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MINUTES GENERAL MEETING HELD THURSDAY 28th JANUARY 2010

President Laurie opened meeting at 7.30 pm with 28 members present. Apologies were received from Jim Shanahan, Lloyd Mawson, Leo Walsh, Wes Gibbs, John King & Max Stiegenberger. These were received on motion Noel Dobson 2nd Ray Phillips

Minutes of previous meeting as circulated were read and received on motion Alan Sutherland 2nd Frank Winter

Correspondence inwards

- a. Quote from Peter Sawyer Henselite for Coaching Bowls
- b. Valley Sport re grants update
- c. GVBA assorted draws for State Events Triples (20th Dec) Pairs, Champion of Champions.
- d. RVBA - Tim Cleaveland Resignation
- e. RVBA - 40/40 Twilight Bowls
- f. GVBA - RVBA Goodwill tour Feb 21st -26th Itinerary
- g. RVBA - Ray Hill Clearance
- h. RVBA re liquor licence hardship applications
- i. RVBA - 40/40 posters
- j. GVBA - re Ian Russell Coaching Panel
- k. Bowls Victoria Update

a. 6. Correspondence Outwards

- a. Vichealth Grant Application for Coaching Bowls
- b. Letter to COGS re Noel Dumnesy Insurance Claim

Matters arising

Moved Noel Dobson 2nd Ray Phillips that letter to/from COGS be referred to the Board CARRIED

REPORTS

GREENS Noel Dobson. Problems with all greens due to hot weather has forced more watering than usual – Rose and Foundation Greens will be flooded over next week. AO Volunteers have been given rosters. TV Rink has been marked out and hedges to be trimmed next week.

MATCH COMMITTEE Leigh Pomeroy

Leigh expressed disappointment with number of members responding to become umpires. Numbers not in line with the size of our club. He also commented that the response to our coaching sessions was not as expected and probably only 25% of members have availed themselves of Geoff's coaching. Numbers better over past few weeks but still too few. During the Australian Open members should arrange practice themselves with greens available at Shepp Golf, Tallygaroopna, and East Shepparton.

President Laurie outlined Geoff Sutcliffes Coaching plan leading into finals and urged members to attend. He asked for feedback on the coach and following a suggestion by Graeme Sinclair the secretary would prepare a slip for members to complete. These evaluation slips would be distributed by skippers next week and should be returned to Laurie/Ron by team managers on completion.

Mixed Pairs are now at semi-final stage and remaining events 21 up, 100 up, Drawn Pairs and Mens Triples draw will be completed next week. Entries closed Saturday 30th. Note – all entrants are advised that the dates by which games must be completed will be enforced to ensure all games are complete before presentation night.

SOCIAL Ken Allen

Next Chicken Night is 29th Jan. Tickets at \$25 are available for the Welcome function at Emerald Bank for the Aust Open and Ken urged members to book asap. Tickets available from Ken Allen, Marg & John Davey, Margot Dobson and KC Bowls.

SELECTORS Vince Page

Vince gave an extensive report on the position of all teams and indicated that the top three divisions were all well in contention. It was important that all took advantage of the coaching opportunities as even 2-3% improvement could give us greater success. He also reminded all members that any concerns with selection should be made directly with selectors who were always looking for constructive help.

60 & OVER NIGHT PENNANT Bill Clarke/Jim Broadbent

60 & over continuing successfully and changes to start times, and no drinks on tables has been accepted by most and has made things easier for all. Two teams entered against North East at Wangaratta on 22nd Feb. Bill thanked greens, bar & kitchen staff for their help in making this event successful each time.

Night pennant running smoothly and has become easier with the return to single night on Wednesdays. Competition is keen and all seem to be enjoying their matches. He thanked Jim Shanahan for his assistance in setting things up on the computer over recent weeks and all others who jump in and help as required.

HOUSE & MAINTAINENCE Bob Smith

Door keepers have been fitted on all entrance doors and extensions to shade cover between Rose/Members will be completed on 1st Feb. Clean up day on Friday 5th in preparation for the OPEN. Further tests on the floor levels will continue after the Open

WELFARE Brian Hardy

Brian thank members for their support in keeping him informed of any health/other issues so that the club can give support and he can follow up. He updated those present on the condition of several members and asked that all show the continued support

PROTECTION OFFICER Ken Allen

Ken stated that no one needed his protection at present and he hoped that would remain the case.

SPONSORSHIP Alan Sutherland.

Allan confirmed the Coles sponsorship appears to be going well, but urged any member who could not use the vouchers to pass them on to others or return them to him for re-distribution. New Coles signage reflecting this sponsorship will be erected this week.

GVBA /RVBA Laurie Fagan

President Laurie congratulated Finalists in the Open Singles, B Grade Singles and Pairs and urged all members in pennant sides to continue their efforts in the approaching finals. We had an excellent "Skins" tournament with bowlers from 10 visiting clubs and three greens filled – an enjoyable day for all.

A motion that Reports were received was carried on the motion of Roger Bone 2nd Alvy Rodda.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. AUSTRALIAN OPEN Bob Smith

Bob gave an update on preparations and advised that we hand over to Bowls Australia on Monday 7th. BA will be in control but will need help to set up scoreboards, greens etc. Members urged to make themselves available in the lead-up to the Open. There will be a session for Umpires and markers at 11 on Sunday 31st and an information session for all volunteers will follow at approx 1 pm.

2. President outlined the position since the recent positive unification vote and indicated there would be little day to day change to most bowlers this year. There are changes to administrative details at both state and regional levels and these would have some impact at a later date. Discussion was held on the future and several members expressed a need for some change to present arrangements. It was agreed that a sub-committee consisting of Noel Dobson, Ron Holland, Laurie Fagan, Pam McGurgan, Ellen Cameron and Shirley Sinclair hold informal discussions with GVBA/GVLBA executive members to try and establish a framework for some possible changes which might then be presented to members for consideration. It is important to do this in a rational way to help us all move forward.