

GOULBURN VALLEY BOWLS DIVISION Inc.

Season 2019/2020

NINTH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday - 29th May 2019 Tatura Bowls Clubrooms Commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

James McLeod (Chairman): Lloyd Mawson (Immediate Past Chairman/Director): Directors: Rob Sceney: Gordon Nash: Mal Williams: Peter Naughton (Treasurer) & Joy O'Donnell (Secretary).

CGM Bowls Region: BVRR Maurie Rowlands (Past Chairman GVBD).

GVBD Auditor: Bruce Doherty.

Avenel: Noel Slater: Grace Kenworthy. Colbinabbin: Dookie: Dan Oster. East Shepparton: Pamela Hueston: Kevin & Marilyn Cox: Lyn Scott. Euroa: Max Griffiths: Bill Jennings: Hilltop: Rod Piggott: Greg Toy. Katandra West: Wilma Black: Barb Tomlinson. Kyabram: Bev Button: M. George: R. George. Merrigum: Maureen Shepherd: Joe Chant. Mooroopna: Alan Donaldson: Gareth Rourke. B. Nichols: W. McGoldrick: John O'Donnell. Mooroopna Golf: Ray Booth: Elsie Gale: Maree Formica. Murchison: Geoff Higgins: Gordon Thompson: Margaret Tweddle. Nagambie: Brian Nisbet. Rushworth: Mal McLean: Jean Sprague. Seymour: Terry Flynn: Wilma Atkins. Seymour VRI: Steve McGregor: Geoff Dixon. Shepparton Golf: Ian McCarten: Richard Warburton Shepparton Park: Paul Beecroft: Marg. Stibbard: Sue Tyson: Kevin Rogash: Cathy Dudley: Bev Cahill. Shepparton RSL: Malcolm Pretty: Joyce Johnson: Lorraine Nicholls. Stanhope: Dave Millard: Greg Fitzpatrick. Tallygaroopna: Tatura: John Attwood: John Crilly: Fred Clement. Violet Town: Leanne Russell-Jones.

WELCOME: GVBD Chairman (James McLeod) welcomed those in attendance to Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Goulburn Valley Bowls Division (GVBD).

Chairman James also welcomed all new Club Delegates attending for the first time.

Chairman James then asked for MINUTE Silence in memory of Past Bowlers and wished those Bowlers unwell at this time – speedy recovery.

APOLOGIES: Clubs: Avenel: David Furletti: Dookie: Gerald Ryan. East Shepparton: Noel O'Brien. Rushworth: Barry Weaver. Tatura: Phil Boyd.

Motion: It was moved Ray Booth (Mooroopna Golf) and seconded Bill Chilcott (Shepparton Park) that the apologies as presented be accepted. (Carried).

Chairman (James McLeod) took the opportunity to read letter of apology in reference to an Out of Order Incident which occurred at the GVBD General Meeting of the 1st April 2019.

PRESENTATIONS:

GVBD Chairman (James McLeod) on behalf of the Division presented to the Shepparton Golf Bowls Club President (Richard Warburton) framed picture of the successful Shepparton Golf (Weekend) Pennant Team on winning State (Saturday) Pennant for 2018/2019 Season.

Huge thanks to Rob Sceney for arranging framed picture presented.

Shepparton Golf Bowls Club President (Richard Warburton) duly acknowledged the presentation to the Shepparton Golf Bowls Club.

Maurie Rowlands – (Past President & BVRR) of the Central Goulburn Murray (CGN) Bowls Region presented framed certificates to GVBD Players whom were successful in State Events and Novice Singles for the 2018/19 Season.

Shepparton Golf Bowls Club President (Richard Warburton) responded on behalf of all recipients.

BUSINESS: in addition to any business required to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting under the Act the business of the Annual General Meeting may (but for the avoidance of doubt, it does not have to) include as detailed in Agenda tabled.

MINUTES: Minutes from the previous (Eighth) Annual General Meeting held Wednesday 30th May 2018.

(As circulated)

Motion: It was moved Brian Nisbet (Nagambie) and seconded Noel Slater (Avenel) that the Minutes of the previous (Eighth) Annual General Meeting be confirmed. (Carried).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: (Chairman – James McLeod).

