**TERANG BOWLING CLUB.**

**Minutes of the AGM held on Sunday 16th May 2021 .**

**Open:** 4:02pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Barry Stonehouse (President), John Gherashe (Secretary), Bob Francis (Treasurer), Alec Bell, Maureen Bond, Ray Bond, Erle Dakin, Ken Densley, Graeme Downie, Jean Fidge, Bev Fleming, David Forrester, Jack Fowler, Jenny Fowler, Filumena Gherashe, Jamie Heffernan, Terry Heffernan, Darren Henriksen, Dulcie Jervies, Betty Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Susan Keane, Brian Kenna, Christine Kenna, Helen Kenna, Andrew Lackie, Thelma Lackie, Kevin Lee, Heather Lynam, Merv Lynam, Jenny Meade, Ron Mills, John Milroy, Claire Pearson, Ros Ross, Margaret Sumner, Peter Thompson, Noel Ubergang, Fred Whiting.

**Apologies:** Graham Arkinstall, Terry Fidge, Jill Fraser, Pat Glennen, John Keane, Dianne Meade, Gavan Moloney.

**Minutes of 2020 AGM be received.** Moved: Graeme Downie Seconded: David Forrester **CARRIED.**

**Presidents report: Barry Stonehouse.**

Well this year was a challenging year with COVID but we all got through the year unscathed and thank you to the team that stuck to the protocols ie sanitizers QR code.

The cleaning of the clubhouse a special mention to Jack and Jenny Fowler and a special mention to Jenny Meade for her tireless cleaning over the years.

Congratulate to the division 3 teams who made the grand final in midweek and weekend unfortunately didn’t win but did the club proud with a lot of supporters there urging them on. The ladies representing the WDBD: Jean, Claire, Helen, Bev and the 2 Jenny’s .

Club championship winners John and Helen A grade and Kennedy and Dulcie the B grade. Congratulations also to 100 up 21 up winners and the pairs Ron and Temp & Gwen and Diane. Huge congratulations to Margaret Sumner in being inducted into the Victoria hall of fame: very well deserved. Dulcie in being awarded her super senior badge. Like to thank all our sponsors for their support during the year which we couldn’t survive without. To the committees of the corporate cup, match, greens & selectors, a fantastic job, well done. Ros, the ladies chair, and her committee, thank you very much for your support. As we are aware Bob Francis was awarded life membership and I couldn’t think of a more deserving winner and thanks so much Bob for your support We are going to miss you. Being my first year we have been very busy in the background with the barbecue development & new greens? Also uniforms and the clubhouse so there is still much work to do so we need all members to jump on board to make our club even better. Jean and her catering team a huge thank you on the tireless work you guys do and our club is indebted to you girls. John our secretary and Graeme my Vice President and Bob the treasurer: people don’t realise the work you guys do but I do so thank you very much and for all the support I have received from you all in my first year as president.

Presidents report be received. Moved: Darren Henriksen Seconded: Heather Lynam **CARRIED.**

**Treasurers report: Bob Francis.** (Attached in minutes book.)

Audited by Nigel Bruckner of Silvan Ridge Financial Services.

Noel Ubergang asked about the availability of the term deposits. Bob Francis responded one has been reinvested for 7 months and that the other is in a 12 month term deposit. Both can be accessed upon request. Even though the interest rates are very low we still earn about $1000 p.a. in interest. Bob added a thank you to all the money collectors and stressed the value of putting information in the cash envelopes to identify the cash collected. Bob also asked that when paying your subs on-line, please include name or initials so that the source can be correctly identified. Barry Stonehouse again thanked Bob for his years of dedicated work.

Treasurers report be received. Moved: Bob Francis Seconded: Jenny Fowler **CARRIED.**

**Committee members written reports:** (Optional)

* **Ladies Chair report: Ros Ross.** This year saw a different format for pennant, due to Covid 19 restrictions. Midweek and Saturday, Division 1 and 2 playing in afternoon and all other divisions playing in the morning, and all divisions playing 21 ends. The format allowed us to complete a season and thanks to all members who participated. We congratulate our Division 3 Red team on making the Grand Final, however it wasn’t their day and they went down to Dennington. In March, we had seven players, Helen Kenna, Jenny Fowler, Jean Fidge, Jenny Meade, Bev Fleming, Clare Pearson and Ros Ross represent the WDBD in the Inter-division event held in Colac. Western lost to Far Western by 3 shots. Congratulations to our 2020-2021 Club Championship winners, A Grade Helen Kenna, runner up Bev Fleming, B Grade Dulcie Jervies, runner up Jill Fraser, Pairs Gwen Lock and Dianne Meade, runners up Helen Kenna and Jill Fraser, 100 up Bev Fleming, runner up Christine Kenna and 21 up Jenny Fowler, runner up Jill Fraser. Thank you to Jean Fidge and her catering team, who had to work within COVID regulations, which often meant being creative. Thanks to the selectors on a job well done and to our press correspondent, Susan Keane, for her weekly reports to The Express. Also thanks to the Match Committee, who had to make the difficult decision to cancel the Margaret Sumner Invitational Fours, due to extreme heat. Well done to the Greens Committee, led by Darren Henriksen, who have worked tirelessly to provide us with very good playing surfaces throughout the year and attractive surroundings. Congratulations to Margaret Sumner on her induction into Bowls Victoria’s Hall of Fame in May, our humble champion and dedicated club member.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

* **Mens Match Report: Dan Morrison.** Club results for the 2020/21 season.

