



39th Annual General Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at the Morwell Golf Club, Morwell on Tuesday 24th March 2015.

Meeting conducted in accordance with: **Constitution Rule 11. Annual General Meetings** (Pg.5).

Chairman:

Meeting opened by President Allan Greenwood at 7:15pm.

President welcomed everyone to the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association's Annual General Meeting for 2015. President thanked Janet Hedt, Renee McDonald and Paul Pike for their work and efforts and a special thanks to Claire Blackford, Maria Schiavello and Rick Merlo for helping out as well, the extra support was greatly appreciated. Some Summer Competition trophies were presented at this meeting.

Attendance:

1) Committee Members:

Office Bearers: President - Allan Greenwood, Vice President - Vacant, Secretary - Janet Hedt, Treasurer - Renee McDonald, Scorer - Paul Pike and Publicity Member - Graham Hodgskiss.

2) Association Members:

Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar), Peter Simpson (Life Member), Claire Blackford, Julio Marino & Adam Skilbeck (Morwell RSL Uglii's), Don McIvor (Morwell RSL Reds), Sam Pearson (Sam's Turkey's), Michael Stellini (Turks Shooters), Tom Gill (Turks Bar), Michal Green (Turks Bar), Chris Mayer (Jezza) (Sports Bar), Henry Kolakowski (Turks Breakers), Kristy Halliday & Rosa Payne (Unexpected-a-bulls), Greg McDonald (TBC), Duane Morrell (Turks Thunders), Brad Smith (MGC Farcues).

3) Visitors, Guests & Observers:

Not known

22 known in attendance.

Number of actual member in attendance at this meeting is not known (No attendance sheet) but I have inserted names of members that were mentioned or heard in the voice recording of this meeting.

Quorum:

1) Quorum met in accordance with **Constitution 12 (2)** 15 members present.

Apologies:

Dave Britt (Turks Guns) & Ivan Heasley (Morwell RSL Reds).

Correspondence:

1) Pool Victoria's doubles competition 11th & 12th April.

2) Pool Victoria sponsorship & supporter's cards via sports pass eligible for members (\$25) and discounts for over 100 places. Money comes back to the club see the website has details.

Constitution Rule 11. Annual General Meetings 11.4 (a) *to confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meeting held since that meeting; and*

Previous Minutes:

The Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association's 38th Annual General Meeting 2014. These minutes need to be confirmed by the Association, copies are available.

1) Annual General Meeting

Moved: Henry Kolakowski

Sec: Chris Mayer

Carried

Rosa Payne asked if an agenda was available. Secretary Janet Hedt said usually people don't look at it so I only printed off one for us, I usually print off half a dozen and collect them from this table at the end so I hadn't bothered.

Around The Executive:

1) President's Report:

We have had a great year as a league some say some say we haven't but with an increasing number of teams and venues the competition and the introduction of the Premier League in the Summer Competition providing sponsors to our members who have entered into the Victorians Women's Super League for 2015. So far there've been successful it's great that there've got the opportunity to improve their skills and become better players.

I would also like to apologies to the league for the things that weren't done by the Executive Committee and should have been or for things that weren't done as well. I'm disappointed with what we did not achieve and I take full responsibility for as President for this and for some issues that weren't dealt with the way they should have been. I hope the league continues to support the girls in the league and with the ladies singles competition there has been a great continued growth of the number of women in the league, which is great to see I hope the league supports all players in the league whether they are division 1, 2 or 3. All players pay their registration and match fees so everyone is equal we all deserve the same respect as each other and I hope everyone remembers that. I've seen a lot of incidents over the last year where more experience players have been helping train up lesser experience players which is great to see and I hope really hope that continues, because sometimes without someone giving you some guidance or tips about our game it can be difficult to improve, I hope that continues.

Having only 4 Executive Committee members on the board put a lot of pressure on all of us, but we did our best with what we had to deal with, I really hope the members step forward this year and contribute to the continued growth and success of our league. The more Executive Committee members we have the easier it will be for all involved. In saying that I will not be standing for President due to medical reasons and I do hope people do step forward and take some responsibility for their league.

