



37th Annual General Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at the Morwell Golf Club on Tuesday the 5th March, 2013.

Chairman: Meeting opened by President Andrew O'Neill at 7:05pm, Andrew welcomed everyone to the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association's Annual General Meeting. Andrew reminded everyone that only registered members of the 2012 Winter Competition are able to vote at tonight's meeting.

Attendance:

Association Members – Filippo Lauhea and Don McIvor (Morwell RSL Reds), President Andrew O'Neill, Aaron Auld and Scorer Wayne Van Heerewarden (Sports Bar), Ted Norton and Lyn Bock (Grand Junction Hotel), Frank Marino, David Cook, Neil Stuckey, Alan Campbell and Steve Cook (Destructabulls), Paul Stevenson and Ross Kenney (Lenny's Lads), Daryl Martin and Rod Chapman (Grand Junction Hotel), Alan Goodwin, Wayne Loader and Henry Kolakowski (Turk's Breakers), Kristy Thistlethwaite, Rosa Payne, Sonia Scolyer and Ann Rockall (Kissabulls), Milo Fue, Steven Halliday, Aaron O'Mara and Chris Paulet (Turk's Shooters), Craig Wilson, Alan Brook and Shane Vogt (Grand Junction Hotel Blacks), Gary Helmuth, Shannon Russell, Julio Marino and Tim Dale (Top Pub Elites), Steve Gray, Tom Gill, Stuart Stevenson and Paul Pike (Turk's Bar), Treasurer Mick Lubawski, Mick Green, Tony McMillan, Alf Shingles and Colin Young (Morwell RSL Allsorts), Publicity Officer Rick Merlo and Darren Robertson (Top Pub Smashers), Brendan Colvin and Steven Wilson (Traralgon Bowls Club), Adam Skilbeck, Secretary Claire Blackford, Alfred Chircop, Rick Bonnici and Terry Blackford (Morwell RSL Uglie's), Chris Mayer (Jezza's Turkeys), Vice President Allan Greenwood, Brendon Cleland and Steve Bishop (Morwell RSL Greens), David Rash and Glenn Langstaff (Good Old Boys), Graham Hodgskiss (Turk's Cobras), Brad Smith (Morwell Golf Club Swingers), Wayne Taylor (Turk's Magpies), Damien O'Brien and John Humphreys (Morwell Golf Club Cruisers) and Renee McDonald and Paul Keogh (Average Joes).

Guests/Visitors – Tracey Bowen, Katrina Spencer, Luke Pallot, Stephen Wells, Kerren Kennedy, Ricky Martin, Cliff Wandin, Bryan Potter, Fergus Lock, Ray Ades, and Maria Schiavello.

In Attendance: **77** People

Constitution Rule 12. Quorum at General Meetings (2) *Fifteen (15) members personally present (being members entitled under these Rules to vote at a General Meeting) constitutes a quorum for the conduct of the business of a General Meeting.*

Apologies: Andy Kersten (Top Pub Smashers) and Anthony Dunne (Lenny's Lads).

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Consumer Affairs regarding changes to the Constitution. Moved to General Business.

Previous Minutes:

Constitution Rule 11. Annual/Special General Meetings (4) (a) *to confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meeting held since that meeting;*

1. Minutes from the 36th Annual General Meeting 2012 of the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association have been on the website for some time for people to look at. Andrew highlighted some of the issues raised during this AGM and then asked if anyone wanted to raise any issues from this meeting. No one raised any issues so Andrew asked for the minutes to be moved.

Moved: Henry Kolakowski (Turk's Breakers)

Seconded: Gary Helmuth (Top Pub Elites)

- Carried -

Around The Executive:

1. President's Report.
 - a) Consumer Affairs Incorporation Act 2012.
 - b) Need to see an expert (Lawyer) and get any recommendations for Committee.
 - c) Country Cup Business, Separate account still under the same account name.

Business Arising

2. Vice President's Report. Nothing to report.
3. Treasurer's Report.

Constitution Rule 11. Annual/Special General Meetings (4) (b) *to receive from the committee reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last financial year;*

- a) Treasurer Mick Lubawski advised there was an opening balance of \$15,926.94, some of the income that came in over the year was from match fees and that was \$10,964, the income from the Summer Competition was \$6,500, so the total income for the year was \$28,750. Regarding expenditure, the cost of the Annual Presentation Ball \$8,146.90, the expenses for the Summer Competition was \$5,768.85, the total expenditure came to \$26,277.92. This gave the league a profit overall for the year of \$2,472.25 (see below for detailed Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Mick Lubawski informed the sponsorship we got for this year was \$3,500 so we should put our hands together to show our appreciation for the Publicity Officer Rick Merlo, everyone clapped.

- b) President Andrew O'Neill stated that at the previous AGM the league's bookkeeping was discussed due some discrepancies in the accounting due to a lack of details kept in the past. Andrew O'Neill has worked with Treasurer Mick Lubawski in this past year to improve the record keeping ensuring the league documents clearly the money coming in and out and for what purpose. Andrew assured everyone there has been no money missing, the issue is around documenting how we record income and expenses. Andrew O'Neill stated we have discussed having the account audited but we don't really need to do that, we just needed to look at how we do things and keeping an accurate running sheet. President Andrew O'Neill asked for the Treasurer's Report to be moved if there are no other questions.
- c) Just a little bit more as I should mention about the Annual Presentation Ball and as Mick Lubawski stated there was an \$8,000 bill there, just over in fact, but when you break it all down with the deposits and all that it actually cost us \$4,500 as compared with the previous year's cost of \$3,300 though they only had 130 there where as we had 163 there last year. I did the math's and took of 33 to bring it back to 130 and did the math's again and worked out it to be \$52 difference. By having those deposits it brings it right back so we can put on a really good function like last year, it cost more but that \$15

deposit really did reduce the of overall cost and makes it a cost effective event. We have had issues over the years with the cost of these events, where we have not had enough sponsorship coming in and also with the Annual Presentation Ball raffle, deposits ect we have had a couple of really big deficits, we weren't doing what we needed to do to offset those really big bills. The last two years we have had \$2,500 profit which is more than enough we don't really need to have that much but that's ok.

- d)** Gary Helmuth (Snaz) (Top Pub Elites) asked about sponsorship and how important it is and that everyone should know someone who can help out in the way of sponsorship. President Andrew O'Neill explained that we had a sponsorship income of \$3100 and an income of \$22,981 and an expenditure of 20,500, we are dealing with a lot more money now but that's because the league is so much bigger. If you take off that sponsorship from the profit (\$2,500) we would actually have a deficit instead of a profit! So sponsorship is really important for us so get out and support them.



Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association



Treasurer's Report 2012

Registration No A 0016389V

A.B.N. 53 071 518 494

1st January - 31st December, 2012

Opening Bank Balance **\$15,926.94**

Income

Match Fees	\$10,964.00
Summer Competition 2011-2012 Income	\$6,626.50
Sponsorship - Members Hand Book Advertisement and Trophy Sponsorship	\$3,550.00
Annual Presentation Ball Partners & Deposits	\$3,182.00
Player Registrations	\$2,067.00
Donations Raised Andrew Allan	\$1,001.00
Credit Union Interest	\$760.67
Sale - Sets of Balls, White Balls, Shirts & Stubby Holders	\$502.00
Fines	\$97.00
Total Income	\$28,750.17

Expenditure

Annual Presentation Ball - Band, Catering, Alcohol, Security, Raffles & Match Fee Re-Imbur:	\$8,146.90
Summer Competition 2011-2012 Expenditure	\$5,768.85
Trophies & Engraving Winter Competition	\$2,212.85
Donations Raised Andrew Allan	\$1,858.65
National Representation Steve Gray & Paul Pike	\$1,500.00
Pool Victoria Player Registrations	\$1,288.00
Web Site Development & Design & Internet Server Access	\$1,147.80
Printing (Members Hand Books)	\$1,312.57
Representative Costs & Refreshments - Country Cup	\$943.40
Entry Fees - Country Cup, Vic Health Carnival	\$610.00
Vic Health Carnival & Inter-League Day - Bus Hire, Driver & Fuel	\$529.75
Stationery & Admin Supplies - Printing, Framing, Postage.	\$382.45
Aramith Balls Sets x 6 & White/Red Spots x 12 - Pool Victoria	\$360.00
Singles Championships BBQ Food	\$173.90
Consumer & Business Affairs Annual General Meeting Report	\$42.80
Total Expenditure	\$26,277.92

Profit/Loss for 2012 **2,472.25**

In Bank 31/12/2012 (2012 Opening Bank Balance + Total Income - Total Expenditure) **18,399.19**

Juniors Ledger Opening Balance	\$3,188.76
Interest	\$153.47
Total	\$3,342.23

Assets - Timers, 2 x Table Irons & 2x Brush, Laptop & Shirts. **\$1,000.00**

Total Cash & Assets at 31/12/2012 **22,587.95**

Moved: Ann Rockall (Kissabulls)

Seconded: Alan Goodwin (Turk's Breakers)

- Carried -

4. Secretary's Report. Hi. Nothing to report.
5. Scorer's Report. Scorer Wayne Van Heerewarden said well done to all the teams who played in the finals and good luck to everyone for the next season. 2012 Results:

Winter Competition Results Season 2012

Scores Division 1						
Team	Fr	Set		Team	Fr	Set
Turks Shooters	8	3	Eliminat	Jezza's Turkeys'	6	2
Turks Bar	9	4	Qualif	M.R.S.L. Allsorts	4	1
M.R.S.L. Allsorts	6	3	Prelim	Turks Shooters	4	2
Turks Bar	6	3	FINAL	M.R.S.L. Allsorts	6	2

Scores Division 2						
Team	Fr	Set		Team	Fr	Set
Grand Junction Hotel	7	2	Eliminat	Top Pub Elites	7	3
M.R.S.L. Uglii's	6	3	Qualif	Destructabulls	5	2
Destructabulls	6	3	Prelim	Top Pub Elites	5	2
M.R.S.L. Uglii's	9	4	FINAL	Destructabulls	5	1

Scores Division 3						
Team	Fr	Set		Team	Fr	Set
Average Joes	10	5	Eliminat	Top Pub Smashers	2	0
M.G.C. Cruisers	9	4	Qualif	Turks Breakers	3	1
Turks Breakers	7	3	Prelim	Average Joes	6	2
M.G.C. Cruisers	9	4	FINAL	Turks Breakers	3	1

1. Player of the Finals:

- 1) Division 1 - Mick Green (Morwell R.S.L. Allsorts)
- 2) Division 2 - Terry Blackford (Morwell R.S.L. Uglii's)
- 3) Division 3 - Darren Allen (Morwell Golf Club Cruisers)

2. Player of the Grand Final:

- 1) Division 1 - Mick Green (Morwell R.S.L. Allsorts)
- 2) Division 2 - Terry Blackford (Morwell R.S.L. Uglii's)
- 3) Division 3 - Darren Allen (Morwell Golf Club Cruisers)

3. Player of the Year (Gold Jacket):

- 1) Division 1 - Steve Gray (Turks Bar)

- 2) Division 2 - Adam Skilbeck (Morwell R.S.L. Uglii's)
- 3) Division 3 - Andre Lazaris (Average Joe's)
4. Singles Championship:
 - 1) Division 1 - Paul Pike (Turks Bar)
 - 2) Division 2 & 3 – Frank Marino (Destructabulls)

Summer Competition Results Season 2012 – 2013
Scores

Team	Frames		Team	Frames
		Division 1		
		<u>Elimination</u>		
Turks Shooters	8	defeated	Morwell R.S.L. Allsorts	3
Grand Junction Hotel Blacks	8	defeated	Sports Bar	6
		<u>Qualifying</u>		
Jezza's Turkeys	8	defeated	Grand Junction Hotel Blacks	6
Turks Bar	8	defeated	Turks Shooters	3
		<u>Grand Final</u>		
Turks Bar	8	defeated	Jezza's Turkeys	2

Team	Frames		Team	Frames
		Minor Final		
		<u>Elimination</u>		
Yinnar Hotel	4	lost to	Top Pub Elites	8
Grand Junction Hotel	8	defeated	Yallourn Bowls Club	6
		<u>Qualifying</u>		
Morwell RSL Uglii's	8	defeated	Top Pub Elites	4
Destructabulls	7	lost to	Grand Junction Hotel	8
		<u>Grand Final</u>		
Morwell RSL Uglii's	8	defeated	Grand Junction Hotel	5

1. Player of the Summer Competition (Cox Plate):
 - 1) William Shingles (Jezza's Turkey's)

Other Results

1. LV8BA vs. MG8BA Premiers – Yet to be played.
 2. Player of the Year – Yet to be played.
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1. Country Cup Winners - Latrobe Valley 1.
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6. Publicity Officer's Report. Nothing to report.

Pool Victoria Report:

1. Pool Victoria Delegates Report. President Andrew O'Neill stated he attended the Pool Victoria Annual General Meeting held on 20th January, 2013, along with Secretary Claire Blackford and Vice President Allan Greenwood. The main issue they talked about at the meeting was the changes to the constitution; all leagues are looking at this at the moment. Pool Victoria said that when they receive sponsorship from the governing body, they need to have so many members to receive this sponsorship and they raised the issue of how to increase their membership as you need to be increasing your membership base each year to keep receiving this sponsorship. Some suggestions were made. They also talked about issues they had with their Treasurer who was trying to take money from their league but they've dealt with this issue now thanks to Andrea Bird. We suggested they do a back ground check on anyone who is elected to that role in Pool Victoria. They have had problems before back in 1999 which brought down VEBA due to the treasure at that time. President Andrew O'Neill stated part of our registration goes to Pool Victoria, about \$1,800 last year (it's in the Treasurer's Report). There fees were \$7 last year and they have not changed this year.

Notices of Motions:

Constitution Rule 11. Annual/Special General Meetings (4) (e) *to consider other business of which one (1) weeks' notice has been given to the Secretary.*

President Andrew O'Neill informed notices of motions are potential changes to our By-Laws, which must be passed at the Annual General Meeting and require at least 75% of the vote of the registered members present at the meeting.

