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**OVENS AND MURRAY BOWLS REGION
DELEGATES MEETING.
MINUTES
AT WANGARATTA 10.30AM**

Sunday 14th November 2021

**O & M Board members to be Present;
President Laureen Smith; Vice President vacant
Secretary Graham Moore; Treasurer Patrick O'Shea;
John Fisher, Loraine Stone, John White, Neil Reid. Albert Crithclow**

Delegates from Clubs To Be Present; Beechworth, Benalla, Bright, Chiltern, Club Mulwala, Corowa Civic, Corowa RSL, Corryong, Dederang, Kiewa Valley, Mansfield, Miliawa, Mitta Valley, Moira Benalla, Moyhu, Myrtleford, Rutherglen, St. James, Swanpool, Tallangatta, Tawonga/Mt Beauty, Tungamah, Wangaratta, Wareena, Wodonga, Yackandandah, Yarrawonga & YMGR

Apologies; Lance Symons [Myrtleford], Tungamah, Corryong' Tawonga-Mt Beauty

Clubs Present; 19

Delegates Present; 33

Clubs not in attendance; Beechworth, Chiltern, Kiewa Valley, Mitta Valley, Tallangatta

Board members present. 8

Website Administrator Noel Murrell present

Pennant Chairperson Noel Murrell present

Match Chairman John Fisher present

President Laureen to open the meeting 10.35am

Minutes of Last meeting to be accepted-----

Moved Graham Moore-----Seconded---Myrtleford----carried

Business arising from these minutes ---Nil

Points up for discussion during meeting

Board will be meeting with BV CEO and Deputy Vice President for BV on Monday 15th ---

Update on President's & Secretaries information from clubs, still some to come, would like those clubs to send info in please even if you state no change

Vice Presidents Position following Shawn McMahon's resignation---this will be sorted out in December

Two names put forward for vacancy on Match/Selection/ Championship committee these being Ashley Bates & Klive Liverton following Shawn McMahons resignation would like more if possible again will be sorted out in December

BV AGM Mins all clubs were sent out coppies of this meeting

Pennant cards-thanks to the Board Members who delivered them also thank you to Noël for letting me know the amount clubs should need

President's report---Laureen Smith---nothing really much to report----except for Discipline committee we would like a small pool of members, so if you are interested please send email to Graham

Secretaries report----Graham Moore

Correspondence inwards----several emails from clubs re change of administration details, club policy re Covid, future club tournaments, arrangements re Covid from BV, several emails re pennant updates, several emails re-championship events

Correspondence outwards several emails to O&M clubs, to BV, to the Board, to Laureen letter sent to President of Myrtleford BC

Finance----Patrick O'Shea

Balance Sheet 14/11/2021

<u>Opening Balance</u>		<u>\$18,907.35</u>		
<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>	
Interest Nov	\$0.16		Laptop	\$596.00
			Balance as at 01/11/21	\$18,311.51
Term Deposit	\$13,252.75		Matures 08/11/2022	

BVRR---Graham Moore/Laureen Smith---information regarding this meeting has been sent out to all club Secretaries

FURTHER REPORTS;

PENNANT COMMITTEE----Noel gave an indepth report----please see attached reports
CHAMPIONSHIP & SELECTION----John Fisher-informed all present what had been happening over the past few weeks, he told us that he had been asked to step into the position of Chairman for this committee-----please see Johns report attached
UMPIRES----Laureen Smith----informed those present that it was getting very close to update their umpiring certificates
GREENS----Patrick O'Shea-nothing to report
JUNIORS----n/a
COACHING---n/a
WEBSITE----Noel Murrell -----if anyone would like training on Bowls Link please let him know, Move to accept all reports---Dederang-----seconded Myrtleford--carried

ANY GENERAL BUSINESS-or POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

CONSTITUTION-----SHOULD NOW BE ON WEB-SITE
O & M RULES & regulations----we are about to look into these regulations
Still a few glitches with Bowls Link but should all be sorted out
New Championship entry forms will be on web-site today, raham will also email out copies to Club Secretaries and Presidents, plus Board members

O&M BOWLS REGION INC DELEGATES MEETING – 14 Nov 21

PENNANT REPORT

Firstly, at a recent meeting of the Pennant Committee I was appointed Chairman for the coming season. I guess that I now wear two hats as I also act as the Pennant Coordinator due to managing BowlsLink and the Pennant Fixtures. My contact details are available from the website, feel free to contact me on any proposals to improve our competition or on Pennant issues that may concern you.