I would hope the league continues with advertisement the league gets involved with Win News, local papers in every event. The league publicity must continue in that order for the league to continue in growth. With that I wish the league all the best for 2015/16 and I hope for better year than the last one.

2) Vice President's Report:

Position vacant.

Constitution Rule 11. Annual General Meetings 11.4 (b) *to receive from the [Committee](#) reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last financial year; and*

3) Treasurer's Report:

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, how is everyone going? Good? As you probably already know the leagues in a pretty good pretty solid position at the moment. I just want to run through expenses in particular match fees as I know there were some concerns so I'd like to address them immediately. Out of anything that was paid for match fees (Summer Competition) we were paid \$8,200. If anyone has any concerns about the money not getting spent we spent \$8,153 of that \$8,200. \$3,000 went towards meals and \$1,000 went towards trophies. Drink cards went out there was \$2,650 worth of drink cards which were all used. An additional \$1,076 were put over the bar, \$100 for the photographer, we covered other things like coffee, pizza and the other food that Turks helped organize that was another \$327 so you can do the math's that \$8,153. So hopefully everyone's pretty pleased with how everything got distributed I did try to do it fairly so everyone got their finger in the pie so I hope everyone is happy with that.

The League at the moment is in a financial position of \$24,717. Some of that will be deducted obviously once some of these bills are paid from the weekend trophies etc. so we'd be looking around \$20,000 alright, we can address that at the next meeting. I've got a couple of copies up here if you want to have a look at it, there's a Sumer Comp ledger which isn't finalized because bills haven't been paid yet so I'm in the process of doing that literally. Do we have any questions about the treasurer's report?

Andrew O'Neill asked have you got the running sheet for the last financial year there? Renee McDonald replied the last financial year? I may have forgotten that. Andrew O'Neill replied you should have that at this meeting. Renee McDonald said yer it's ready to go. Andrew O'Neill said but you should have it here. Renee McDonald said I just didn't bring it here I made a mistake Andrew ok I am only human. Andrew O'Neill said I know but no one knows the financials, what's the ins and outs were for the year, the round up, you should really have them here, very poor. Renee McDonald said I understand that and I already acknowledge that ok. Now I've kept up to date treasures reports every meeting. Andrew O'Neill replied that's good. Renee McDonald said as of the 31st December we had **\$21,784.42** in the bank I can provide detail copies for everyone I haven't withheld any information throughout the year, I apologise for not having them here with me tonight. I'm not going to give a reason it's just going to be an excuse.

Paul Pike asked are there any un-financial teams from the summer Competition? Renee McDonald said yes LV Madmen & Top Pub Sharks they didn't pay at the last meeting so there's \$160 outstanding. If you're a member of those teams and you paid to your captain then you need to take it up with your captain. Any questions? Rick Merlo said does that mean that anyone who played in those teams can't play winter until all the fees are paid. Yes they have to be financial Renee McDonald said. Rick Merlo asked wasn't there another team that was un-financial to? Renee McDonald responded yes Ross Kenney is ineligible Jay Langstaff paid their team fees before the meeting so Ross Kenney owes the players. Renee McDonald asked if there were any other questions or advice where I went wrong? Peter Simpson said just one reminder what we always used to do at the AGM's we'd have a couple dozen sheets of the financial year with the ins and outs and they'd get handed round. Renee McDonald responded with yer look it's purely an honest mistake I did it last year I knew what I had to do I'm a pretty honest person I just stuffed up and I'll put my hand up I'll do that at every meeting if I make a mistake. Don't worry I can give it to you if you need it it's all up to date its very clear and transparent I've never had anything to hide. Peter Simpson said no worries mate.

Moved: Henry Kolakowski

Seconded: Greg McDonald

Carried

4) Secretary's Report:

Janet Hedt said that she would like to thank everybody who's helped me out over the couple of years that I've been on the Committee it has been a very trying time for me I won't be re-standing as Secretary. I would like to thank all those teams who have had all their registration details organised and followed everything and made life as easy as possible for me so thank you to everyone.

5) Scorer's Report:

Not too much to report I still got three teams with outstanding scorecards from the Summer Competition which is a bit annoying don't think any of them are here.

