



**Campaspe Valley  
Bowls Division Inc.**

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## **GENERAL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.00 pm**  
**VENUE: City of Echuca BC**

**WELCOME:** Chairperson Pat welcomed all attendees.

City of Echuca, Elmore, Ky Valley View, Lockington x 1, Moama, Rich River x1,  
Rochester & Tongala

**APOLOGIES:** J McArthur, S Laing, T Davis, T Tonta, V Gledhill

**Acceptance of Apologies:**

Moved: Rich Rivers  
accepted.

Seconded: Elmore that the apologies be

**CARRIED**

**Acceptance of the Previous Minutes:**

Moved City of Echuca

Seconded: Moama that the Minutes of the  
previous minutes be accepted as a true and correct record

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising;**

1. Rochester's Discussion Forms – these will be discussed at the Board Meeting
2. Christine Ritchie went through to the Semi-Final in the State Novice, lost 20/21. A great effort
3. Website Honour Board up to date
4. Increasing prize money for State Events. We spend: \$4,720 is income for state event; money to Clubs for use of greens \$1,600; prize money \$1,180; which leaves \$800.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

As Circulated.

Moved: Ky Valley View  
correspondence be accepted

Seconded: Rich River that the

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer:**

As Circulated.

## Ladies Match Committee

The winner of the CVBD Champion of Champions this season was Lynette Smith from Deniliquin Bowls Club. Lyn defeated Heather Curnick from Rochester by 2 shots; in a fantastic display of bowling by both ladies. This game could have gone either way; and was deserving of being a draw!!

The assembled spectators were spell bound by the display of bowling from these ladies; many on the edge of their seats until the last bowl was played in every end!!

The first round of the CVBD Mixed Pairs was played at Tongala, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Section winners were V. & M. Rehe; L. Freeman & H. Lea; M. & B. Brennan; B. Eddy & L. Saunderson; M. Roberts & M. Liverton; K. & S. Connolly; R. & K. Wastell.

As this event needs to be finalised in Campaspe Valley prior to February 25<sup>th</sup>; and most players were from Moama; they have been allowed to make their own arrangements for playing the next round.

I will liaise with the winners of this round to arrange to play semi-finals and final of this event during next week.

Region Match committee have said the Region Final of this event is to be played Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup>. If CVBD winners are not available to play Region final on that date, CVBD will have to forfeit to BBD players.

A player complained about the way the draw was done for this event; complaining about having to move from one green to the other; even though most / all teams also, had to change greens during the day.

When the Women's Match Committee explained that this is how the computer generated programme had done this draw; this person said; "that I need to learn how to do a proper draw for sectional play; the way the men's match committee has". That I / my committee need to tell the computer programme how to do a proper draw; the way the Men's Match committee does???

Most / all teams playing in this event experienced the change, moving from one green to the other; however, only one person complained about this; all other players accepted this as part of the draw for play. (When playing in tournaments teams most times change greens!!! So what is the difference when playing State Events?) If you are a good enough player; the change of green should not make a difference.

All Match Committee personal along with CVBD Board Members are volunteers; if they are going to be subjected to abuse / intimidation by players; I believe the CVBD is going to find it much more difficult to find members willing to take on these positions. Currently we do not have a male Vice- President – **WHY.**

Kind regards,  
Joy McArthur.  
Chairman.  
CVBD Women's Match Committee.



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### Men's Match Committee:

The State Fours Semi Final was played at Moama in ideal conditions, with the City of Echuca team skipped by Geoff. Beattie, defeating the Deniliquin team skipped by Shane Laing.

The final played before a large crowd demonstrated some fine draw bowling.

The City of Echuca team of Wayne Brooks, Steve Cunningham, Phillip Thorn and Geoff. Beattie proved

a bit the stronger for the Moama team of Matty Liverton, Peter Hall, Mark Chaplin and Klive Liverton.

The Moama team raced to a 9 – 0 lead after 4 ends, after 9 ends the score was 10 all. The result could have changed even during the final end, but the City of Echuca team were the winners.

