Moved:** Sue Morgan **Seconded:** Matt Hay Circulated minutes of meeting held on 3rd August 2026, be taken as presented and adopted as a true record of proceedings – Carried	
3)	**Business arising from Previous Meeting and Current Matters**	
a)	**Occupational Health and Safety** – Paul	(i) There have been no new incidents. (ii) One incident remains open awaiting acid etching of walking path. Ken has contacted Paul and matter will be actioned later this month. (iii) Bowls risk assessment has been updated to include risk of limited exit routes in case of attack as discussed last month. Resulted in highest consequence rating but lowest probability rating leading to Low-Medium risk. VSC has referred the Bowls section to the Evacuation Plan that is next to both exit points and needs to be highlighted to bowls members. **(iv)** 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**.**
b)	**Pennant** – John	(i) Registration Day went well. Rather than dealing with numerous forms to be processed, there was the opportunity to talk to players about their concerns/preferred playing position. (ii) Sue advised we should be able to provide shirts for the new bowlers playing in practice matches. When placing the order Sue was advised it would take approximately 5 weeks from when request received. (iii) Sue to have more shirts in stock say 4 of Medium, Large and Extra Large. Still have old stock of Ladies tops. The option of having more stock to cater for the next year's practice games was discussed.

		(iv) Assessment cards have been printed, need to be cut. John was advised Officeworks would provide this service for a minimal cost. (v) Pencil cases will be provided for assessment cards for confidentiality purposes. (vi) **John still to speak to Jim** re the need for more umpires. (vii) Training course to be undertaken for scoring online. **Di to speak with Graeme Durrant.** (viii) Peter and Ron are organising information sessions. (ix) **John to collect Pennant scorecards** at the ERBR AGM on 8th October. (x) Team Captains to be nominated along with Team Managers.
c)	**Social Bowls**	(i) Saturday Social has now finished. (ii) All convenors to provide summary sheet for the social season. Mal's summary indicates $2,200 down on last year. Monday comp closed 2 weeks earlier and had one wash out but this doesn't account for this significant downturn. (iii) John is looking to run next season's Wednesday social as a handicap event. (iv) Social program to be reviewed overall. (v) New members to be encouraged to play in Thursday and Saturday social and in Jack Attack to build confidence and learn the etiquette of the game. Monday and Wednesday's comp not appropriate for new bowlers. (vi) Di to call into Thursday social tomorrow to see if any of the new players are attending to have a chat. (vii) Peter Wardle to ring the new members to see how they are going and to encourage them to attend further training.
d)	**Tournament** – Matt	(i) Croydon Ladies Challenge on Sunday, 27th September. Only 13 Vermont South ladies have registered to play so far. Need to have 30 players. Will push this event over the next couple of weeks. If we can't get 30 Vermont South players we will ask the ladies from Balmoral if they would like to play to make up the numbers. (ii) Di and Sue met with the Croydon ladies on 20th August and they have everything in hand. They have a sponsor but at this stage there is no flyer promoting the day. (iii) Due to building works entry will have to be via the front gate at Croydon. (iv) 5 members to be in each team. There will be more prizes this year with prize money being spread further.
e)	**Club Championships** - Graeme/Mal/David	(i) Ladies and Men's pairs notices have gone out for entry to event. (ii) Arms Tournament notices have gone out for entry to the event.
f)	**Corporate** – Rhona/Leanne	(i) Di has still been getting the majority of calls for corporate bookings rather than Leanne. (ii) Microphones at last Saturday night's event did not work properly. Matt replaced the batteries but the mics were still cutting out. Need to purchase good quality microphones for club and corporate event use. (iii) Business Workers International, a networking group, are looking for a venue to hold early morning meetings for 3 hours every week for 30-40 people. They have booked the clubrooms for 23rd September for a trial and if all goes well may make it a regular weekly booking. (iv) Phil to organise a meeting of the new RSAs**. Di to speak to Phil.**

		(v) **Craig still to update** the situation on the mic stand. We are looking at a flexible arm to clip onto the lectern – not a stand. (vi) 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 bowls that day. (vii) VSC Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday, 4th October at 1.30 pm. (viii) Keyton will be holding a meeting all day on Monday, 12th October. (ix) Mobility Store is holding an OT seminar on Friday, 30th October. This is now a fund raiser for MS and the club will donate $200 from the wrong bias jar. (x) Mobility Store Christmas Party to be held on Friday, 20th November (xi) Vermont South Secondary College Christmas Party is to be held on Friday, 27th November. (xii) Coles Christmas Party to be held on Friday, 11th December. (xiii) Steve Gatt's Christmas Party to be held on Sunday, 13th December. (xiv) Highvale Secondary College is holding their Christmas Party on Thursday, 17th December for 100 people and includes barefoot bowls. (xv) Rapid Labels holding a function on Friday, 18th December.
g)	**Facilities/Greens** – Paul/Di	**(i)** ***Facilities*** – Repair to the cracked concrete issues was quoted at $30,000. Ken looking at hiring a grinding machine and doing the repair ourselves. **Graham to talk to Ken.** (ii) ***Greens –*** Greens open to north-south play in preparation for pennant season. (iii) Greens maintenance will increase to twice weekly from mid September with improved weather and pennant season. (iv) Both greens will be scarified this month. (v) Repairs to joins in matting on gutter walls will be done this month. (vi) Still to explore 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. (vii) Still waiting on James to fit new watering system pressure switch. (viii) Develop Business Case for LED Lights: We have already explored the effectiveness of lighting on top green. **Action VSC ongoing.**
h)	**Membership** - Di	(i) Gordon Russell and Rob Hannam have rejoined the club. (ii) Nelson Knight and Trish Martin have advised they will not be renewing their membership. (iii) Fee increase to be included in the running sheet and eNews to clarify amount to be paid. (iv) It was suggested $95.00 was too high for a Junior bowls member. Di advised the VSC set the fees for all memberships of the club. (v) A family bowls membership was discussed but this is not viable. (vi) It was suggested Membership Forms be readily available for any visitor playing at the club who may be interested in transferring to VSBC.
i)	**Catering** - Pam	(i) Pam unavailable to advise any catering matters.
j)	**Social Club**	(i) Trivia night was a lot of fun for those who attended but unfortunately there were only 5 tables filled. Victoria Grange held their Trivia Night the same night which affected our numbers.

