



# **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, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, commencing at 10.00am.**

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), Chris Sherrin & Peter Leslie (Heyfield), Jenny & Robin Blair (Loch Sport), Shirley Thomas & Graeme Hemming (Maffra), Keren Blake & Alby Hallas (Sale), Des Phillips (Stratford), John McBay (West Sale), Chris Banik & Allan Watts (Yarram), Jeff Wheaton (Saturday Pennant Competition Committee), Kaye Melrose (Midweek Pennant Competition Committee), Peter Standfield (Laws & Umpires Committee), Don Carmichael (NGBD Life Member), and observer Frank Stake (WestSale).
3. Apologies – Merrilynne & John Hayes (Golden/Paradise Beach), Albert Hunter (Rosedale), Kerry Cartledge (Stratford) & Rhonda Cook (West Sale).  
Moved Sale/Stratford that apologies be accepted. Carried.
4. Moved West Sale/Yarram that the minutes of General Meeting of Delegates held at West Sale BC on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 be received.
5. Business Arising from Minutes - Nil
6. Moved Rosedale/Sale that the minutes of the General Meeting of Delegates held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be adopted. Carried.
7. Correspondence Inwards:  
For Consideration – nil  
For information –  
Sale BC & Heyfield BC have requested permission to play Saturday Pennant under lights.  
Both clubs were given permission to play on a Friday night subject to certain conditions.  
Heyfield found too many players had commitments on the night in question so reverted to the usual Saturday. Sale are proceeding with their match on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.  
Others as per filed copies.  
Correspondence Outwards: as per filed copies.  
Also for note – there has been considerable email correspondence between Secretary and the Region President re the changing of dates for the Region challenge matches. A date has been set but the interchange continues.  
Moved Yarram/Stratford that we receive inwards correspondence & ratify outwards correspondence. Carried.

**8. President's Report:**

It has been a busy time so far this season.

Congratulations to Matt Higgins & Jan Morton on winning the NGBD Mixed Pairs.

**9. Treasurer's Financial Report:**

(Balance sheet and Profit & Loss Statement attached)

We are currently in a healthy financial position. Affiliation fees have been paid by all clubs (\$11 per member) and our affiliation to Gippsland Region (\$5 per member) has been paid. Glasses and pens have been purchased. All advertisers in our program booklet have paid their accounts – we are still making a profit on the printing of these booklets. I am currently keeping 2 sets of accounts – one in the cash book and a duplicate set on the computer. I have printed the Profit & Loss statement so that we can keep track of income versus expenditure for each month.

Moved Treasurer/Heyfield 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.

Our interleague side was selected on Saturday. However, with the date decided upon by the Region we have more than half the selected players unavailable. It may be possible to select replacement players, but a competitive match is looking out of reach.

(d) Midweek Pennant Selection Committee – The date of the Region Challenge Match has been changed to Thursday 13 February. It is believed the match will be played at Bairnsdale.

The Region Sides Championship will be held at Shepparton this season, on April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 2020.

(e) Greens Committee – Des Phillips

Whilst I was overseas, Bob Howarth, Kath Kuch & John Skeen travelled to all clubs to inspect their greens prior to the start of pennant for this season. The new Heyfield synthetic green was inspected by Bowls Victoria and given a partial approval for play (rinks 1,2,3 & 7). Following this inspection Tiger Turf have returned to effect repairs to the Heyfield green. Bowls Victoria have given provisional approval for play on all rinks until December 31. Tiger Turf are to re-visit Heyfield tomorrow and Bv will do a re-assessment once work is completed to the satisfaction of Heyfield.

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

(g) Coaching Committee – Secretary for committee

Jan Morton ran a very successful clinic at Yarram on how to play and the etiquette of the game.

Matt Higgins & Jan Morton are willing to run sessions at clubs – all clubs have to do is ask.

(h) Fundraising Committee – Jeff Amos

All advertisers in our Program Book have now settled their accounts. I have to chase one sponsor from the Division Opening Day as the account has been overlooked. Raffles have been successful at State events.

(i) Publicity – Press: Jan Morton has resigned due to family commitments and because of frustration with the local papers not printing articles. If there is any club member willing to take on this role please let the Secretary know.