That team represented the CVBD at the Regional Final at Rich River last Sunday. Both the CVBD Fours and Triples went down by the narrowest of margins 1 shot to Bendigo.

On Sunday our Men's Singles and Pairs played Bendigo in the Regional Finals at Rich River in ideal conditions. Shane Laing / Lindsay Franklin defeated John / Simon Carter in the pairs, while Steve Cunningham was defeated by John Berry.

The debatable issue of the Match Committee cancelling Round 15 of Weekend Pennant due to the predicted temperature reaching 40 degrees at Deniliquin during the afternoon, which proved to be wrong by quite a margin.

The unanimous decision was made at 10.00 am and all clubs were notified. The forecast temperature of 40 degrees was still forecast to reach 40degrees by 2.00pm at 1.59pm. UV index was predicted to be 13[extreme] how did that **not** change.

**No negative comments** were received regarding the BOM forecast at Deniliquin.

The Match Committee have been consistent with their decisions all season, considering players health as well as bowls.

The previous experience we had when clubs made the decision probably influenced this decision, plus the clubs at no stage this season have suggested plan B.

The communication we have received supports our decision, if it was technically correct or not, the decision was made without fear or favour to advantage the majority.

The Match Committee expects next season will have much clearer guidelines for;

- 1 what constitutes a game, [number of ends completed etc.?)
- 2 What will be the maximum temperature, [defended legally in court and by whom?]
- 3 Will CVBD still use Deniliquin BOM that has failed more than once?
- 4 Could the northern clubs play the majority of their home games prior to Xmas?
- 5 What plan B's the clubs will offer, [at present nil]
- 6 If rules for divisions could vary?
- 7 When will CVBD have rules that only affect CVBD? [eg. All W/E pennant off because 1 or 2 players are in the Vic. Open finals at Shepparton during November weather?]

Joe Murphy Chairman of Men's Match Committee.

## **Umpires:**

My re-accreditation as a National Umpire was successfully completed at Bendigo on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of February Keith McGowan and Tony Deanne, both of City of Echuca bowls club were successfully re – accredited as measurers. I thank National Umpire, Lois Robson for her assistance on the day.

Arrangements are in hand with Deniliquin Bowl's club to commence training four new umpires, one Marker/Measurer and one Measurer during the month of March – dates to be confirmed.

Pat Sehestedt

Chair: C.V.B.D. – Umpires committee.

## **Bendigo Campaspe Bowls Region: Nil**

Moved: Moama  
accepted.

Seconded: Rochester that the Reports be

CARRIED

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Proposed Discussion Form
  - a. Change the day on which Midweek Pennant is played;  
One Club was in favour of change.
  - b. Midweek Pennant be changed to 21 ends and played straight through;  
One Club in favour of 21 ends.
  - c. Change Midweek Pennant to 4 rinks of 2 bowl triples;  
No change
  - d. Change Weekend Pennant temperature abandonment to 38° as at Deniliquin BOM;  
Stay at 40°, start games early. ? 10.00 am.
  - e. Change Weekend Pennant to 14 weeks to include to catch-up dates (1 before Christmas and 1 in the New Year.  
Moama moved and City of Echuca seconded, that a motion be put forward stating 14 rounds & 2 catch-up games.

## **2. CVBD Presentation Night**

Expressions of interest have been sent out.



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3. CVBD Mixed Pairs: a. Member from Moama stated that the Draw cannot be changed once advertised.
  - b. Teams that were missed were placed in the Bye, and team with Bye was not contacted.
  - c. The Protected Player should not have been given the okay to play interstate.
  - d. Need more people on Match Committee.
4. Barry Brennan explained some suggested Rule wording.
  - a. Take out 'abandoned' change to 'suspended'.
  - b. Take out 'cancellation' change to 'rescheduled'
  - c. Start at 10.00 am if heat predicted

Joe Murphy stated that the Match Committee has had a lot of support during the season.

**NEXT MEETING: 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at 7.00 pm at City of Echuca Bowling Club**