I have much pleasure in presenting my report for the 2018/19 Bowling Season.

I believe the GVBD has enjoyed a very successful and busy season.

The GV had the honour of having the 2018 Vic Open here and it will be continuing in the GV for 2019 as well, with this year the Vic Open will be played over eight (8) days. I thank the Clubs and their Volunteers who have helped with the successful running of the event and encourage some of the smaller Clubs to put their hands up to host one (1) or two (2) days of the event.

Congratulations to a very successful Midweek and Weekend Pennant season with the winners being – **Midweek**: Edna Harling Shield (Division One (1)) -Shepparton Golf: Division Two (2) – Euroa: Division Three (3) – Hill Top: Division Four (4) – Mooroopna and Division Five (5) – Violet Town.

Weekend: Allan Matheson Shield (Division One (1)) – Shepparton Golf: Division Two (2) – Euroa: Division Three (3) – Hill Top: Division Four (4) – Shepparton Park: Division Five (5) – Tallygaroopna: Division Six (6) – Hill Top and Division Seven (7) – Seymour.

Congratulations to Shepparton Golf Weekend Division One (1) Side on winning the State Pennant Championship Final – the GVBD is very pleased for you all.

I would like to thank Director Mal Williams and the Weekend Match Committee, as well as Director Lloyd Mawson and the Midweek Match Committee, who have worked so hard to deliver the Pennant competitions and the Divisional matches. There is an enormous amount of work done by these Committees and sadly often goes unrecognised by the Players,

Thank you to GV and Regional Selectors who have worked hard in picking the Right sides to represent the GV. A very successful season for us in the GV.

I would like to thank Director Gordon Nash for all his hard work with his commitment to his Portfolio looking after Laws and Umpires. Thank you to Doug Maconachie for his help in organising Umpires for events in the GV this season. Great to see some New Umpires now on the list.

Thank you to Director Rob Sceney with all his work he has put into his Portfolio as Coaching and Junior Development. Good to see some New Coaches come on to our list of Coaches in the GV. Next season the GV will be getting the Junior GV Squad up and going again.

To our Finance – Treasurer Director Peter Naughton, a HUGE thank you for your support to me, and your hard work in looking after the financial side of the GVBD. You do this job so well.

I would like to thank Bill Chilcott who once again has done an outstanding job as our Web site Co-Ordinator and to Freda Clement who was the GV Pennant Co-Ordinator for the first part of the season, and for all your hard work this past season. It was I believe a great decision to create the position of a Publicity Officer, and a Huge thank you to Daniel Nichols who put his hand up to undertake this role, and it was done so well and kept everyone well informed. WELL done Daniel.

The GVBD again enjoyed the Sponsorship from GV Hearing Clinic in Shepparton as well as E.B. Mawson & Sons Pty. Ltd. and Quality Teams. Their generous sponsorship makes a significant contribution to the finances of our Division, without it we would surely have to increase our affiliation fees. Please support our Sponsors if the opportunity arises.

Thank you to our Auditor Bruce Doherty and our GV Welfare Officer Grace Kenworthy.

I look forward after a very busy and must I say a very successful season for the GV, to the new season ahead with its many challenges, greatest being to retain Members interest, recruiting of new Members and to generally refresh our Club Memberships. With the support of the GV Clubs and the continued contributions from the Elected Officers I am sure we will deliver a very interesting and competitive season for 2019/20.

A HUGE special thanks goes to our Administrator Director, Joy O'Donnell who has worked tirelessly and very efficiently to provide the secretarial services to the Division. Joy has been the link between the Club CCO's and the Board. Thank you Joy for ALL your support to myself as Chairman and being the glue that holds the GV and the Board together. A job Very Well Done.

I would like to thank the Members of the Board in general who have had to deal with many issues and made the best decision for the GVBD. The Board has met regularly, and ALL Members have made important contributions to the successful administration of Bowls in the Goulburn Valley.

Finally, I would like to thank ALL the Clubs and their Members for all their support during 2018/19 season as your Chairman of the GV Division. It was greatly appreciated.