1. By-Laws Amendments (see attachment).

President Andrew O'Neill informed the black print is the existing information, the red print is potentially to be removed and the green print is potentially to be added to the existing By-Law. The first By-Law proposed change is:

- a) **By-Laws – General. 6. Number of Teams.** Andrew O'Neill stated this change is due to the difficulty we had last year going to 3 divisions in the Winter Competition of 2012, this required a special meeting to do so. This change will enable to the league to have 3 divisions if required or even 4 divisions if there are sufficient teams that would require this. Andrew O'Neill stated it has also been included there that this is not necessarily required for Summer Competition, as this will allow for the league to run groupings or other formats as decided.
- b) **By-Laws – Rules of Competition. 11. Emergency Players.** Andrew O'Neill informed there has been controversy regarding this issue so this change will hopefully clarify things for people. This rule was brought in for people who just wanted to fill in for teams who fall short.
- c) **By-Laws – Final Series. 7. Markers.** Andrew O'Neill read out this proposed new By-Law and stated everyone knows this already happens but it was thought it would be best to include it in the By-Laws.
- d) **By-Laws – Final Series. 8. Dress Code.** Andrew O'Neill informed these points have been added to this By-Law due to issues in the past where people have breached the dress code but it was unclear who was to address this and enforce it.

President Andrew O'Neill stated he will move all the By-Laws amendments in the one if no one objects to it, just to make things easier. Andrew O'Neill asked if anyone had any questions or were against any of the amendments for any reason. No response.

Moved: Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar)

Seconded: Wayne Van Heerewaarden (Sports Bar)

- Carried -

2. By-Law – General. 13. Representative Teams Selection (see attachment).

Scorer Wayne Van Heerewaarden read out the current By-Law including the proposed changes, and stated this change basically looks at how we can select players for Country Cup and Interleague competitions, as opposed to the way players are currently selected. Wayne Van Heerewaarden stated players are currently selected based on quite a subjective process and not necessarily on their current performance. Players in the past have missed out and not been chosen even though their performance has been to a standard whereby it would be fair and reasonable for them to be chosen. Players who deserve to be there haven't been picked. This change also gives Division 2 and 3 players an opportunity to be picked also based on their performance, previously these players have not even been considered. Wayne Van Heerewaarden stated it's fair that Division 2 and 3 players are considered and are given a crack if they deserve it based on their performance. Wayne Van Heerewaarden stated the main goal of this change is to ensure that players, who deserve to be selected, are selected.

The following issues were raised and discussed in relation to this proposal:

- a) A Team Manager would be required if the highest ranked players are to play first as there may be issues with this.
- b) The selection process used to be based on rankings and there were problems with this.
- c) There have been issues with high ranked players not being selected when they should have been.
- d) This system is non-subjective which is seen by some as a more appropriate system.
- e) There is a conflict between the points system rating a state player with a higher number of points for 5 years however in this selection process they are only selected automatically for 1 year. This is because they are for a different purpose altogether.
- f) We want to have our strongest side selected.
- g) There may be a disadvantage for some players who miss a few weeks in the season as this would affect their individual rankings and therefore whether they're selected or not.
- h) Andrew O'Neill and Wayne Van Heerewaarden looked at the top 30 ranked players in Division 1 from the previous season, took off 2 weeks' worth of frames from each player to see how much impact missing some of the season would be, there were only 2 players affected so the impact would be minimal.
- i) Could percentage be considered for selecting players? Percentages vary a lot and were considered and have been included in the system.
- j) We've won 6 out of the last 7 years in the Country Cup with the current system so it's obviously not that bad.
- k) Given weaker players usually play 5th each round their rankings could be better than a stronger player and therefore if the selection process goes on rankings, you won't be getting your best team selected to represent the Association.
- l) Weaker players don't always play 5th each round, this claim is not necessarily true. Secret ballot occurred.

Moved: Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar)

Seconded: Wayne Van Heerewaarden (Sports Bar)

For: 44 (69%) **Against:** 20

- Not carried -

3. By-Law – Rules of Competition. 7. Points System (see attachment).

Wayne Van Heerewaarden explained the points system and the arguments for this system. Wayne Van Heerewaarden and Andrew O'Neill have contacted some of the metro leagues who currently have a points system in place, and their feedback was very positive and felt that although the system was initially difficult to put in place, most players have accepted and are happy with this system as it makes the league more competitive and means any team could win the finals which makes for a more competitive league.

This system also restricts higher ranked players, playing in a division that wouldn't be appropriate, so it's about protecting the divisions as well.

Andrew O'Neill stated he believes the league isn't as strong as it used to be, especially in Division 1, and this system would strengthen the league and encourage some of more experienced and highly skilled players to train and mentor some of the newer players to improve their skills. This would lead to strengthening the league. This system also restricts teams from getting too strong and dominating the league, which will make it a more competitive league.

The following issues were raised and discussed in relation to this proposal:

- a) This system has been adopted from other leagues; this was seen as the best system that's out there at the moment.
- b) This is a self-regulating system so can't be influenced by anyone; it is purely based on performance.
- c) The points for each player would be set at each Annual General Meeting.
- d) The teams are being submitted tonight, what if the points effect the team's entry into their desired division? The season is not going to start until April so there is plenty of time for teams to look at where their players are at and the Executive Committee can assist with any queries or adjustments that might need to be made.
- e) Andrew O'Neill and Wayne Van Heerewaarden have looked at the possible impact on teams in each division and feel this system won't make a huge change to most teams, will only affect a small number of teams.
- f) Concern was raised that this system will effect only the top 2 teams in division 1, why not drop the points allowed in each team so it effects all teams in division 1? Andrew O'Neill informed it will most likely effect the top 4 teams in division 1.
- g) Players might start dropping frames. There would be no purpose to this as each player stays on the points assigned to them for the whole year.
- h) Where do the players go that are dropped from teams that have too many players on higher points. This system crucifies teams.
- i) There are 2 state players in the one team; it makes them hard to beat. If you want to beat them go out and practice.
- j) It might be a disincentive to skill up newer players because if they improve and their points increase, they might have to then move to another team.
- k) Some highly skilled players who have work commitments etc which means they are unable to play a full season, will be assigned lower points even though they are highly skilled players. This can create an unfair advantage to their team.

- I) This system will break up teams. Andrew O'Neill stated this is not the case, teams who are overloaded with players due to points, will need to look at one player going out and one player coming in, that's about it. This system will not "break up" teams. Andrew O'Neill stated there's a flipside to every argument, everyone has heard the arguments for and against this points system so it's time to vote. Secret ballot occurred.

Moved: Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar)

Seconded: Wayne Van Heerewaarden (Sports Bar)

For: 33 (55%) **Against:** 27

- Not carried -

Election - Office Bearers 2013:

Constitution Rule 11. Annual/Special General Meetings (4) (c) *to elect officer bearers of the Association and the ordinary members of the committee;*

President Andrew O'Neill advised of membership eligibility as per Constitution pg 8 – Membership so that all teams are aware of the requirements before putting their teams forward.

Before vacating his seat President Andrew O'Neill stated that he wanted to thank this executive for the work they done over the last twelve months, when you've got 25 -27 teams there's a lot of work to do up here. Also I would like to thank the Ordinary Members of the Association, those two members that represented their team at meetings throughout the year, without your help we can't run the Association.

I'll be seating in the chair whilst the election of Office Bearers is going on as I won't be re-nominating. I've been on this executive for seven years now and its time I took a break, I would like to thank those over the years who have been on the executive with me and supported me and for those people who have helped out in general. I know not everyone has agreed with everything I've done. I've done what I thought was best for the Association, if you're not happy with that that's fine I accept that, but thanks again to everyone.

All positions were declared vacant.

- 1. President:** Wayne Van Heerewaarden (Sports Bar) nominated for the role of President by Steve Bishop (Morwell RSL Greens), this was accepted by Wayne.

Moved: Mick Lubawski (Morwell RSL Allsorts)

Seconded: Alan Goodwin (Turk's Breakers)

- Carried -

- 2. Vice President:** Allan Greenwood (Morwell RSL Greens) nominated for the role of Vice President, declined by Allan. Rick Merlo (Top Pub Smashers) nominated for the role of Vice President by Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar), accepted by Rick. Steve Halliday (Turks Shooters) was nominated for the role of Vice President by Shannon Russell (Top Pub Elites), declined by Steve. Tom Gill (Turks Bar) nominated for the role of Vice President by Aaron O'Mara (Turk's Shooters), declined by Tom. Rick Merlo (Top Pub Smashers) is the only accepted nomination for Vice President.

Moved: Renee McDonald (Average Joes)

Seconded: Claire Blackford (Morwell RSL Uglis)

- Carried -

- 3. Treasurer:** Tom Gill (Turks Bar) nominated for Treasurer by Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar), accepted by Tom.

Moved: Rick Merlo (Top Pub Smashers)

Seconded: Alan Goodwin (Turk's Breakers)

- Carried -

4. **Secretary:** Claire Blackford (Morwell RSL Uglii's) nominated by Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar) for the role of Secretary, accepted by Claire.

Moved: Steve Bishop (Morwell RSL Greens)

Seconded: Adam Skilbeck (Morwell RSL Uglii's)

- Carried -

5. **Scorer:** Paul Pike (Turks Bar) nominated by Steve Gray (Turks Bar) for the role of Scorer, accepted by Paul.

Moved: Colin Young (Morwell RSL Allsorts)

Seconded: Tom Gill (Turks Bar)

- Carried -

6. **Publicity Officer:** Allan Greenwood (Morwell RSL Greens) nominated by Steve Gray (Turks Bar) for the role of Publicity Officer, accepted by Allan.

Moved: Rick Merlo (Top Pub Smashers)

Seconded: Alan Goodwin (Turk's Breakers)

- Carried -

Nomination of Teams & Election - Ordinary Committee Members 2013:

Forms are available for teams to fill in. Phone numbers are needed for captains and members who will be the teams Ordinary Members of the Committee and also what division you wish to be put into. If you have a player that was in division 1 last year and wants to play in division 2 this year you need to highlight that person.

Division 1

1. Destructabulls
 - 1) Neil Stuckey
 - 2) Allan Campbell
2. Grand Junction Hotel Blacks
 - 1) Shane Vogt
 - 2) Alan Brooks
3. Jezza's Turkeys'
 - 1) Chris Mayer
 - 2) Tom Anton
4. Morwell R.S.L. Allsorts
 - 1) Alf Shingles
 - 2) Mick Lubawski
5. Morwell R.S.L. Ugliis
 - 1) Adam Skilbeck
 - 2) Steve Bishop

Division 2

1. Grand Junction Hotel
 - 1) Lyn Bock
 - 2) Ted Norton
2. Good Old Boys
 - 1) David Rash
 - 2) Glenn Langstaff
3. Lenny's Lads'
 - 1) Anthony Dunne
 - 2) Ross Kenney
4. Morwell G.C. Cruisers
 - 1) Damien O'Brien
 - 2) John Humphries
5. Morwell R.S.L. Greens
 - 1) Brendon Cleland
 - 2) Tony McMillan

Division 3

1. Average Joes
 - 1) Paul Keogh
 - 2) Renee McDonald
2. Churchill H.M. Allstars
 - 1) Alan Goodwin
 - 2) Wayne Loader
3. Churchill Mustangs
 - 1) Paul Pettigrew
 - 2) Sally Duncan
4. Kiss-A-Bulls
 - 1) Ann Rockall
 - 2) Sonia Scolyer
5. Morwell G. C. Wanderers
 - 1) Brad Smith
 - 2) Tony Carolan

6. Sports Bar

6. Morwell R.S.L. Reds

6. The Rush

- 1) Andrew O'Neill
- 2) Wayne Van Heerewaarden

- 1) Don McIvor
- 2) Ray Stevenson

- 1) Rob Ellis
- 2) Simon Ellis

7. Turks Bar

- 1) Tom Gill
- 2) Paul Pike

7. Traralgon Bowls Club

- 1) Brendon Colvin
- 2) Steve Wilson

7. Top Pub Elites

- 1) Kiefer Brown
- 2) Tim Dale

8. Turks Shooters

- 1) Steve Halliday
- 2) Stuart Stevenson

8. Turks Cobras

- 1) Graham Hodgskiss
- 2) Janet Hedt

8. Top Pub Smashers

- 1) Andy Kersten
- 2) Rick Merlo

9. Wild Turkeys

- 1) Aaron O'Mara
- 2) Wayne Taylor

9. Turks Thunders

- 1) Daryl Martin
- 2) Rod Chapman

9. Top Pub Young Guns

- 1) Luke Pallot
- 2) Shannon Russell

10. Bye

10. Bye

10. Turks Breakers

- 1) Gary Helmuth
- 2) Henry Kolakowski

Teams and Ordinary Members of the Committee for season 2012 to be accepted.

Moved: Ted Norton (Grand Junction Hotel)

Seconded: Terry Blackford (Morwell RSL Uglii's)

- Carried Unanimously -

We have 25 teams with a possibility of 28 teams with one more to come from Churchill and maybe 2 from Rosedale. We won't be starting for a number of weeks yet, but we have more than 22 teams so we can go to 3 divisions.

The Rush, Top Pub Young Guns and Churchill Mustangs teams was accepted after the meeting with the approval of the Executive Committee See By-Law 5. Admission of Teams (d). Total 28 teams.

Ordinary Business:

Constitution Rule 11. Annual/Special General Meetings (4) (d) *to receive and consider the financial statements in accordance with section 30(3) of the Act;*

1. Affiliation Fees.

a) Pool Victoria Affiliation.

- I. Registration Fee \$7 – no change.

b) Winter Competition

- I. Registration Fee \$5
- II. Match Fees \$5
- III. Team Fees \$0

We see no reason to change our fees from last year, so the motion was put forward to accept the fee structure. It was also asked if anyone opposed affiliating with Pool Victoria. No one.

