

OVENS AND MURRAY BOWLS REGION

Pennant Committee Meeting Wodonga BC 12.00pm – 19 May 22

MEETING NOTES

Attendance: Noel Murrell, Bryan Smith, Ian Bilney, Fran Don, Dave Crothers, Gareth Williams, Laureen Smith

Apology: Kerry Kinanne

BUSINESS

Chairman Noel welcomed O&M President Laureen to the meeting and encouraged her to participate in any discussion.

- **Meeting Notes 14 Jan 22.** There was no additional discussion points from the January meeting.
- **Proposed 2022/23 Fixture** (copy attached). The committee briefly discussed the proposed fixture as provided. It was acknowledged that the proposal would change prior to the start of the season, especially with Howlong joining O&M. Weekend Pennant B Division may need to be reduced to three Divisions, especially if the Triples Division is established. The proposed Divisions considers the following;
 - Sides eligible for promotion and acceptances plus new entries
 - Clubs who have indicated expressions to enter a Triples Division, if viable. These clubs are, Bright, Tallangatta, Tawonga Mt Beauty, Tungamah, Wangaratta and Dederang
 - Howlong BC – final approval pending from Bowls NSW. President Laureen advised that this will now occur but O&M will need to wait until formally advised by Bowls Vic.
- **Pennant Start Date for Season 2022/23.** It was agreed that the Pennant start date should revert back to October. However, as part of the planning the following will need to be considered;
 - two dates for the Victorian Open – 18-25 Nov 22 and 24 Mar- 2 Apr 23,
 - no finals to be held on the Long Weekend in March (per Pennant Survey)
 - Finals to be completed prior to the long weekend in March (per Pennant Survey)
- **Chiltern BC Request.** Chiltern BC requested a review of the points system pertaining to Divisions containing byes and consider making an offer to all B Division Sides who end up on top of the ladder after Home and Away games.

Resolutions:

1. That the current points system be retained until a better system can be identified,
 2. All B Division Sides finishing on top of the ladder after Home and Away games be invited to express their interest to be promoted to Division B. The Pennant Committee will decide on the Side to be promoted.
- **Vaccine Mandate.** The committee acknowledged that the Regions Board needs to repeal vaccine requirement for participation in Pennant.
 - **New Washout/Heat-out Rule.** The Washout/Heat-out Rule as applied during this season was discussed and it was agreed to retain it for the 2022/23 season with some minor adjustments;

- All games to be played (round only be cancelled by the Pennant Committee under exceptional circumstances). It was acknowledged that by cancelling Round 1 this season may have impacted on the final ladder.
- Catchup games to be played within 7 days of the programmed date.
- **Pennant Rules.** The Pennant Committee agreed on the following:
 - **Inclement Weather.** Rule 12.2.2 will need to be changed to reflect the new washout/heat-out rule,
 - **Restructure.** The committee agreed that the Region's Pennant Rules be restructured to reflect the Bowls Victoria '**Regional Pennant Conditions of Play**'. This does not mean our rules will change just the structure. This change will allow the Pennant Committee to quickly identify changes made by Bowls Vic each season and whether O&M requires to adjust its rules.
- **Twilight Games.** The committee discussed the trial of mandated twilight games programmed last season. Whilst there were positives and negatives to holding twilight games it was agreed that positives outweighed the negatives. The following was agreed;
 - Twilight games to be programmed for the 2022/23 season and consideration be given to including all Divisions,
 - The committee acknowledged that if Pennant commences in October then the number of twilight games are restricted if the fixture is to ensure back to back games (due to likelihood of rain, state of Greens, dampness and lack of daylight). As a result, to ensure that we can maximise opportunity for conducting twilight games, it was agreed that we do not need to ensure back to back games but ensure that clubs are not disadvantaged eg. *Rd1 Wodonga vs Wangaratta – Rd 7 Wangaratta vs Wodonga – not possible for a twilight game in Rd1 but possible in Rd7.*

GENERAL BUSINESS:

No additional business identified

Meeting closed: 1.34pm

N. Murrell

Chairman

Ovens and Murray Bowls Region Inc

WEEKEND PENNANT - PROPOSED DIVISIONS 2022-23

Division A1	Division A2	Division A3	Division A4
Benalla	Benalla	Beechworth	Wodonga
Kiewa	Chiltern	Bright	Benalla
Myrtleford	Club Mulwala	Milawa	Corowa RSL
Rutherglen	Corowa Civic	Moira	Mansfield
Wangaratta	Corowa RSL	Tungamah	Rutherglen
Wodonga	Mansfield	Wangaratta	Swanpool
Yarrowonga	Wodonga	Wodonga	Yarrowonga
YMGCR	YMGCR	Yackandandah	YMGCR

Division B1	Division B2	Division B3	Division B4	Division C Triples
Benalla	Bye	Beechworth	Bye	Bright
Corowa Civic	Chiltern	Bright	Corryong	Tallangatta
Moira	Club Mulwala	Bye	Dederang	Tawonga
Moyhu	Corowa RSL	Corowa Civic	Kiewa	Tungamah
Myrtleford		Milawa	Tallangatta	Wangaratta
St James	St James	Myrtleford	Tawonga Mt Beauty	
Swanpool	Yarrowonga	Wangaratta	Wodonga	
Wangaratta	YMGCR		Yackandandah	
Note: B Division will be adjusted based on final Sides confirmed by clubs Tungamah - wish to insert an additional side If not a 9 a 12 Mansfield – withdrawn their B2 side for 2022/23 season				

MIDWEEK PENNANT - PROPOSED DIVISIONS 2022-23

Division A1	Division A2	Division A3	Division B1	Division B2
Benalla	Corowa Civic	Benalla	Myrtleford	Corryong
Club Mulwala	Benalla	Club Mulwala	Corowa Civic	Club Mulwala
Kiewa	Corowa RSL	Corowa Civic	Corowa RSL	Beechworth
Myrtleford	Moira	Dederang	Moyhu	Chiltern
Wangaratta	Rutherglen	Wangaratta	Swanpool	Corowa RSL
Wodonga	St James	Wodonga	Wareena Park	Milawa
Yarrowonga	Wodonga	Yackandandah	Yarrowonga	Kiewa
YMGCR	YMGCR	YMGCR	YMGCR	Wodonga

Milawa - new entry in Division B2

LEGEND

Promoted
Demoted
New Entry
Prefer Triples