

OVENS AND MURRAY BOWLS REGION

MINUTES

Pennant Committee Meeting Wangaratta BC 10.00am – 14 Jun 24

Attendance: Bryan Smith, Noel Murrell, George Peterson, Elaine Peterson, Ian Bilney, Graham Moore, John McCoy, Maurie Braden (O&M President)

Apology: Nil

Meeting Opened: 9.55am

BUSINESS:

- **Welcome** Bryan welcomed Maurie Braden (Region's President) and new committee members Graham Moore and John McCoy to the meeting.

- **Correspondence**
 - Bowls Vic - Proforma Conditions of Play 24/25
 - Tungamah BC – not in favour of change from 16 a side to 12 a Side.
 - Kiewa BC – in favour of changing from 16 a Side to 12 a side.
 - Howlong BC - in favour of changing from 16 a Side to 12 a side.
 - Brendan DevRies – Tallangatta BC, Proposal Pennant Restructure

- **Selection of Chairman Pennant Committee.** As there was no nominations for the position Bryan Smith was asked to continue in the position. Bryan accepted the position for a further 12 months.

- **Review DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PENNANT.** Annexure B to the Regions Regulations was reviewed and a number of amendments were proposed. The proposed amended document (attached) will now be sent to the Board for ratification.

- **Pennant Conditions of Play**
 - Bowls Vic Pennant CoP – The Draft document from Bowls Vic was not available.

- **Update on NSW Border Club Transfers.** The latest information on NSW Border clubs proposing to transfer to Victoria is as follows:
 - **North Albury** – Disaffiliated with NSW, application submitted to Bowls Vic
 - **Commercial Club** – Disaffiliated with NSW, application submitted to Bowls Vic

- **Walla Walla** – Still deciding. A meeting will be held at Walla Bowls Club 16 Jun 24 where their members will decide on whether to transfer to Victoria.
- **Culcairn** - latest feedback indicates they will be staying in NSW
- **Holbrook** - No approach has been made to the Pennant Committee.
- **Pennant Dates Season 2024/25.** The proposed dates for next season Pennant Programme was confirmed. (Copy attached)
- **Pennant Division Restructure Weekend Division A.** The committee discussed the following:
 - **AGM Feedback.** 14 Clubs for retaining 16 players vs 12 Clubs for 12 players a Side in Weekend Division A.
 - **Pennant Committee Decision.** After lengthy discussion the committee decided on the following:
 - **Divisions A1 – A4** be retained as 16 player Sides
 - **A new Division A5** be created to cater for the influx of new Sides. The committee decided that the new Division be 12 player Sides. This decision was made to enable clubs currently in B Division a gateway to enter Division A but are being held back due to the current promotion criteria. Obviously, this may be a one of opportunity where a greater number of B Division Sides can opt to move to Division A and be subject to the promotion and relegation conditions thereafter. However, under the current Sides structure (Div A1-A4) to be promoted in to Division A4 they will need to accept and then find 16 players.
 - **B Division** be retained as *geographic* and Sides of 12 players

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Nil

Meeting closed: 11.10pm

B Smith
Chairman
Ovens and Murray Bowls region Inc

ANNEXURE B

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PENNANT COMMITTEE

1. This committee shall consist of a maximum of seven (7) members who will be responsible for the conduct of Pennant in the region. The committee's responsibilities are:
 - 1.1. to coordinate the club's pennant sides applications and requests;
 - 1.2. to conduct the draw for the competition immediately entries have closed;
 - 1.3. to prepare a fixture program and circulate Pennant draw for the coming season;
 - 1.4. to advise clubs in writing of the various procedures applicable to the competition for that season, (Toolkit for side managers);
 - 1.5. to arrange the efficient conduct of the Pennant competition;
 - 1.6. to ensure the sides and results are accurately entered to ~~the website~~ **BowlsLink** after each round and confirm ladders for each Division using the appropriate program;
 - 1.7. to clarify any questions of player eligibility upon request by clubs;
 - 1.8. in conjunction with the Greens Committee, allocate greens for the final series; and
 - 1.9. in conjunction with the Umpires committee, consider and make recommendations for necessary changes to the ~~Rules of Competition~~ **Bowls Victoria CoP for Pennant** and send to the Board for ~~ratification~~ **for consideration and action.**
2. Within seven (7) days of any meeting of the Committee, the committee shall send a copy of the minutes and any supporting documentation to the Region Secretary.

PENNANT PROGRAMME DATES 2024-2025

MIDWEEK

Rounds	Date	
1	15-Oct-24	
2	22-Oct-24	
3	29-Oct-24	
4	6-Nov-24	Wednesday
5	12-Nov-24	
6	19-Nov-24	
7	26-Nov-24	
8	3-Dec-24	
9	10-Dec-24	
10	17-Dec-24	
Xmas	24-Dec-24	
Xmas	31-Dec-24	
Xmas	7-Jan-25	
Xmas	14-Jan-25	
11	21-Jan-25	
12	28-Jan-25	
13	4-Feb-25	
14	11-Feb-25	
Elim/Qual	18-Feb-25	
Prelim	25-Feb-25	
Final	4-Mar-25	

WEEKEND

Rounds	Date
1	12-Oct-24
2	19-Oct-24
3	26-Oct-24
4	2-Nov-24
5	9-Nov-24
6	16-Nov-24
7	23-Nov-24
8	30-Nov-24
9	7-Dec-24
10	14-Dec-24
Xmas	21-Dec-24
Xmas	28-Dec-24
Xmas	4-Jan-25
Region Cshp	11-Jan-25
11	18-Jan-25
12	25-Jan-25
13	1-Feb-25
14	8-Feb-25
Elim/Qual	15-Feb-25
Prelim	22-Feb-25
Final	1-Mar-25