Radio: (Jeff Amos) – our link to local ABC Radio (Kevin Hogan) recently passed away. It now may be difficult to get a spot on the sportshow but we will try.

Moved Stratford/Sale that we receive all committee reports. Carried.

**11. General Business:**

(i) Super Veteran's Day - the date proposed clashed with another event.

It was agreed that we would look for a date after the conclusion of pennant on which to hold this event.

(ii) Moved Yarram/Sale that the Secretary send a letter of congratulations to Jan Morton for her effort in winning a silver medal in the Mixed Pairs (with partner Josh Sanders of Lilydale) at the Victorian Open. Carried.

(iii) Schools program at Sale.

72 school students competed in the Senior & Junior finals on 14 November at Sale. The winners progress to the Region Final at Morwell.

A Gippsland Times reporter was present at the event and an article with photos appeared in the following edition of the paper.

Maffra, West Sale & Yarram have all had school groups visiting their clubs.

Next year we hope to have an inter-school competition in operation.

**12. Next Meeting:**

It was agreed that the next General Meeting of Delegates will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at West Sale Bowls Club, commencing at 10 a.m.

13. Meeting closed by President at 11:31pm after thanking delegates for their attendance & input to meeting.

Period  
27/11/2018 to  
14/11/2019

**General A/C****Opening  
Balance**

\$19,649.22

**Receipts**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Affiliation Fees     | \$5,379.00 |
| Advertising          | \$2,150.00 |
| Sponsorship          | \$0.00     |
| Program Book Sales   | \$747.00   |
| State Events - Women | \$570.00   |
| State Events - Men   | \$1,080.00 |
| NGBD Events - Women  | \$0.00     |
| NGBD Events - Men    | \$0.00     |
| Green Fees           | \$0.00     |
| Raffles              | \$177.00   |

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 \$10,103.00

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sub total

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 \$29,752.22
**Expenditure**

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|-----------------------|------------|
| Honorariums           | \$0.00     |
| Travel Allowance      | \$165.00   |
| Region Fees           | \$2,445.00 |
| Green Fees & Catering | \$80.00    |
| State Pennant Subsidy | \$0.00     |
| Trophies              | \$155.00   |
| Promotional Material  | \$1,285.52 |
| Printing              | \$1,426.12 |
| Postage               | \$0.00     |
| Telephone             | \$90.00    |
| Office Stationery     | \$25.95    |
| Legal & Audit Fees    | \$132.80   |
| Petty Cash & Sundry   | \$0.35     |

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 \$5,805.74

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**Closing  
Balance**


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 \$23,946.48

Bank Balance as at 14/11/2019

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 \$23,946.48

 Variance between Cash Book &  
Bank

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 \$0.00
**Notes:**
 Sundry - Bank Transaction Fee  
\$0.35

Legal - Audit \$75 &amp; CAV \$57.80

 Promotional Material - Glasses  
\$990 & Pens \$295.52

Region Fees - Affiliation \$2445

## MIDWEEK PENNANT COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT

We have enjoyed a good start to the bowls season except for the unpredictable and frustrating weather conditions for some of our State Events but fortunately all events have been completed on the scheduled dates.

For the 3rd consecutive year, Gail McKenzie is the winner of the Over 60 singles – this event attracted 11 entries this year.

Kris MacAlpine teamed up with Pam Griffiths from Sale to win the over 60 Pairs, only 7 entries this year, compared to 13 last year.

In the Novice Singles, there were 6 entries compared to 4 last year with Julie Simic from Sale achieving a winning result.

The results for the State Triples was a great win for Leonie Flynn, Sandy Holmes and Lee Clark of Heyfield.

The State Pairs will be held this coming Thursday and Friday with 11 entries, up by 4 from last year. Midweek Pennant games are going along well with the changed conditions and rules including the change from 25 ends to 21 ends.

Section One sees the teams of Sale White, Heyfield and Maffra being the top 3 on the ladder at the moment and Section Two, has seen some changes between Yarram, Maffra, Heyfield Kangas, Sale Blue and Sale White. At the moment, these are the top 5 out of the 8 teams.

