**RECORD OF PENNANT COMMITTEE MEETING – 17 SEP 18**

**Attendance:** Susi Swift, Ian Bilney, Paul Davies, Bryan Smith, Noel Murrell

**Apology:** Ross Rankin

A Meeting of the Pennant Committee was be held at the Wodonga BC on Monday 17th September 2018. A record of the discussion points are as follows:

* Ross Rankin was confirmed as the Chairman of the Pennant Committee for the 2018/19 season;
* A review of the duties and responsibilities of the Pennant Committee, as required under the Regulations, was completed. A copy of agreed amendments to Annexure B of the Regions Regulations has been forwarded to the Regions Board for approval.
* The committee endorsed the proposed changes to Annexure A – **OVENS AND MURRAY BOWLS REGION INC PENNANT RULES OF COMPETITION** which has been forwarded to the Regions Board for ratifying as part of a wider update of the Regions Regulations.
* The committee ratified the Pennant Fixtures for the 2018/2019 season. Discussion took place on the following;
	+ There is some minor programming problem with the Midweek Fixture where in a couple of rounds a larger than normal number of rinks are allocated at a club one week and nil the following week. This is difficult to avoid due to the number of sides, from some clubs, versus rink availability.
	+ The late withdrawal of sides impacts on the Fixture and clubs ability to produce a timely Club Handbook. It was agreed that there was very little the committee could do to address this ongoing problem. However, it was thought that clubs could be more proactive through canvasing their members for the next season availability prior to the winter break.
* A number of Issues pertaining to the Pennant Competition was discussed by the committee as follows;
	+ There will possibly be a change of website provider during our Pennant season that may impact on input of teams and results to the website during the changeover. The changeover is beyond our control and we will need to deal with any problems as they arise.
	+ The Website results team and entry will be by clubs as per last season. Clubs have been asked to provide their main contact details to enable direct contact in the advent of any problems.
	+ The Pennant Duties of a Side Captain Guidelines will again be provided to clubs as per past seasons.
	+ It was decided that Afternoon tea breaks would be held during Weekend Pennant. However, if clubs wish to forgo afternoon tea until after the game this would be allowed through mutual agreement of the clubs. The decision on whether the afternoon tea break will be taken during finals will be decided prior to the finals series. Whilst the Pennant survey indicated not to have the afternoon tea break the results were based on an individual preference. Contact with smaller clubs, since the survey, has indicated that the clubs would not be happy for the afternoon tea break to be removed as they are concerned that the impact may be detrimental to their income, which they heavily rely on.
	+ Concern was raised on the standard of some club’s Greens and their suitability for Pennant. Whilst it was agreed that it was difficult for some clubs to maintain Greens at a desired standard the affected clubs should acknowledge the poor state of their Greens. When club Greens are not conducive to Pennant they should seek a change to another club until their Greens improve. The committee understands the reluctance of clubs to complain officially about the poor state of other club Greens. However, a*ny club that is concerned about the poor state of another clubs Greens should bring this to the attention of the Regions Greens Committee through the Regions Secretary****.*** In doing so it is hoped that the Region can assist the club to lift the standard of their Greens.
* The proposed Heat Rule changes were further reviewed by the committee and it was resolved that;
	+ A proposal to move the start time of Weekend Pennant on a predicted “extreme weather event” to 10.00am would not be necessary as clubs already have flexibility to change start times of games.
	+ As the committee has put in place clear guidelines for its decision making on whether to cancel Pennant due to extreme temperature the Pennant Coordinator is empowered to advise clubs of the cancellation Thursday evening prior to the round.
* It was agreed that the committee should next meet mid season unless an urgent matter arose in the meantime.

**N. Murrell**

Meeting Chairman

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