



NORTH GIPPSLAND BOWLS DIVISION Inc.

Reg No A0056188E

President: Deirdre Relph

Secretary: Jeff Amos

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Minutes for General Meeting of Delegates held at West Sale Bowls Club
on Monday, 24th February, 2020, commencing at 10.01am.

1. President Deirdre opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
2. Present: Deirdre Relph (President), Shane Higgins (Vice President), Jeff Amos (Secretary/Treasurer), Marj Menner (NGBD Board Member), Merrilynne & John Hayes (Golden/Paradise Beach), Chris Sherrin & Peter Leslie (Heyfield), Jenny & Robin Blair (Loch Sport), Shirley Thomas & Graeme Hemming (Maffra), Albert Hunter (Rosedale), Keren Blake & Alby Hallas (Sale), Des Phillips (Stratford), Rhonda Cook & John McBay (West Sale), Chris Banik & Rhonda Young (Yarram), Jeff Wheaton (Saturday Pennant Competition Committee), Kaye Melrose (Midweek Pennant Competition Committee), Peter Standfield (Laws & Umpires Committee), Jan Morton (Coaching Committee & Website), and observers Nev Irish (Rosedale) & Frank Stake (West Sale).
3. Apologies –Kerry Cartledge (Stratford), Allan Watts (Yarram).
Moved Sale/Maffra that apologies be accepted. Carried.
4. Moved West Sale/Stratford that the minutes of General Meeting of Delegates held at West Sale BC on Monday 25th November 2019 be received.
5. Business Arising from Minutes - Nil
6. Moved West Sale/Stratford that the minutes of the General Meeting of Delegates held on Monday 25th November 2019 be adopted. Carried.
7. Correspondence Inwards:
For Consideration – nil
For information – as per filed copies.
Correspondence Outwards: as per filed copies.
8. **President's Report:**
Congratulations to all NGBD players who participated so well in the Region State Titles at Bairnsdale.
The Pennant Finals in both Competitions are now down to the grand finals. Good luck to all participating clubs.
Moved Yarram/Maffra that the President's report be received. – Carried
9. **Treasurer's Financial Report:**
(Balance sheet attached)

We are currently in a healthy financial position. We purchased extra ladies shirts for the Division side due to a lack of some sizes. The unpresented cheque was to pay for premiership medallions and shields. It was posted to Sale on Thursday.

Moved Treasurer/ that the Treasurer's report be received and adopted. – Carried.

10. **Committee Reports:**

(a) Midweek Pennant Competition Committee – Kaye Melrose (attached)

(b) Saturday Pennant Competition Committee – Jeff Wheaton (attached)

(c) Saturday Pennant Selection Committee – Jeff Amos for selectors.

Thanks to Matt Higgins, Ian Johns & dennis O'Keefe for acting as selectors this year.

Our interleague side played well against East but went down narrowly. Six players from North have been selected in the Region side to play in Shepparton early April.

(d) Midweek Pennant Selection Committee – Marj Menner.

The Annual Region Challenge Match, played in very wet conditions at Bairnsdale, was won by East this year. Players from North Gippsland named in the Region side are Jan Morton, Marg Sceney, Pam Carter, Gail McKenzie and Julie Simic.

The Region Sides Championship will be held at Shepparton this year, on April 3rd, 4th & 5th.

Thank you to my fellow selectors for their input.

(e) Greens Committee – Des Phillips

I was requested to inspect the Rosedale green prior to the finals. Whilst rain affected, it ran true and was passed as suitable for the finals. Heyfield greens were inspected last week prior to the preliminary and grand finals. The greens were good but the grass was suffering from recent heavy rain. Both greens were timed. The grass was timed at 12 secs but was expected to run at least 13secs after a couple of days to dry out. This later proved to be the case.

Congratulations to both clubs on the work they put in to getting their greens to a good standard. Yarram green will host Saturday's Final and has been running very well, so it is not proposed to inspect it.

(f) Laws & Umpires Committee – Peter Standfield (attached)

(g) Coaching Committee – Jan Morton (attached)

(h) Fundraising Committee – Jeff Amos

Very little to report at this time of year. I have proceeds from some raffles to bank and one company to chase over a small sponsorship amount still owing.

(i) Publicity – Press: (Jeff Amos) good coverage for the West Sale 3-day event held recently. Clubs need to continue to send articles to the Gippsland Times.

The Yarram Standard continues to put notes in.

Radio: (Jeff Amos) since Kevin Hogan passed away ABC Radio has virtually abandoned its sports segment.

Website: Jan Morton (attached)

Moved Rosedale/West Sale that we receive all committee reports. Carried.

11. **General Business:**

(i) Super Veteran's Day - A new date has been selected. A flyer will be sent to all Club Secretaries.

Rough copy available for delegates today.

