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**OVENS AND MURRAY BOWLS REGION ANNUAL GENERAL (DELEGATES) MEETING. 21/06/2015**

Welcome by President Margaret

President Margaret asked present to stand for a minutes silence and remember the Members who have passed on

Present; Margaret Isherwood, Alan Bounader, Joy Weston, Loraine Stone, Martin Welsh, Graham Moore BVRR, Geoff Cooper. Clubs Beechworth, Wangaratta, Kiewa valley, Corowa Civic Bowls Club, Bright, Myrtleford, Milawa, Moyhu, Chiltern, St James, Yarrawonga, Club Mulwala, Rutherglen, Swanpool, Corowa Services BC, Wodonga, Yarra/Mul GCR, Benalla, Mansfield, Yackandandah, Corryong,, Tallangatta Tungamah, Ovens, Wareena Park by Delegates as per attendance register

Apologies: Roger Mathers, D Fox, Tawonga BC, Mitta BC, John Fisher, Mike Bodman, Lareen Smith, Marie Ryan, Yvonne Davies, Peter Adams, Shirley Sullivan, G Eldridge, D McDonough.

**Minutes:** As circulated, moved by Benalla Seconded by Corowa Services Carried

**Correspondence**

Letters in relation to Pennant to be discussed in General Business

**REPORTS** (as Presented)

**President**, Margaret Isherwood

**Treasurer**,

Bank Balance as at April 30 2015

Trading account $6885.49

Investment Account 1 $10,410.71

Account 2 $10,514.66

Account 3 $10,000.00

Debtors $775.00

Total $39,585.86

Trading Deficit for the year $1,943.03 Finance Director advised that during the year several one off purchases of junior bowls and updated version of draw maker, with some trimming of expenses there should no need to raise Region fees.

Geoff expressed his appreciation and thanked Jack Lillis for auditing the Regions Accounts

Finance report be accepted Moved G Cooper Seconded Wodonga Carried

**Bowls Vic Representatives**: Graham Moore

**Championship/Selection**

Ladies: Margaret Isherwood

Men no report

**Pennant**

Midweek: Joy Weston

Weekend: Neil Pryor

**Junior Bowls** Anne Miles

**Laws & Umpiring**: Mike Bodman

**Greens** (no report)

Motion to accept Reports

Moved Wareena park Seconded Bright Carried

(Received reports are attached)

**Election of Office Bearers**

**President** OneNominations received

Margaret Isherwood re-elected unopposed

**Vice President**

Nomination received from Alan Bounder, Graham Moore, Neil Pryor; Ballot was conducted Neil Pryor duly elected

**Secretary/Treasurer**

Geoff Cooper only nomination duly elected

**Director: Alan Bounader**

Only nomination duly elected

**Director**

Joy Weston only nomination duly elected

**Bowls Vic Regional Reps**

Graham Moore from Benalla only nomination duly elected

Loraine Stone Only nomination duly elected

**Pennant 5** nominations were received for Ladies section and 5 for Men’s all duly elected

Pam Shirley Mike Bodman

Margaret Bates Ted Hovard

Maxine Neilson Geoff Cooper

Dawn Fox Neil Pryor

Joy Weston Robert McLarty

**Coaching**

Nominations were received from

Mike Bodman

John Fisher

Graham Moore

All duly elected

**Laws & Umpiring**

Nominations were received from

Max Drummond

Mike Bodman

John Fisher

Roger Mathers

All duly elected

**Championship/Selection**

**Ladies Men**

Fran Don Maurie Braden

Dawn Fox Roger Mathers

Margaret Isherwood Ashley Bates

Joy Weston John Fisher

Graham Moore

4 nominations for ladies all duly elected 5 nominations received all duly elected

**Greens**

Andrew Terry

Rob Mitchell

Duly elected

**Junior Bowls Two** Nominations received from Joy Johnson & Ann Miles duly elected

**Honorariums** Secretary/Treasurer and Pennant Recorder

Moved by Benalla seconded Wangaratta that honorariums remain the same Secretary $1,200.00 & $800.00 per pennant recorder. Carried

**General Business**

Secretary presented a letter from Yarrawonga Bowls Club

Re Starting times of weekend Pennant starting one hour earlier consensus of meeting suggested that the flexibility exists to arrange varied playing times with Club’s

Re Playing finals on Carpet would need to be a change in regulations; Regions Regulation procedure to be followed.

Clubs will have the opportunity to apply for finals this coming season Neil Pryor from Pennant committee will send out notices during the season.

Neil Pryor gave Club’s an over view of 15/16 season weekend pennant explaining the options 1 & 2 season commencement dates and finals.

After much discussion a vote was taken by show of hands with option 2 being favoured 15 votes to 11

Clubs indicated all were happy with roll out of the proposed allocation of teams re promotion and relegation and only 1 C division this season with Clubs going into B division.

Joy Weston presented an over view of the Midweek Pennant programme several clubs were unhappy that they had not prior opportunity to discuss with their Clubs it was agreed to give clubs an additional 2 weeks to provide feedback to the pennant committee before finalisation.

Peter Morris from Wangaratta addressed the meeting in relation to the declining membership of the region and bowls in general. He strongly believes Bowls Victoria and Australia should run national advertising campaign which would assist Clubs giving them ability to tag and be involved at a local and Club level with professional marketing strategies

President Margaret thanked all for their attendance and called the Meeting to a close

Meeting closed 2.45PM