



Metropolitan
Bowls
Association Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT

2017-18

NOTICE OF MEETING

Member Clubs are hereby advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Metropolitan Bowls Association Inc. will be held on Sunday 22nd April @ 10.00am at the Hawthorn Bowling Club.

Election Office Bearers. Four positions will be declared vacant - four (4) Executive Committee members. These positions will each be for a term ending at the Annual General Meeting of the Association in 2020. The executive committee will appoint President and Secretary positions as soon as practical after the completion of the AGM.

Nomination forms for Executive Committee members and Metropolitan Bowls Association Role, Criteria & Prerequisites documents are attached. Please ensure that the forms & documents are available to your members.

All nominations close on 25th March 2018.

Notices of Motion. Clubs are asked to send any Notice of Motion for consideration at the AGM to the secretary of the MBA by **25th March 2018.**

The Agenda for the meeting, Notices of Motion and Nominations for positions vacant (including CV) will be forwarded to clubs by **April 1st 2018**

Clubs are reminded that Presidents (or their representative) are invited to the AGM.



Ron Mulliner

Secretary MBA

18th February 2018

Agenda of AGM 2017-18

1. **Present:**
As per attendance sheet
2. **Apologies:**
3. **Welcome:** Ron Mitchell
4. **President's report: Ron Mitchell**
5. **Financial Report.** Secretary Ron Mulliner
6. **Presentation of Budget for 2018-19.** Ron Mitchell
7. **Election of Office Bearers.**
Nominations received for the four vacancies.
Ron Mitchell, Ron Mulliner, Mike Porter, Michael Sheehan
8. **Notices of Motion**
 - 8.1 That Saturday Premier, Division 1 and Division 2 Grades revert to 25 ends for season 2018-19 **Toorak Burnside**
 - 8.2 That on days where the temperature has, in the opinion of the two opposing Member Clubs, the potential to reach the cut-off temperature, even though the forecast is below that level, the clubs may, but are not obliged to, agree to reschedule to an earlier starting time. Such an agreement must be notified to MBA by email before 5:00pm on the day before the match is scheduled to be played. **Toorak Burnside**
 - 8.3 That there not be a 10 minute break on Thursdays for Ladies Pennant **Morphett Vale**
 - 8.4 That consideration is given to travelling distance. Could Division 1 be split between North/East and South/West. **Morphett Vale**
9. **General Business**
 - 9.1 Certificates of recognition
10. **Meeting Closed.**



TO: ALL MEMBER CLUBS

SUBJECT: MINUTES METROPOLITAN BOWLS ASSOCIATION AGM

DATE: Sunday 27th August 2017

COMMENCED: 10.00am

VENUE: Salisbury Bowling Club

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1. **Present:** Member Clubs as per attendance sheet (Total of 34 eligible for voting)
MBA: Ron Mitchell, Ron Mulliner, Steve Franks, Jack Caulfield, Mike Porter
Lesley Slattery
 2. **Apologies:** Anne Phillips, Peter Walter, Morphett Vale BC, Croydon BC,
Heather Cowden- Tonkes
Absent: Brighton BC, Christies Beach BC, Clarence Gardens BC, Colonel Light Gardens BC,
Hope Valley BC, Marion BC, Marion RSL, Millswood, Novar Gardens BC, Para Hills BC,
Rosewater BC, Torrensville BC, Walkerville BC, West Croydon Kilkenny RSL BC.
 3. **Welcoming Address-** Ron Mitchell
* Thanks to Salisbury BC for use of facilities to host the MBA's AGM
* Special welcome to newly elected Presidents
Adelaide BC- Henry Higgins, Glenelg BC – Rob Teague, Hawthorn – John Shaw,
Kensington/ Marryatville- Cecily Griffiths, Modbury- Jose Gill, Toorak Burnside- John Welan
 4. **President's Report**
Ron outlined the formation of the MBA, how decisions would be made in the future, a 3
year plan is being developed. Thanked Mark Easton, Erin Haines and other Staff of Bowls SA
for their expertise that was vital so that MBA policies and those of BSA worked as one.
Steve Franks was thanked for his work on policy formulation, By Laws and the Constitution.
Ron presented **M&PC report** that explained the process of the Pennant Draw (copy
attached to these minutes)
A Presidents Update will be sent out to clubs later this Month
 5. **Financial Report**
Secretary presented the Audited Report to 31st March 2017 and then presented a financial
statement that showed the MBA's current financial position as of the 27th August,
MOVED Henk Smelter (Blackwood BC) that the financial Report be accepted.
SECONDED Ian Farrow (Happy Valley BC)
CARRIED
 6. **Presentation of Budget**
Ron Mitchell presented the MBA's Budget (a copy of this was in the MBA's Annual Report)
MBA is currently negotiating Sponsorship for Finals
 7. **Election of Office Bearers**
 - 7.1 **Vice President.** Only one nomination was received. Peter Walter was duly elected
Vice President.
 - 7.2 **Committee (3 positions)**
Nominations from: Steve Franks, Bob Scholefield, Anne Phillips, Lesley Slattery
Voting slips were distributed, Scrutineers were appointed Barbara Nesbitt and Bill
Downing. Successful Nominees were: Steve Franks, Bob Scholefield, and Lesley
Slattery
Voting slips were destroyed by Secretary

8 Notices of Motion

8.1 *That in the event of a new constitution is voted on and adopted by Member Clubs those elected at this AGM or whom are currently serving their term will continue in their elected positions pursuant to the new constitution and serve their terms in accordance with the new Constitution*

MOVED Ian Farrows (Happy Valley)

SECONDED Peter Gooch (Reynella)

CARRIED Unanimous

8.2 *That a new Constitution dated 27th August 2017 be adopted and replace the current Constitution*