Moved: Alan Goodwin (Turk's Breakers)

Seconded: Ted Norton (Grand Junction Hotel)

- Carried -

2. Web Site.

- I. Domain Name Cost: \$69 (Every two years)
- II. Hosting Cost: \$19.95
- III. Web Development Cost: \$1,000

Development cost would include automating the ladder and scores and making the web site work with mobile phones as well as putting our history up there so people can look up anything that happened in the past.

Graham Hodgskiss (Turk's Cobras), spoke about information about the meeting not been up there and wanted to see it kept up to date with information for members of the league.

Renee McDonald (Average Joes) asked about having a portion of funds allocated for the web site, \$500 for each season therefore \$1,000 annually. No one spoke against the motion.

Moved: Renee McDonald (Average Joes)

Seconded: Brad Smith (Morwell Golf Club Swingers)

- Carried -

Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar) raised the issue about Wayne Van Heerewaarden and the time he spent on developing the web site but also as well as the ongoing time he spent putting things on the web site and keeping it up to date. This all takes time and as much as he likes to do that for us he is also running a business, so his time has to be worth something. We paid him \$600 last year to do this job.

It was spoken about the price on time with Colin Young (Morwell R.S.L.) suggesting that \$50 was a reasonable amount. Mick Lubawski (Morwell R.S.L.) asked Wayne Van Heerewaarden on what he thinks it worth as he knows how much work he puts into this. Wayne Van Heerewaarden (Sports Bar) said he spends a lot of time as in tons and tons of hours.

Brad Smith (Morwell Golf Club Swingers) moved a motion that he wants an additional \$500 to be allocated with a better user fed back page so that members at any time can have their say in a public domain, the forum we have now needs to be better. Wayne Van Heerewaarden (Sports Bar) said that the present one is not ideal but has plans for a much better one. It was asked if anyone was against the motion. There was no one so the motion was put up.

Moved: Brad Smith (Morwell Golf Club Swingers)

Seconded: Rosa Payne (Kissabulls)

- Carried -

Special Business:

Constitution Annual/Special General Meetings (10) *All business that is conducted at a Special General Meeting and all business that is conducted at the Annual General Meeting, except for business conducted under the rules as ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting, is deemed to be special business.*

- 1. Start Date:** With the amount of teams we have it will make it an eighteen round competition. We don't have to start till next month which will give us time to sort out a couple of teams and also for Wayne Van Heerewaarden to sort out the new web site. Colin Young (Morwell R.S.L. Allsorts) asked to start when the school holidays finish, it was propose to start on Tuesday 16th April. This would take the finals into the start of September with a 6 week break from now, an unusual late start to the season.

Moved: Colin Young (Morwell R.S.L. Allsorts)

Seconded: Claire Blackford (Morwell R.S.L. Uglii's)

- Carried -

- 2. Meetings:** Alternating committee meeting between venues and towns with the first meeting to be held on the 1st of May at Turks Sports Bar.
- 3. Scorebooks:** If you have your old scorebook use it, if it's full, bring it back to us and we will replace it with another one. Remember if you can't produce your old one you will be charged \$10 for a new one, there is a motion on the books to that effect, as people are throwing them away then asking for another one at the start of the next season. We just spent \$600 on 50 new

books and the last 30 scorebooks before that lasted no time because people were throwing them away and some teams were using 2 and even 3 in a season because they kept losing them.

4. **Letterbox:** Looking at putting a letterbox up at Turks Sports Bar for you to put your scorecards in in between meetings, once in there they are considered officially as handed in.
5. **Player Behaviour:** Around the table in relation to other players I am getting a lot of complaints and especially with our female players, I want warn everyone in this league to pick up their act and be more respectful as there have already been some issues. When it becomes personal that's when the problems start I want to make that very clear to everyone you have all been warned.
6. **Pool Ball Sets:** We have purchased another 12 sets so they are available with the red spotted white ball. They are available for \$50 each.
7. **Rule book/Hand book:** Will push that onto the next committee meeting to be discussed, there's a question whether we continue with that and just have it on the web site.
8. **Country Cup Committee:** There very close to finalising the venue we will wait to hear from them they should have done it by now but they have had a few issues.
9. **Constitution:** We have a letter from consumer affairs and when we went to the Pool Victoria's AGM they were all looking at their constitution. Ours is out dated from the last time consumer affairs updated constitutions. Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar) explained the process that would need to be done to update the constitution and also advised that Pool Victoria had given the leagues some good advice on what to do before even going to a lawyer. Secretary Andrea Bird (Pool Victoria) spoke of alternating the office bearers so that they are not all up for election every year but every two years, with only half one year then the other half the following year, that way you don't lose your whole executive committee in one hit. It was asked for permission from the association to go ahead and start the process and to see a lawyer if necessary. Brad Smith (Morwell Golf Club) said that the Morwell Golf Club just went through the process and offered to help Andrew O'Neill out with the process.

Moved: Alf Shingles (Morwell RSL Allsorts)

Seconded: Renee McDonald (Average Joes)

- Carried -

10. **Around the Floor:** Instead of going through all the names in the sign in book it was asked if anyone had any questions that they would like to ask?

1) Brad Smith (Morwell Golf Club): I would like it minuted that all the members here at the AGM tonight wish the outgoing president all the best.

2) Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar): Money to be put behind the bar for refreshments for the members of the Association to the value of \$200.

Moved: Rosa Payne (Kissabulls)

Seconded: Rick Merlo (Top Pub Smashers)

- Carried -

Meeting Closed:

Meeting closed at time 10:27pm

Duration: 2hrs 39min 39sec



Regards Claire Blackford Secretary LVEBA
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1st Executive Meeting of the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association held at the office of BizOnline – First floor, Suite 1, 7-13 Post Office Place Traralgon on 26th March 2013 at 5:00pm.

Attendance:

President Wayne Van Heerewaarden, Vice President Rick Merlo, Treasurer Tom Gill, Secretary Claire Blackford, Scorer Paul Pike, Publicity Officer Allan Greenwood and Andrew O'Neill.

Business:

1. Tony McMillan playing in Division 2 and eligibility to play in finals/singles events.

Tony is a Division 1 player however has put together a team in Division 2 of inexperienced players and therefore was approved to play in Division 2 in the Winter Competition of 2013. A decision needs to be made as to whether he should qualify to play in any Division 2 events, including any singles events and finals. After some discussion occurred the following decision was made:

Decision – Tony is not eligible to play in the finals in Division 2 or any Division 2 singles events.

- Motion carried -

2. Complaint regarding inappropriate behaviour towards another member during play.

A formal complaint was made at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday February 20 by the Kissabulls captain Ann Rockall regarding the behaviour of another player in the league, towards a player of the Kissabulls team. This complaint was made personally to the outgoing President Andrew O'Neill. It was alleged that Chris Paulet of the Grand Junction Hotel Blacks made some inappropriate comments of a sexual nature towards Emma Highdale of the Kissabulls. It was alleged that Emma was quite distressed by the comments, as was her team members and felt they were unacceptable.

Due to the changeover of Office Bearers at the Annual General Meeting, Andrew O'Neill requested the new President Wayne Van Heerewaarden deal with the matter. Some discussion occurred about the comments made however they were not discussed in detail, mostly that they were quite threatening and very inappropriate and not acceptable in the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball League. An appropriate course of action was discussed, and the following was decided:

Decision – Wayne to contact Chris by telephone and inform him of the complaint made and that this behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Wayne will then inform Secretary Claire Blackford once the phone call has been made, and Claire will send Chris a letting confirming the complaint has been received and that it is unacceptable. Wayne will then arrange a meeting between Chris, Emma, Wayne and Claire so that Chris can apologise to Emma for his behaviour.

- Motion carried -

3. Accommodation details for players involved in the South Eastern Country Cup.

Allan and Rick will follow up with local accommodation venues to request special deals for those involved in the Country Cup on May 25th, 2013. They will then provide these details to Claire so that she can send them to all the teams involved.

Meeting Closed: at 6:00pm.

Duration: 1hr



1st Committee Meeting of the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association at Turk's Bar on Wednesday the 1st May, 2013.

Chairman: Meeting opened by President Wayne Van Heerewaarden at 7:42pm.

Attendance: Quorum met in accordance with **Constitution Rule 25. 1 (Pg. 15).**

Committee of Management

Office Holders – President Wayne Van Heerewaarden, Vice President Rick Merlo, Secretary Claire Blackford, Scorer Paul Pike and Publicity Officer Allan Greenwood.

Ordinary Committee Members – Paul Keogh (Average Joes), Alan Goodwin and Wayne Loader (Churchill Hotel Allstars), Sally Duncan and Paul Pettigrew (Churchill Mustangs), Neil Stuckey (Destructabulls), David Rash (Good Old Boys), Lyn Bock and Ted Norton (Grand Junction Hotel), Shane Vogt and Alan Brooks (Grand Junction Hotel Blacks), Chris Mayer (Jezza's Turkeys), Ann Rockall (Kissabulls), Anthony Dunne (Lenny's Lads), Damien O'Brien and John Humphries (Morwell Golf Club Cruisers), Mick Lubawski (Morwell RSL Allsorts), Tony McMillan (Morwell RSL Greens), Don McIvor (Morwell RSL Reds), Adam Skilbeck and Steve Bishop (Morwell RSL Uglii's), Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar), Kiefer Brown (Top Pub Elites), Andy Kersten (Top Pub Smashers), Luke Pallot (Top Pub Young Guns), Simon Ellis and Rob Ellis (The Rush), Steve Wilson and Brendon Colvin (Traralgon Bowling Club), Tom Gill (Turk's Bar), Henry Kolakowski and Gary Helmuth (Turk's Breakers), Graham Hodgskiss (Turk's Cobras), Steve Halliday and Stuart Stevenson (Turk's Shooters), Rod Chapman (Turk's Thunders), and Aaron O'Mara (Wild Turkeys).

Association Members/visitors

Tracey Bowen, Jo Chapman and Maria Schiavello (Kissabulls).

Attendance: 45

Apologies: Ray Stevenson (Morwell RSL Reds) and Tom Anton (Jezza's Turkeys).

Correspondence:

1. Quotes from Allstar Pool Tables and All Table Sports for the Country Cup (to provide tables). President Wayne Van Heerewaarden advised these quotes will be passed straight to the Country Cup Committee who can deal with them.
2. Entry forms from Pool Victoria for events this year. Wayne asked members to attend his office if they would like any entry forms for any of the events run by Pool Victoria this year.
3. Photo competition. Secretary Claire Blackford informed of the photo competition being run by Pool Victoria in the months of May, June, July and August. Any photos taken by players can be submitted to Pool Vic and the winning photos will be posted on their website and Facebook page. There are \$\$\$ prizes to be won, and permission needs to be granted by those involved in the photo for them to be submitted.

Minutes: Previous Committee Meetings.

1. 3rd Committee Meeting for 2012 dated 22nd August 2012.

Moved: Gary Helmuth (Turk's Breakers)

Seconded: Alan Goodwin (Churchill Hotel Allstars)

- Carried -

Around the Executive:

1. Presidents Report.

- a) The demotion and promotion of teams. President Wayne Van Heerewaarden informed there have been a few teams this season that have been promoted or demoted and it seems some players from teams that have been promoted have wanted to pull out of their team and stay down in the lower division. Wayne stated to bear in mind that if you're in a team that has been promoted to a higher division, if you want to still play in the lower division, you must have the permission of the Executive to do so, you can't just decide yourself to do so. Wayne informed there have been players this season who have formally requested the permission of the Executive to remain in the division they were playing in prior to their team's promotion, and the Executive have voted in these situations as to whether they are able to stay in that division or stay with their team being promoted. Wayne asked if there were any questions, none were asked.
- b) Team disbanding due to promotion. Wayne informed he believes some teams have disbanded or lost players as a result of being promoted to a higher division. Wayne stated he doesn't see why people need to do this, if your team has been promoted, stay with your team and have a crack at it. The Uglii's and Destructabulls are both giving it a go in Division 1 and doing well, and if it doesn't work out in the season for a team to be in that higher division then the likelihood is the next season they will be demoted down to the lower division again.

2. Vice President's Report.

Nothing to report.

3. Treasurer's Report.

President Wayne Van Heerewaarden informed there is no Treasurer's Report at this meeting as the paperwork has not been signed at the bank yet for Treasurer Tom Gill to have access to the financials of the league as he hasn't had the opportunity yet. At the next meeting Tom will provide a Treasurer's Report that is backdated to the start of the season.

4. Secretary's Report.

- a) Registrations forms – they must **ALL** be handed in (completed) at this meeting. Secretary Claire Blackford informed this information needs to be handed in at this meeting which includes not just team members but their individual details as well ie name, address, phone number and email address. The league chases these details every season and is a complete pain in the butt! Claire requested all teams ring their players, if they don't have these details, to get them and provide them before they leave the meeting.
Wayne stated it is the responsibility of all teams to provide this information at the Annual General Meeting so this should have been provided then. Captains can send these details to Claire's email address at admin@lveba.com.au which is on the website if anyone needs it, or alternately captains can write their players details on the back of the score sheets when they hand them in.

5. Scorer's Report.

- a) Score sheets. Scorer Paul Pike informed there are still 4 teams that haven't handed in their score sheets, being Average Joes, MGC Wanderers, MRSL Greens and Turk's Cobras. Wayne called for the above teams to hand in their score sheets.
- b) Fines. Paul informed Lenny's Lads have received a \$10 fine for not getting their scores in on time. President Wayne Van Heerewarden advised the cut off time for sending in scores is 12:00pm on the Wednesday after the last round, the home team has the responsibility to send in the scores for the round and if they don't send them in by the Wednesday at 12:00pm they receive a \$10 fine. They do not lose any points. Scorer Paul Pike informed the Morwell Golf Club Wanderers called him to advise their car broke down and would be unable to attend the meeting and hand in their score sheets, they receive a \$10 fine and lost any points for the last 2 weeks for not handing in their score sheets. Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar) informed it is then up to them to appeal this decision at the next meeting.
- c) Results Round 3.

