



**Campaspe Valley  
Bowls Division Inc.**

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## **GENERAL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

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

**WELCOME:** Joy Weller welcomed all in attendance

**ATTENDEES:** City of Echuca x 1, Deniliquin RSL x 2, Elmore x  
, Ky Valley View x 2, Lockington x 1, Mathoura x 2, Rich River x 2, Rochester x 2,  
Tongala x 1, Moama x 1.

**APOLOGIES:** Joy McArthur, Pat Schram, Tom Davis, Eddie Smith

#### **Acceptance of Apologies**

Moved: Rochester  
accepted

Seconded: Lockington that the apologies be

**CARRIED**

**Previous Minutes:** Moved: Elmore  
previous meeting be accepted.

Seconded: Mathoura that the Minutes of the  
**CARRIED**

#### **Business Arising;**

1. Motion – Lodged by Moama, seconded City of Echuca that weekend pennant be 14 rounds, plus 2 weeks allocated for catch-up dates.

Not all Clubs have voted. Does anyone have a form to hand in?

For: Moama  
City of Echuca  
Deniliquin RSL

Against: Rochester  
Ky Valley View  
Elmore  
Tongala  
Mathoura

Clubs not voted are: Deniliquin; Lockington and Rich River  
Moama voiced disappointment in the lack of support from Clubs with voting.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

As Circulated..

Moved: Mathoura  
Correspondence as circulated be accepted

Seconded: City of Echuca that the  
**CARRIED**

## **ADDING/REARRANGE ITEMS TO AGENDA**

### **REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer:**

As Attached.

#### **Ladies Match Committee**

### **CVBD WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT, MARCH, 2018.**

The State Mixed Pairs were completed.

I would like to thank all players for making themselves available to play these matches at unscheduled times to be able to get to the final on time.

The winners of the CVBD Mixed Pairs were Margot and Barry Brennan.

Margot and Barry went on to win the Region Final and will represent CVBD at the State finals in Bendigo in April.

Midweek pennant finals have been played. I wish to thank all clubs who hosted the midweek pennant finals, for making their greens and facilities available to play these finals; also for their catering of the players and spectators.

Midweek pennant winners were; Division One – City of Echuca;

Division Two - Mathoura; Division Three – Deniliquin.

City of Echuca will now play against the Bendigo Bowls Division One Winner on Monday March 26<sup>th</sup>; in Campaspe Valley to decide which team plays in the State Pennant finals at Moama Bowls Club to be played May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Next event for CVBD is the Bendigo Campaspe Challenge to be played this season in Campaspe Valley on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Selectors will be in touch to arrange players.

Congratulations to Linda Harris (Deni RSL) Marilyn Stephenson, Sandra Connolly, and Melissa Roberts (Moama) and Liz Easter (Rich River) on their selection in the State Women's Championships side to be played at Murray Downs Bowls Club, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>.

Kind regards,

Joy McArthur.

Chairman.

CVBD Women's Match Committee.

**Men's Match Committee:**



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March CVBD Men's Match Committee Report to the General Meeting 15th March 2018.

The Regional Finals were played at Moama with Phillip Thorn winning the Champion of Champions convincingly and Barry and Margo Brennan winning the Mixed Pairs.

The home and away Pennant Season was completed with both City of Echuca and Moama having a team in each Division final. Deniliquin, Elmore, Rich River and Deni RSL with two teams in the finals plus Rochester and Mathoura.

The criteria used to select finals venues was based on; Play on neutral greens, divide the travelling and play the clubs finals games together if practical, this was not always possible.

The Grand Final venue this season City of Echuca was selected due to them celebrating their Centenary.

The eligibility of players qualifying for finals again raised some discussion and the umpires [Bowls Vic] expertise was required.

This highlighted a long held opinion that a player must play 4 Games in a lower Division if they had played games in a higher Division, to play in a lower Division Final.

This is not the case, if the player has not played 4 games in the higher Divisions. They are required to play 4 games to play finals. PLEASE NOTE.

The Weekend Pennant Grand Finals were played at City of Echuca in near perfect conditions. The greens could not have been better, a very slight breeze which had little effect.

The City of Echuca is to be commended on the presentation of the finals, a wonderful organised event. Following clubs in future seasons have a very high standard to follow.

Moama won Division 1, 2 and 4 Premierships, and Elmore won Division 3, with City of Echuca taking out Division 5. Congratulations to those clubs.

The need to change some guidelines for next season has already begun. The decisions are made by the Delegates and the Match Committee only implement them.

The Men's Match Committee would like to thank all the people who have assisted them in doing their job during the season.

The other members of the Match Committee have given a lot of time and effort during the season and should be congratulated on their contribution.

Regards Joe Murphy Men's Match Committee Chair.

**Umpires:**

Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> March should see 4 new umpires and two new marker/measurers complete their training at Deniliquin bowls club. That leaves City of Echuca to be completed.

Pat Sehestedt  
Chair: CVBD umpires committee

## **Bendigo Campaspe Bowls Region:**

### **BENDIGO CAMPASPE BOWLS REGION REPORT TO CVBD; MARCH 2018.**

All Region finals of State events have now been played.

Lyn Smith and Philip Thorn won the Region Champion of Champions and will play in the last 16 in the State during Champions week in April at Bendigo East Bowls Club. Margot and Barry Brennan won the Region Mixed Pairs; they also will play during Championship week.