1. LV Madmen
2. Lenny's Lads
3. Top Pub Sharks

So I'll need those scorecards fines apply. Apart from that that's all.

6) Publicity Officer's Report:

Nothing

7) Juniors Report:

Nothing

8) Country Cup:

Janet Hedt said that we haven't heard anything from them we normally are picking teams by now. Allan Greenwood said that it's at Orbest this year so we'll have to wait for them to get onto us.

Constitution Rule 11. Annual General Meetings 11.4 (c) to elect *Officer Bearers* of the Association and the ordinary members of the *Committee*; and

Election of Office Bearers:

President Allan Greenwood declared all positions vacant and asked for Mr Peter Simpson (Simmo) to come up and call for nominations. And just remember put your hand up only if you want to do things not just to be there because it's not going to help anyone, thank you.

Life Member Peter Simpson said just before I go ahead and ask for nominations, look a lot of you people don't know but I've been president for a long time over previous year's and vice-president whatever and scorer. When you usually going to vacate and you know you're going to vacate and not renominate you usually go and do the rounds and try and word someone up to take the position, and I really hope that's happened here tonight because I hope it's not going to be the same predicament it was last year where we couldn't get anyone to stand and people just jumped on for the sake of doing it even know there've done a great job. I just hope some people who have stood down have rallied around to try to get people to take their position because it's not very good if we're going to be here all night and we can't get people to fill the positions. Anyway as all of the positions are declared vacant I'd like to call for nominations for

1) President:

Nomination: Andrew O'Neill (from a number of places)

Decline

Nomination: Peter Simpson (Allan Greenwood)

Decline I've just brought a caravan and I'm going round Australia.

There were no other nominations for President and Peter Simpson said he won't go for any other nominations I'll just put the microphone down and walk away, you have to have a president. Janet

Hedt said that you can actually start without a president. Andrew O'Neill said I'd come back in two weeks' time. Renee McDonald agreed and said that's what I was going to mention, Andrew O'Neill said it'll make people think anyway. Some discussion was had about the notice for another meeting that it might be 4 weeks and not two week. Andrew O'Neill read out the appropriate constitution law which stated two weeks' notice shall be given for an Annual or Special General Meeting. Peter Simpson then said seems we've got no nominations for president I'll call for nominations for vice-president and as has been stated there will be another meeting in two weeks' time where we might get some more people within the league to come along and take the president's job on.

2) Vice President:

Nomination: Adam Skilbeck (Allan Greenwood)

Decline

There were no other nominations taken. Andrew O'Neill said Simmo can we come back in two weeks and start all over again. Janet Hedt said that you can operate without a president and vice-president as long as you have a secretary. Duane Morrell said can we do what Andrew O'Neill said and adjourn this for two weeks is that possible and then you might find some people that might be semi interested but no one really understands the work load involved whether it five, ten or twenty hours a week and that's what's scared a few people. Peter Simpson said that he wanted to bring a few things up in general business and also that may interfere with what's got to be done with these draws we'd have to hold that off for the teams and everything as well. Andrew O'Neill said that the whole thing stops for two weeks basically you don't want to pressure someone into taking on a position your better off coming back in two weeks. Duane Morrell asked if the standing Committee could care take for two weeks and as Simmo said maybe two weeks ago that feeler should have been out there to find out who wanted to. Peter Simpson said yes well that's what you normally do when you're in a position. Duane Morrell said can we do that, is the Committee willing to care take for two weeks? Peter Simpson said well that's up to the Committee who just stood down if their willing to stand back in position then they'll declare themselves vacant in two weeks. Renee McDonald and Allan Greenwood agreed to this. Some more discussion was had and it was decided to come back in two weeks' time. Peter Simpson handed the chair back to Allan Greenwood. Allan Greenwood said we have one of the best leagues in Victoria it would be ashamed to see it go down the gurgler have some supper have a talk tonight and sort something out. Renee McDonald said I'll be sure and make sure that I'll have that financial report to. Some more discussion was had about the date and place for the next meeting as Easter was a concern also the other league on Wednesday night and other venues with knockout comps.

