

Bowls Victoria - Ovens & Murray Region

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OVENS AND MURRAY BOWLS REGION DELEGATES & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Sunday 2nd June 2019

Wangaratta Bowls Club 10.30am

Minutes from Delegates meeting

Official Opening; President Neil opened the meeting at 10.30am and welcomed all to the meeting

Apologies; from 18 members

Clubs Present; 22

Delegates Present; 38

Clubs not in attendance; 6

Minutes Motion to accept minutes from last Delegates meeting/AGM 2017/18

Moved; Bright Seconded Kiewa Valley-----carried

Business arising---Nil

Correspondence In;

Letter from Swanpool re their greens---for General Business

Letter from Swanpool re summer break—a notice of motion also passed onto the Pennant Committee

Letter from Moira re Heat rule-----for General Business

Letter from Corowa RSL re promotion and relegation---notice of motion

Letter from BV regarding new format for BVRR's---new format will be President and Secretary of the Regions will now be classified as the BVRR

Letter from Laureen passed on to Pennant committee

Letter from Dederang regarding their new Pennant Shirt

Letter from Bendigo Bowls Division-----President Neil read this letter out. After deep discussions

Neil advised the delegates that he would put a letter together for the new committee to discuss at their first meeting---all agreed

Correspondence out

Letter sent to Swanpool regarding their greens

Emails sent to all clubs regarding AGM

REPORTS

President,--Neil Pryor—Neil read out his report

Secretary's report—Graham Moore read out his report

Treasurer,--Bryan Smith---read out the financial

Assets \$27,082.43---for 2018/19

Income \$16,614.30-----2018/19

Expenses \$14,033.90-----2018/19

Net Surplus \$2,580.40-----2018/19

Bowls Vic Regional Representatives---Neil Pryor and Laureen Smith no report due to no meetings

Championship/Selection

Ladies & Men now combined-----John Fisher---gave an in-depth report for the season

Pennant

Midweek & Weekend now combined—Rose Rankin---gave a very in depth report regarding the season plus what will happen this coming season
Junior Bowls; no report as we have no juniors at present

Laws & Umpiring—Laureen Smith President Neil read out Laureen report as she is umpiring in the Aus Open

Coaching; Secretary inform the delegates that we require someone to take over this position

Motion to accept Reports; Moved Dederang---Seconded Wodonga--carried

Notice of Motions

From Swanpool BC regarding Pennant summer break---Swanpool Delegates talked on this matter and the problem they have and why a longer summer break should take place. The Pennant Committee Chairman answered this problem and put a suggestion to Swanpool. That the last game before Christmas would be 14th December, plus why don't they try to exchange their first two games at home in January, this would help them out, before they decided to try the advice given a vote was put forward regarding Swanpools Notice of Motion it was seconded by Moira---the Motion was defeated.

From Corowa RSL Promotion & relegation be compulsory for both weekend and mid week, Corowa RSL delegates to talk on this. Corowa spoke on this motion. Pennant Committee Chairman explained the survey which went out and that they had also sent out information to see if clubs would form an "A5" division in weekend pennant so far they had 5 replies. This Motion was put to the floor and a seconder was asked for---no seconder came forward therefore motion defeated

General Business

Swanpool to speak on regarding their greens—already discussed

Moira to speak on Heat Rule---Moira spoke on this, the Pennant committee replied and it was decided to leave it as it was

Honorariums; President, Secretary and Website Administrator TO BE ACCEPTED

President \$1200

Secretary \$1200

Website Administrator \$600.00

Moved Chiltern seconded YMGCR—carried

We broke for lunch at 12.15pm----

12.30pm President Neil and John Fisher conducted the presentations for our O & M Champions this included a special presentation of The Joy Johnson Shield to Kyle Whitehead for outstanding achievements over the past few years

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OPENED AT 1.15pm.