The Women's Region final of Pennant will be played March 26<sup>th</sup>, in Campaspe Valley.

The Men's Region final of Pennant will be played March 24<sup>th</sup>, in Campaspe Valley.

The State Women's Region Sides Championship will be played at Murray Downs April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>.

The State Men's Region Sides will be played at Traralgon April 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We wish both teams every success.

Joy McArthur.  
Secretary. BCBR.

## **BVVR**

### **Report from BVRR meeting 21/2/18**

- This was the first meeting for me and it was interesting to hear from other Regions.
- Some Regions gave reports and a couple of things that may be of interest to us – Wimmera hold all of their Regional finals on 1 weekend – mainly due to travel. If there are double ups, then the program reflects that. Another Region has a problem with too many young people – not the case for us at all.
- Pennant surveys were discussed – the writing of the surveys is paramount – needs to be written in positive language.
- Vic Open has been extended – it will now encompass 2 Fridays and that will impact CVBD Midweek Pennant. We will have to move one of our Friday matches to a Tuesday – we have provision for that in our rules. It is a mandated event, so there is no pennant during the Vic Open.
- The Division boundaries issue was clarified – Bowls Vic Board has the final say.
- No clearances will be given if a player is suspended.



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- Tony Scott – Chair of BV Disability Support Committee spoke about what is happening in that area. There was discussion about the provision of appropriate wheelchairs. A company called “Wheelability” will alter wheel chairs to have wide front and rear wheels.
- Bowls Vic branding logo has changed – it does not affect anything that we are currently using – the new logo is aligned to the new BA logo – the outside lines reflect the arc a bowl is taking on the backhand and the forehand (though may be Drakes Pride line), Bowls Vic has a bowl, kitty and the V for Victoria.
- Participation – ‘Always try and give everyone the opportunity to play bowls’ – is the mantra. Pennant, social, barefoot, even bowling with babies – must look outside current operation. Players will transition into full affiliated membership from little nibbles.
- Strategic plan – from BA → Bowls Vic → Regions → Divisions → Clubs. Communication must be down but also back up the line – two-way.
- Electronic communication is not necessarily being read.

Next meeting will be the roadshow meeting held in each region. Will be in Bendigo somewhere this year as was in Elmore last year.

Moved: Mathoura  
accepted.

Seconded: Rich River the reports be  
CARRIED

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 1. Proposed Discussion Form

- a. Moama proposed: Change the word ‘abandoned’ to ‘suspended’ in Rule 2. CVBD Pennant Heat Rules, clauses i & ii;

This means there is now a provision to wait, if a cool change is expected.  
Pick a time for waiting

More than half the clubs agreed.

Ky Valley View would second the Motion

- b. Moama proposed: Add the words (or heat) after the word (rain) in Rule 3c, Game interrupted or cancelled by adverse conditions

Suggestion put forward, a delay up to 1 hour.

Ky Valley View would second the Motion

- c. Moama proposed: Change the wording of Rule 3 (A). Games interrupted or cancelled by adverse conditions.....

Play Weekend Pennant at 9.30 am if likelihood of heat.

Mathoura stated we should use common sense,

Ky Valley View would second the Motion.

- d. Rochester proposed: Midweek Pennant Division 3 comprising 3 rinks of 4 players.

A feeling of not many Clubs would be in favour of this change.

Tongala would second a Motion

- e. Rochester proposed: Take CVBD temperature from Echuca Airport

The query asked in this discussion paper was about using Deniliquin Airport as our temperature gauge.

Deniliquin Airport is the only BOM gauge in our Division.

Echuca Airport is no a registered BOM site

Following discussion Chairperson and Secretary will check this further.

- f. Rochester proposed: Midweek Pennant to start at 9.00 am for the remaining rounds after Christmas

Lunch at 11.00 am

Rich River felt that it would be difficult to have Greens available at 8.45 am.

Clubs showing interest in this proposal: Elmore, Rochester, Tongala, Lockington, Ky Valley View, Mathoura and City of Echuca.

- g. CVBD Board proposed: to add 2 to 3 days at the end of the Season to enable catch up games needing to be re-scheduled.

Emergency days if needed.

Mathoura: why did we have to play the finals Saturday & Sunday? Joe Murphy explained this in his report.

Rochester – 3 other association are playing their final now.

Rich River Ladies will second this Motion.



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Rich River – why don't we start earlier? We propose we start early Sept, playing 14 rounds and Finals before Christmas. Then CVBD Tournaments and State Events after Christmas

### **2. Presentation Night**

3 clubs have put in an expression of interest.

Board will make a decision on Monday.

### **3. Midweek Grand Final**

Elmore forced their disappointment on where the Grand Final was held. They were disadvantaged by the length of travel. What happened to the central venue? Venue should be held in between the two Clubs.

### **4. Jeff Keath voiced his opinion on Motions Passed should stand for 3-5 years.**

Mathoura responded stated that Clubs have a right to submit Motions.

### **5. Rich River stated that their Club is going to a combined committee at the end of April.**

**NEXT MEETING: 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at 7.00 pm at City of Echuca Bowling Club**

**ALL NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS ON THE BOARD**

**ARE REQUIRED BY THIS DATE.**