



# 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, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, commencing at 1.00pm.

1. President Deirdre opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
2. Present: Deirdre Relph (President), Shane Higgins (Vice President), Jeff Amos (Secretary/Treasurer), Kaye Melrose (NGBD Board Member), Merrilynne Hayes (Golden/Paradise Beach), Peter Leslie (Heyfield), Jenny Blair (Loch Sport), Shirley Thomas (Maffra), Albert Hunter (Rosedale), Keren Blake (Sale), Nola Wheeler & Ron Kyne (Stratford), John McBay (West Sale), Jeff Wheaton (Saturday Pennant Competition Committee), Peter Standfield (Laws & Umpires Committee).
3. Apologies – Chris Sherrin (Heyfield), Chris Banik & Allan Watts (Yarram). Graeme Hemming (Maffra), John Hayes (Golden/Paradise Beach), Alby Hallas (Sale), Des Phillips (Stratford), Jan Morton (Coaching Committee & Website),  
Moved Sale/Maffra that apologies be accepted. Carried.
4. Moved Heyfield/West Sale that the minutes of General Meeting of Delegates held online via Zoom on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 be received.
5. Business Arising from Minutes - Nil
6. Moved Loch Sport/Heyfield that the minutes of the General Meeting of Delegates held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 be adopted. Carried.
7. Correspondence Inwards:  
For Consideration –
  - (i) Jimmy Whitehead, BVRR = response re eligibility to play in club events from social bowls through Monthly Triples to Tournaments.
  - (ii) Bob Carlson, Chair BV Officiating & Laws Committee = extension to BVRR response above.  
Secretary Jeff agreed to send both responses to all clubs and committee members present.
  - (iii) Merva Gornam = Thankyou for sympathy card on death of Don Carmichael.For information – as per filed copies.  
Correspondence Outwards: as per filed copies.  
Moved Sale/Stratford that the Inwards Correspondence be received and the Outwards Correspondence be ratified. Carried.
8. **President's Report:**  
It's nice to have everyone back playing bowls. I have been to several Division State events, both Men's and Women's and seen some very good bowls, although the Men's State Singles was a very long day.

Congratulations to everyone who has won an event and will go on to represent our Division in the Region Titles early next year. Congrats to Sale Delegate Keren Blake for finishing runner-up in the Women's State Singles last week.

At that event we had a person videoing the play and commentating as play was underway. If people wish to film action in an event such as this we ask that they request permission from the organisers prior to commencing.

Moved Stratford/Maffra that the President's report be received. – Carried

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

(Balance sheet attached)

Both the Division and Region have waived affiliation fees for this year to assist clubs get back on their feet after the COBID shutdown. Bowls Victoria have also halved their affiliation fees to assist in this regard. We are currently in a healthy financial position as we applied for a Government Grant and received \$1000 followed by a further \$500. Advertising in the Program booklet has also brought in \$600 so far.

As a further gesture to assist clubs, the Board agreed to provide the Program Booklets at no cost to clubs this season.

Income has been inflated by an error in an entry fee payment, but payments have been inflated by us having to refund the amount.

The accounts currently agree with the amount at bank and we need to budget for payments to the Region for entry fees and prize money before we need to close the books in preparation for winding up the Division.

All monies left in our accounts need to be passed to the Region prior to winding up.

Moved Treasurer/Stratford 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 to play East Gippsland has been selected and clubs notified. If any player has a query or is unavailable they need to contact one of the selection panel - Ian Johns, Dennis O'Keefe or Steve Chalmer.

(d) Midweek Pennant Selection Committee – Jan Morton.

Jan is an apology and the selection panel is yet to meet but will select our rep side by early next year.

(e) Greens Committee – Des Phillips (apology)

Des has inspected all greens and provided reports to both clubs and to the Secretary. He has returned to Yarram to inspect their grass green and has declared it fit for pennant.

(f) Laws & Umpires Committee – Peter Standfield – Nil.

(Peter has just returned from interstate and has yet get back into his role.)

(g) Coaching Committee – Nil

Matthew Higgins has moved from North Gippsland to West Gippsland so has resigned from his position. Jan Morton is an apology for today.

(h) Fundraising Committee – Jeff Amos

Very little to report due to lockdowns etc. Have received \$1500 in grants from the State Govt and \$600 in advertising in our Program Booklet.

(i) Publicity – Press: (Jeff Amos) good coverage recently in the Gippsland Times. Keep sending articles in.

