1st Special General Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at the Morwell Golf Club on Tuesday 11th April 2023.

(Meeting Recorded)

Chairman:

Meeting opened by President Wayne van Heerewaarden at 6:49.35pm, Wayne welcomed everyone to the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association's Annual General Meeting for 2022.

This meeting has been called to address a number of **Special Resolutions** being put forward by the member Andrew O'Neill with regards to the By-Laws of this Association. It is in the interest of members considering to be future Committee members and also for members of the Association to know what direction the members choose to take for the Association before the Annual General Meeting, where the election of office bearers takes place. It also gives members in teams notice on how the forth coming seasons will play out with regard to these Special Resolutions.

Ken Krieger asked are we supposed to get notice of this Special General Meeting? Wayne replied have done, been on the website and published on Facebook. Andrew said that our point of contact for members of this association is through the website everyone should know that, it's been up on the front page for a month now.

Attendance:

Committee Members

President: Wayne van Heerewaarden, Vice President: Rosa Payne, Treasurer: Dean Burridge & Secretary: Andrew O'Neill.

Ordinary Members

Scorer: Ken Krieger, Publicity Member: Claire Blackford & Ordinary Members: Angela Dean.

Association Members

Alan Greenwood (Turks Allsorts), Andrew Troughton (Traralgon Bowls Club), Bart Munn (Turks Allsorts), Danny Matheson (Postmen), Danny Tabone (Big Balls), David Buhagiar (Big Balls), Don McIvor (Morwell RSL UFC's), Jamee van Galdren (Traralgon Bowls Club), Jane Kolakowski (Morwell RSL Pool Sharks), Jay Langstaff (Turks Allsorts), Mark Row (Morwell RSL UFC's), Matt Anderson (Sports Bar), Rick Merlo (Traralgon Bowls Club), Ronald Stephen Kingsley (Morwell RSL UFC's), Shane Vogt (Dare to Drift), Shannon Russell (Postmen) & Trevor Hough (Traralgon Bowls Club).

Visitors

Brad Smith & Trey Merlo.

In Attendance: 26

Quorum:

Quorum met with 23 members in attendance of the 115 members of the Association (15% of 115 = 17 members).

Apologies:

Dean Kane (Morwell RSL Good Guys) & Matt Sawyer (Dare to Drift).

Apologies: 2

Correspondence:

1. Notice of motions:
   By-Law Changes: Special Business.

Previous Minutes:

All previous General Meeting Minutes moved to the 47th Annual General Meeting to be held directly after this meeting.

Special Business:

Notice of Motions: Special Resolutions.

By-Laws:

1. Groupings Amendment/Addition.
2. Emergency Players, Draw Amendment.
3. Handicap Table Addition.
4. Motion: Team Handicap Table.

The President Wayne van Heerewaarden handed the floor over to Andrew O'Neill to conduct the special business received. Andrew said that the notice of motions have been up on the website as per the constitution requirements. Andrew handed out paperwork that explains by example the changes proposed in a four step process. Andrew then discussed the proposals with the members explaining how the whole system works and why he is proposing these changes going forward and as well as taking and answering questions from the members. The proposals were discussed at length by the members and were generally accepted by the members with the only concern being with the handicap table being changed and how that will play out over the season. Andrew made the point as to why he believe it should change and said that if it does prove not to work out that being too hard, the motion proposed above will give the Committee the ability to wind it back if necessary for the Summer competition season. I expect there to be no more major changes to the format or the handicap system going forward. All the information that a team will need will be in their score book and also on the web site -

The changes to be made to the By-Laws so that the new proposals above will work are set out below with rule changes to the following rules -

By-Laws

1. Groupings

1) 36. Point System Amendment (36.3);
2) 44. Clearance Amendment (44.1.5.1);
3) 57. Player of the Year Amendment (57.1.4 & 57.2.3).

2. Format & Team (4 Player)

1) 34. Team Amendment;
2) 36 Point System Amendment (36.3.4);
3) 37. Format Amendment;
4) 38. Draw Amendment (38.1 & 38.2);
5) 39. Marker Remove (39.3 & 39.4);
6) 40. Matches Remove (40.2.1 & 40.2.2);
7) 43. Forfeits: Amendment (43.1);
8) 45. Clearance Amendment (45.1.5.2 & 45.1.5.3);
9) 52. Draw Addition.
10) 58. Player of the Year Amendment (58.1.3, 58.1.4, 58.1.5, 58.2.2 & 58.2.3).

3. Handicap Table

1) 36 Groupings Amendment (36.3);
2) 36 Handicap Addition/Remove (36.9 & 36.3.1.4);
3) 38 Draw Amendment;
4) 52. Teams Drawn Amendment.

4. Motion

1) The Committee may make adjustments to the Team Handicap Table for the Summer Competition 2022 if the Committee deems it necessary.