I wish whoever is elected tonight to the vacant positions all the best in their endeavours in administrating bowls in the GVBD and I thank you for the opportunity and support in serving as your Chairman of the GVBD for the past season. I look forward to a great and successful 2019/20 Season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Director's Report - Lloyd Mawson – Portfolio: Midweek Match

Report on behalf of the Midweek Pennant Competition and the Women's State Events.

Once again it was a very busy schedule for the group involved in planning and conducting the Midweek Pennant, the Women's State Events and feature Inter Division Women's Events.

This season the Division conducted nine separate events for our Women Bowlers as well as the Ovens & Murray Challenge and the CGM Bowls Region "Shirley Sinclair' Challenge Day all of which places a very heavy workload on our Midweek Match & Pennant Committee. They also had to deal with some extreme weather conditions in the second half of the season but with the co-operation from the Players were able to work their way through this difficult period.

One of the highlights of the season was the emergence of Olivia Cartwright, the young teenager from Kyabram Bowls Club. Olivia won the Champion of Champions Singles against a very experienced and worthy opponent in Jean Sprague. The future looks very bright for Olivia and we wish her every

The results of the various State Events were: -

success as she goes forward to compete in the elite class events.

<u>Over 60 Pairs held at Tatura</u>: Winners – Bev Cahill: Marg Smyth (Shepparton Park). Runners/Up – G. Barrett: M. Cox (Kyabram).

Over 60 Singles held at Murchison: Winner - C. Dudley: Runner/UP: Marg Thorne (Both Shepp. Park).

<u>GV State Pairs (16th January) – held at Shepparton Golf</u>: Winners – D. Hands: K. Bush (Shepp. Park). Runners/Up: F. Clement: D. Best. (Tatura).

<u>GV State Triples (9th April) - held at Tatura</u>: Winners M. Armstrong: B. Brodie: B. Allen. (Shepp. Park) Runners/Up: F. Clement: D. Best: F. Attwood. (Tatura).

<u>GV State Singles held at Stanhope</u>: Winner: M. Armstrong (Shepparton Park). Runner/Up: J. Sprague (Rushworth).

<u>GV State Fours held at Euroa</u>: Winners: J. Dixon: M. Boswell: M. Nowsad: H. Chapman. (Kyabram). Runners/Up: M. Warner: L. Nicholson: G. Farrell: D. Downie. (Hill Top).

In the Midweek Pennant we had Shepparton Golf take out the Edna Harling Shield, our Premier Event, and four other Clubs taking out Premierships in Division Two (2) through to Division Five (5), which was very pleasing to see so many different Clubs playing in the Finals. Congratulations to the Winners and commiserations to the Runner Ups.

<u>Grand Final Pennant Winners</u>: Division One (1): Shepparton Golf: Division Two (2): Kyabram: Division Three (3) Hill Top: Division Four (4): Mooroopna and Division Five (5): Violet Town.

The GV Bowls Division are indeed fortunate to have so many quality venues available to play our Events.

My thanks go out to the Clubs that hosted these State Events and the Pennant Finals, your cooperation and assistance was greatly appreciated.

Also, I would like to express my gratitude to the Umpires that made their valuable time available to officiate at our Events.

The GVBD hosted the Ovens & Murray Challenge Day this season, a great day was had by all with Ovens & Murray coming out the Winners.

Towards the end of the season the GVBD conducted CGM Bowls Region "Shirley Sinclair" Challenge Day, this day pays tribute to one of our Division stalwarts, Shirley Sinclair Challenge is a muchanticipated day for the Women Bowlers in our area. The event was played at Shepparton Park Bowls Club and a great day were had by all. I would sincerely like to thank on behalf of all the Midweek Bowlers the Members of the Midweek Match & Pennant Committee for their outstanding efforts throughout the Season. I am sure many Bowlers don't understand and appreciate the work that Match Committees put into make our Events run smoothly. Thanks again Ladies.

As I will be retiring from GVBD Board at the conclusion of this meeting and this will be my final report to the Delegates of the GVBD, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Fellow Board Members, both past and present for their assistance, advice and friendship in helping me carry out my various rolls within the Board over the past seven seasons. Also, thanks to the Delegates both past and present for their contributions at our meetings.