The Foster Mirror, although from outside North Gippsland, has been regularly placing notes from Yarram in its sports section.

New Yarram paper (The Bridge) has been printing notes in each edition.

Website: Jan Morton (apology). Website continues to show results, draws and news.

This website will be replaced by the Region website once we have wound up.

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

## 11. General Business:

(i) Pennant Check forms (Saturday Pennant) – Secretary Jeff provided a collection of very interesting check forms received so far this season. The message for delegates to take back to their clubs was for managers to take more care with the se forms.

(ii) Latest information on new Region –

Jeff Amos:

The new Constitution has been completed and sent ot Bowls Victoria for their approval.

The Governance sub-committee will now move on the the Regulations, which may take some time to complete. Hopefully these will be ready to send to BV by March next year.

Peter Leslie:

Peter gave a short summary of where the Competition sub-committee is up to in drafting the Pennant and Compeitions Rules for the Region. He reiterated that Pennant will be played in two playing areas next season so that we may not see a great deal of change.

(iii) NGBD needs to be wound up by Special Resolution next year. It will appropriate to complete all events etc then close proceedings at our 2021 AGM in May.

(iv) BV Rules for retraining to bowls – latest version is 7. BV has yet to alter rules since the govt made changes on Sunday. Please check the BV website and ensure your club is following the latest guidelines.

(v) Club Invitation Days etc – now that there is less restriction both on the green and inside the clubhouse, clubs should consider hosting their special club events where it is possible to do so.

(vi) NGBD Women's Singles and Pairs –

Secretary Jeff explained the rules for entry into Division events before asking delegates to consider varying this to allow Rosedale entry into both the Women's Singles & Pairs.

Delegates agreed that Rosedale should be encouraged to enter both events and that new draws should be undertaken to this end.

President Deirdre then undertook draws for both events.

Singles:

Stratford v West Sale

Heyfield v Rosedale

Sale v Maffra

Yarram – Bye

Pairs:

Sale v West Sale

Stratford v Yarram

Maffra v Heyfield

Rosedale - Bye

(vii) Before closing the meeting President Deirdre advised she had one further item of inward correspondence from The President at Yarram Country Club Bowls. She then read the letter to the meeting before also reading a list of positions undertaken and achievements attained by Secretary Jeff over a long period of time.

Moved Deirdre Relph, seconded Shane Higgins, that the letter of application be received and that Jeff Amos be awarded Life Membership of the North Gippsland Bowls Division. This motion was carried by acclamation.

President Deirdre then presented Jeff with his Life Member's badge.

**12. Next Meeting:**

The next General Meeting of Delegates will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at West Sale Bowls Club, commencing at 10am.

13. Meeting closed by President at 2:27pm after thanking delegates for their attendance & input to the meeting.

Period		
14/4/2020 to		
4/12/2020		
<b><u>General A/C</u></b>		
	Opening Balance	\$19,733.82
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
Affiliation Fees	\$0.00	
State Events - Women	\$420.00	
State Events - Men	\$1,280.00	
NGBD Events - Women	\$10.00	
NGBD Events - Men	\$2,040.00	
Advertising	\$600.00	
Sponsorship	\$1,500.00	
Green Fees	\$0.00	
Program Books	\$0.00	
Raffles	\$0.00	
Sundry	\$160.00	
	<u>\$6,010.00</u>	<u>\$6,010.00</u>
	sub total	<u>\$25,743.82</u>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Green Fees	\$0.00	
Region Entry Fees	\$72.00	
Postage	\$43.40	
Printing & Stationery	\$1,427.90	
Catering	\$180.00	
Telephone	\$150.00	
Travel Allowance	\$246.50	
Audit Fee	\$75.00	
Consumer Affairs (Annual Return)	\$59.20	
Trophies	\$36.98	
Bank Transaction Fee	\$0.00	
Sundry	\$2,013.60	
	<u>\$4,304.58</u>	<u>\$4,304.58</u>
	Closing Balance	<u>\$21,439.24</u>
Bank Balance as at 2/12/2020		<u><u>\$21,439.24</u></u>

## MIDWEEK PENNANT COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020

We have all experienced exceptionally difficult times in the last few months with COVID-19 restrictions and it was really a waiting game to see if and when bowls would resume this year. Due to some restrictions at the time, there was a limit to the number of players allowed on a green at any one time and a lot of preparation was put in place to adjust the venues and dates for pennant games etc but thankfully at the last minute these restrictions were eased and we were able to proceed as per our program with Midweek Pennant commencing on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> and to be played over 12 rounds. One round being washed out on 27<sup>th</sup> October. At present, Sale White remains on top of the ladder in both Sections.

