

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE NO.14 May 2018

Greetings!

1. **FINALS.** We have been delighted with the festival atmosphere created around the finals programme this year! Feedback has been very positive. We ensured there was a uniform presentation ceremony at all venues. The support of our new sponsor ECH has been excellent! The extension of the finals series to 26 divisions; the 400 medals and the 47 trophies have been well received and the recognition of teams that did not play finals was also a positive initiative. We trialled live streaming and a Finals brochure. We are still looking to improve!
2. **AGM Hawthorn Bowling Club.** We held a successful meeting and the details are covered in the minutes and financial statement circulated to all clubs.

3. **Elections.**

At the ensuing Executive Committee meeting the following positions were decided.

President Ron Mitchell

Vice President Peter Walter

Secretary Ron Mulliner

Finance Officer Mike Sheehan

Committee: Mike Porter; Lesley Slattery; Steve Franks; Bob Scholefield.

We welcome Mike Sheehan from Salisbury Club to our Executive Committee!

4. **MATCH AND PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.**

The following people comprise the committee.

Chair: Jeff Allen

Committee: Bob Tuck; Steve Hicke; Jim Nitschke; Riina Bradbrook; Chris Yeardeley and welcome to Gail Woods who joins the group!

Joan Prosser has decided not to continue and we thank her for great input over many years. Ross Hall also decided not to re-nominate.

5. **ISSUES.** At the AGM several issues were raised.

- **Capitation.** A topic which affects every club. We have been informed there will be a series of memos forthcoming from Bowls SA. Several clubs have expressed their concerns mainly regarding the 5% increase and the lack of negotiation. We await the memos and we will monitor feedback about the fees clubs are charged.



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- Notices of Motion. We have developed a proforma for the future use of clubs. The document will give some structural format which will be helpful; a rationale statement to be completed; any reference to a current rule or law; and we will require a minute from the Club's Board regarding the Notice of Motion.
6. **CALENDAR.** We have only just received this week the calendar approved by the Bowls SA Board. In other years we have worked with early drafts to plan our season. We know clubs are waiting for this information. We have a Match and Programme Committee meeting next Monday 14th May and an Executive Meeting 25th May. Then we will send our pennant calendar to clubs. There is not much wriggle room to fit our events without overlapping dates!
 7. **REVIEWS.** We are consolidating feedback from the January meeting of clubs; the Match and Programme review of the season as well as a review by our Executive Committee, and input from a Women's Reference group that met to discuss Thurs pennants. We have a working list of changes to the CoP and the basis of a Three Year Plan developing.
 8. **FEES.** At the AGM, clubs approved our draft budget based on a reduced set of Pennant Side nomination fees to clubs. **We were pleased to report that we have reduced the fees by approximately a further 20% from last year,** following on from the 10-15% reduction we implemented last year.
The Side nomination fees for 2018-19 will be:
16 player side - \$80; 12 player side - \$60; 8 player side - \$40
Clubs will receive an individual invoice.
 9. **MEETINGS.** At the AGM we discussed meeting venues. We have tried to move North and South to share the travel load time. The vast majority indicated Sundays are the best day for the meetings. Modbury indicated their willingness to host the next meeting.
 10. **SECRETARY.** Ron Mulliner is on holidays for nine weeks in the Greek Isles. Steve Franks is holding the fort. Many thanks Steve.

Regards

Ron Mitchell

President