Scores Division 1						
Team	Fr	Set	vs.	Team	Fr	Set
GJH Blacks	9	3	defeated	Wild Turkeys	6	2
MRSL Allsorts	10	3	defeated	MRSL Uglii's	5	2
Jezza's Turkeys	13	5	defeated	Sports Bar	2	0
Destructabulls	2	0	lost to	Turks Bar	13	5
Turks Shooters	0	0	Bye			

Ladder Division 1				
Team	For	Against	Percentage	Pts
MRSL Allsorts	33	12	275.00%	6
Turk's Bar	32	13	246.15%	6
Turks Shooters	21	9	233.33%	4
GJH Blacks	25	20	125.00%	4
Jezza's Turkeys	22	8	275.00%	2
MRSL Uglii's	15	30	50.00%	2
Wild Turkeys	13	32	40.63%	0
Destructabulls	12	33	36.36%	0
Sports Bar	7	23	30.43%	0
No Frames or Points for a bye				

Scores Division 2

Team	Fr	Set	vs.	Team	Fr	Set
MRSL Reds	10	4	defeated	MRSL Greens	5	1
Turk's Thunders	7	2	lost to	GJH	8	3
TBC	9	3	defeated	Good Old Boys	6	2
Lenny's Lads	11	4	defeated	MGC Cruisers	4	1
Turk's Cobras	0	0	Bye			

Ladder Division 2

Team	For	Against	Percentage	Pts
TBC	31	14	221.43%	6
MRSL Reds	24	21	114.29%	4
Turk's Thunders	24	21	114.29%	4
GJH	21	24	87.50%	4
Lenny's Lads	18	12	150.00%	2
Turks Cobra's	15	15	100.00%	2
Good Old Boys	22	23	95.65%	2
MRSL Greens	16	29	95.65%	0
MGC Cruisers	9	21	42.86%	0

Scores Division 3

Team	Fr	Set	vs.	Team	Fr	Set
Top Pub Young Guns	11	4	defeated	Churchill Mustangs	4	1
Top Pub Smashers	10	4	defeated	Kissabulls	5	1
CH Allstars	8	3	defeated	Top Pub Elites	7	2
MGC Wanderers	5	1	lost to	Average Joes	10	4
Turk's Breakers	7	2	lost to	The Rush	8	3

Ladder Division 3

Team	For	Against	Percentage	Pts
Average Joes	34	11	309.09%	6
Top Pub Smashers	24	21	114.29%	6
CH Allstars	30	15	200.00%	4
Top Pub Young Guns	29	16	181.25%	4
MGC Wanderers	26	19	136.84%	4
Turk's Breakers	23	22	104.55%	2
The Rush	18	27	66.67%	2
Kissabulls	16	29	55.17%	2
Top Pub Elites	14	31	45.16%	0
Churchill Mustangs	11	34	32.35%	0

Moved: Ted Norton (Grand Junction Hotel)

Seconded: Gary Helmuth (Turk's Breakers)

- Carried -

6. Publicity Officer's Report.

- a) Sponsorship for 2013. President Wayne Van Heerewaarden informed Allan Greenwood and Rick Merlo have been doing a fantastic job with sponsorship this year, they have so far raised between \$4,500 and \$5,000 which is a sterling effort and the most the league has ever raised before. Everyone clapped. Wayne stated they have even raised quite a bit in sponsorship for the Country Cup as well which is fantastic. Well done guys!!!!

General Business:

1. Scorebooks for winter competition. President Wayne Van Heerewaarden stated if teams have used their old scorebooks and need a new one they can come and see Wayne to get one however if teams have lost their scorebook from last winter they will need to purchase another one as some teams have recurring issues with losing their scorebooks. Andrew O'Neill confirmed there is a motion on the books that if you are a new team or have used your scorebook you are able to get a new one however if you've lost your scorebook you will need to pay \$10 for a new one.
2. Association Handbook 2013 – hard copy or electronic only. Wayne stated this is a great expense to the league printing out a heap of handbooks each year so the proposal at this meeting is to print out only one per team, one for each venue and no more than that, to reduce the cost to the league. Wayne asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against this proposal. After some discussion it was decided that: a pdf of the handbook will be put on the website so that people can print it out if they would like to; Captains can see Wayne and request one handbook (or more if they wish) for their team; the handbooks can be printed on demand; the sponsors ads will be removed from the handbook to reduce the cost of producing it (all sponsors ads are on our website so go have a look!!).

Moved: Alan Goodwin (Churchill Hotel Allstars)

Seconded: Duane Morrell (Turk's Thunders)

- Carried -

3. Sponsors/membership card. Some discussion occurred regarding all league members utilizing the sponsors so that it is a mutually beneficial relationship. Sponsors will only continue to sponsor the league if they know they are benefitting from the arrangement as well. There was a suggestion made about a discount card or membership card so that members can get a discount from the sponsors and at the same time, the sponsors are then able to see that members are utilizing their business. President Wayne Van Heerewaarden suggested we look into this issue further and in the future contact the sponsors to explore that with them.
4. League support for Steve Gray's representation of Australia/Captaincy of the Australian 8 ball team. Ordinarily the league supports members who are representing Victoria or Australia in 8 ball, President Wayne Van Heerewaarden asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against this. Mick Lubawski (Morwell RSL Allsorts) stated that previously it was suggested that we take a secret ballot when making a decision on this; Wayne advised the secret ballot would now occur.

Outcome of secret ballot: there was a majority vote that yes Steve Gray will be supported by this league and have \$1,000 paid to Pool Victoria to support his captaincy of the Australian 8 ball team.

5. Singles Competition 1st, 2nd & 3rd Division. Andrew O'Neill advised the Division 2 and 3 Singles Competition is held as one comp and usually happens before the next meeting so the dates and arrangements need to be made at this meeting. The Open Singles Competition is held sometime after however also needs to be arranged at this meeting. Wayne asked for venues

for these comps to be nominated, Simon Ellis (The Rush) nominated The Rush Hotel, Duane Morrell (Turk's Thunders) nominated Turks Bar. Concern was raised about insufficient tables at venues, Simon Ellis advised The Rush has 6 brand new tables.

1) Motion: Scorer Paul Pike put forward a motion that one comp is played at one of the venues nominated and the other comp is played at the other venue.

2) Motion: Chris Mayer put forward a motion that the 2nd and 3rd Division Singles Comp be held at The Rush and the Open Singles Comp be held at Turks Bar.

Moved: Chris Mayer (Jezza's Turkeys)

Seconded: Rick Merlo (Top Pub Smashers)

- Carried -

Wayne informed that in the 2nd and 3rd Division Singles Competition, the first 32 players on the day will be accepted so first in best dressed, and you must turn up by 10:00am. The date of the 2nd and 3rd Division Singles Competition is Sunday 2nd June, the qualifying round for the Open Division Singles Competition will be held on Tuesday 25th June and the final of the Open Division Singles Competition will be held on Sunday 30th June.

6. New website. President Wayne Van Heerewarden informed there is now a brand new website for the league which some may have seen. New features are the calendar of events, which has links to take you to the events listed on the calendar, the home page has upcoming events for meetings or important information for members, there is a new navigation system on the website so it is mobile phone friendly. Wayne informed that probably the biggest change is the scoring system on the website; this will make it so much easier for a Scorer to enter the scores each week. Scorer Paul Pike agreed it was a much easier system to work with, as long as people send in their scores, all he has to do is enter the details and the website generates the ladder itself, which is running really well. Wayne advised that previously the scores and ladder were generated using an Excel spreadsheet which meant the Scorer needed to have a good working knowledge of Excel to do this, now just about anyone could perform this role.

Wayne informed that in the future the website will generate live player rankings as well and will change weekly, the website will also include different tournament scores etc which will be great. Paul will be sending scores to The Express in the future also. Andrew O'Neill encouraged everyone to have a look through the website as there is a lot more information on there than before ie minutes from previous meetings, rankings from previous years etc. It was raised that Traralgon Bowling Club is not listed as a venue on the website, Wayne informed they were on their however there was an issue with the website and some information was lost, this will be rectified.

7. Executive Meeting September 2012. Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar) advised there was an Executive Meeting in September 2012 where some decisions were made by that Executive and need to be ratified by the Committee at this meeting to be implemented ongoing.

Wayne read out the decisions made at the September Executive Meeting:

- a)** Sponsors to be invited to the Annual Presentation Ball. A maximum of two people per sponsorship business are to be invited to attend our Annual Presentation Night – they are to pay for their own meal however, they will benefit from the subsidized drinks on the night. Some discussion occurred regarding this issue and a motion was put forward to ratify the decision.

Moved: Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar)

Seconded: Duane Morrell (Turk's Thunders)

- Carried -

- b) Partner attendance at the Annual Presentation Ball – LVEBA members can only bring their partner however they may apply to the Executive Committee to bring someone other than their partner ie son, friend. The Executive will consider a cost of \$10 per application to reduce any frivolous requests. Discussion occurred regarding this issue and a motion was put forward to ratify this decision.

Moved: Alan Goodwin (Churchill Hotel Allstars)

Seconded: Henry Kolakowski (Turk's Breakers)

- Not carried -

- c) A representative from Pool Victoria and their partner are to be invited to our Annual Presentation Ball. Also a representative from the Mid Gippsland League and their partner are to be invited to the Annual Presentation Ball. Some discussion occurred about this arrangement happening in the past but it seems to have been forgotten about, Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar) stated this was a very good thing and our relationship may be getting stronger in the future with the Mid Gippy League and therefore it would be appropriate to invite a representative from their league.

Moved: Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar)

Seconded: Andy Kersten (Top Pub Smashers)

- Carried -

8. Finals. Summer Competition finals went well and the groupings seemed to work well also. President Wayne Van Heerewaarden asked members to go back to their venues and talk to them about whether they would like to hold the finals for the 2013 Winter Competition, the requirement would be the venue would need at least three tables to be able to hold the finals. Members are to come to the next meeting with any proposals of venues for the finals for Winter Comp.
9. Annual Presentation Ball. Again members are to talk to their venues about holding the Annual Presentation Ball and bring any proposals to the next meeting. Secretary Claire Blackford advised the Ball has usually been held between Traralgon and Morwell on alternate years to make it fair for all players travel wise. Claire spoke about venues such as the Top Pub, who can only cater for 120 people maximum, The Waratah Restaurant (TAFE) can only cater for a maximum of 100. The Morwell Bowling Club are able to cater for the number of people who are likely to attend our Annual Presentation Ball and are going to provide a quote and menu which will be brought to the next meeting.
- Simon Ellis (The Rush) advised his venue is able to cater for the Annual Presentation Ball, Wayne asked him to bring a quote and menu to the next meeting where the decision will be made as to where the Annual Presentation Ball will be held.
10. Letterbox for score sheets. President Wayne Van Heerewaarden advised there is a letterbox being organized to be placed at Turks Bar, at the end of the bar, so teams can put their score sheets in there and Paul Pike can collect them from there. Therefore, instead of waiting until the meetings to bring all score sheets people can put them in the letterbox on a weekly basis and this makes it easier for Paul to update the rankings instead of doing a whole heap at once. People are still required to text their scores to Paul after each round, this is an alternative to bringing score sheets to meetings.
- Wayne asked all members to fill in the score sheets properly, **NO NICKNAMES** on score sheets.
11. Protocol re courtesy. Duane Morrell (Turk's Thunders) raised that there used to be a lot better protocol in place that we have lost over the years and the behavior that goes on now is disgusting ie arguing and fighting between players, mobile phones going off during games, people talking out of school, coaching, etc. It used to be that teams would make a speech after

every game and thank the other team for playing. Duane stated he is not sure if it needs to get back to this but something needs to happen to show we're proud of the game.

Don McIvor (Morwell RSL Reds) informed there have been occasions where some teams have finished playing and then start mucking around when other teams are still playing their comp games.

Ann Rockall (Kissabulls) stated there was an issue last night where three players from our league were sitting on the table that her team was still playing their comp games on; she had to ask them to move.

Duane stated we should all be shaking hands after the game, saying thanks for the game and well done. Andrew O'Neill stated it's up to the captain to get this going, we used to shake hands with the other team before the games even started, and then after the games each captain would say a few words. It's up to the captains to get this started again.

Simon Ellis (The Rush) stated when their team first started this season some of his team members were playing up so he kicked them off his team and he was very embarrassed by their behavior. This behavior won't be accepted in his team.

Chris Mayer (Jezza's Turkeys) stated another issue is some teams after winning their three games will go missing; sometimes it's almost impossible to get anyone to umpire the remaining games.

President Wayne Van Heerewaarden stated people need to be aware of when players are playing their game just to have some common courtesy, don't bump into them, be respectful when they're playing, turn your phones off, etc.

Around the Committee:

1. Average Joes – gone.
2. Churchill Hotel Allstars – nothing to say.
3. Churchill Mustangs – Wayne welcomed them to the league. The team had no issues to raise.
4. Destructabulls – gone.
5. Good Old Boys – gone.
6. Grand Junction Hotel – no all good.
7. Grand Junction Hotel Blacks – no.
8. Jezza's Turkeys – Jezza advised he wants to move a motion that there are new shirts purchased for league players. President Wayne Van Heerewaarden advised there are new shirts being looked at for Country Cup representatives and for league shirts as well, the shirts will be different in design and Rick Merlo has researched prices for new shirts.
Jezza raised that the arrangement for his team to play out of the Tav Hotel in Rosedale is no longer going ahead. Wayne informed there has been issues at this pub between the owner of the building and the people running it, it is not a reflection on the people who are currently running it but this means this pub is out of contention as a venue for any teams to play out of.
9. Kissabulls – Ann Rockall asked to change their team's delegate from Sonia Scolyer to Maria Schiavello, this needs to be moved by the Committee and will take effect as of the next meeting.
Moved: Ann Rockall
Seconded: Alan Goodwin (Churchill Hotel Allstars)
- Carried -
10. Lenny's Lads – gone.
11. Morwell Golf Club Cruisers – gone.
12. Morwell Golf Club Wanderers – not here.
13. Morwell RSL Allsorts – no.