Next Meeting:

1) Tuesday 7th April, 2015 at the Latrobe Valley Hotel (upstairs).

Meeting Closed:

1) 8:50pm/Duration: 35.24min

Regards

Andrew O'Neill

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The Secretary of 2014 did not minute the meeting at the time, these minutes were minuted from a voice recording of the meeting in 2020.



39th Annual General Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at the Latrobe Valley Hotel Morwell on Tuesday the 7th April 2015.

Chairman:

Meeting opened by President Allan Greenwood at 7:10pm, Allan welcomed everyone to the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association's Annual General Meeting for 2015. Allan then handed over to Andrew O'Neill to preside over the meeting.

Attendance:

Association Members – Andrew O'Neill, Chris Mayer and Matt Sawyer (Sports Bar), Ted Norton and Lyn Bock (Grand Junction Hotel), Frank Marino, Wayne Van Heerewaarden and Allan Greenwood (Morwell RSL Uglis), Rosa Payne and Kristy Halliday (Unexpectabulls), Graham Hodgskiss (Turk's Cobras), Mick Stellini (Turk's Shooters), Don McIvor (Morwell RSL Reds), Wayne Loader and Shane Stewart (Morwell RSL Diggers), Dave Ferguson (Lenny's Lads), Gary Helmuth and Henry Kolakowski (Turk's Breakers), Joanne Brown (Grand Junction Hotel Blacks), Shannon Russell and Luke Pallot (Turk's Guns), Alf Shingles (Morwell RSL Allsorts), Tom Gill (Turk's Bar), Steven Wilson and Greg McDonald (Traralgon Bowls Club), John Humphreys and Harley Pennington (Morwell Central Farques), Renee McDonald (Average Joes), Maria Schiavello and Deb Nicklen (Ball Busters), Scott Kersten and Andy Kersten (Top Pub Blacks), Ben Bailey (Top Pub Sharks), Rick Merlo (Morwell Central Bashers), and Rod Chapman and Alan Martin (Turks Thunder).

36 in Attendance

Guests/Visitors – Brendon Cleland, Jake Ross, Donna Young-Christie, Chloe Nobelius, Debbie Chase, Kevin Cowen, Robin McHale, James McMillan, Jason McHale, Darrin Van Soest, Daniel Harli, Chubb Chircop, Chantelle McMillan, Tanya Cargill and Sam Pearson.

15 in Attendance

Quorum:

Quorum met in accordance with **Constitution 12 (2)** 15 members present.

Apologies:

Claire Blackford, Ivan Heasley and Janet Hedt.

Correspondence:

None.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes from the 38th Annual General Meeting 2014 of the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association have not been completed and are to be presented to the 1st Committee Meeting of LVEBA Winter Competition, to be accepted and moved. Andrew stated we don't really have much choice but to do that given they are incomplete and should have been on the website two weeks ago. Consumer Affairs have been in touch and haven't received the AGM minutes from 2014 which they should have by now.

Around The Executive:

1. President's Report. Nothing to report.
2. Vice President's Report. There currently is no Vice President.
3. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Renee McDonald advised the final balance as at 31st September 2014 was \$25,340.45. Renee informed everything went well in Summer Comp with a difference of only \$8 which will be rolled over to Winter Comp. Renee informed there are copies of the report if anyone would like to view them. Renee asked if there were any questions, Rick Merlo asked how many sponsors were invoiced and how many paid. Renee advised all sponsors who agreed to sponsor, received a hand written invoice on the day they were seen, he has a list which will be handed over to the next Treasurer. Andrew asked if anyone wanted to have a look at the report, no one did.

Moved: Henry Kolakowski

Seconded: Maria Schiavello

4. Secretary's report. Not present at the meeting.
5. Scorer's report. Paul Pike advised there are still some outstanding score cards from Summer Comp for 3 teams however some of the captains have disappeared and so chasing these up might be a problem. Paul informed the ladder is on the website if anyone wants to have a look at it.
6. Publicity Officer's report. Nothing to report.