The Pennant Committee has been extremely busy since the end of last seasons Pennant Competition finalising and analysing the results of the Pennant Survey, negotiating the Covid-19 restrictions and preparing for the coming season.

The preparing of alternative programmes to ensure that our season gets underway was a godsend. Fortunately, we have only been delayed by 1 month, as occurred last season.

It has been challenging, but understandable, getting clubs to advise of the number of sides required. Finally, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and we are now underway with the 1st Round of Pennant having been played yesterday and Midweek commencing on Tuesday. No doubt there will be some hiccups as club Pennant representatives gain access and knowledge required to manage their sides and results through BowlsLink. There are a number of items that I should highlight:

BowlsLink. It is essential that Pennant results are entered on BowlsLink as soon as possible after a round. It would be preferable for all club sides have a person trained to enter/confirm results. This would allow for all results to be entered before they leave the Host Club. You will note that this season the Finals have been appended to the Fixture – a great update. Last season I was required to set up a separate competition for the Finals.

Pennant Rounds. This season we have decided that all rounds must be completed. This is to ensure a more level playing field within our competition and will ensure that games are played on days of low rainfall and not just cancelled due to bowlers not wanting to play in the rain. Unfortunately, at times, clubs/Greens representatives abandon games even though Greens are still playable. This season games can only be abandoned for the day and must be finalised at a later date/time. It is hoped that in the advent of anticipated extreme temperatures and Weekend Pennant games are brought forward to 10.00am start, we will not have any heat-outs.

PENNANT RULES OF COMPETITION (Season 2021-2022). The Pennant Rules for the coming season have been updated and available on the Region's website. Most changes reflect;

- outcomes from the Pennant Survey,

- alignment with Bowls Victoria Region & Division Pennant Competitions Conditions of Play,
- vaccination requirements,
- pre-game Pennant Practice,
- removal of tea breaks,
- BowlsLink admin, and
- Use of bowls disks.

Side Captains Toolkit. An updated copy of the Side Captains Toolkit is available on the Regions website.

Pennant Committee Record of Meetings. A record of the Regions Pennant Committee Meetings are available on the Regions website. Discussion points from the meeting held on 22 October;

- Start Dates. Weekend 12 Nov, Midweek 16 Nov.
- Fixture.
- Covid Contingency.
- Vaccine Requirement. Must be double vaccinated or have an exemption.
- Twilight Games. Programmed as indicated in the survey. Clubs can changed the day and start time on agreement. However, if agreement is not reached then the game is to be played as programmed and commence NLT 6.00pm.
- Number of ends – 21
- Pennant Check Forms. No longer required but clubs must retain their scorecards until the end of the season.
- Pennant Survey 2021. Results of the survey are on the website. There were no real surprises.
- Forfeiture of Pennant Games. The committee is concerned with the increasing number of forfeitures in a season and the use of borrowed players to sustain sides. Subject to what occurs this season, there may be a need to introduce stricter guidelines on side entries.
- Corryong BC. Installing a new carpet/Green as a result of a Grant. Unfortunately they may have to swap their first game rounds if their Green is not ready.
- Midweek Pennant – Wareena Park will be using Milawa's Green for their home games.

Finally, any club that may require assistance with BowlsLink or would like to provide any feedback pertaining to Pennant please do so via the Pennant email account.

Noel Murrell

Pennant Chairman

Ovens and Murray Bowls Region Inc 2nd November 1921

CHAMPIONSHIP & SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Due to Covid restrictions and the uncertainty of being able to start the State Events the Program has been later than normal in being available this season, but it will commence next Sunday with the State Triples, weather permitting with the Men at Wangaratta BC And the Women at Corowa RSL. Entries close for the Triples today.

Following the resignation of Shawn McMahon as committee Chairman I have been re-elected as Chairman.

As we are still working on setting up Bowlslink to receive Entries and conduct the State Events the Entries are to be emailed to Entriesoandmbowls@gmail.com

As Bowls Victoria did not issue Entry Forms for the State Events, we have updated last years Forms which will be on the O & M website and sent to clubs this week.

I apologise for the short time for entries in the 60 & Over Pairs which close next Sunday and will be played on Thursday 25th of November Men at Club Mulwala and Women at YMGCR

Please when sending entries include all players in the team.

Due to Covid restrictions the inter Association Series against Albury & District and Zone 8 were not possible this year but hopefully things might get back to normal next season.

The State Event Program is on the O & M website under Events.