14. Morwell RSL Greens – gone.
15. Morwell RSL Reds – nah all good.
16. Morwell RSL Uglii's – all good.
17. Sports Bar – Andrew O'Neill stated that as he still has access to the LVEBA bank account he knows there is currently \$20,369.30 in the account.
18. The Rush – all good. Wayne welcomed the team to the league.
19. Top Pub Elites – nothing.
20. Top Pub Smashers – Rick Merlo stated he has spoken to the publican and the tables at the Top Pub will be properly leveled and new cloths put on in the next few weeks.
21. Top Pub Young Guns – gone.
22. Traralgon Bowls Club – all good.
23. Turks Bar – all good.
24. Turks Breakers – all good.
25. Turks Cobras – gone.
26. Turks Shooters – gone.
27. Turks Thunders – Rod asked the question about Jo Chapman being a delegate for their team, Wayne informed Daryl Martin will remain the delegate and Jo would sign in as a visitor to this meeting.
28. Wild Turkeys – gone.

Association members/visitors:

No issues.

Sign in book - non-attendance fines:

1. Morwell Golf Club Wanderers - \$10 fine for non-attendance at this meeting.

Next Meeting: Next meeting to occur at The Rush Hotel on Wednesday 5th June.

Meeting Closed:

Meeting closed at time 9:29pm

Duration 1hr 47m



Regards Claire Blackford Secretary LVEBA
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1st Special General Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at the Morwell Golf Club, Morwell on Wednesday 3rd July, 2013.

Chairman: Meeting opened by the President Wayne Taylor at 7:37pm.

Attendance: Quorum met in accordance with Constitution 11 (7) 15 members present.

Executive Committee

President Wayne Taylor, Vice President Peter Simpson, Treasurer Renee McDonald, Secretary Janet Hedt, Scorer Paul Pike and Publicity Officer Peter Simpson

Ordinary Committee

Paul Keough, Renee McDonald, Paul Lewis (Average Joes), Alan Goodwin, Wayne Leader (Churchill Hotel Allstars), Sally Duncan, Paul Pettigrew, Tracey Bowen (Churchill Mustangs) Neil Stucky (Destructabulls), Glen Langstaff (Good Old Boys), Ted Norton, Lyn Bock (Grand Junction Hotel), Shane Vogt, Alan Brooks (Grand Junction Hotel Blacks), Chris Mayer (Jezza's Turkeys), Ann Rockwell (Kissabulls), Anthony Dunne (Lenny's Lads), Damien O'Brien, John Humphries (Morwell Golf Club Cruisers), Tony Carolan, Brad Smith (MGC Wanderers), Micheal Lubawski, Alf Shingles (MRSL Allsorts), Tony McMillan (MRSL Greens), Don McIvor, Ray Stevenson (MRSL Reds), Adam Skilbeck, Claire Blackford (MRSL Uglii's), Andrew O'Neill, Wayne Van Heerewaarden (Sports Bar), Simon Ellis, Rob Ellis (The Rush), Rick Merlo, Andy Kersten (Top Pub Smashers), Shannon Russell (Top Pub Young Guns), Brendon Colvin (Traralgon Bowling Club), Tom Gill, Paul Pike (Turk's Bar), Henry Kolakowski, Gary Helmuth (Turk's Breakers), Graham Hodgskiss, Janet Hedt (Turk's Cobras), Steve Halliday, Stuart Stevenson (Turk's Shooters), Rod Chapman (Turk's Thunders), Wayne Taylor, Aaron O'Mara (Wild Turkeys), L Bullen.

Association Members/Visitors: Dave Britt (MRSL)

Attendance: 50 People

Apologies: Maria Schiavello (Kissabulls) & Daryl Martin (Turk's Thunders)

Business: Special General Meeting was called by the President Wayne Taylor to elect a new complete Executive Committee. Ted Norton (Life Member) volunteered to take the chair. Current interim Committee stood down and all positions were declared open. Ted Norton asked for nominations for

President: Wayne Taylor

Moved: Peter Simpson

- Accepted -

Sec: Graham Hodgskiss

Ted Norton asked for any more nominations. No more nominations.

Wayne Taylor elected unopposed. Vote Unanimous

Wayne Taylor thanked Ted and he vacated the chair.

Wayne Taylor resumed proceedings and asked for nominations for

Vice President: Peter Simpson

Moved: Wayne Taylor

- Accepted -

Sec: Chris Mayer

Peter Simpson was elected unopposed. Vote Unanimous

Treasurer: Renee McDonald

Moved: Wayne Taylor

- Accepted -

Sec: Peter Simpson

Renee McDonald elected unopposed. Vote Unanimous

Secretary: Janet Hedt

Moved: Wayne Taylor

- Accepted -

Sec: Chris Mayer

Janet Hedt elected unopposed. Vote Unanimous

Scorer: Paul Pike

Moved: Wayne Taylor

- Accepted -

Sec: Don McIvor

Alan Goodwin

Moved: Wayne Loader

- Accepted -

Sec: Neil Stuckey

Both candidates left the room. Wayne Taylor told the room that scorer required good computing knowledge and skills and to keep that in mind when voting.

Paul Pike elected. Vote showed an overwhelming majority for Paul Pike.

Publicity Officer: Peter Simpson

Moved: Wayne Taylor

- Accepted -

Sec: Renee McDonald

Alan Greenwood

Moved: Shannon

- Accepted -

Sec: Sally Duncan

- Declined -

Peter Simpson elected unopposed. Vote Unanimous

Next Meeting: 4th Committee Meeting to be held following the closure of this meeting.

Meeting Closed:

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4th Committee Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at the Morwell Golf Club, Morwell on Wednesday 3rd July, 2013.

(To follow the Special General Meeting)

Chairman: Meeting opened by the President Wayne Taylor.

Attendance: Quorum met in accordance with Constitution 11 (7) 15 members present.

Executive Committee

President Wayne Taylor, Vice President Peter Simpson, Treasurer Renee McDonald, Secretary Janet Hedt, Scorer Paul Pike and Publicity Officer Peter Simpson.

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Association Members/Visitors: Dave Britt (MRSL)

Attendance: 50 People

Apologies: Maria Schiavello (Kissabulls) & Daryl Martin (Turk's Thunders)

General Business:

- 1) We got to the point of requiring a new Executive Committee because of many reasons. It is not the results of one person's actions. It is not because of the event that happened at country cup, it was a combination of events that got us (the league) here. This will not be an open forum for people to air grievances or make allegations. We don't want to dwell on this situation any longer. We want to move on and continue to play pool because that's why we were here in the first place. If a problem does arise please put it in writing so that the Executive Committee can deal with it.

Wayne took a few questions which asked about the racial complaint and some members were worried about how words said at this event reflects upon the league and them as members within it. Others wanted to know exactly what happened. During the course of these questions Wayne Taylor continued to tell members that our Executive Committee situation was not caused by this one situation alone and that we now have our social and media policies in place

to remind members that this behaviour will not be tolerated in this league. Brad Smith then commented that our policy states that we are not allowed to discuss individual situations at an open forum. Wayne Taylor then agreed and said that he won't be taking any more questions. Mick Lubawski then asked if and how Pool Victoria had contributed to any complaint or proceedings. Wayne Taylor replied, absolutely they have. We have been consulting with them on more than one occasion and they continue to provide support and advice to us (the league) especially concerning legal proceedings.

Simon Alice then made a complaint about previous meeting and fines. He was asked to raise his issue again in 'Around the Committee'.

Alan Greenwood then aired that he had a personal grievance about words said (at the Merton Rush) and expressed anger about someone calling the league racist and that it reflects badly on the league. He expressed concern that there were women and children present on the day and that he thought the behaviour was inappropriate. Wayne Taylor tried to reassure him that we now have policies in place to deal with these people and that the league needs to move on. Alan Greenwood became angry and walked out expressing his disgust and his opinions as he left the room. Wayne Van Heerawaardan and Rick Merlo expressed concern repeatedly and that he wants assurance that legal actions won't be taken in the future. Wayne Taylor told Wayne Van Heerawaardan that this can't be done. You can't tell people what to do. Wayne Van Heerawaardan suggested that we amend our constitution to require that people must follow the league procedures and resolution process and at least give the league the chance before resorting to legal proceedings. Wayne Taylor replied we are not doing that and told the room that we've dwelled on this too long and are moving on.

- 2) Wayne Taylor continued to say that it has been brought to our attention (Executive Committee) that some players are playing in teams that they are not allegeable to play for. We will be investigating these complaints and examining score cards and penalties will apply. Complaints can be made and taken in writing. The rules state that people playing outside their divisions will have their matches scratched and points will be altered.

Dave Britt asked what the criteria for ex-members to resume playing is and is he allegeable.

Wayne Taylor told him that the Executive Committee will make investigations and notify him.

- 3) Wayne Taylor continued, the next thing is Presentation Night. We are asking for and taking submissions for either Friday the 13th September or 11th October. We require prices for venue hire, a meals menu, a drinks menu and price lists for both. We would appreciate 2 weeks' notice so that a decision can be made next meeting. For 150 people. Mick Lubawski suggested that we (Executive Committee) ask for written quotes to make it easier to compare them. Wayne Taylor agreed that a written quote would be preferred.

- 4) Pool Victoria is holding a Pool Vic health event, says Wayne Taylor. He asked members to email him the details of anyone who wants to enter so the committee can put teams together, fill in entry forms and enter teams. They will be hiring a mini bus if there are enough people. Peter Simpson added that the country cup committee will decide the makeup of the teams.

- 5) The next point on agenda is registrations and fees. (Wayne Taylor) He then asked Paul Pike (scorer) if he had anything to add. Paul Pike said that some teams were missing scorecards. Those teams are the Elites, Uglii's, Turk's Thunders. They will all be fined accordingly. Turks Thunders claim that they placed their scorecard in the box so it's missing from the box. They

were reminded to put their complaint in writing and we (Executive Committee) will look at it. Wayne Taylor reminded the committee that Registrations must be submitted by next meeting otherwise their team becomes un-financial. He continued to say that fees are now collected by Renee McDonald our Treasurer. Steve Halliday asked, do fees apply by the end of the meeting tonight. Wayne Taylor replied, Yes they do and if you have a complaint then put it in writing and considerations may be made. Registration sheets are now due and outstanding. New players must be registered, place their details on the back of the scorecard for that round so it doesn't get forgotten. We must submit these to Pool Victoria, they should have been submitted after the first round.

Around the Committee:

1. **Average Joes-** nothing
2. **CHM Allstars-** Will now be playing out of The Men's Club
3. **Churchill Mustangs-** Currently playing at The Merton Rush. Merton Rush has closed so they don't have a permanent venue to play from. Wayne Taylor asked to come and see him after the meeting.
4. **Destructables-** nothing
5. **Good Old Boys-** nothing
6. **GJH-** Asked how Steve went at the Masters. Wayne Taylor said Paul Pike will report after we have been around the room.
7. **GJH Blacks-** nothing
8. **Jezza's Turkeys-** nothing
9. **Kissables-** nothing
10. **Lenny's Lads-** nothing
11. **MGC Cruisers-** nothing
12. **MGC Wanderers-** Have changed delegates, they changed on sign in sheet.
13. **MRS� Allsorts-** nothing
14. **MRS� Greens-** nothing
15. **MRS� Reds-** Requested that the registration bill be itemised and sent to MRS�.
16. **MRS� Uglii's-** nothing. Scorecards were handed after the treasurer's report. No fines.
17. **Sports Bar-** Congratulations to the new Executive Committee. Minutes from last meeting need updating. Wayne Taylor responded saying it will be addressed.
18. **The Rush-** nothing
19. **Top Pub Elites-** no delegates present. They incur a \$10 fine for non-attendance plus \$40 fine for not handing in their scorecards. They also lose 6 points.
20. **Top Pub Smashers-** nothing
21. **Top Pub Young Guns-** nothing
22. **Traralgon Bowling Club-** nothing
23. **Turk's Bar-** nothing
24. **Turk's Breakers-** nothing
25. **Turk's Cobras-** nothing
26. **Turk's Shooters-** Asked what's happening with the Division 1 singles. Wayne Taylor said we will set a date at the next meeting. Andrew O'Neill wanted to move a motion for the scorer to set the date for Div 1 singles. Wayne Taylor said let's ask Paul Pike now. Paul Pike said he'd have to check the Pool Vic calendar.
27. **Turks Thunders-** Questioned the fines for lack of scoresheets, rego's and money and if it's necessary. Wayne Taylor told them that Executive Committees get really sick of

chasing teams for these things constantly and that the fines eliminate most of the problem. They asked if they could pay it straight into the bank account. Others agreed that would be much better. Wayne Taylor and Andrew O'Neill agreed that paying funds directly into the account was problematic. Some banks don't allow notes or any way to know what the money is for and which team it is from. Wayne Taylor continues that as such at this stage all monies must be passed through the treasurer. Simon Alice then said that he had put money into the account for his team. Andrew O'Neill said they are currently working on an automated system but not ready yet. Wayne Taylor continued that currently all monies must go through the treasurer. Simon Alice repeated that he had put money into the account. Wayne Taylor said thank-you for the donation. Renee McDonald said come and see me. Scorecard was handed in with confused round number. No fines.

28. Wild Turkeys- nothing

Steve Gray recently had the honour of travelling to Blackpool, England to represent and Captain Australia in the seniors (over 50's) events at the **World 8-Ball Titles!!** The team performed exceptionally well, only losing by a small margin in the semi-finals against South Africa. Steve Gray was up amongst the leaders on % of frames won throughout the whole carnival. Steve also made the Semi-Final of the World Senior Singles event, narrowly and sickeningly losing, 6-7 to the eventual winner!