I wish the In Coming Board every success in the Season ahead and hope you enjoy your winter break and come back in good health and refreshed for them new season of bowls.

Director's Report - Mal Williams – Portfolio: Weekend Match

Since my last report on 1st April 2019 little has happened on the bowling scene. All the results for the year have been displayed on the web site, the winners recognized and the necessary thank you to all involved in making the season 2018/19 q success have been conveyed previously. I will not repeat myself in the interest of saving time and boring people.

Congratulations to Shepparton Golf in winning the Weekend State Pennant at Moama a few weeks ago. Becoming the BEST Pennant Team in the State of Victoria is a remarkable effort. It is a very good indicator that bowls in the G.V. is of a very high standard.

Our Regional Team that played at Traralgon in early April again proved that our selected team is not competitive. I would suggest to the Incoming Board, that the G.V. Representatives for the Region needs to impress upon the Region the necessity to select the very best Players. Selecting Four (4) Players from each Division regardless of ability is sheer madness.

On a personal note I would sincerely like to thank the GVBD Board for putting up with me over the last few years. I have enjoyed my time on the Board and the fellowship. I wish the Incoming Board all the very best. Any assistance I can offer in the future, please ask.

Director's Report – Gordon Nash – Portfolio: Law & Umpires

Many thanks to all Umpires who volunteered their time during the season.

During the year I assisted Doug Maconachie conducting several training and accreditation sessions and thank the Clubs for making their facilities available.

We encourage more participation, skills in marking. We will require many competent Markers for the Vic Open.

Finally, congratulations to all Bowlers for the high standard of sportsmanship shown during the season and the finals.

Bowls Australia will not tolerate bad behavior, heavy penalties apply, (not to the extent of "Daisy" Thomas). Good Bowling.

Director's Report – Rob Sceney – Portfolio – Coaching & Junior Development

Junior Development and Coaching Annual Report 2018-19

Junior Development in the Goulburn Valley has had a most successful season for those who are involved on the playing, coaching and administration level.

The numbers of juniors playing bowls has increased during the season. This is a wonderful outcome for bowls in general in the GVBD. Juniors now play at eight of our clubs that have recorded information. Kyabram, Stanhope, East Shepparton and Shepparton Park lead the way for having juniors playing outside a school-based program. Congratulations to the other clubs who have run programs for school junior programs. It is hoped these clubs take the next step to involving juniors in their clubs outside these programs.

The GV Devils Squad is alive and well. They have been formed and well coached and organised by David and Naomi Cartwright. Along with David and Naomi, all the parents of the Devils have been fantastic in their support of their juniors for time, help, travel and finance. The travel to tournaments, coaching and training sessions is an enormous strain on the parents and need to be recognised. The GV Executive has supported the GV Devils throughout the season. They have approved and bought new uniforms form the GV Devils and have been delivered. We continue to wait on the result of our grant application written for GV Devils uniforms through the sports grants branch of the Victorian Government for the 2019-20 season.

A change of attitude in some areas of the Bowls Community that being part of the GV Devils is a choice of the parents and the kids and does not need financial support as well as good will is needed. These people and their children are the future of our game. The juniors know the new formats of play, they embrace change and willingly adapt to differing conditions. All the qualities that will take our game forward.

The achievements on the green have been incredible throughout the season. Some highlights are:

- Olivia Cartwright followed on from winning the Kyabram's Ladies singles Championship, winning the GVBD Ladies Champion of Champions and partnered her father David to win the Kyabram Mixed Pairs. Olivia played in Victorian Under 18 side that won the National Under 18 Championships for the first time in twenty years. She was also named Junior Sports star of the year for the /Kyabram Area.
- The Ky P-12 College recently won the Victorian sides championship and were third in the Australian Championship.
- Juniors playing in winning GVBD finals sides and competing in the GVBD in all Divisions throughout the season

The Coaching area of the GVBD has been very quiet throughout the year. Individual clubs have run very successful programs throughout the year and help has been offered for all clubs to run programs. For 2019 it may be the GVBD could run meetings for coaches. They could exchange ideas and programs and work with other coaches to improve the skills of bowlers in the GVBD. Hopefully coaching courses will be held closer to our area in the 2019-20.