- (ii) Presentation Day has been swapped due to several clashes. The new date will be sent to clubs along with a flyer for the day (copy of flyer available for delegates today).
- (iii) AGM is on 18 May. Nomination Forms for Division positions are in the envelope handed to delegates today.
- (iv) Stratford delegate – Saturday Pennant Round 13 was cancelled by the Competition Committee due to the hazardous air quality and expected high temperatures. Whilst this was understandable taking into account a duty of care, did the committee have the power to cancel the round under our present rules?
- (v) Loch Sport – the new green at Loch Sport has been installed. The Handover from manufacturers (Berry Bowling Surfaces) was held last week. This has seen a big improvement in the conditions at the club. We also expect the green to improve further once it has settled down.
- (vi) Heyfield – synthetic green. The Heyfield Club was not happy with the state of some sections of the synthetic green. Tiger Turf will be returning on March 11 to lift the entire carpet. Once this has been done the surface underneath will be repaired, levelled and new bonding material added. Further levels to be taken prior to the return of the carpet.
- (vii) Bowls Victoria – the Division Secretary made contact with the new Region Manager in an effort to get him to attend today's meeting. These negotiations however, recently fell through. The Manager (James Whitehead) is expected at Yarram later tomorrow.
- (viii) Division Secretary is meeting with Bowls Victoria next week to find out about progress etc on Region / Division boundaries.
- (ix) Golden Beach President's Day will be held on March 4. Please consider sending a team to help the club with their event.

12. Next Meeting:

The next General Meeting of Delegates will be held on Monday 18th May 2020 at West Sale Bowls Club, commencing straight after the AGM.

13. Meeting closed by President at 11:02am after thanking delegates for their attendance & input to the meeting.

Period
15/11/2019 to
21/2/2020

General A/C**Opening
Balance**

\$23,946.48

Receipts

Affiliation Fees	\$0.00
Advertising	\$250.00
Sponsorship	\$0.00
Program Book Sales	\$0.00
State Events - Women	\$420.00
State Events - Men	\$390.00
NGBD Events - Women	\$420.00
NGBD Events - Men	\$210.00
Green Fees	\$0.00
Raffles	\$52.00

 \$1,742.00

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sub total

 \$25,688.48
Expenditure

Honorariums	\$0.00
Travel Allowance	\$119.25
Region Fees	\$1,116.00
Green Fees & Catering	\$314.00
State Pennant Subsidy	\$0.00
Trophies	\$953.70
Promotional Material	\$0.00
Printing	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00
Telephone	\$75.00
Office Stationery	\$246.02
Legal & Audit Fees	\$0.00
Petty Cash & Sundry	\$339.24

 \$3,163.21

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**Closing
Balance**

 \$22,525.27

Bank Balance as at 14/11/2019

 \$23,478.97
Variance between Cash Book &
Bank

 \$953.70

Unpresented cheque No 383

 \$953.70

MIDWEEK PENNANT COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 24TH FEBRUARY 2020

All the State and Division events have been completed with the exception of the Midweek Pennant final. Beginning with the division events.

Gail McKenzie starred in a few events by winning the Ch of Ch Singles, then teamed up with Marilyn Steele to win the pairs for the 2nd consecutive year. In the fours final, Kaye Thompson was the skip of the winning team of Marilyn Steele, Rhonda Cook and Gail McKenzie.

STATE EVENTS - The singles attracted 8 entries and won by Jan Morton.

- State pairs had 11 entries, up by 4 from last year. This was won by Jan Morton & Gail McKenzie.
- Entries for the State four were very disappointing with only 4 teams from Sale entered. This

event was scheduled for Yarram but there was a request that the event be transferred to Sale for this reason. It was washed out on the scheduled first day and all rounds then played on the Friday. Winning team was Jan Morton, Marg Sceney, Pam Carter and Gail McKenzie.

REGION EVENTS – held on 2nd and 9th February at the Bairnsdale B.C.

- Jan Morton and Gail McKenzie won the State Pairs, Gail won the 60+ singles and Jan, Marg, Pam and Gail were winners in the State Fours. All will go on to play in the State finals in Bendigo from 17th April. Julie Simic from Sale defeated Bairnsdale in the Novice singles and will go to Mulgrave on March 1st for the last 16 round, then to Bendigo if successful. Other players/teams who reached the Region finals can be proud of their achievement.

PENNANT –

Section One – In the semi final, top of the ladder, Sale White won against Heyfield so straight to the grand final.

Maffra and Stratford Allstars had moved up to 3rd and 4th on the ladder. With this game, Maffra defeated Stratford.

The Preliminary between Maffra and Heyfield was a tightly contested game with Maffra winning by just 3 shots. The final will now be contested by Sale White and Maffra.

Section Two – In the semi-final, Heyfield Kangas defeated Yarram. Maffra & Sale Blue played off with Sale Blue winning to set up the Preliminary game between Yarram and Sale Blue. Sale blue won this so will now play Heyfield Kangas in the Grand Final.

Both sections will now play the Grand Final at Heyfield on Tuesday 25th (tomorrow).