Congratulations to Steve Gray, Paul Pike and Chris Johnson for making the **Final Top 25** round in the Victorian State Team Selection. This is a fantastic effort and one they should be proud of as this is not an easy achievement understanding how many players and the calibre of players that start this process... well done to all 3 of you! Congratulations also to **Steve Halliday** for making the **Top 40** only narrowly missing out on joining the others in the top 25. The State Team Finals are the **next round and will be held at Bar 8, Bundoora on the 27-28th July** if anyone is interested in going down for a look and to support the lads!

This is the Final Top 25 players in Victoria, playing off against Victoria's best to make the 2013 Victorian State Team!! The top 7 on stats at the end of the weekend will join Victoria's Squad to contest the National Titles in Perth, Western Australia later on in October this year.

Next Meeting: will be held at the Turks Bar on Wednesday August 7th at 7.30pm.

NOTE: The Traralgon Bowls Club asked for room hire to be paid. We refused so the meeting will now be held at Turks Bar.

Meeting Closed: 8.25pm

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5th Committee Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at the Turks Sports Bar, Traralgon on Wednesday 7th August, 2013.

Chairman: Meeting opened by the President Wayne Taylor at 7.40pm.

Attendance: Quorum met in accordance with Constitution 11 (7) 15 members present.

Executive Committee

President Wayne Taylor (Wild Turkeys), Vice President Peter Simpson (Turks Sports Bar), Treasurer Renee McDonald (Average Joes), Secretary Janet Hedt (Turks Cobra's), Scorer Paul Pike (Turk's Bar) and Publicity Officer Peter Simpson (Turks Bar).

Ordinary Committee

Treasurer Renee McDonald (Average Joes), Alan Goodwin, Wayne Leader (Churchill Hotel Allstars), Neil Stucky (Destructabulls), David Rash (Good Old Boys), Ted Norton (Grand Junction Hotel), Shane Vogt (Grand Junction Hotel Blacks), Ann Rockwell, Maria Schiavello (Kissabulls), Anthony Dunne (Lenny's Lads), Damien O'Brien (Morwell Golf Club Cruisers), Tony Carolan, Brad Smith (MGC Wanderers), Micheal Lubawski (MRSL Allsorts), Tony McMillan (MRSL Greens), Don McIvor (MRSL Reds), Adam Skilbeck, Steve Bishop (MRSL Uglie's), Andrew O'Neill, Wayne Van Heerewaarden (Sports Bar), Andy Kersten (Top Pub Smashers), Shannon Russell, Luke Pallot (Top Pub Young Guns), Greg McDonald (Traralgon Bowling Club), Tom Gill, Scorer Paul Pike (Turk's Bar), Henry Kolakowski, Gary Helmuth (Turk's Breakers), Graham Hodgskiss, Secretary Janet Hedt (Turk's Cobras), Steve Halliday (Turk's Shooters), Rod Chapman (Turk's Thunders), President Wayne Taylor, Aaron O'Mara (Wild Turkeys).

Association Members/Visitors: Tracey Bowen, Brendon Cleland (MRSLReds) Allan Greenwood SNR (Turks Sports Bar), Claire Blackford (MRSL Uglie's), Allan Greenwood Jnr, Garry Berger (Turks Breakers).

Attendance: 40 People

Apologies: Rick Merlo (Top Pub Smashers), Ray Stevenson (MRSL Reds), Paul Keogh (Average Joes), Brendan Colvin (Traralgon Bowling Club), Glenn Langstaff (Good Old Boys).

Correspondence:

- a) Interleague Day is approaching. 15th September at Bar 8. Anyone interested should let executive committee know as soon as possible.
- b) Junior State Titles is two weekends away. Entry forms are downloadable on the website for those who want to enter.
- c) Pool Vic Photo Competition Winner is from Dandenong Districts league. Congratulations Danny Bradshaw, who wins Coles Myer vouchers.

Minutes: Previous Committee Meeting Minutes

4th Committee Meeting minutes have been available on the website for our previous meeting which occurred on 5th July, 2013. No further business arising.

Moved - Alan Goodwin

Seconded - Neil Stuckey

Carried

Around the Executive:

1. Presidents Report.

President's report will be moved to General Business.

2. Vice President's Report.

No Business Arising

3. Treasurer's Report.

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen. The Current account balance is sitting at \$26,762. With a profit of \$5,838. There are copies of running sheets are up on the bar if anyone wants to have a look. They are currently up to date as of the 6th of August. Not aware of any outstanding bills or debts. Still in the process of collecting some invoices. We are in a good financial position. Some sponsors are paid up and others we are in the process of collecting.

Moved- Alan Goodwin

Seconded- Henry Kolakowski

Carried

4. Secretary's Report.

- a) There are still a few outstanding registrations. Please see me after the meeting Lenny's Lads, Grand Junction Blacks, Top Pub Elites, Top Pub Young Guns and Wild Turkeys.

Moved - Ted Norton

Seconded - Anne Rockall

Carried

5. Scorer's Report.

- a) Outstanding score sheets from the Mustangs and the Rush. Elites need to provide a blank scorecard for the bye round.
- b) Fines for late scores- None this time.
- c) Results Round 15.
- d) Rush have forfeited three consecutive rounds without letting anyone know in advance. We will remove them from the draw and add in byes for the remainder of the season. By laws states that all fees for all of their rounds are to be reimbursed to all teams they have played.
- e) Mustangs forfeited round 1. As normal for them.
- f) Elites are experiencing problems with one player. Will discuss with venue and see what's happening. New delegate elected.

6. Publicity Officer's Report.

- a) Steve Gray just got back from the world titles where he made the semi-final and third in the world. Well Done Steve. Then after getting back on Thursday he went straight back into it and finished 3rd in the Victorian Open Singles and then won the Victorian Masters Title.
- b) Country Cup update. Increased entry price by \$50 to cover some of the price of hiring tables and equipment. The country cup dress code is going to be stringent next year. Anyone who doesn't have correct dress will not play any games. No caps rule has been added to the dress code except for religious or medical reasons. No excuse for reserves. No allowances. We are looking at a new range of shirts as only size available is xl. We will have new league shirts available.

General Business:

1. The league has a new Post Office Box Address. P.O. Box 740, Traralgon, 3844 Vic. Mail is still being sent to previous Executive Committee members and peoples old addresses. New P.O. Box eliminates this happening.
2. Presentation Ball. Last meeting we asked venues to submit quotes and exec also approached a couple of venues. We have narrowed this down due to availability. Last year's venue is not available. The only venue that is available is the Traralgon Bowls Club. Discussing the Saturday 14th September. Issues raised over their treatment of us at country cup. Reassured that management has changed hands. Only main meal is \$30 per head. Entrée and main is \$36 per head. Main and dessert \$36 per head. Entrée, main and dessert \$40 per head. They have agreed to give us members prices for drinks.

Motion- Wayne Van Heerewaarden moved to have Ball at Traralgon Bowls Club.

Passed (Due to Lack of competition)

Will work out which option we will choose when we check what kind of financial position we are in. Andrew suggested have a three course meal and have it subsidized or have a raffle. Executive will give committee the final costings next meeting and will look at that possibility.

3. Singles Competition 1st/Open Division. After Discussion will have a 64 draw and have it on the Sunday 8th September. Proposed \$5 entry fee with proceeds donated to the late Daniel Mackie's family. Motion moved by Wayne Taylor to leave the details of singles in Peter Simpsons to organize draw details. Any ideas and discussion can be made through him. Claire Blackford was unhappy with one person making all decisions. She would like decisions to be left in the hands of Executive Committee.

Will be group of 64 open singles event with everyone invited to enter. The Executive Committee will make decisions on the draw and entries. First in best dressed. Entry forms will be made available.

Moved - Graham Hodgskiss

Seconded - Alan Goodwin

Carried

4. Discuss Donation to Daniel Mackie's Family. We are sitting well financially as a league. Daniel Mackie has only recently joined our league but he has been around the eightball scene for many many years. He is a good bloke who regularly enters eightball competitions and is well known in eightball circles. He has left behind three children and a wife. \$1000 proposed donation goes directly to his partner.

Moved - Snaz

Seconded - Alan Goodwin

Carried Unanimous

5. Complaint Letter lodged at previous meeting. The Executive Committee have looked into the situation including events that occurred at and around that time. We have looked at this complaint individually as well. The Executive Committee have concluded that in light of provocation of words said at the singles event the individual should receive a warning for the use of Bad language. The recent changes to our policies including the way we handle complaints has changed. Changes include complaints to be handled by the Executive Committee instead of being voted on at an open forum as we have previously. Changes seek to remove bias and attempt to keep issues as private as possible. Our previous executive committee stood down over a complaint and we were elected to take over and try to resolve the issues with an unbiased view and do what's best for the league and its members. Many opinions and versions of events are being circulated. The current Executive Committee want to

get back to playing pool and treating each other with respect we believe the best thing is to warn people regarding their behavior and hopefully this will be enough to make them think about their actions. Are you the committee trusting us the Executive Committee to handle and leave us to issue warnings regarding this specific complaint to move forward. Dwayne commented that previously the ordinary committee were happy to let the Executive Committee handle league related things and why not let them handle this issue. Either we trust them or we don't.

Motion moved to let the Executive Committee handle this complaint.

Moved - Steve Halliday

Seconded - David Rash

For: 21 - Against: 1

6. Explanation regarding new policies. Problems with how the new policies marry into our rules and how they marry to what our new constitutional rules should be and which rules we should be following. It's all extremely complicated. We are in contact with consumer affairs to try and work this out. Our current rules need to be brought in line with the constitution, which then make things easier to handle. Currently the process for complaints is lengthy and time consuming. We are trying to simplify this process. We Executive and Ordinary Committee have to vote to remove someone from league at two separate meetings and one general meeting. There were more social media things reported and Executive Committee believe no breaches occurred due to the event occurring on Wednesday night. Alan Greenwood requested he be put on record as disagreeing. Formal complaints can be put in writing and submitted to the executive committee. Civil action can be taken if you have further complaints. At the moment you are bringing up problem after problem after problem. Executive Committee is trying to give you (Ordinary Committee) a solution but all we are coming up with is more and more problems. We are trying to get to a point where we show up on Tuesday, play pool, be decent to each other and draw a line in the sand and leave the past in the past. There was a serious issue raised, the racism, it has been raised and dealt with. It had to be dealt with post haste. In the eyes of the law we were waiting to be crunched on that. The petty backwards and forwards needs to be stopped. It has got to be over now. I want to clear up a few points. Assertions have been made and I, with the Executive Committee, have investigated and need to clear up for legal reasons. There is no benefit to the league to continue petty arguments. Personal grievances and arguments are up to them to handle outside of Latrobe Valley Association beginning now.

******President Wayne Taylor has written a statement regarding things brought up at meetings that I probably haven't addressed soon enough.***

There is a belief held and circulated by some members that the blame for the recent cancelation of pool lay at the feet of Milo Fue.

The new executive committee have looked back over this incident in a fair amount of detail, and are united in the opinion this was not Milo Fue's fault. Milo's part in this saga was simply to raise an important issue and continue to push for it to be handled appropriately.

There is a belief that Milo has done the wrong thing in the manner that he has raised the issue. Although not the ideal way to raise the issue, Milo has done nothing wrong by raising it on social media. The initial grievance was not slanderous or libelous in any way and no further action needs to be taken in regards to this.

People have been making the assertion that Milo was doing this for financial gain and that legal action was pending. There is absolutely no evidence to support this, certain assumptions have been presented as fact, which allowed hysteria to take hold and the truth behind the reasons for raising the issue were pushed aside. After personal consultation Milo never wanted to name individuals or have people punished just wanted racial comments to stop and policies put into place. Blame lies with our constitution and our complicated rules for dealing with issues and some of the help and advice that was given to us by associations above us. The whole legal action thing threw everyone into a frenzy and it's like being scared of the boogy man. Some people swear black and blue that it's there but no-one can prove that it is so there is no point going on about things that were never going to happen. I want to put this issue at an end completely. I am comfortable as the president to say that a lot of things have gone haywire over the last seven weeks and people have a lot of things to say sorry for, no-one probably feels they need to and not everyone will be happy with the outcome. No-one wins from he said, she said and we will be issuing a blanket warning to everyone in regards to social media. Our interpretation in regards to what's acceptable and unacceptable may differ to yours but at the moment we are the elected officials so we will make the decisions regarding what is and isn't. If you don't like it then vote someone else in.

Civil action can be taken by individuals against other individuals. If you are not sure whether what you are writing is acceptable then don't write it. We will be keeping an eye on social media case by case.

Vote on if the issue is being dealt with.

Moved - Snaz

Seconded - Alan Goodwin

Carried

7. Pool Vic Health Carnival was held recently. We sent two teams down. One div1 side and one div2 side. Neither team made the finals but everyone enjoyed themselves. Next year we anticipate entering more teams. There is room to enter a lot of teams. Issue raised of smoking on the bus we hired which has no smoking signs on it. Executive Committee will be looking into that further because I (Wayne Taylor) believe we could be facing a financial penalty from the bus hire company. Smoking on non-smoking busses is not acceptable.
8. State Team Selection Results. Steve Halliday made top 40 in state. Taz made the top 25. Paul Pike made top 25. Steve Gray came third and made the Victorian state team.
9. Australian Masters Team Results. Steve Gray won the masters title. Congratulations to all those who entered.
10. Junior's competition is on in two weeks. Good Luck to Garry Berger who has entered. Remember travel assistance is available for all who make the top 40. Move a motion to look into some expenses being covered by Pool Victoria for Garry Berger. Executive will look into that.