Mens: ‘A’ grade John Gherashe. Runner up Ron Mills.

‘B’ grade Ken Densley. Runner up Jack Passe.

Pairs Ron Mills & Peter Templeton. Runners up Terry Heffernan & David Forrester.

100 up Jack Fowler. Runner up Jamie Heffernan.

21 up Jack Fowler. Runner up Brian Kenna.

* **Ladies Match Report: Helen Kenna.** Despite COVID restrictions, we managed to get most club events completed this year. An exception to this was the Marg Sumner Invitation 4s which was scheduled for mid February which proved difficult because of a predicted hot weather day as well. Hopefully next year we can run this popular event. Congratulations to Marg on being inaugurated into the Bowls Vic Hall of Fame last week- a long overdue accolade.

Club events for this season produced the following results:

- A Grade won by Helen Kenna- Bev Fleming Runner up.

- B Grade won by Dulcie Jervies- Jill Fraser Runner up.

- 100 up won by Bev Fleming with Christine Kenna Runner up.

- 21 up won by Jenny Fowler from Jill Fraser.

- Pairs was won by Diane Meade/ Gwen Lock with Jill Fraser/ Helen Kenna Runners up.

Congratulations to all Ladies for their participation this season.

* **Catering Report: Jean Fidge.** Due to COVID our catering has not been normal and so Margaret Sumner day in February was cancelled, the 6 weeks of corporate cup was catered slightly different but seemed to be a success. The Australia Day Kevin Lee fours in January was also catered slightly different to fit in with Covid guidelines but was a success. Triples cheese and biscuits was also biscuits wrapped individually also cheese individual serves. Thank you to all the helpers that made all these days a success through a trying year.
* John Gherashe commented that the **Greens Committee** would need additional helpers due to Bob Francis’s imminent departure. Darren Henriksen added that he would like at least 3 more helpers.

Committee reports be received. Moved: John Milroy Seconded: Dulcie Jervies **CARRIED.**

**Filling of the Committee positions:**

* (Note: Prior to the filling of committee positions an item from the ‘Items from previous committee for members to vote upon’ needs to be bought forward as it will impact the structure of the committee if passed.)

The committee accepted a motion on the 18th April 2021 to put to the AGM a restructuring of the committee. This restructure will: 1/. Streamline the committee from 15 members to 12 members and have the power to co-opt addition committee members for ‘specialized/specific’ duties.

2/. Add some extra positions whilst eliminating or moving some existing positions to sub-committees. (See following table.)

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| Current positions. | Proposed positions. |
| President (executive) | President (executive) – [gender equity] |
| Senior Vice-president | Vice-President (executive) - [gender equity] |
| Junior Vice-president | Secretary (executive) |
| Secretary (executive) | Assistant Secretary |
| Treasurer (executive) | Treasurer |
| Immediate Past President | Assistant Treasurer |
| Ladies Chairperson | Greens Director |
| Greens Director | Match Chairperson |
| Mens Match Chairperson | Catering Chairperson |
| Ladies Match Chairperson | Selectors Chairperson \*(see ‘G.B.’ motion.) |
| Catering Chairperson | Terang Club rep. & function manager\* |
| Additional position #1 | Region/District Delegate \* |
| Additional position #2 |  |
| Additional position #3 |  |
| Additional position #4 |  |
| To be 15 members | To be 12 members |
|  | Note: Power to set up sub-committees and to co-opt members with General Committees approval. *John Gherashe explained.* |

Kevin Lee asked about the lack of a Past President and Junior Vice President position. Barry Stonehouse responded that the President & Vice President positions would be gender equal due to unity and that the past president would be able to nominate for any committee positions, and that he/she would always be contactable to assist/clarify as needed. Noel Ubergang, Kevin Johnson & John Gherashe added similar. It was also noted that the proposed Selectors Chair, Terang Club representative/s & Region Delegate/s positions were dependant, in detail, upon forthcoming decisions.

A vote was put, under a motion from Ron Mills, 2nd Noel Ubergang, to adopt the proposed revised positions. **CARRIED.**

Ron Mills, as a Past President, took the chair to undertake the instalment of a new President.

