

# MINUTES MEN'S SECTION MEETING

Held 7.30 pm TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011

President Jeff Boyle opened meeting at 7.30pm with 36 members present

**Apologies** received from Leo Walsh, Trevor Serafini, Ron Brammer, Jack Buchanan, Ray Hill and Norm Mitchelmore

Minutes last general meeting had been circulated and were accepted on motion Ken Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rodger Bone.

## **Matters Arising**

Coaching.

Ray Phillips and John Wallace set out some options regarding coaching if there is enough interest of a coaching options for 2011-12 using Geoff Maskell from Brighton BC. Would be available at cost of about \$600 a day including travelling with sessions from 10am-2pm

This was discussed and after some discussion and indication from those present showed rather limited interest Ray/John would look further into options and discuss with ladies and report back at a later date.

It was also pointed out that we now have only three Umpires and we need many more to share the load. Doug Machonachie will conduct courses over about 5 weeks at East Shepp on a Wednesday Night later this year. Dates to be advised. Graeme Betts advised that the course is quite interesting and not all theory, relatively simple and passable at first attempt. As umpires on most occasions are simply called on to measure during pennant games he suggested that some may simply be happier doing a measurers course. Secretary to follow this up with Doug Machonachie.

## **Correspondence Inward**

- a. 17<sup>th</sup> May GVBA Final minutes Seymour entry to GVD
- b. Tuesday/Saturday Pennant
- c. Bowls Victoria Bulletins
- d. Clearance – Stan Hester, Brian Larkin
- e. BV – re O'Donnell Clearances
- f. GVBD Meeting agenda Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting
- g. BV Notice of AGM 22<sup>nd</sup> September
- h. BV Price List
- i. Valley Sport Grants Information
- j. Seriprint Quote for Stickers
- k. Elite Scorecards - Offer to print free scorecards
- l. BV re 2011 Affiliations.
- m. GVBD Divisional Draws 1 to 4

## **Correspondence Outwards**

- n. GVD Notifying our 2011-12 Office Bearers
- o. BV re 2011 Board Elections
- p. Kris Ferguson re clearance papers
- q. Seriprint request for quote Bowls Stickers
- r. BV 2011 Affiliations / Clearance applications new members

## **Reports**

### **Greens Report - September 2011**

A list of men who can assist on Friday mornings as helpers is being circulated. I ask that these members can help out on a Friday morning for a couple of hours from 8.30 a.m. If you cannot help on the date allocated, please swap with someone else who is on the roster.

The grass greens are bowling very well, great feedback from visitors & members alike. The shades at the north end of foundation green need to be put up in the next week. Once the frosts are finished, the plants will be put into the pots & placed in the containers at the northern end of clubhouse verandah. John Wallace is overseeing the erection of the new security fencing & should be completed by end of September. John will be allocating keys to all members, to gain access to bowling area & surrounds.

Noel Dobson ( Greens Director)

## **Board**

Ray Phillips advised that the board is settling in well, Fencing the perimeter would start next week under John Wallace's direction. Ron Holland has begun a membership drive (detailed later in meeting). He advised that the Honour system for the use of the lights under cover \$5/hour seems to be working well.

## **Selection**

Chairman Wes advised that selectors had met and picked sides for the practice match against Benalla. Sides may require change if others nominate during the week.

The selectors asked for direction on how members wished teams to be selected in Division 4. He asked if they continue with the way we did it last year i.e. Try to even sides or do they want a stronger/weaker side with a view to trying to be more successful. .

Alan Sutherland suggested we leave the selectors to continue to do as they did last season. He felt they had it right and should make their decisions in the same way.

Ken Allen suggested that we should be trying to win as a club and that means a stronger / weaker option gives more chance of a club flag in this division. Ben O'Donoghue concurred with this view. Rodger Bone spoke strongly in favour of stronger/weaker sides in ALL divisions where possible and suggested that as we have won Div 3 for past three years we should be endeavouring to get an extra Div 2 side that would allow those players to play at a higher level and improve further. Being a weaker side in Div 2 would be better than the strong side in Div 3.

Healthy discussion followed with Ken Allen moving a motion that "Selectors pick a stronger and Weaker side in Division 4" Seconded Ben O'Donoghue. Carried by significant majority 30-6.

Still only a few names down for the Barooga practice match on Sunday week – we need at least 40 players. Travel will be by private car. Leaving at 11 am. Another practice match will be held on Grand Final Day starting at 9am.

It is the view of selectors that they, in conjunction with the green keeper be charged with deciding who plays on which greens to optimise our chance of team success. The team sheets will show which team is on which green to enable practice on that green that week.

Selectors welcome feedback and are happy to answer direct questions. Please do not "back stab" them amongst your mates but come direct to any selector with grievances and they will endeavour to smooth them out. Not everyone will be happy with their selection but selectors have a difficult job in balancing all players/team requirements.

## **Night Pennant**

Jim Broadbent read the following report:-

List have been placed on the notice boards. Please add your name and phone number so that we can contact you with a start date and other information. Our committee will meet shortly to sort out teams and playing dates for the year.

Jim & Bill

## 60 + Over

The 2011/12 season is almost upon us. Our first game will be at East Shepparton on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. Hopefully we will have 5 sides playing on that day. Members wishing to play this season please place your name on the list on the notice board or contact Bill Clark or Jim Broadbent. We need to finalise the draw as soon as possible and there are very few names listed at the moment.