Thank you to everyone who organised, ran in assisted in running programs for juniors or seniors in the GVBD.

Director's Report – Peter Naughton – Portfolio: Greens

There were some complaints from Clubs about Greens this season, the issues involved were addressed by the Greens Committee in consultation with the relevant Club.

The Greens Committee undertook inspection of Greens for the finals, a very detail report was given to both Match & Pennant Committees for their approval.

Motion: It was moved Leanne Russell-Jones (Violet Town) and seconded Bill Chilcott (Shepparton Park) that the reports as presented be accepted. (Carried).

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Director - (Treasurer) – Peter Naughton.

GVBD Financial Statement

Bendigo Bank Cheque Account:

Cash Book Balance at 1 May 2018	\$ 9.890-09
Add Income	<u>41,878-05</u>
Total:	51,768-14
Less Expenditure	<u>38,155-48</u>
Cash Book Balance at 30 April 2019	\$ <u>13,612-66</u>

Term Deposit: \$22,912-05

GVBD Director of Finance (Treasurer) (Peter Naughton) acknowledged the work undertaken by GVBD Auditor (Bruce Doherty). Huge Thank you Bruce.

Motion: It was moved by GVBD Treasurer (Peter Naughton) the adoption of the Financial Report seconded Ray Booth (Mooroopna Golf) as presented be accepted. (Carried)

Hard copy of the Auditor's Report provided to all in attendance.

GVBD Chairman (James McLeod) then took the opportunity to personally thank Brian Nisbet, Dave Hardie and Daniel Nichols in the roles presenting the Bowls Radio Show -98.5 FM on a Saturday Morning during Bowling Season and undertaking and arranging the GVBD Annual Hall of Fame Presentation at GVBD Presentation Evening.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

GVBD Chairman (James McLeod) vacated the Chair for the Election of Office Bearers for the 2019/20 Season.

Chairman James then called on Immediate Past Chairman (Lloyd Mawson) to undertake the election of all GVBD Office Bearers.

GVBD EXECUTIVE BOARD:

1. If no more than one nomination is received for a vacancy on the Board, the person nominated shall be declared elected.

2. If the number of nominations for a Board vacancy exceeds one, voting papers shall be prepared containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order nominated for each vacant position of the Board.

GVBD Immediate Past Chairman (Lloyd Mawson) declared all positions vacant.

GVBD Immediate Past Chairman (Lloyd Mawson) continued in the chair for the election of all Office Bearers for 2019/20 Season.

BOARD:

- Chairman James McLeod (East Shepparton):
- Administration Director (Secretary) Joy O'Donnell (Mooroopna):
- Finance Director (Treasurer) Peter Naughton) (East Shepparton).

DIRECTORS: (Four) - Two Year Appointment:

Following Ballot with Seven Nominations - the successful Candidates as follows: -

- Jean Sprague (Rushworth):
- Bill Chilcott (Shepparton Park):
- Gordon Nash (East Shepparton)
- Grace Kenworthy (Avenel).

Noting – Gordon & Grace – with both having the same Ballot result. (Both appointed to Two Year Term).

Noting: Following Director – to serve the remaining ONE Year of their Two-Year appointment – (Reference 2018/2019 AGM Minutes)

• Rob Sceney (Kyabram).

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES:

GVBD VARIOUS COMMITTEES POSITIONS:

(Joint) Midweek & Weekend Match & Pennant Committee

MIDWEEK:

- Bev Cahill (Shepparton Park):
- Cathy Dudley (Shepparton Park):
- Elsie Gale (Mooroopna Golf):
- Lorraine Nicholls (Shepparton RSL):
- Margaret Tweddle (Murchison).

WEEKEND:

• Kevin Cox (East Shepparton):

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• **FOUR** Casual Vacancies to be filled.

UMPIRES COMMITTEE:

• **FIVE** Casual Vacancies to be filled.

GREENS COMMITTEE:

• THREE Casual Vacancies to be filled.

COACHING & JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

• THREE Casual Vacancies to be filled.