Barry Stonehouse was nominated by Erle Dakin, 2nd Peter Thompson, and as the only nominee, was declared as our President.

**Voting** on the remaining 11 committee positions was undertaken. (Successful canditates only listed below.)

**Position. Candidate.** Mover. Seconder.

**President Barry Stonehouse** (see above) (see above)

**Vice President Ros Ross** Barry Stonehouse Jenny Fowler

**Secretary John Gherashe** Barry Stonehouse Jenny Fowler

(The above 3 positions forming ‘the executive’.)

**Assistant Secretary Graeme Downie** John Gherashe Ron Mills

**Treasurer Erle Dakin** Bob Francis Noel Ubergang

**Assistant Treasurer Susan Keane** John Gherashe Dulcie Jervies

**Greens Director Darren Henriksen** Ron Mills David Forrester

**Match Chair Helen Kenna** John Gherashe Jamie Heffernan

**Catering Chair Jean Fidge** Barry Stonehouse Kevin Johnson

**Selectors Chair \*1 Jamie Heffernan** Kevin Johnson Noel Ubergang

**Terang Club Rep.\*2 Noel Ubergang** Barry Stonehouse Ron Mills

**Region delegate \*3 Ron Mills** Barry Stonehouse Helen Kenna

With the required number of 12 individuals, the new committee was declared complete.

[Note: \*1. This position was declared following discussion as ‘detailed’ below.

\*2. The duties remain uncertain at this stage. (Fred Whiting was applauded for his many years of active service.)

\*3. The number & duties remain uncertain at the stage.

**Filling of other positions:**

Press Correspondent/s: David Forrester & Susan Keane. (Andrew Taylor was thanked for his past work.)

Flowers: It was decided that this position doesn’t need filling as “all the ladies help with this.”

Selectors: (Note: Prior to the filling of selectors positions an item from the ‘Items from previous committee for members to vote upon’ needed to be bought forward as it will impact the structure of this committee if passed.)

The committee accepted a motion on the 18th April 2021 to put to the AGM a restructuring of this committee to be: 1 committee for Saturday & Weekday pennant made up of 2 Men, 2 Women and a Chairperson.

An extensive discussion took place on this proposal with many members commenting: Bev Fleming, Noel Ubergang, Susan Keane, Barry Stonehouse, David Forrester, Helen Kenna, Jamie Heffernan. A motion was then put by Bev Fleming, 2nd Susan Keane, to retain 2 selection committees: one for Weekend & one for weekday pennant. This motion was defeated on a 6 ‘for’ & 10 ‘against’ show of hands. The former General Committees proposal was then put and was **CARRIED** on a 17 ‘for’ & 6 ‘against’ vote.

Voting was then undertaken to fill this committee: (Successful nominees only shown below.)

**Chair: Jamie Heffernan** (Moved Kevin Johnson, 2nd Noel Ubergang.)

**Womens #1: Jenny Fowler** (Graeme Downie/Jean Fidge)

**Womens #2: Not filled.** Dianne Meade to be approached.

**Mens #1: Darren Henriksen** (David Forrester/Ron Mills)

**Mens #2: John Gherashe** (Barry Stonehouse/Jack Fowler)

David Forrester asked if selectors would select on merit. Graeme Downie pointed out that the ‘duties & policy statements’ allows no gender bias.

David also pointed out that late pull outs and discention made the selectors job difficult.

**Vote** on Over 60’s Selectors (3): (Successful nominees only shown below.)

**Noel Ubergang, Merv Lynam. The 3rd positon unfilled.** Graham Arkinstall to be approached.

Noel Ubergang advised us that there is a meeting scheduled on 31st May to discuss playing day & other issues.

**General Business:**

* **In-perpetuum items:**

1. Appointment of 2021/22 Auditor: Retain Nigel Bruckner of Silvan Ridge.

Moved: Jamie Heffernan Seconded: Kevin Lee **CARRIED.**

1. Cheque signatures: (*2 of 3*) President Barry, Secretary John, Treasurer Erle.

Internet banking verification: Treasurer Erle & Ron Mills. **AGREED.**

1. Fees for the 2021/22 season: (*Currently*: *playing membership $145, non-playing membership $90, New bowlers $90)* [Bowls Vic $63, ‘WDBD’ $?, Terang Club $40]

“To remain the same.” Moved: Noel Ubergang Seconded: Ron Mills **CARRIED.**

David Forrester asked if Bowls Vic had altered their fee. John Gherashe answered Yes. It has risen. They now have a fee scale based on membership numbers with tiny clubs paying less per member & large clubs paying more per member. We fit in the middle with 88 members: Increased from $52:50 to $63 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (Members not happy.)