Moved: Andrew O'Neill
Seconded: Wayne van Heerewaarden
For: 16/Against: 5/Abstain: 3
- Carried 76.2%

Below are the changes to be made to the official By-Laws of the Association.

36. Point System (Grouping/Handicap)

36.1 The Point System shall be controlled by the Committee and used for Division one (1) in competition seasons and if necessary may be considered for other divisions.

36.2 **Grouping**

36.2.1 The Grouping number determines the handicap points for players in each group. The criteria used in the allocation of players into groups shall be as follows:

36.2.1.1 **Group 1** These are the highest grade players. Players are worth 1 handicap point. Ranking average 70% - 100%.

36.2.1.2 **Group 1.5** These are the high grade players. Players are worth 1.5 handicap points. Ranking average 60% - 69%.

36.2.1.3 **Group 2** These are the medium grade players. Players are worth 2 handicap points. Ranking average 50% - 59%.

36.2.1.4 **Group 2.5** These are the low grade players. Players are worth 2.5 handicap points. Ranking average 40% - 49%.

36.2.1.5 **Group 3** These are the lowest grade players. Players are worth 3 handicap points. Ranking average 0% - 39%.

36.2.2 Any vacancies and forfeits on a team score card are worth 2 handicap points.

36.3 **New Players**

36.3.1 New players and players in all other division will be automatically graded into group three (3). The Committee may decide otherwise after taking into consideration a player's ability and or history.

36.3.2 New player grouping evaluation may be considered by the Committee half way through and at the end of their 1st season.

36.3.3 All new players must complete a registration form and answer truthfully the questions about their previous playing history (this will be checked). The captain must sign to verify the registration form has been filled in correct, fully and truthfully. If it is found that the registration form has been completed untruthfully (mistake or otherwise) then that player will forfeit all frames played and these frames will be granted to the opposition player(s) for all matches played**.**

36.3.4 All players are to be grouped before they are eligible to play. Playing a player without being allocated to a group will result in all of that players frames being forfeited to the opposition player(s) for all matches played.

36.4 **Ranking Average**

36.4.1 A players ranking average shall be calculated over their first two (2) seasons played of rankings under the match format played, the Committee to evaluate.

36.4.2 A players ranking average shall be evaluated over their last three (3) seasons played of rankings under the match format played.

36.4.3 Minimum of five (5) games played in a season to qualify for a player's ranking average.

36.4.4 Ranking Average calculation: wins/games played x 100 = average percentage.

36.5 **Handicap**

36.5.1 Using the official Team Handicap Table if a total grouping point's difference exist between the two competing teams the value of the total grouping point's difference in frames shall be taken from the team with the lower total grouping point's and awarded to the team with the higher total grouping points at the end of the match to give a final score. Frames a team shall earn or lose on the night is capped between 0-16 frames.

36.5.2 Team Handicap Table -

Team Handicap Table		
Group Pts Diff	**=**	**Frames +/-**
0 - 0.5	=	0
1 - 1.5	=	1
2 - 2.5	=	2
3 - 3.5	=	3
4 - 4.5	=	4
5 - 5.5	=	5
6 - 6.5	=	6
7 - 7.5	=	7
8	=	8

Competition Rules

45. Emergency Players

45.1 A player may play as an emergency player over the Summer a season of competition.

45.1.1 an emergency player cannot play in a lower division, they may play for more than one (1) team over the Summer a season of competition;

45.1.2 they do not have to meet clearance requirements to change teams for the first three (3) games they play for any one (1) team;

45.1.3 all ranking points acquired by a player shall stay with each team that the player has played for. They are ineligible to play finals, ineligible for player of the year and all other accolades and;

45.1.4 a lower division player may play in a higher division as an emergency player and therefore will still be bound by all the above requirements of an emergency player. The lower division player can still play in his/her lower division team as normal (including finals).

38. Draw

38.1 If in the home/away season the final score is drawn after the handicap system has been applied then each team will earn one (1) Premiership points each.

38.2 In an event of two (2) or more teams finishing the home/away season on the same points/frames a playoff shall occur with the game to be held at the venue of the team that is shown higher on the ladder. If the match is drawn a final series tie breaker shall to be played (see sub rule 52 Draw).

Final Series Rules

52. Draw

In the event of a draw occurring the captains will allocate three (3) players from each team that played in the drawn match, a draw shall be done according to the season order of play (see sub rule 37.1 Format) and they shall play a combined best of three (3) each player playing one (1) frame each the winning team will be the first to win two (2) of the three (3) frames.

Below is the data that Andrew shown to the members to help explain the proposed changes.