Around the Committee:

1. Average Joes – Commend the treasurer on his first report.
2. Churchill Hotel Allstars – nothing
3. Churchill Mustangs – no representative present \$10 fine
4. Destructabulls – nothing

5. Good Old Boys – nothing
 6. Grand Junction Hotel – nothing
 7. Grand Junction Hotel Blacks – Div1 singles 13 tables available. Suggestions to Peter Simpson.
 8. Jezza’s Turkeys – no representative \$10 fine
 9. Kissabulls – nothing
 10. Lenny’s Lads – nothing
 11. Morwell Golf Club Cruisers – nothing
 12. Morwell Golf Club Wanderers – nothing
 13. Morwell RSL Allsorts – nothing
 14. Morwell RSL Greens – nothing
 15. Morwell RSL Reds – no comment
 16. Morwell RSL Uglii’s – nothing
 17. Sports Bar – new potential sponsor rising star. Working on constitution Andrew O’Neill and Brad Smith, Singles comp by-law for running singles comp, 64 draw going to need a lot of tables, bbq for singles and finals, maybe a few drinks put on as we do every year. Will rankings will be ready? Yes. Well done Executive Committee. Keep going.
 18. Top Pub Elites – Changing delegates from Tim Dale to Kiefer Brown.
 - Moved** - Shannon Soakes
 - Seconded** - Alan Goodwin
 - Unanimous
 19. Top Pub Smashers – nothing
 20. Top Pub Young Guns – nothing
 21. Traralgon Bowls Club – Final meeting, Wednesday after the last round 28th August. Table heights need to be checked. Large height variation between tables and venues. Will look into it.
 22. The Rush – no representative \$10 fine
 23. Turks Bar – Nothing
 24. Turks Breakers – nothing
 25. Turks Cobras – nothing
 26. Turks Shooters – nothing
 27. Turks Thunders – nothing
 28. Wild Turkeys – nothing
- We have overlooked finals venues.
 Ask to leave in the hands of Executive Committee for format and venue.

Motion - Alan Greenwood
Seconded - Shane Vogt
 Unanimous

Sign in book - non-attendance fines – scorecard fines: All fines apply

Next Meeting: Will be held at Turks Sports Bar on Wednesday 28th August at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed: 9.10pm

Duration: 1hr & 30mins.

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6th Committee Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at the Turks Sports Bar, Traralgon on Wednesday 28th August, 2013.

Chairman: Meeting opened by the Vice President Peter Simpson at 7.10pm.

Attendance: Quorum met in accordance with Constitution 11 (7) 15 members present.

Executive Committee

Vice President Peter Simpson, Treasurer (Average Joes), Secretary (Turks Cobra's), Scorer Paul Pike (Turk's Bar) and Publicity Officer Peter Simpson.

Ordinary Committee

Treasurer Renee McDonald (Average Joes), Alan Goodwin, Wayne Loader (Churchill Hotel Allstars), Neil Stucky (Destructabulls), David Rash (Good Old Boys), Ted Norton, Lyn Bock (Grand Junction Hotel), Shane Vogt (Grand Junction Hotel Blacks), Ann Rockall, Maria Schiavello (Kissabulls), Anthony Dunne (Lenny's Lads), Damien O'Brien (Morwell Golf Club Cruisers), Tony Carolan (MGC Wanderers), Michael Lubawski (MRSL Allsorts), Tony McMillan (MRSL Greens), Don McIvor (MRSL Reds), Adam Skilbeck, Steve Bishop (MRSL Uglii's), Andrew O'Neill, Wayne Van Heerewarden (Sports Bar), Rick Merlo (Top Pub Smashers), Shannon Russell (Top Pub Young Guns), Greg McDonald, Brendan Colvin (Traralgon Bowling Club), Tom Gill, Scorer Paul Pike (Turk's Bar), Henry Kolakowski, Gary Helmuth (Turk's Breakers), Secretary Janet Hedt (Turk's Cobras), Steve Halliday (Turk's Shooters), Rod Chapman (Turk's Thunders), Aaron O'Mara (Wild Turkeys).

Association Members/Visitors: Tracey Bowen, Jeremy DePellegrini (Top Pub Elites)

Attendance: 35 People

Apologies: President Wayne Taylor (Wild Turkeys), Sally Duncan (Mustangs), Kiefer Brown (Top Pub Elites), Graham Hodgskiss (Turks Cobras), Paul Keogh (Average Joes), Andy Kersten (Top Pub Smashers), Ray Stevenson (Morwell RSL Reds), Chris Meyer (Jezza's Turkeys).

Correspondence:

1. Interleague Day is approaching. 15th September at Bar 8. Anyone interested should let Executive Committee know as soon as possible.
2. Cue Ball Site closes end August. Will be available from You Tube and Facebook.

Minutes: Previous Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Meeting minutes are printed and copies are available for each team. No further business arising.

Moved - Rick Merlo

Seconded - Ann Rockall

Carried

Around the Executive:

1. Presidents Report.

President is not at meeting.

2. Vice President's Report.

Moved to General Business.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Good evening ladies and gentleman. End of season profit of \$14,085.16. Some sponsorship and match fees have been paid. No change to junior total. Copies of treasurer's report are available. Includes Country Cup. Will make a separate ledger for Country cup contributions as of next meeting. Don McIvor says Congratulations to Alan Greenwood and Rick Merlo for your efforts to get sponsorship this year. Thank-you. Everyone applauded their efforts.

Moved- Ted Norton

Seconded- Rick Merlo

Carried

4. Secretary's Report.

a) Thank you to all teams for organizing registration details. Especially those who I didn't have to contact for information. Let's try to be a lot more organized next year. Thanks

Moved- Rick Merlo

Seconded- Ted Norton

Carried

5. Scorer's Report.

a) Outstanding score cards from the Top Pub Elites (1card for the bye), Churchill Mustangs (3 scorecards), Grand Junction Hotel Blacks (3 scorecards).

b) Fines for late scores- none

c) Results Round 8 (last Round)

6. Publicity Officer's Report.

Nothing to add.

General Business:

1. Presentation Night- 5th October, Traralgon Bowls Club at 6pm. \$25 Single, \$50 Double. \$3 subsidised drinks at Members prices up to \$3000. So if a drink costs \$3.50 you will pay 50c. No money will be returned on the night as costs have increased this year. Each meal costs approx. \$46 which is more than last year. Dress is Semi-formal. No jeans or tracksuit pants or tracksuit tops. No runners. Dress pants, Dress shoes and collared shirt are required. Band: Low Profile. Last date to buy ball tickets will be 25th September at the Summer Competition meeting. Tickets available from Executive Committee members or from Dwayne Morrell at Turks Sports Bar. Please fill in seating and dietary requirements form when buying tickets. Move to have receipt book and stamp given to Dwayne Morrell at Turks Sports Bar.

Moved- Wayne Vann Heerewaarden

Seconded- Alan Goodwin

Carried

2. Singles Competition 1st/open division- 8th September, Turks Sports Bar. \$5 entry. 1st div and open competition. 1st in best dressed. Committee will have final say in who plays. Entries can be made through Dwayne Morrell at Turks Sports Bar. Entry fee donated to the late Daniel Mackie's family.

3. **Interleague day**- 15th September. Bar 8. Selection committee will meet soon to select teams.
4. **Finals**- Congratulations to all those who made the finals. Was a close competition this year with all divisions fighting till the last round for finals places. Appropriate dress will be required. Black shoes, Black pants, Black Skirts, collared shirt. No variations, no pin stripe, no navy no grey, no runners even if they are black. No caps allowed except for religious reasons, e.g. Turban. Team captains are responsible to check their teams are dressed appropriately. Then Markers/ Umpires are to check dress. Head Adjudicator has the power to remove frames played and deem loss of frame. Head Adjudicator volunteers are Ted Norton, Paul Pike, Peter Simpson and Wayne Van Heerewaarden.
1st Semi-final – 3rd September –Teams in position 3 +4
2nd Semi-final- 4th September- Teams in position 1+2
Preliminary- 10th September- Teams are winner of 3+4 play loser out of 1+2
Grand Final- 11th September- Teams are the two winners of the preliminary round.

1st final- 3rd September
Division 1- Turks Bar vs Sports Bar
Division 2- Grand Junction vs Morwell RSL Reds
Division 3- Smashers vs Breakers

2nd semi-final – 4th September
Division 1- Allsorts vs Shooters
Division 2- Lenny's Lads vs Bowls Club
Division 3- Young Guns vs Average Joes

5. **Gippy Cup**- Forms available to enter teams. Enter teams as soon as possible. Teams are entering from everywhere. Played in Sale.
6. **Junior State Titles Results**- Gary Berger Entered the juniors this year. Well done for having a go. He won 5 and lost 6 on the day. Had a good day and adds to his experience. Paul Pike moved for travel expenses to be covered out of the junior's fund. \$50.

Moved: Paul Pike

Seconded: by Wayne Van Heerewaarden

Carried

7. **Churchill Pub Mustangs**- Become financial tonight with fines outstanding, registration fees outstanding and scorecards owing. Individuals are responsible for paying their own fines and will not be playing in future until those fines are paid. All 16 members are on the financial list.

Around the Committee:

1. Average Joes – Thanks to everyone in the league Renee McDonald has dealt with. Everyone has been very helpful with a couple of exceptions of course. Thank you for your help, you all know who you are.
2. Churchill Hotel Allstars - nothing
3. Churchill Mustangs - no delegate at meeting. \$10 fine
4. Destructabulls - nothing
5. Good Old Boys - nothing
6. Grand Junction Hotel - nothing
7. Grand Junction Hotel Blacks - Dress Rules for Singles.
8. Jezza's Turkeys - Playing in the finals at Maffra tonight. \$10 fine.
9. Kissabulls - Looking at entering another female team next season. Good Luck
10. Lenny's Lads - Anthony Dunne left early with apologies.
11. Morwell Golf Club Cruisers - gone
12. Morwell Golf Club Wanderers - gone
13. Morwell RSL Allsorts - gone
14. Morwell RSL Greens - gone
15. Morwell RSL Reds - nothing
16. Morwell RSL Uglii's - nothing
17. Sports Bar - Dress code singles, neat casual dress. No trackies. Collared shirt.
Moved- Ann Rockall
Seconded- Maria Schiavello
18. Top Pub Elites - Ask for fine to be waived as have a team member present in delegates place.
Moved- Greg McDonald
Seconded- Henry Kolakowski
Carried
19. Top Pub Smashers - nothing
20. Top Pub Young Guns - nothing
21. Traralgon Bowls Club - nothing
22. The Rush - Withdrawn from competition
23. Turks Bar - nothing
24. Turks Breakers - nothing
25. Turks Cobras - nothing
26. Turks Shooters - nothing
27. Turks Thunders - nothing
28. Wild Turkeys - nothing

Sign in book - non-attendance fines – scorecard fines: All fines apply

Next Meeting: THE SUMMER COMPETITION MEETING: will be held at Morwell Golf Club pending availability on Wednesday 25th September at 7.00pm.

Meeting Closed: 8.40pm

Duration: 1hr & 30min

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7th Special Committee Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association, 2013-14 held at Turks Sports Bar, Traralgon on 2nd December 2013.

Chairman: Meeting opened by the President Wayne Taylor at 7:10pm.

Attendance: Special Committee Meeting met in accordance with **Constitution 25. Quorum at Committee Meetings (1)**

Executive Committee Members

President Wayne Taylor (Wild Turkeys), Vice President Peter Simpson, Treasurer Renee McDonald, Secretary Janet Hedt (Turks Cobra's), Scorer Paul Pike (Turk's Bar) and Publicity Officer Peter Simpson.

Ordinary Committee Members

Rod Chapman, Alan Martin (Turks Thunders) Rick Merlo (Smashers) David Rash (Good Old Boys) Maria Schiavello, Sarah Goedhart (Ball Busters) Wayne Van Heerewarden (Sports Bar) Alan Goodwin, Wayne Loader (Allstars) Mick Lubawski, Colin Young (MRSL Allsorts) Ted Norton, Lyn Bock (GJH) Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar) Claire Blackford, Adam Skilbeck (MRSL Uglii's) Anthony Van De Burgt (Y'Nth Bombers) Dean Kane (Yallourn Bowl Club) Paul Lewis, Paul Keough (Average Joes) Aaron O'Mara (Wild Turkeys) Henry Kolakowski (Turks Breakers) Tony McMillan (MRSL Greens) Chris Mayher (The Tav 1) Ann Rockall (Unexpectabulls) Snaz (Turks Breakers) Ash Vogt (The Tav 2) Anthony Dunne (Lenny's Lads) Don McIvor (MRSL Reds) Graham Hodgskiss, Secretary Janet Hedt (Turk's Cobras) Paul Pike, Steve Gray, (Turks Bar)

Association Members / Visitors:

Duanne Morrell, Milo Fue, D. Vella, B. Muller (Top Pub Madmen)

Attendance: 39

27 voting LVEBA members present out of 54 members

Apologies: Tom Gill, Allan Greenwood Snr, Damien O'Brien, Alan Brooks, Sonia Scolyer, Andy Kersten.

Correspondence: Nil

Minutes: Nil

Special Business: This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Constitution 18. – 29.

Committee Meetings. This meeting is made up of Executive Committee members and Ordinary Committee Members, ie the two nominated delegates from each team. Only the two delegates from each side from winter competition may vote. Anyone who was not a delegate please refrain from voting as this is a Committee Meeting.

- 1) We LV8BA received a letter from Wellington 8 Ball Association. The league which covers the Sale, Maffa area. (Letter of correspondence read) They have had an incident happen within their competition and they have dealt with it. Our Constitution reads that (Wayne Taylors understanding) we don't deal with that further again. They have given their penalty as it was under their jurisdiction, and the courts to decide anything further. We are not here to decide should he have done it of if he should be suspended for the incident or any of those questions. We are here to discuss the fact that a member of our association has been banned from a pool competition for ten years, does that bring our league into disrepute. Our purpose is for the promotion of good fellowship amongst competitors and the advancement of the sport in general. (Constitution 2). Another part that is important to us is the eligibility for membership of our association. (Constitution 5(1)) You can only be a member of our association if you believe in the promotion of good fellowship amongst competitors and the

advancement of the sport in general. Then we get down to step 9 (Constitution 9 (a,b,c)) discipline, suspension and expulsion of members. We have to decide whether as a committee, based on the fact that someone has been suspended for ten years, not based on the evidence of what may have happened, is that guilty of conduct unbecoming a member. It's up to you guys to decide as a committee and then the next step is deciding on a penalty, fine, suspension or expulsion. Firstly, does anyone have any questions?