ALL CASUAL VACANCIES to be appointed by the GVBD Executive Board (of the Day).

WEB MASTER:

• Bill Chilcott (Shepparton Park).

PUBLICITY OFFICER:

• Daniel Nichols (Nagambie):

WELFARE OFFICER:

• Grace Kenworthy (Avenel).

SELECTION COMMITTEE:

Men's Section: - THREE Casual Vacancies to be filled.

Women's Section: -THREE Casual Vacancies to be filled.

GVBD Immediate Past Chairman (Lloyd Mawson) congratulated all appointed and wishes them all a very successful 2019/2020Season.

GVBD Immediate Past Chairman (Lloyd Mawson) then handed back the Chair to GVBD Chairman (James McLeod) to continue with proceedings.

ELECTION TO REPRESENT GVBD AT CGM BOWLS REGION MEETINGS – TWO GVBD REPRESENTATIVES FOR CGM REGION BOARD AND TWO DELEGATES:

GVBD Chairman (James McLeod) advised the Meeting the appointment of GVBD Representatives to CGM Bowls Region Board and Delegates would be held over until the first meeting of the newly elected GVBD Executive Board to decide.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

Motion: It was moved by Gordon Thompson (Murchison) and seconded Ray Booth (Mooroopna Golf) the appointment of Bruce Doherty as the GVBD Auditor for 2019/2020 Season. (Carried).

HONORARIUMS:

GVBD Chairman (James McLeod) advised the meeting that the recommendations for the 2019/2020 Season Honorariums would be held over until the first meeting of the newly elected 2019/2020 Season GVBD Executive Board to decide.

OTHER BUSINESS:

•	NOTICE OI	MOTION -	Murchison	Bowls	Club:
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"That the rule of Relegation in Pennant Teams both Midweek and Saturday for Division 1-4 be automatic. I.E – If you finish top you move up, if you finish bottom

- you move down.
- ALSO, that this rule may not be amended by the GVBD Board Or any of its Sub Committees"

Gordon Thompson Secretary Murchison Bowls Club.

Murchison Bowls Club Secretary (Gordon Thompson) spoke to the Notice of Motion.

GVBD Chairman (James Mcleod) spoke of the Rules for Competition -promotion/relegation in reference to two teams from the same Club in a Division.

Following lively and verbal discussion from many Representatives, GVBD Chairman (James McLeod) called for a vote on the Motion as tabled.

Following vote – the Notice of Motion was declared defeated.

GVBD 2018/2019 SURVEY RESULTS:

GVBD Chairman (James McLeod) tabled the results of the recent GVBD Survey undertaken by Clubs.

Directors – Rob Sceney and Peter Naughton spoke in reference to the survey results. (Hard copy of the survey results handed to each Club for their information).

Following further discussion, motion was moved to accept the survey results as tabled.

Motion: It was moved by Brian Nisbet (Nagambie) and seconded Greg Fitzpatrick (Stanhope) that the detailed GVBD 2018/19 Survey results as tabled be accepted. (Carried).

REMINDER TO ALL CLUBS: (Housekeeping)

Please ensure all Clubs provide the following to GVBD Secretary (Joy O'Donnell) as soon as possible.

- Change of Club Office Bearers for 2019/2020 Season.
- Club Tournament details.
- Clubs to advise continuation of Handbook advertisement.

ALSO GENTLE REMINDER TO CLUBS:

• Club Pennant Teams Application Form required immediately.

GVBD Chairman (James McLeod) advised details of the following meetings:-

• Newly elected GVBD Executive Board to meet Friday 7th June, 2019 @ 10.00am at Shepparton Park Bowls Club Meeting Room.

GVBD Chairman (James McLeod) before closing the meeting acknowledged the work and commitment undertaken by the retiring Directors – Lloyd Mawson and Mal Williams.

Immediate Past Chairman (Lloyd Mawson) spoke to the meeting thanking Chairman (James McLeod) for undertaking the role of GVBD Chairman and congratulating him on his appointment for the 2019/2020 Season.

Meeting closed – 9.00pm.

Minute Taker – Joy O'Donnell

GVBD Secretary - 29th May, 2019