Sunday 2nd June 2019

Wangaratta Bowls Club 10.30am
Minutes from this meeting

President Neil informed all present that the information and items that had been discussed in the delegates meeting will also be included in the AGM

President to ask Office Bearers to step down---Neil will stay in the chair as he is not re-standing—he will call out the nominations

Election of Office Bearers

Directors

President
Deputy President
Secretary
Treasurer
Director
Director
Director,
Director
Committees

Coaching: (4 persons)
Laws & umpiring (4 persons),

Pennant: 7 required

Championship/ Selection/Match 7required:

Greens: (3 persons),

Junior Bowls: (3 persons),

Website Administrator & Media Officer

O & M NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE BOARD

PRESIDENT--- LAUREEN SMITH [ONLY NOMINATION] LAUREEN DULY ELECTED; Past President Neil read out Laureen's acceptance letter due to her being in Queensland at the Aus. Open

VICE PRESIDENT---- SHAWN MCMAHON [ONLY NOMINATION] SHAWN WAS DULY ELECTED

SECRETARY-----GRAHAM MOORE [ONLY NOMINATION] GRAHAM WAS DULY ELECTED

TREASURER----BRYAN SMITH [ONLY NOMINATION] BRYAN WAS DULY ELECTED

BOARD MEMBERS [4 REQUIRED]—JULIE WHITE, LORAIN STONE, JOHN FISHER, THESE THREE WERE DULY ELECTED; IAN BILNEY WAS ELECTED FROM THE FLOOR ALL WILL SERVE ON THE O & M BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SEASON 2019/20

WEB SITE ADMINISTRATOR/ MEDIA OFFICER; NOEL MURRELL—[ONLY NOMINATION] NOEL WAS DULY ELECTED

PENNANT COMMITTEE [COMBINED, 7 REQUIRED]—BRYAN SMITH, NOEL MURRELL, IAN BILNEY, PAUL DAVIS, FRAN DON, ROSS RANKIN ALL DULY ELECTED-----BEV REICHMAN ELECTED FROM THE FLOOR—ALL WILL SERVE ON THE PENNANT COMMITTEE FOR 2019/20

MATCH / CHAMPIONSHIP/ SELECTION COMMITTEE [COMBINED 7 REQUIRED]—ROGER MATHERS, ASHLEY BATES, JOHN FISHER, JOHN HOWES, ANNE MILES, LORAIN STONE, MATT ROBERTSON, PAUL DAVIS; CLAIRE SANDERS, -----A silent vote took place

THOSE TO SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE FOR SEASON 2019/20 ARE, ROGER MATHERS, ASHLEY BATES, JOHN FISHER, ANNE MILES, MATT ROBERTSON, PAUL DAVIES & CLAIRE SANDERS

LAWS & UMPIRING—ANNE SUMMERHILL, ROGER MATHERS, LAUREEN SMITH, MAX DRUMMOND ALL WILL SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE FOR SEASON 2019/20

COACHING COMMITTEE; this committee is to organize along with Bowls Victoria's Asser and Presenter coaching Courses for any O & M Clubs who have members who want to become a coach; MATT ROBERTSON TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR will fill this position he will also try to get more coaches on the committee

GREENS; PATRIC S'SHEA ONLY NOMINATION RECEIVED PATRIC WILL SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE ALONG WITH AMY MEMBERS THE BOARD MIGHT CO-OP ON TO THIS COMMITTEE

JUNIORS; MATT ROBERTSON TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR will fill this position

PAST PRESIDENT NEIL thanked Wangaratta Bowls Club for the hospitality and a lovely lunch, congratulated all our winners, and welcomed all those on to our committees for the coming season

MEETING CLOSED AT 1.30pm

Ovens & Murray Region

President's Report

2nd June 2019

The 2018-19 year has been one of challenge for the Ovens and Murray Region. The focus of the board has been on resolving a number of issues to do with conduct within clubs and during some of our events. The meeting with Bowls Victoria in March indicated that this is a major issue for clubs and regions across the state. As a region, we are constrained by current Bowls Victoria rules that leave discipline matters with clubs and Bowls Victoria.