Ordinary Business:

Pool Victoria Delegates Report. Paul Pike attended the Pool Vic AGM and advised the fees are the same as last year. Some discussion occurred regarding other issues discussed however nothing that will impact greatly on LVEBA. The LVEBA is the 3rd biggest league in Victoria (affiliated with Pool Vic) which is pretty exciting.

There was an enquiry about the new world rules, Paul Pike advised he has put a link on the Facebook group to the new World Rules and will put a link on the website as well. Andrew informed that anytime there are changes to the world rules, we just adopt them. We might need to look at getting a new handbook out with the changes.

Election of Office Bearers:

1. President nominations.
 - a) Scott Kersten. Accepted
Moved: Allan Greenwood
Seconded: Maria Schiavello
 - b) Rod Chapman. Accepted
Moved: Rick Merlo
Seconded: Gary Helmuth

Secret ballot conducted with Scott and Rod having left the room. Scott Kersten voted in as the new President.

2. Vice President nominations.
 - a) Joanne Brown. Accepted
Moved: Maria Schiavello
Seconded: Mick StelliniJoanne Brown voted in as the new Vice President.
3. Treasurer nominations.
 - a) Rosa Payne. Accepted
Moved: Andrew O'Neill

Seconded: Renee McDonald

Rosa Payne voted in as the new Treasurer.

4. Secretary nominations.

a) Claire Blackford. Accepted

Moved: Rosa Payne

Seconded: Joanne Brown

Claire Blackford voted in as the new Secretary.

5. Scorer nominations.

a) Paul Pike. Accepted

Moved: Don McIvor

Seconded: Mick Stellini

Paul Pike voted in as the new Scorer.

6. Publicity Officer nominations.

a) Rick Merlo. Accepted

Moved: Graham Hodgskiss

Seconded: Wayne Loader

b) Gary Helmuth. Accepted

Moved: Don McIvor

Seconded: Henry Kolakowski

c) Allan Greenwood. Accepted

Moved: Joanne Brown

Seconded: Maria Schiavello

Secret ballot conducted with Rick, Gary and Allan having left the room. Allan Greenwood voted in as the new Publicity Officer.

Election of Ordinary Members:

1. Turks Bar – Tom Gill and Paul Pike.
2. Turks Shooters – Mick Stellini and Steve Halliday.
3. Morwell RSL Allsorts – Alf Shingles and Mick Lubawski.
4. Grand Junction Hotel Blacks – Shane Vogt and Joanne Brown.
5. Wild Turkeys – David Buhagiar and Peter Simpson.
6. Sports Bar – Matt Sawyer and Chris Mayer.
7. Morwell RSL Uglii's – Claire Blackford and Frank Marino.
8. Lenny's Lads – Dave Ferguson and Anthony Dunne.
9. Sam's Turkeys – Sam Pearson and Leon Lett.
10. Turk's Guns – Luke Pallot and Shannon Russell.
11. Traralgon Bowls Club – Greg McDonald and Chris Walsh.
12. Morwell RSL Diggers – Wayne Loader and Shane Stewart.
13. Morwell RSL Reds – Don McIvor and Damien Chapman.
14. Turk's Breakers – Henry Kolakowski and Gary Helmuth.
15. Grand Junction Hotel – Lyn Bock and Ted Norton.
16. Turk's Cobras – Graham Hodgskiss and Janet Hedt.
17. LV Madmen – Jamie Green and Alan O'Donnell.
18. Good Old Boys – Duane Morrell and Jay Langstaff.
19. Kaptain Misfits – Ben Bailey and Alan Goodwin.
20. Kaptain Jokers – Rod Chapman and Rick Merlo.
21. LV Jokers – Jason McHale and Daniel Harli.
22. Kickin Chickens – Jamie Buhagiar and Ash Brand.

- 23. MC Farques – Mark Winters and John Humphreys.
- 24. Top Pub Blacks – Andy Kersten and Scott Kersten.
- 25. Morwell Golf Club – Rosa Payne and Brad Smith.
- 26. Kaptain Strikers – Alan Martin and Rick Martin.
- 27. Ball Busters – Maria Schiavello and Debbie Nicklen.
- 28. LV Sippers – Peter Sheridan and Eric Newman.
- 29. MC Misfits – Ange Van Rossum and Dave Britt.
- 30. Falling Angels – Tanya Cargill and Jenny Dawson.
- 31. Average Joes – Paul Keogh and Paul Lewis.

