



Yarra Bowls Region Inc

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Incorporating Alphington, Ashburton, Auburn, Bundoora RSL, Burwood District, Camberwell Central, City Of Heidelberg, Darebin City, Diamond Creek, Doncaster, Donvale, East Ivanhoe, Eltham, Fairfield, Greensborough, Greythorn, Hawthorn, Heidelberg Golf, Hurstbridge, Ivanhoe, MCC, Montmorency, North Balwyn, Richmond Union, Rosanna, Templestowe & Yarra Valley Country Club bowls clubs

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Minutes

Meeting held at Yarra Valley Country Club at 7.30 pm 14/11/2017

- 1) Welcome / phones off or set to silent
- 2) Notice of meeting
 - a) Originally listed in AGM minutes as 13/11/2017
 - b) Email to clubs / delegates 8/11/2017 advising new date 14/11/2017
- 3) Attendees
 - a) 14 clubs in attendance
 - i) suspect lower number of attendees due to
 - (1) the move to Tuesday night as the venue had been double booked for the Monday
 - (2) potential impact of night pennant
- 4) Apologies
 - a) M Norton (Ivanhoe), S Bartel (Auburn), M Perry(Alphington), R Boffey (City Of Heidelberg), G Down(Fairfield), L Mejean (MCC), G Howard (Donvale)
- 5) Minutes
 - a) AGM held on 4/9/2017 – where club presidents, CCOs / Secretaries, and delegates were all invited.
 - b) Minutes of all meetings posted to our website after approval at subsequent director's meetings
- 6) Presentation
 - a) Elaine Owens then spoke about the efforts of Lorraine Burton, including her service as Secretary at Hurstbridge, President and Secretary of VLBA Group 14, steering committee member with the formation of the Yarra Bowls Region, and then service as President and Vice President of the Yarra Bowls Region
 - b) Beth Chittenden then presented Lorraine with a certificate of appreciation for her efforts.
- 7) Finance
 - a) All region levies received
 - b) Only 4 or 5 clubs still using cheques which is a nuisance with bank deposits



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- c) Clubs will receive invoices relating to their members entry fees for the various Region events
 - d) This season the executive decided to purchase medallions for the winners / runners up in region events
 - e) Our State Triples Champions (S Feguson (Donvale) T Doolan (MCC) and M Gibson (Bundoora RSL) will contest the Australian Championships in the ladies triples competition played in late November at Merimbula. The region has provided some financial assistance for each of the players. This assistance occurs where players are required represent our region in country / interstate locations over multiple days
- 8) Other Business
- a) Directors positions
 - i) Louise Mejean (MCC) takes up a casual vacancy
 - ii) Barry Ferguson is now identified with Croydon (Eastern Ranges) and has maintained full membership at Donvale. At the last directors meeting it was confirmed that Barry will continue as a director, while relinquishing some facets of his portfolio.
 - b) Region events
 - i) Under 25 singles (M&F), Over 60 singles / Pairs (M&F), Men's novice Pairs (F) completed. Note an ineligible player won a section for the men's novice. That section was then awarded to the winner of the only live match in the section
 - ii) Men's pairs continuing – semi-final & final 26/11 @ Alphington
 - iii) Novice (F) was completed but due to an ineligible player is to resume from first instance where the ineligible player impacted on the competition. Some players may be a novice due to time in the game but eligibility is based on date of first affiliation.
 - iv) State over 60 singles – runner up Terry Bain (Diamond Creek)
 - v) Men's & ladies fours started last night
 - (1) Men's quarter finals 27/11 @ Greensborough
 - (2) Men's and Women's semi-finals 4/12
 - (3) Men's and Women's final 6/12
 - (4) Barry mentioned that there were a number of "upsets" last night with Richmond Union and Rosanna teams defeating higher credentialed opponents. This should encourage greater participation
 - c) Yarra Region - Volunteer of the year
 - i) Congratulations to Jennifer Morley (Burwood District)
 - ii) Other nominations
 - (1) Des Powell (Donvale) & David Ewing (Greensborough)
 - iii) Club should consider their member's efforts as this award represents successful achievements in the current bowls season. Greensborough and Donvale regularly nominate volunteers, whereas many clubs have not put forward submissions
 - d) Umpires
 - i) Markers course 25/10/2017

- ii) Measurer's course 1/11/2017
 - iii) Umpire's course 8/11/2017
 - iv) Reaccreditations 15/10/2017
 - v) Umpires seminar held on 5/11/2017
 - vi) Thanks to John Roberts and his assistance for completing their program
- e) Greens inspections
 - i) Clubs notified prior to inspections. The purpose of the greens inspection is to satisfy the fit for pennant scenario.
 - ii) Regions asked to advise BV of the greens suitable for finals. Such advice is require late January 2018
- f) Consumer Affairs Victoria
 - i) Annual statement submitted
- g) Insurance renewed – general liability, professional indemnity, management liability and voluntary workers insurance
- h) Bowls Vic Regional Reps
 - i) Three meeting per year – no advance notice for the last one in September
 - ii) Reports sent to Bowls Vic on our operations
- i) Yarra Vipers
 - i) Folded
 - ii) A special meeting was scheduled for 8/10/2017 and only 1 attended
 - (1) One player referred to Eastern Ranges
 - (2) Another player transferred to Kingsbury
 - (3) Initially 24 development squads and last count was down to 11
- j) MCC – MCC-Kew
 - i) Merger of memberships
- k) Bowls Vic participation options
 - i) New triples based competition
 - ii) Reduction in pennant 4s schedule
 - iii) Increase participation, options
- l) Yarra Pathway program
 - i) Ladies in February and Men in March. Both at Doncaster
- m) Meeting closed 8:10 pm