Finally we all wish Jan Morton and Gail McKenzie all the best for their games in the National championship Pairs to be held in Merimbula in the first week of December, the pairs will be played on Tuesday 3rd December and I know there are quite a few supporters from here travelling up there to cheer them on.

We are all very proud of this amazing achievement.

Kaye Melrose

Chairperson, Midweek Pennant Competition Committee

## **SATURDAY PENNANT COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **COMMITTEE**

Russ Wise was initially appointed to the committee. Unfortunately, due to Russ's circumstances changing he resigned. Subsequently the Board appointed Keith Sargison of Stratford to fill that vacancy.

### **PENNANT**

1. Firstly, to fill you in about the pennant sides in Section 1 for this season. The Committee decided to place two Heyfield sides in Section 1 although they asked for only one. After initially agreeing to that they subsequently requested that they withdraw one Section 1 side due to a lack of numbers. After considerable discussion by the Board and Competition Committee (jointly) it was reluctantly agreed to Heyfield withdrawing the second section 1 side.
2. I would like to remind all clubs that the Pennant Rules and Conditions printed in the NGBD Program Book are only most of them. The full document is Pennant Competition Conditions of Play version 7 published on 23 September. Side Managers and all Umpires should have a copy of the full document and not just the blue book.
3. You will now be aware that Secretary Jeff has taken on the responsibilities of the Pennant Recorder. As the season commenced Ken Jose found it necessary to resign from the position of Recorder. Ken has been Recorder for some time and we thank him for his years of service.
4. Both Heyfield and Sale have made enquiries about playing pennant in the evening on either Fridays or Saturdays. The Committee is fully supportive of matches being played on Friday evenings. However, at the moment, the Rules do not allow for Saturday evening matches.

5. Recently there has been some discussion about possible rule changes for next season.
  - Specify a number of ends in our Rules that constitutes a game. This would be say 60 or maybe less. This would be invoked when conditions prevent the full 25 ends.
  - Provide greater flexibility in our Rules to enable matches to be played at a wide range of times.
  - Requiring all Clubs to provide a “big board”. That is a scoreboard that shows the overall score in the match.

## **STATE EVENTS**

1. The Region Finals of the State events have been brought forward to the 2 and 9 February 2020. Which is a week earlier than last year. That has made it that little bit more difficult for programming than last year. We have fitted everything in but with some dates doubled up. We could get caught out before the season is out.
2. A number of State events have now been completed. They are 60+ Singles and Pairs, Triples, Mixed Pairs and Novice Singles. The Pairs are underway.
3. The number of entries are around about the same as last season; 60+ Singles 17 (19), 60+ Pairs 16 (20), Novice Singles 5 (7), Mixed Pairs 8 (3), Pairs 12 (9), Triples 6 (8).
4. For the final of the State Pairs Jan Morton applied for protection as she was selected in a State Representative side to be played on the programmed date. Fortunately, an alternative date was available as were the other players Matt Higgins, Pam Carter and Ray Kennedy. Hence Jan did not have to decide which event to participate in.

**JEFF WHEATON**  
**Chairman**

## **Laws & Umpires Committee Report**

Recent months have seen a high demand for Umpires and Markers for the State Events being conducted at this time. We have managed to meet all our commitments up to date but this has highlighted the need for more Accredited Officials to cater for the demand and to relieve the pressure on those who are making themselves available for duty regularly.

The maintenance of Accreditations is still in some doubt. In late August, Bowls Victoria acknowledged the need to conduct an Assessor / Presenter course in the near future and undertook to advise us of the dates, I have not received any further information since that time. Accreditations about half of our current umpires will become due in March 2020.

We have suspended the regular tutorial program for the time being. A survey of the past attendees and clubs resulted in only two commitments to attend the program regularly, changes in personal circumstance was the main reason for withdrawal of past attendees and there was very limited response from possible new members.

In the event that Bowls Victoria fail to conduct a Assessor / Presenter Accreditation program in reasonable time could the NGBD Board indicate what action would be acceptable to re-accredit our Officials and appoint Officials for Major Events.

Peter Standfield  
Chairman, NGBD Laws & Umpires Committee  
21/11/2019