Due to changes in venues over the past 2 years, the rotation of venues needed to stay in order so the Midweek Final will be held at Stratford this year, not at West Sale as printed in the Program book. All Clubs have been advised of this change.

### Ladies State Events –

60 + Singles (entries down from 11 to just 6 this year). Won by Gail McKenzie for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

60 + Pairs - 9 entries – Won for the second year by Kris MacAlpine & Pam Griffiths

Novice Singles – 4 entries – won by up and coming Heyfield bowler, Kirstie White.

State Triples – 7 entries – winners were June Richardson, Joy Nowak & Marg Robbins from Stratford.

State Pairs – 9 entries – won by Jan Morton & Gail McKenzie for past 3 years.

State Singles – 15 entries with Pam Carter winning this event.  
(encouraging to have two young bowlers from Rosedale in this event)

Our thanks and congratulations to all those ladies who entered events, we witnessed some exciting and close games. Also, our appreciation to Umpires, Markers, green Keepers and Clubs for their input.

State Championships held over from last season are now scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Jan in Warrnambool. Gail McKenzie & Jan Morton will play in the State Pairs. State fours team will be Jan Morton, Marg Sceney, Pam Carter and Gail McKenzie. Gail will also play in the +60 Singles. We wish them all good bowling and enjoyment in their games.

On behalf of the Committee, we wish you all a very safe and Happy Christmas, lets hope it is back to “normal” for everyone.

Kaye Melrose  
Chairperson, Midweek Pennant Competition Committee.

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**SATURDAY PENNANT COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**DELEGATES MEETING 7-12-2020**

**PENNANT**

1. The makeup of sides for 2020/21 was seven in Section 1, seven in Section 2 and twelve in Section 3. Unfortunately, there are now byes in both Section 1 and Section 2. But pleasingly there has been an increase of two sides in Section 3. Although that was partly due to Yarram dropping their Section two side down to Section 3. With the byes the Committee felt it would be unreasonable to ask Clubs to field sides in higher sections than they wanted.
2. There was some debate about when to commence pennant this season. Some Clubs were ready to start as soon as COVID restrictions allowed, but others were not. Hence a compromise start of 17 October was adopted. It was decided to complete pennant prior to the March Labour Day weekend. With the Vic Open cancelled we still needed to recommence pennant on 16 January 2021 to achieve that end date. Which was a week earlier than we had originally intended.
3. COVID-19 restrictions have been a challenge for all Clubs and players. Generally, everyone has attempted to comply. Although in recent weeks my observation is that our commitment to the restrictions has waned. I think collectively we are totally over it.
4. It has been a generally trouble-free season, playing wise. But there has been a number of complaints from Secretary Jeff about Pennant Check Forms being late or with errors. However due to Jeff's tireless efforts preliminary ladders are always available early Saturday evenings. Good work and thanks to Jeff.

**STATE EVENTS**

1. The number of entries this year have very similar to last year; 60+ Singles 18 (17), 60+ Pairs 14 (16), Novice Singles 2 (5), Mixed Pairs 11 (8), Singles 18 (20), Pairs 15 (12), Triples 7 (6), Fours **entries close 4 January 2021**, Champion of Champion Singles **entries close 11 January 2021**.
2. The first round of the State fours is programmed as a Friday evening game at Sale on 15 January 2021. Commencing time will be basically by agreement but hopefully between 5 and 5.30. This is somewhat of an experiment. Let's see how it goes. The second day of this event is on 24 January 2021 and not the 16 January 2021 as shown in the Program Book.
3. There have been 3 walkovers granted in events so far. The Committee will consider whether fines will be levied or not on the players responsible at its earliest convenience.
4. During July we were able to complete the 2019/20 NGBD Men's Pairs and Fours that had to be deferred from the original dates in March due to COVID-19
5. Thank you to all Clubs who have taken their turn at hosting State events. All Clubs have done that willingly and efficiently. Also, to all umpires and others who helped run the events.
6. The other events left to be played are the NGBD Fours and Pairs to be played on 21 and 27 March 2021. The 28 March 2021 has been set aside as a Reserve Day for both events. Clubs please note.

**JEFF WHEATON**  
**Chairman**