		(ii) We need to move away from the winter months and the footy season to run functions in the hope that more people will attend. Look at holding events on a Sunday afternoon in the warmer months. (iii) **Graham to speak to Leanne** and suggest she attend a committee meeting so we can plan going forward. (iv) We need to get members enthused about attending social events.
k)	**Finance/VSC**	(i) Graham spoke to Ray regarding the $40.00 deficit last week. Has been resolved as Ray advised the paperwork was incorrect.
l)	**Housekeeping**	(i) Sharon and Anne did not go out to Epping as they were expected to wait for two hours while the rep made contact with head office in Queensland if a purchase was to be made. Didn't have any of the coffee cups in stock that we were interested in. (ii) Sharon has established that buying toilet paper from Coles or Woolworths when on special is a much cheaper option than what we are currently paying and the wipes can be purchased from Bunnings for a similar price.
m)	**Wellbeing**	(i) Pat Vogel is deteriorating and is now on morphine. (ii) Martin Haines will be having his shoulder reconstruction operation soon. Martin will not be able to play this season but will still keep his position as Tuesday selector and keep an eye on players for John. (iii) Liz Henwood has had a cancer removed from her foot. On returning home Liz broke a toe and went back to hospital. She is home now and managed to attend the Trivia Night. (iv) Pam Barnhill's brother in Queensland passed away on 21st August from an asbestosis related illness. (v) Jock Halley recently paid a visit to the club and was in fine spirits and looked very well.
n)	**Chairperson's Report**	(i) There has not been any advice about grant funding. Shelter options are still being explored with the VSC. (ii) The club sign out the front is insignificant and in the wrong location. Waiting on a permit from council so the board can be moved onto the lawn. (iii) VSC advised the batteries need to be changed for the mics but that still has not fixed the problem. (iv) In case of an emergency Evacuation Plan is to be followed as per instructions in the clubroom. Risk Assessment has been updated accordingly. (v) A data point is required half way along the room for when the room is hired out. (vi) VSC has upgraded the Wi-Fi.
o)	**ERBR Minutes**	(i) Anne advised relevant information from minutes of the meeting.
p)	**Correspondence In/Out**	(i) Thank you letter received from Noel Bennett for those involved in making Viv's 90th birthday celebration the success it was.

4)	GENERAL BUSINESS	ACTION
a)	**Website**	(i) Mike, Peter and Graham met with the VSC and were very pleased with the positive response from the committee. (ii) It was discussed David is only to host the website. (iii) James and his son are coming to the club on Sunday morning to take photos for the website. (iv) Mike, Peter and Graham are spending a lot of time working on the website but it is progressing well. They have received some interesting feedback but are learning along the way and enjoying the process.
b)	**RSAs/Bar Security/Cash Handling by Convenors**	(i) It has been established that stock and cash are not tallying up. (ii) RSAs on duty are the only ones to be in the bar. (iii) Wine for prizes to now be kept in the stock area. (iv) There is an issue with some RSAs thinking they are entitled to free drinks. RSAs are not entitled to free drinks and they have been sent an advice. (v) Is a keypad for the bar an option?
c)	**Action Plan**	(i) Graham presented an updated version of the Action Plan which was well received but still needs some adjustments to be made. Committee to read through Action Plan and give feedback back to Graham by next Monday. (ii) The Action Plan is to become an agenda item each month showing what is being done to action the items and the date they are completed. (iii) A suggestion box to be available for members to give ideas as to what they think could be included in the Action Plan.
d)	**Go Vees Catch Cry Logo**	(i) Peter presented what he thought was a more impactful logo than the current one. (ii) Graham indicated he may be able to organise something through his son. Graham to come back next meeting with a proposal.
e)	**Donation to ABBA**	(i) A request was made by a member for the club to make a donation on behalf of Judy Prentice's sister who has been selected to represent Australia at the 2027 International Blind Bowls Association World Championships in Auckland in January. (ii) Committee made a decision to donate $100 from the wrong bias jar.
f)	**Over 80's Tournament**	(i) Still to be advised of date this is to be held in January 2027. Ken and Grahame to advise.

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

Next VSBC Meeting will be Monday, 5th October 2026 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting Closed – 10.08 pm

Approved by Di Agius (Chairperson) _____ Date: _____