The weather situation caused some issues on two occasions, with January 14th being cancelled due to hazardous air quality and then some games were washed out on 21st Jan. A potential problem we faced, was that it looked like the first two finals games were going to be threatened by inclement weather so plans had to be in place for the Reserve Day, however, the host Clubs were not available on the listed Reserve Day. Although this didn't happen and may not happen in the future, it needs to be addressed at the beginning of the next season.

We wish all players very good and enjoyable bowling in the finals.

Kaye Melrose

Chairperson

Midweek Pennant Competitions Committee.

SATURDAY PENNANT COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT

PENNANT

1. It has been a generally trouble-free season. There has been the occasional complaint from Secretary Jeff about Pennant Check Forms being late or with errors. But each week the preliminary ladders were available by 8.30 to 9.00pm Saturday evening. Good work and thanks to Jeff.
2. The Committee cancelled play for round 13 due to heat and smoke and made a very late change to the venue for the Section 3 semi-finals due to rain. These decisions were made in what we believed were the best interests of the players and the Division.
3. The finals are on this Saturday at Yarram Bowls Club. Congratulations and good luck to all involved.

Section 1	West Sale v Sale White
Section 2	West Sale v Sale White
Section 3	Maffra Red v West Sale Green

Please encourage your club members to come along and support the player and NGBD.
4. There has been a wide spread of ongoing conversation about changes to Pennant. The Committee will be considering changes for next season in the coming weeks. If you have any suggestions, please sit down and write them up and pass on to the Committee.

STATE EVENTS

1. All State events have now been completed at NGBD and Gippsland Region levels. The NGBD players that won through to the State Finals are State 60+ Singles Scott Manson, State Pairs Jack Millier and Don Carmichael, State Triples Keith Sargison, Craig Anderson and Geoff Stobie and Mixed Pairs Matt Higgins and Jan Morton. The State finals are in late April.
2. The number of entries this year were very similar to last year; 60+ Singles 17 (19), 60+ Pairs 16 (20), Novice Singles 5 (7), Mixed Pairs 8 (3), Singles 20 (15), Pairs 12 (9), Triples 6 (8), Fours 6 (?), Champion of Champion Singles 7 (7).
3. Thank you to all Clubs who took their turn at hosting State events. All Clubs did that willingly and efficiently. Also, to all umpires and others who helped run the events.
4. The only events left to be played are the NGBD Fours and Pairs to be played on 22 and 28 March 2020. The 29 March 2020 has been set aside as a Reserve Day for both events. Clubs please note.

JEFF WHEATON
Chairman

Laws & Umpires Committee Report

The demand for Umpires has continued through out the past three months and personally I will be very pleased to see the conclusion of the Pennant season at about 5.30pm next Saturday afternoon.

The situation with our Divisional Assessor/Presenter position has not advanced much over the past three months and does not appear to be any closer to resolution at this time. My latest correspondence to the Bowls Vic. Officiating & Laws Committee was on the 20th January 2020. I have not yet received any response to that message. The lack of positive information from Bowls Vic. has left me in some doubt about my future as an Umpire and my qualifications to hold my current position, if my Accreditation, which expires this week, can not be renewed shortly. At this point I have not resumed regular tutorial programs, although there have been some enquiries about them, particularly from members seeking Re-accreditation. I plan to conduct one (or perhaps two) sessions to assist those members seeking re-accreditation to prepare for the event. Details will be notified when I have the candidate information from Bowls Vic.

Peter Standfield

Chairman

NGBD Laws & Umpires Committee

Coaching & Web Page Admin Report

Feb 24th 2020

Not much to report on the coaching side of things as the season is drawing to a close. A reminder we will be available before the new season starts for our discussion and group coaching sessions. One on One may be available after these sessions or a time can be arranged.

We have several club coaches whose accreditation has expired so could club secretary's please check your Bowls Link Accreditation section and make any lapsed members aware as Bowls Australia do not send out reminders.

Re accreditation members are advised they must have proof of 200 hrs of coaching over the period of their accreditation, this can be in diary form. I also have a sheet that can be copied and used. Any one who needs assistance with reaccreditation can contact me.

Bowls Link & Web Page

Bowls Link is now up and running and every club now has their members financial and with playing rights. There are a few double ups and Amanda at Bowls Vic is aware and clubs may be contacted to verify details of individual bowlers.

There are also quite a few members listed with birth dates of June 23 1919, could clubs check their database and correct these. It is imperative that correct birth dates are listed so data collected is accurate. The privacy policy for collection of this data is on the BA page.

Division web page is also going well and new sections have been added. Face Book is the first point of contact for many and we have seen considerable growth in views in the last six months. The address details for both pages are listed below.

There is an event section on the webpage and clubs wishing to advertise their event can email a PDF flyer to ngbdwebsite@gmail.com

Face Book Page <https://www.facebook.com/northgippsland>

Web Site <http://ngbd.bowls.com.au/>

Jan Morton