Andrew asked if anyone had any issues with any of the delegates mentioned, no issues identified. Andrew asked for all nominations to be moved.

Moved: Henry Kolakowski

Seconded: Don McIvor

- Carried -

- 32. Ryan's Hotel – Steve Cook and Neil Stuckey.

Moved: Gary Helmuth

Seconded: Henry Kolakowski

- Carried -

Other Business:

- 1. Affiliation Fees.

- a) Pool Victoria Affiliation. Pool Vic fees are still \$7 per person, Andrew asked if there were any issues with this, none identified, Andrew asked for this to be moved.

Moved: Rick Merlo

Seconded: Henry Kolakowski

- Carried -

- b) Winter Competition fees. Andrew opened up the floor to discuss registration fees which are at \$5, match fees which are at \$5, and team affiliation fees which haven't been charged for years. Greg McDonald asked for an invoice to be sent to the Traralgon Bowls Club as they pay the registration fees for their players. Alf Shingles advised although RSL teams pay match fees to the RSL who then pay LVEBA those match fees, it is the RSL teams' captain's responsibility to pay registration fees for their players at the first Committee Meeting of the LVEBA.

Moved: Mick Stellini

Seconded: Debbie Nicklen

- Carried -

- 2. Website.

Andrew informed the fee to keep our domain name and to keep the website going was just paid, for 2014-15. Andrew stated he believes there have been some issues with the website, he suggests the Committee leave it in the hands of the Executive to sort out with Wayne Van Heerewarden, and if anyone has any issues to discuss they can contact Scott about them. The Executive will be meeting with Wayne in the next week to try and sort out any issues, and if they can't be resolved they might need to look at going elsewhere to develop a new website. Andrew stated he would like to move a motion to leave it up to the Executive to work out.

Moved: Andrew O'Neill

Seconded: Andy Kersten

- Carried -

3. By-Law amendment.

Andrew informed he wants to move a motion to amend a By-Law that wasn't worded correctly; the By-Law is (also see attached):

Constitution 20. Life Membership

Life Membership for this Association SHALL be:

- (a) A maximum of one (1) Life Membership may be awarded annually.
- (b) The members SHALL be nominated by a member from another club.
- (c) Nominations SHALL be in writing to the Secretary and only accepted at an Annual General Meeting of the Association. If there is more than one nomination a ballot vote must be taken.
- (d) Life Membership nomination to be considered and a vote SHALL be taken by way of a ballot of which at least seventy five (75%) of members present and voting, vote in favour at a Special General Meeting held before/after the last Committee Meeting for that Winter Competition season.
- (e) Life Membership to be awarded in the same season nominated and presented at the Annual Presentation Ball with a Life Member Framed Certificate and a Bar & Pendant.
- (f) Playing members can only be nominated after thirty (30) years.
- (g) Executive members will become a Life Member automatically after ten (10) years of **Consecutive** Executive service.
- (h) Every year of service on the Executive will be worth three (3) years towards their Life Membership as a playing member, but will only count after three (3) years of Executive service.
- (i) Honorary Twenty Year Member after playing twenty (20) years as a playing member. Recognition only.

Andrew informed the only change is to add the word "Consecutive" noted in green, to the existing By-Law.

Moved: Mick Stellini

Seconded: Graham Hodgskiss

- Carried - (by vote of at least 75% of members present, as per Constitution)

General Business:

1. Winter Competition start date and season length.

Paul Pike advised there are 32 teams and therefore 4 divisions for Winter Comp, recommended start for Winter Comp is in 2 weeks to give the Executive the opportunity to do the draw. 2 weeks would mean the start date is April 21st, 2016, and with a home and away round each, the singles comp and finals, the end of the Winter Comp would be around August 12th, 2016. If we did 3 rounds we wouldn't finish Winter Comp until around September 23rd, 2016. Paul recommended we only play 2 rounds for Winter Comp and asked for questions off the floor. