VERMONT SOUTH BOWLING CLUB

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

Minutes of Committee Meeting – Monday, 5th October 2026

Venue	**Bowls Section Clubroom**	**Meeting Opened at 7.30 pm**
Present	Di Agius (Chair), Anne Staley, Dean Stubley, Graham Munro, John Strybosch, Marlene Stores, Paul Bastiani, Sue Morgan **Succession Recruits** – Craig Anderson, Peter Morgan, Michael Lovelock	**Visitors:** Pam Barnhill, Mike Petty, Phil Staley
MINUTES:	Di welcomed back Dean and our visitors, Pam and Mike along with Michael Lovelock who has joined the succession group.	
1)	**Apologies**: Matt Hay, Steve Raymond	**ACTION**
2)	**Confirm Minutes:** **Moved:** Sue Morgan **Seconded:** Paul Bastiani Circulated minutes of meeting held on 9th September 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) The acid etching of walking path is to be completed by Ken and Paul this Friday. Graham has provided the name of a contact if Ken wishes to get in touch for a quote. (iii) Paul has been in contact with the attendees of the first aid course last November for a follow up session. Has not received much feedback yet. Graham interested in attending the course. **(iv)** The lockable waterproof case which was to be purchased for the defibrillator is the same as the case it is currently kept in. Defibrillator to be moved to between both greens.
b)	**Pennant** – John	(i) John has spoken to Jim about needing more umpires. Jim is looking into it. (ii) John to pick up pennant scorecards on Thursday at the ERBR AGM. (iii) Tuesday practice is going well. There are changes from one week to the next but overall looking good. (iv) 20 people are not on the list to play on Saturday when they are available to play. (v) Graeme Durrant has been speaking to 2nds players re scoring online. (vi) Team Captains to be nominated along with Team Managers.

		(vii) Opening of the Season this Saturday. Matt Gregg, John Mullahy, Richard Welch and Jarrod Gunn will be attending along with Maria Giramondo from ERBR to present the veterans' badges. A light lunch will be provided. (viii) The day will run as follows: • Opening Speeches – Di to respond • Recognition of new players • Presentation of awards to players who were not at the bowls AGM • Maria from ERBR to speak and present Over 80s veterans' badges • Dignitaries, Maria, John and Mary to roll the first bowl to a spider • A game of 15 ends to be played straight through (ix) Sue and Caz to sell secondhand uniforms on the day. (x) Photos of the day to be taken by various people.
c)	**Social Bowls**	(i) Amendment to be made to point (ii) of last month's minutes to read. Monday comp closed 2 weeks earlier and had one washout which did account for this significant downturn. (ii) The Bowls Committee needs to review social games prizemoney and have it approved by the VSC. The convenors do not have the authority to up the prize money. (iii) Social program to be reviewed overall.
d)	**Tournament**	(i) Croydon Ladies Challenge was played in very cold and windy conditions. Croydon won on the day which was a very enjoyable event. Numbers were hard to get for both clubs with the event being held on a long weekend. We are looking at holding next year's challenge on Sunday, 19th September.
e)	**Club Championships** - Graeme/Mal/David	(i) Men's pairs and the Arms tournaments are underway. (ii) Women's pairs to commence this Sunday.
f)	**Corporate** – Rhona/Leanne	(i) No RSAs are required for October events. (ii) VSC looking into microphone issue with James installing a radio mic. Feedback is now a problem with the amp in the bar. (iii) Craig still looking into a flexible arm to clip onto the lectern. (iv) It looks like the opportunity with Business Workers International will not go ahead as an agreement could not be reached regarding the fee to hire the club. (v) Keyton will be holding a meeting all day on Monday, 12th October. (vi) 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. (vii) Mobility Store Christmas Party to be held on Friday, 20th November (viii) Vermont South Secondary College Christmas Party is to be held on Friday, 27th November. (ix) Coles Christmas Party to be held on Friday, 11th December. (x) Steve Gatt's Christmas Party to be held on Sunday, 13th December. (xi) Highvale Secondary College is holding their Christmas Party on Thursday, 17th December for 100 people and includes barefoot bowls. (xii) Rapid Labels holding a function on Friday, 18th December.