1. Travelling donation for the 2021/22 season: *(Currently $5)*

“To remain the same.” Moved: Darren Henriksen Seconded: Jenny Fowler **CARRIED.**

* **Business arising from the minutes of the 2020 AGM:**

1. Barry: Progress of the BBQ development project. – Ken Densley doing a lot of the ‘leg-work’. We will purchase a 9m x 6m shed with veranda for about $7,500 from the Terang Co-Op. Shaun Moloney will do the concrete slab work for about $8,000. Members will construct the shed. Fitting out will be determined later. We are budgeting for around $20,000. We have some sponsors and are seeking more.

* **Items from previous committee meetings for members to vote upon:**

1. General Committee restructure. (Addressed above)
2. Selectors committee restructure. (Addressed above)
3. BBQ area redevelopment. (see above)
4. Sub-committee - Uniform redevelopment. – A long discussion was held on this proposal. Barry, Dulcie, Susan, Christine, John G, Jenny F, Erle, Ken, Bev, Margaret, Thommo, Kevin J, Terry H, Ray & Maureen all spoke on the issue. In order to see whether we wanted to change our uniform Bev Fleming moved, 2nd Alec Bell, “Do we really want this change?” Vote: 16 yes, 12 no. **Redevelop uniform CARRIED.**

The sub-committee then asked for a show of hands as to which of the 3 recommendations was preferred, noting that shades of the blue colouring could be ‘tweaked’ & presented to the next General Committee meeting for a final preference decision. This would then be taken to the supplier for discussion and general selection of ‘other’ uniform pieces. Voting: Design with red ‘lightning’ flashes across belly: 13.

Design with 4 red arcs on front: 4.

Design with red slash at top & vertical lines on right breast: 1.

1. From item 4 – Subsidized cost.
2. Barry - Bankers. – We would like to reintroduce the ‘bankers’ concept where players not selected or unable to play pennant, can play ‘along side’ the pennant players against/with each other. **AGREED.**

* **Items for members to be aware of:**
  + Updating of ‘duties and procedure statements’ are continuing. Members need to be aware of these as the committee will enforce these when needed.
  + We need 20 people to attend a RSA course to be held at our clubrooms, date TBA, cost $55 each which we will pay for bowls members. Also, the Corangamite Shire is running some RSA courses in Camperdown at $0.
  + We are negotiating with the Terang Club and Golf & Croquet sections to have a ‘better’ return of profits received to the relevant sporting section, whilst retaining the Terang Club as our ‘parent’ body and ensuring the viability of the 3 sporting sections.
  + We are finding that we get a better response from prospective sponsors if a member who is a customer asks them if they are interested in sponsoring us.
  + We would like to develop a members social bowls day/evening and extend community bowls i.e. barefoot bowls, service groups, a mini Corporate Cup etc.
  + We would like to have a coaching evening as pennant practice.
  + The WDBD will soon be defunct. The Region will take over and is in the process of forming a committee. They propose to have 2 members from each of the former 3 divisions (CBD, WDBD & FWBD) plus a chairperson. We believe they should introduce a 4th ‘playing’ area, thus 2 more members.
* **Items from the floor:** 
  + Graeme: Greens replacement. From the 2 quotes that we have received, we can see that all the ‘Greens replacement savings’ would be used up on replacing 1 green. After consultation with the shire & Dan Teahn, we believe that we have an opportunity to get a $ for $ grant in one of the two next rounds. But if we spend the money now we won’t have $ for $. So we propose to delay the replacing of the greens for another year or 2. Noel Ubergang moved, Merv Lynam 2nd,“that we delay the replacement of the green/s.”

**CARRIED.**

* + John: Dunkeld BC. Dunkeld BC has recently asked for ALL their club to be included in the WDBD for next season. But, as pointed out by Dennington BC, the WDBD constitution does not allow membership from clubs outside the divisional boundaries. (So how did they get in last year!!!!) However, by next season, there will be no WDBD as the Region will take over. So do we want our delegates to vote to let them into our ‘playing group’ if the matter arises at a Region GM? Maybe this is an opportunity for us to push for a 4th playing area now rather than in 2 years after a ‘moritorium’. Jamie Heffernan moved, Barry Stonehouse 2nd, “that our preference is that if Dunkeld BC wish to be part of our division/playing area that they only be allowed to do so if **ALL** of their club enter, not just one team.” **CARRIED.**
  + Fred Whiting gave an emotional account of all the Terang Club does for the sporting sections. He outlined that our fees, the bar and sponsorship covers the $16,000 expenses incurred ‘each’ year and that recently improvements and developments have totalled about $60,000. He also added that ‘dividends’ were handed to the sporting sections when allowed and they were considering a more ‘input’ based distribution scheme. Fred was again thanked and applauded for his many years of exemplary work towards the Bowling section and the Terang Club.

**Meeting closed at 5:55pm**

**Next meeting will be the GM to be held on Sunday June 20th 2021 at 4pm.**