Graham Hodgskiss - As he wasn't representing our league at the competition how does it then come back to us. You are all representing our association/ league. If you're partaking in an eightball tournament, whether you're playing specifically for our league or not you are undertaking that sport as a member of our association. Any sport that follows on from our association, any cue sport, including snooker or trips away. Anything to do with the sport and activities that come out from our association, yes they are actually representing our league.

Snaz- Was he provoked and was there a police charge?—Wayne Taylor cut him off because we are not here to discuss the actual incident. What we have is a penalty. Yes there is a police charge and that is who is going to deal with questions like was there this or that or anything else. What we are dealing with is someone from our association has behaved in a manner that has caused them to be expelled for ten years from a tournament and to be taken from that tournament.

Anthony Van De Burgt - This is not the first issue we've had from him is it? This is the first issue on the record. Everything else that has happened before, we are not going to use precedent or anything else that has happened before because we are starting a fresh. I understand what you are saying but we are going to go by the book, clean slate, this point forward.

Wayne V- I think it's fair to take away who it is and look at what it is.

A Player. If I came in and didn't mention a name you'd all be more worried about finding out who it is instead of dealing with the issue. Take away the who. All it was, was a member of ours got suspended for ten years because of their behavior and we'll leave it to the police to sort out for themselves.

Peter Simpson- One thing you've got to remember too. We rely on a lot of sponsorship as you just realized in the last season I just signed a major one. Now I have had sponsors calling me up since this incident. What's this I hear about one of your players, Tazie. It's all around the town here and that's not a good look, ya know. We are trying to better ourselves and promote the game and when businesses hear that sort of thing going on they, ask if it's like the things that used to go on in the sixties and seventies, I said "no, no it's just an isolated incident." But I'm not commenting on it anymore, but I said it will be dealt with. I am just saying you've got to take that into consideration to that we're trying to promote our league all the time now, trying to help juniors out which we just had recently then they see something like this happen and it looks bad. The main thing is that we could lose all our sponsorship.

Mick Lubawski - They came up with a figure of ten years, how'd they come to that? Wayne T -They have looked into the incident and that's theirs to come up with. Mick- What's happened for them to go, why wasn't it just a couple of years. If someone gets murdered they get ten years. He's obviously done something wrong to that bloke that he's not saying nothing about that they've slapped him with that.

Duane Morrell - Because it was a major incident, ya say ten years.

Wayne T- I'm not going to make any accusations but your right in what you're saying, they don't give you ten years for breaking ya cue early. It's all irrelevant to what we are trying to look at.

Rick Merlo- Let's Vote

Wayne T- You are only voting on whether a ten year suspension warrants a fundamental.

Mick Lubawski - Half the people don't know what it is.

Wayne Taylor - you don't have to know what he did. He got a ten year suspension, that's what he did. Everyone stop. We will take questions one at a time.

Wayne Van Heerewaarden - We've just got to work out whether we want him to be punished or not. Does he deserve to be punished yes or no, that's it.

Wayne Taylor - No Its for getting suspended from a pool tournament for ten years. The rest is not our place to say or judge.

Andrew O'Neill - Look everyone probably wants to know the whys and how's about it but what Wayne is saying is right on the money. A guy has been suspended for ten years who cares why they come up with that figure, that's their association and they did it for their reasons. We've just got to look weather he's brought our game

into disrepute. That's what our constitution says, the letters been written, we just have to address it. Weather he has brought our league into disrepute. You can say it's an event that had nothing to do with us, that's true but at the same time everyone knows who he plays for and who he's represented. Taz represents us on a country cup level so we have to consider that. He did come up against the committee before and as an error on my part he got off I think we need to listen to these guys and what they say about whether he's brought our league into disrepute. If you're think he has on the information you hear today on that and that only, if you don't, you don't. Other than that let's not banter around too much.

Ann Rockall - I was at Bairnsdale, I was at Sale as well. They know I play for this league and they have come up and asked me if anything has been done about him yet, I said no, it's in the pipework's. They are just appalled that it's taken so long.

Wayne T- We are bound by our constitution to do things properly and I won't rush it because people in Bairnsdale are appalled and do it wrong. It has been done wrong before and I won't do it wrong and people have snuck away.

Rick Melro - Can you explain how that's any different to two people from our league go out to a night club and punch on and they are known members of our league in our community.

Wayne T- They weren't playing eightball or wearing Latrobe Valley shirts so they weren't representing our league or after an eightball event. I can't find a just reason to look at that. He was at an eightball tournament playing eightball.

Claire Blackford- I just want to make a statement, it's not just a ten year ban we are taking into consideration it is also the sponsors and them asking the question now about what's going on in our league so there's that of course to take into consideration as well. It's quite clear to me that he has taken this sport into disrepute cos we've got our sponsors are asking us what's going on, they are going to think twice about sponsoring us next year, and in future. So yes it's brought our league into disrepute.

Peter Simpson- It's just not the sponsorship, the thing is that it made the Sale papers and everyone knows. I got back Sunday night and went down the street and people knew about it and what transpired. All the football clubs know about what happened. My son is on the committee at Gormandale and he rang me to ask what was going on. As an Executive Committee member here as far as I am concerned he has brought our league into disrepute, weather you disagree with me or not, I don't care as far as I'm concerned he has.

Maria Schiavello - Even though we play pool this is a sporting club, we follow the same rules as any other sporting club, just as we do in netball. You play in their league, even if you play elsewhere you still play in their league. They muck up they are going to be disciplined. You are always representing that league.

Wayne Taylor - yes, absolutely, that's what's happening here.

Duane Morell - Taz doesn't only play in this league, he plays in other leagues. The only thing I am a bit vague about it is, what are they doing about it? My question is what is Pool Victoria doing about this? They come to us and want us to get membership, he also plays in other leagues so why is it us, why do we have to deal with it? I am not saying we can't help with it, don't get me wrong, but he has had so many misdemeanors in this association and I'll tell you now he's done some horrific things in this association Wayne Taylor - We are going to try and not bring those things into it. Duane Morrell - Where's Pool Victoria in all this?? At the end of the day they are our governing body and we pay our membership so what are they doing about this?? It is a state thing!

Each league will decide what they are doing and send their letters on to Pool Victoria and they will have a hearing and decide from there. We are the first step. They follow us. Melbourne may be doing something as well. I don't know. I think Wellington will send Pool Victoria their letter to, only Leon their president can answer that. We are leasing with Pool Victoria all the time. We are following all the steps so that it is done right. It comes down to a simple thing, first of all, we need to vote, do we believe he has brought this league into disrepute? Majority vote, only those winter delegates can vote. If you are unsure or don't understand, refrain from voting. Do you believe a player from this league, who has a ten year ban for an incident at a pool tournament has brought this league into disrepute? Yes or No

Ash Vogt - representative from Wellington- This incident has, I actually ran the Gippy Cup and it has brought a lot a lot of shit on us. We no longer have a venue, we are finding it hard to get a liquor license, we have lost every sponsor already, all of them. Two teams said they won't be coming back and basically, I am great mates

with Taz, but for him to do that and even this other bloke, we are still in discussion about whether he provoked it and whether we ban him as well. When you decide on a vote, I'll be voting, I won't say what I'll be voting, but he has stuffed up and we have a lot of work to do to find all out new sponsors so please consider that.

Wayne Taylor - So we will move on to a simple show of hands.

Do we believe the actions of Chris Johnson for getting himself barred for ten years from the Gippy Cup has repercussions and reflections on our league. Has it brought our league into disrepute?

Vote Taken- carried

After we send Chris a letter, Chris has the right to request a meeting to say anything he would like to offer and put his case forward. Then if we uphold our decision, he then has 28 days to request a General Meeting with every member of the association present to put his case forward, then we vote again. This is just the first step in the process and this will take time.

Qn- Should he have been here tonight

Wayne T- No. He could have come if he wanted to but he wouldn't have been allowed to speak in his defense. We are dealing with the letter.

Next step is to decide the penalty. A fine, a suspension, an expulsion. Expulsion means next season he can request to be part of a team and the committee looks at it. Discretion is up to the committee at the time. It is very messy. I don't believe in fines, they mean different things to different people. Fines are never a fair penalty.

Wayne V- Couldn't we pass fine money on to Wellington to help out?

Andrew O- I disagree, we had a situation where a member got another member to pay a fine and that defeats the purpose.

Qn - Shouldn't the police be dealing with this?

The league needs to be seen to be doing something. The police deal with the assault part of it.

Vote on Fine / Suspension / Expulsion

Only vote once

Suspension for specified period- carried

Vote for period of time

2 years - carried

Suspension starts at the end of all his appeals. He has two weeks to make his first appeal. He may continue to appeal as long as he likes.

We now need to send him a letter informing him of all this.

We can't under our constitution impose further conditions other than suspending him from membership. Like proving himself.

2) Letter of Correspondence from Wayne Taylor to discuss changes to Summer Competition, by-law 3, Emergency Players amendment. Vote must be 75% majority. Proposed changes are

b) Players having played for more than one team are only be eligible to play finals for the team they have played the most games for. The original rule was to stop teams from sitting their players out and bringing in better players and paying them to help you get a few extra wins and bumping you up. D) still remains the same. The executive reserve the right to change results if this happens. This rule change is for those who filled in at the beginning of the season who weren't already in teams and have now found themselves in teams and wanting to represent their new teams in the finals. As it is these people are ineligible to play finals.

Don McIvor- Commented if this gets in the MRSL would have a field day. Players would play two games here and there for teams and decide to play for those in the finals.

Wayne Taylor - You wouldn't get away with it because the executive committee still reserve the right to change results for stacked teams. Executive wouldn't allow it. If you cheat all that players results would be removed.

You must play five games for a team to be eligible for the finals.

After 3 games for one team they are locked into that team.

Moved: Peter Simpson

Seconded: Graham Hodgskiss

Unanimous against

General Business/Around the Committee:

Jezza's Turkeys- Leon Lett from Wellington 8-ball Association has been diagnosed with leukemia. We are holding a fun day with a singles comp and other things at Maffra Golf Club. 15th September, 10 am start. We encourage everyone to get along and support Leon. Very worthy cause.

Don McIvor - Alan Greenwood has been found to have a bleed on the brain and will be having surgery any time now. Our best wishes to Alan and wish him a speedy recovery. Hope everything goes well.

Final comment from President Wayne Taylor. The only reason I am here as President, I swore black and blue that I wouldn't do this again, is to try to put some rules in place and get people following to get us through the season so that next AGM someone else can take things over and run it. There have been major changes within the last year to the constitution. Currently we have to inject model rules into our constitution to make it work and it makes it ugly. Once that new constitution is in place it becomes the Executive Committee's obligation and job to understand it and to execute it. The rules are clear and set out on how our association has to operate to keep ourselves out of trouble and not get to a situation where we can't play pool anymore. Those situations come solely not from the incidents that arise but from our ability to deal with them. If we follow the constitution we currently have it is long and drawn out and difficult. Sorry I have to drag you through these meetings, but they have to be done a certain way and I do get angry (sorry to Andrew) when I am told that I am not doing them right when I spend hours of my own time making sure I am doing it right so that if it's appealed further down the track it does get upheld. In regards to that, like me, dislike me, I don't care you won't have to put up with me next year. Let's just get to the AGM and keep things running till then. If I am putting you through boring shit meetings then I am sorry but we'll get through them and I am doing it for a reason.

Under the new constitution, our committee set up is bizarre, 200 odd members and 60 odd committee members that's crazy. Generally for a club/league that size you would have seven committee members. Because it was built into our constitution that two delegates from each team form the committee, that was fine when there was a maximum of twelve teams but when we got out to nearly 30 teams it makes it very laborious to try and get everyone together at the same time and focus upon the issues that need to be dealt with and to understand them fully. Under the new constitution, we will set how many committee members there will be but recommendations from consumer affairs vary between 7 and 15. 15 being a heap. Currently we are running at about 60. So the committee will actually be cut down to include basically an Executive Committee and six or seven other delegates roughly, it might be four or it might be 10, roughly. Committee meeting will be able to be called and held at someone's place where the issues will be dealt with and when we need to get everyone together to decide on it will be general meetings and special meetings. But the Committee Meetings will be held in house and we won't have to get everyone here because half the time we don't know whose committee members and whose not. The understanding that people should have is if you are one of the two delegates from the team then you're a committee member with as much responsibility and liability as everyone on the Executive Committee. It is a position where you are supposed to understand every single rule in that book and you are responsible for all of us up here making sure every rule in that book is followed and that's where the difficulty is. We've got a committee of 60 and 30 of them I don't even think care about the rules anymore, they'd rather be just playing pool so let's make them not be committee members anymore. They don't want to be a committee member. Let them go. We've dragged them in because our constitution says we have to. Choose your members carefully! This is state legislation not just us deciding this. This was brought in because a lot of sporting clubs have ended us like us.

Wayne Van Heerewaarden - Put some thought into who we vote in, think very carefully about who you want representing us. Spend some time talking to people and find out what their thoughts are.

Next Meeting: Turks Sports Bar on Wednesday 11th December. 7.00pm start. Be On Time.

Meeting Closed: 8.10pm

Duration: 1hr

Regards: Janet Hedt

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**1st Special General Meeting of the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association
at the Morwell Golf Club on Wednesday the 25th September, 2013.**

**1st Sub Committee Meeting of the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association
at Turks Sports Bar on Wednesday the 11th December, 2013.**

**2nd Sub Committee Meeting of the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association
at the Place Not Known on Wednesday the ? February, 2014.**

**2nd Special Committee Meeting of the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball
Association at the Turks Sports Bar on Wednesday the 17th February,
2014.**

**These meeting were held by the Association, the Secretary has not minuted these
meetings for the annual year 2013.**