g)	**Facilities/Greens** – Paul/Di	***Facilities:*** (i) A grinder to be used to fix the cracks in the path on the bottom green. ***Greens:*** (i) Greens maintenance now happening twice a week on Monday and Friday. (ii) Top green has been treated with algaecide. (iii) Both top and bottom greens have been scarified. (iv) Line touch up will be done this Friday. (v) It was asked if the rink pegs could be painted orange to make them stand out more. (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) To date 16 members have not paid fees. **Di to follow up.**
i)	**Catering** - Pam	(i) Pam and her team are catering for a light lunch this Saturday.
j)	**Social Club – with input from Mike and Pam**	(i) It was questioned if the lack of enthusiasm attending social functions may be the sign of a healthy club. (ii) Suggestion to only hold three main events for the year – Biggest Morning Tea, Trivia Night and Christmas Party. Mega Bowl on Cup Day is a separate event which will be sponsored from the sponsorship takings. (iii) It was suggested that the end of season trip be held every second year. (iv) Need to tighten up our social schedule as to not clash with surrounding retirement villages. (v) By having less events the social club committee would not have to meet as often, which may attract other people to become involved.
k)	**Finance/VSC**	(i) Along with the weekly report Graham is to provide a monthly Cash Report summary.
l)	**Housekeeping**	(i) Nothing to report.
m)	**Wellbeing**	(i) Pat Vogel passed away on 14th September. (ii) Martin Haines sister has passed away.
n)	**Chairperson's Report**	(i) The club missed out on receiving grant funding but Di is pushing ahead for funding from the VSC for shelters. Spiro has secured $52,000 in sponsorship which could well go towards providing shelters for the bottom green. (ii) A decision to be made at the next meeting.

		(iii) We need to decide our preference for the type of shelters ie. long roof type or bus shelters. Spiro has been receiving information on shelters and will pass onto Paul and Graham to present at our next meeting. (iv) The VSC Committee receive the minutes from all bowls committee meetings.
o)	**ERBR Minutes**	(i) Annual General Meeting being held this Thursday night. **Anne and John to attend.**
p)	**Correspondence In/Out**	(i) Nothing received
4)	**GENERAL BUSINESS**	**ACTION**
a)	**Selection of Teams**	(i) A matter was brought forward and discussed. **Di to follow up and advise**.
b)	**RSAs/Bar Security/Cash Handling by Convenors**	(i) Di welcomed Phil to the meeting who provided an insight on the running of the bar and advised: • A stocktake is done each month which includes the counting of cash and cards • Profit margins are fairly consistent each month • A new security camera has been installed over the till • RSA free drinks are no longer allowed • Bowls prizes have been moved into the storeroom • Need to keep a closer eye on what is going on in the bar • RSAs are the only ones allowed behind the bar and only those who are on duty unless in busy times help is required (ii) Jeremy provided a list of Bar Duties to be undertaken by all RSAs. List to be laminated and hung up in the bar. The committee thanked Jeremy for his contribution to helping the bar area run more smoothly.
c)	**Try Bowls Promotional Sign**	(i) Craig offered to organise a new sign. Check with Mike who has the PDF. It was later decided that Graham could arrange a new sign through his son. Graham to get back with details next meeting.
d)	**Go Vees Catch Cry Logo**	(i) Graham has come back with a quote for a new Go Vees sign – 1.5 x 1.2 - $350.00 for 2 signs.. Di to advise members on Saturday.
e)	**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, 9th November 2026 at 7.00 pm.

Meeting Closed – 9.55 pm

Approved by Di Agius (Chairperson) _____ Date: _____