Shepparton Park will be hosts on the second day in October (5<sup>th</sup>) There will be 28 teams playing on that day. If you would like to be a team leader please notify Bill or Jim as there are a few vacancies.

One again games will start at 11am, with lunch provided the same as last year. No drinks on the table – these may be purchased at the bar.

Jim & Bill

## 2x2s

Jeff Boyle thanked Rodger Bone & Laurie Bodycoat and their helpers for the organisation of the winter 2 x 2 program and that David Slingo and he have now taken over for the summer.

He expects full greens most weeks with a house full already for this week. Dress code has been changed to MUFTI and the first Thursday EACH month will be a draw for partners following last year's successful trial as this gave the lesser bowlers some chance to win occasionally.

## Welfare

In John Dempster's absence Brian Hardy advised members that Doug Eddy was a bit low following the deferment of his Knee operation. Leo Pye has had a major operation recently He suggested members give Doug / Leo a call to cheer them up.

## Membership (See general business)

### Sponsorship.

Alan Sutherland reported that our sponsorship is now around \$20000. We need to actively show our support of these sponsors. Lifestyle Villages have recently come on board as a Major Sponsor and a number of members would be showing their support at their official opening on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. When they complete their complex and bowling green we will look to support them in social events.

In addition to tournaments he will invite individual sponsors to present trophies on all sponsored days like 2 x 2's as recognition of their help and to expose them to our members.

Please familiarise yourself with our sponsors and support them whenever possible. At least give them a chance to quote on any job.

## General Business

- a) **New Uniforms** John Davy advised that we have 275 shirts on order of which 124 have been delivered. 55 have been sent for logos and a further 21 will be sent today. All being well he proposes that we will have a distribution day on FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 4pm onwards. He has arranged with Quality Teams 27 Benalla Rd near PO/Callister St corner to embroider names on shirts at \$4.50 each
- b) Confirmation we would have 6 teams in Pennant Teams this year with Div 5 draw due shortly.
- c) **GVD/CGM –Regional/Division Update** First delegates meeting for season held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>. Main points – Anne Feldtman (Dookie) and Ken Shield (Murray Valley) are our VRAG reps to the Bowls Victoria Board. Anne will present OBE's and other official business on behalf of the BV Board in our area.

A training day for Vic Open umpires will be held at Shepp Park at a date to be advised. In all around 80 umpires/measurers/scorers required across all clubs.

Clubs requested more information re Vic Open arrangements asap

GV Opening Day Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> at Mooroopna. Teams to be entered with Maurie Rowlands or Joy O'Donnell.

A move by Stanhope to change rules re skippers holding the scorecards and changing boards was out of order as it is a World Bowls rule and can't be changed at a local / state level. Clubs agreed to take this up with BV for them to begin instigation of possible change. It is important to note that any skipper flouting this rule could cause the TEAM to lose the match. If a skipper is incapacitated he can apply locally for permission to delegate the job but only that side may delegate not all others/opposition unless they have the same problem.

- d) *Membership Drive 2011* – Ron Holland outlined our membership position and emphasised the importance of our need to attract new members if we wish to be viable in future. In summary we currently have 203 full members (127 men & 76 women) and a further 35 social members. In five years 35% of our males and 49% of our ladies are over 80 within 5 years if they are all still with us. Potential to lose as many as 50 members if we don't arrest the decline. With no new ladies we may have as few as 3 pennant sides.  
We will conduct a TRY BOWLS DAY at 1.30pm on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> with the objective of getting 60-80 new people to attend the tryout. Every member needs to invite someone. Our Target for 2011/2012 is 20 new full members  
Stan Hester outlined options tried by his former clubs at Oakleigh and Mornington. The following volunteered to assist with a membership program:- John Mackenzie, Graeme Sinclair, John Davy, Jeff Boyle, Jim Shanahan, Noel Dobson, Rodger Bone and Max Steigenberger.
- e) **Umpires Training/Rule Books** Club should order new rule books and training manuals.  
Secretary to action.
- f) A proposal to the board to purchase a Defibulator has been received positively and the Board Secretary is finalising Proposal/Training details with a view to purchasing one. We need to have members prepared to train in its use. This is a simple procedure and requires a simple training session.
- g) Don Dickinson suggested the club might provide/subsidise buses for some away pennant games. There was opinion for and against and it was decided to look further into the matter and reappraise it at a later date.
- h) Noel Dobson advised that women who wish to play on Saturdays would be picked on merit as unlike the women we could not restrict them.
- i) Ray Phillips asked that we find helpers to organise Friday night Happy hour raffles etc. Ray Hill to advise social program for coming year and in particular monthly event planning. Need to book ahead for Christmas function.
- j) **Vic Open Update.** John Wallace advised that BV will meet shortly with event organisers to outline requirements to clubs. Entries are strong with Men's singles full (128 teams), Pairs 3 spots left from 128 Triples 1 team left (64) whilst Women had entries 124/128 in singles, 76/128 pairs and full field in Triples (64 teams)  
Matches from 20<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> Nov starting 8.30 am each day. We will need markers, Score Board Attendants, Umpires, Catering/Bar/Cleaning helpers. Unlike Aust Open No meals/event shirts will be provided for helpers.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

**Ron Holland Hon Sec**