Handicap Table

Winter 2022			Summer 2022/23			Winter 2023		
Pts Diff	Frames	Win	Pts Diff	Frames	Win	Pts Diff	Frames	Win
0 - 0.5	0	9	0 - 0.5	0	9	0 - 0.5	0	9
1 - 1.5	1	10	1 - 1.5	1	10	1 - 1.5	1	10
2 - 2.5	2	11	2 - 2.5	2	11	2 - 2.5	2	11
3 - 4	3	12	3 - 3.5	3	12	3 - 3.5	3	12
4.5 - 5.5	4	13	4 - 5	4	13	4 - 4.5	4	13
6 - 8	5	14	5.5 - 8	5	14	5 - 5.5	5	14
						6 - 6.5	6	15
						7 - 7.5	7	16
						8	8	Draw

Win	Sum	Total Games
90	128	= 218

Percentage of Games Played in each Frame Group

Fr	GP	=	Played	Total	Played	Fr 0	Fr's 0 - 1	Fr's 0 - 2	Fr's 0 - 3	Fr's 0 - 4	Fr's 0 - 5	Fr's 0 - 6	Fr's 0 - 7	Fr's 0 - 8
0	0	=	21	50	9.63%	22.94%								
	0.5	=	29		13.30%									
1	1	=	33	64	15.14%	29.36%	52.29%							
	1.5	=	31		14.22%									
2	2	=	32	52	14.68%	23.85%		76.15%						
	2.5	=	20		9.17%									
3	3	=	15	28	6.88%	12.84%			88.99%					
	3.5	=	13		5.96%									
4	4	=	14	19	6.42%	8.72%				97.71%				
	4.5	=	5		2.29%									
5	5	=	1	3	0.46%	1.38%					99.08%			
	5.5	=	2		0.92%									
6	6	=	1	1	0.46%	0.46%						99.54%		
	6.5	=			0.00%									
7	7	=	1	1	0.46%	0.46%							100.00%	
	7.5	=			0.00%									
8	8	=		0	0.00%	0.00%								100.00%

8 Points Difference

Team Points	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9	9.5	10	10.5	11	11.5	12

"Competition"

Team Grouping Totals by Rnd

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Ave
Postmen	5.5	5	5	5.5	5.5	6	5.5	6	6	6	5.5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5.3
Dare to Drift	6	6	6	6	6	7.5	6.5	6	6.5	6	7	5.5	5	5	6	7.5	7	6.5	6	6	7	7	6.27
Morwell RSL Good Guy	8	7	8	7	6.5	8	8	8	7.5	7	8	8	8	6.5	8	6.5	7	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	8	7.32
Morwell RSL Hotshots	7.5	7	8.5	7.5	7.5	7	7	7.5	7.5	7	7	7	7	7.5	7.5	7.5	7	7	8.5	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.4
Big Balls	7.5	7	8	7	7.5	7.5	8.5	7.5	8	6.5	7.5	8	8.5	7.5	8	6	9	9.5	8.5	8.5	8	8.5	7.84
Sports Bar	8	8.5	8.5	8	8	9	8	8.5	9	8.5	8.5	8	9	9	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.48
Turks Allsorts	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	9	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	9	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	9	8.5	8.57
Morwell RSL Paragons	9.5	10	9.5	10.5	10	10	9	10	10	8.5	10	10	10	10.5	9.5	10	9	10	10	10	F	F	9.8
Morwell RSL Renegade	9	10.5	9.5	10	9.5	9	F	9.5	9	10.5	10	F	10.5	10.5	9.5	9.5	10.5	10.5	11.5	10.5	10	10.5	10
Morwell RSL UFC's	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	9.5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10.5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Traragon Bowls Club	10	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10	10	10.5	9.5	9.5	10.5	10	10	10	10	10	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10
Morwell RSL Pool Shar	11.5	11.5	12	12	12	12	11.5	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	11	12	12	12	12	11.9

Total	103
Teams	12
League Average:	8.57

	Team	Score		Team	Score	H/Cap	Winter 22		Sum 22-23		Winter 23	
1	Postmen	14	defeated	MRSL UFC's	2	5	10	6	10	6	9	7
2	Postmen	16	defeated	MRSL Renegades	0	5.5	12	6	11	5	11	5
3	MRSL Good Guys	16	defeated	MRSL Pool Sharks	0	5.5	12	6	11	5	11	5
4	Postmen	14	defeated	MRSL Pool Sharks	2	6	9	7	9	7	8	8
5	Postmen	14	defeated	MRSL Pool Sharks	2	7	9	7	9	7	7	9

Andrew then yielded the floor back to the President Wayne van Heerewaarden.

Wayne said that now that these special motions have been passed by the members and this is what we will be doing for the coming season.

Around the Floor:

Held over to the Annual General Meeting

Meeting Closed:

1. Closing:
   The President Wayne van Heerewaarden thanked everyone for attending and told everyone that the pizzas are here.
2. Time/Duration:
   7:57.48pm/1:08.13.

Regards
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