One issue arising from these matters is that clubs are sometimes not following their own constitutions, or do not have within their constitutions clear grievance procedures, nor disciplinary processes. This causes two issues. One, disharmony within the club as actions are not taken to address issues and two, inaction or ignoring of unsavory behavior. In a previous career, I often said to my staff "behavior ignored is behavior condoned". I believe that this is very relevant to our sport and the operation of clubs and our region.

The Board of the Ovens and Murray Region has worked hard this year to further develop the skills of our Board members in developing their knowledge of how the region operates and supports clubs. We have encouraged clubs to invite Board members to meetings to listen to concerns and identify strengths within our clubs, but this has been only taken up by a small number of clubs.

I want to commend the work of our committees in running the region's program for the year. Their work is often unseen by clubs. The many hours that are put in by these committees, in particular their chairs, make our bowls program work. I urge all clubs members to consider joining these committees to further develop our great sport in the region.

The Umpiring Committee has made great progress in training markers, measurers and umpires in our region. This includes reaccreditation of umpires. Lauren Smith, and her team of trainers, has done an excellent job in coordinating the training.

The Pennant Committee continues to manage a vibrant pennant competition in our region. Having one competition across our vast region provides some challenges in developing the fixture for each season and in developing process to allow for our climatic differences. These differences affect green availability and weather considerations for our team. Ross Rankin and his team have done a great job in considering the needs of all and also the health and wellbeing of our players. The extreme heat policy will continue to be an issue for debate in regard to player wellbeing.

The Championship and Selection Committee work tirelessly to conduct our region's events and representative team. The selection trials for men's and women's regional sides were again held, although affected by player withdrawals. It is an honor to represent our region. I urge all players to make themselves available for our regional teams. Remember that many others would like the opportunity you have been given. We thank our committee for their many hours dedicated to ensuring state and regional events ran smoothly and providing support for regional teams their matches. I thank John Fisher and his team in their work this season.

We still have committee operations in Coaching, Greens and Junior to develop in our region.

The region has commenced discussion with clubs in the Albury and District about the possibility of some of those clubs joining the O&M. This is still in the early stages, but could have a flow-on effect to how we manage our competitions and administration into the future.

I would like to thank Secretary Graham Moore and Treasurer Bryan Smith for their work this year in administration of the region. These roles often go unnoticed by the majority of bowlers, but are essential for the operation of our region.

This year I am not re-nominating for a position on the Board. I have been involved with our region as a Board member and Committee member for many years, but now is the time for some fresh ideas and new approach to take our region forward. I wish all our incoming board members, executive and committee well in the promotion of bowls in our region.

Neil Pryor

President

O&M Region

Ovens and Murray Bowls Region

Secretary's report

2nd June 2019

I would like to thank all Club Secretaries and Presidents for all your help and cooperation during this past season. The Ovens and Murray Syllabus which I have been putting together for the past couple of years, is now up to date, so if your club changes any of its dig natures please let me know and I can pass all information on to Noel for his records

This past season we had to send out fines, due to non-attendance at our State Championship games, these came from our Championship committee who has a very difficult job running these events so please make sure you turn up, if you are unable to do so contact John Fisher.

There have been other innuendos during the season, which we as a Board cannot deal with as we do not have the power, it's up to the clubs to sort these innuendos out, but we are in the process of talking to BV as other regions/divisions are having the same problem.

To my fellow Board Members I thank you very much indeed for your backing and help, to my mate Ron who passed away just recently I really enjoyed our chats, even when you were in hospital, mate I will miss you be at peace buddy. Neil it's been a pleasure working next to you for these past 4 years you are a very knowledgeable man and I wish you as I know all the Board does all the very best for the future; My Very good mate you too are a pleasure to work with whether it is during the O & M or 60 & over---To Laureen you are very knowledgeable person regarding rules and bowls and I look forward to working a long with you

Once I receive information from BV and our championship committee regarding our State events I will put the together and send them out to all club Secretaries and club contacts, there will also be an email address on them for where you have to send your club entries

Once again to you all I thank so much for your help and hope all goes well for season 2019/20

Yours

Graham Moore

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Secretary

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