MOVED Rube Blakey (Edwardstown) **SECONDED**

Henk Smelter (Blackwood) **CARRIED Unanimous**

8.3 *Gawler BC- That Afternoon tea for Wednesday & Saturday Pennant matches be discontinued, with matches to be played straight through, and nibbles at end of game.* Gawler spoke to the motion. Discussion followed with those for and against the Motion. **MOVED** Kingsley Branson (Gawler)

SECONDED Ray Whichelo (Somerton)

FOR 8, AGAINST 26 LOST

9 General Business

9.1 Changes to conditions of Play

Ron Mitchell clarified the COP and answered any questions. The question of 21 ends for Premier League was raised resulting in discussion

9.2 Communication Protocol

Ron Mitchell presented the "Pennant Decision Making Process" so that Clubs were aware of the timetable which would involve 3 meetings a year

10 Next MBA general meeting with Club Presidents will be held in January- Time and Location to be advised

Next AGM will be held on Sunday 22nd April 2018 – Time and Location to be advised.

Tim Dodds thanked "the two Rons" and the committee of the MBA for their work and told the meeting that the decision making processes that the MBA had put in place boded well for the future of the sport.

Ron Mitchell thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting Closed 12.43pm

President's Report

With one season now under our belt we can sit back and review what has happened.

Achievements:

ECH Sponsorship. This has been a major development for the MBA. As a group ECH have been wonderful to negotiate with, and we have appreciated their enthusiasm and cooperation!

With the sponsorship of ECH the Finals have become Major events. We have:

- Provided 400 medals and 48 trophies for pennant winners
- Recognised teams that do not play Finals with a trophy presentation
- Created a new Premier League flag; plus a small dated flag for the club to keep
- Souvenir program for Sat. Premier Grand Final-this can follow at other venues
- Live streamed the Sat. Premier Grand Final- exciting potential for the future!
- Created feather flags and banners to advertise the MBA at all events
- We have achieved considerable cost savings to clubs. Initially we reduced the fees for pennant administration by 10-15%. We are pleased to say we can reduce the costs by a further 20% in the next year! While still doing more!
- We have communicated regularly with clubs in various formats

The Match and Programme Committee. This group has been very busy as usual and many thanks to Jeff Allen for his expert and timely management. There are many daily matters handled quietly and with skill!

Prestige Medley. The MBA has supported the four Prestige Medley teams for Regions 9,10,11 and 12. All funds from the former Regions have been transferred to the MBA under the Prestige Medley. Thanks to the 8 team Managers and the players.

Issues:

Rules. Some rule changes have caused problems and we will address any wording or associated matters. The heat policy was of greatest concern but the importance of the duty of care towards players cannot be underestimated.

We intend having a meeting in September to outline any changes to the rules. This meeting will be open to other officials from your club to come.

Withdrawals and Forfeits. There was severe disruption to many pennant games in the first three weeks of the season. The difficulty for clubs is in estimating the number of teams they can field in competition. We must find ways to reduce the disruptions.

The Calendar. There are many competing pressures that dictate how the season will be structured.

Special thanks!

- ✓ Must be given to Ashley Halls and the team from the Bowling League Coast Fm programme who give their time freely to promote all bowls!
- ✓ John Bevin from Messenger Press for his continual support.

In conclusion:

- The Executive Committee has worked long and hard in the last 18 months!
- Ron Mulliner has been outstanding as a Secretary to the Association!
- Steve Franks has been great support in writing documents and in handling the social media aspects.
- Mike Porter has been instrumental in the ECH sponsorship role.
- Jack Caulfield leaves us after 18 months. Many thanks for your efforts Jack.
- Special thanks to Mark Easton and the staff at Bowls SA for their support.

Many people have commented: 'Why was the MBA formed?'

Hopefully Clubs and members can now see some of the benefits that can flow on. We are inclusive of the overall metropolitan bowls scene- Bowls SA is responsible for the sport; we are a direct link with all the clubs and members of the Metropolitan Bowls Association- and proud of it! There is more to come! We listen to you, and we react with best intentions!

Ron Mitchell, President, on behalf of Peter Walter; Ron Mulliner; Steve Franks; Lesley Slattery; Mike Porter; Jack Caulfield and Bob Scholefield.

PROPOSED BUDGET

METROPOLITAN BOWLS ASSOCIATION

REVENUE	FY 2018-19 PROPOSED
Club Fees per pennant teams	24000.00
Club pennant permit fee	500.00
Fines	500.00
Regional Funds Transferred to Prestige Medley	3300.00
Sponsorship	4000.00
Carried over	37000.00
TOTAL	\$69,300.00

EXPENSES	FY 2018-19 PROPOSED
Advertising-promotion-flyers;finals programmes	2,000.00
Auditor fee	800.00
Badges 8 and 50 (500 used this season @\$3.00)	2,500.00
Equipment-printer;router; office gear	1,200.00
Additional Flags; Flagpole Logo;Banner;Feather flags;stencil for green.	1,300.00
Live streaming equipment;data charges;	2,000.00
Medallions for Pennant winners-26 finals 400 medals	3,500.00
Meetings- BBQ;tea/coffee etc	1,500.00
Pennant card printing-36000 cards	4,300.00
Postage	800.00
Premier 1 -3 small flags	500.00
Prestige Medley-shirts and Manager expenses	1,500.00
Supplies-paper-ink-sundry items-photocopy paper-card-stationery paper	1,000.00
Telephone-mobile phone expenses	1,000.00
Trophies for pennant winners	2,500.00
Website structure and annual fee \$1000 + \$500	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,400.00
Reserve-Admin emergencies. Future stability.	40,000.00
TOTAL	\$69,300.00