

OVENS & MURRAY BOWLS REGION

PENNANT COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 6TH AT RUTHERGLEN BC

PRESENT: Ross Rankin, Paul Davies, George Peterson, Bryan Smith, Ian Bilney, Noel Murrell.

APLOGIES: Susie Swift

It was agreed that medallions for pennant winners only be awarded to those players who actually play on the day. An emergency would only be awarded a medallion if they were called upon to play. It was agreed that the O&M Bowls Region purchase and extra medallion for each grand final match so that if an emergency is called upon to play they can receive their medallion on the day.

The main item on the agenda was the survey and an examination of its results. Noel was thanked for all his work with the survey.

Survey results showed that there was no appetite to change much of the current playing conditions. There was a strong majority that was against changing things such as the length of the season, the competition format, the start and finish dates of the season, the number of rounds to be played in a season, not playing twice on a weekend and not playing on the March long weekend. Therefore, next season's pennant competition will be much the same as the season just completed.

There have been some recommendations made by the pennant committee arising from the survey results:

- Pennant rules will be changed to revert to the 50% of matches in a section being played for the round to count.
- Weekend pennant is to start at 1:00 pm (roll up at 12:45 pm). Midweek to remain at 10:00 am for the entire season.
- The temperature threshold to stop play for both midweek and weekend pennant is to be 38 degrees.
- In the event of an extreme weather forecast, the pennant committee will alter the official start time for weekend pennant to 10:00 am. This will be done on a Thursday. (Please note: clubs have the capacity to alter start times now).
- Further consideration will be given to the issue of whether to have afternoon tea during weekend pennant. The survey indicated a majority in favour of abolishing afternoon tea, but the pennant committee will seek further feedback from clubs as there is a possible adverse financial impact on smaller clubs to be considered.
- We are to instruct our delegates to Bowls Vic to ask them to rescind their decision to ban pennant play during the Vic Open. (The loss of this weekend puts great pressure on us to complete 14 rounds & finals before the March long weekend as the majority of survey responses asked to happen).

Ross Rankin

- (Chairman, O&M Pennant Committee)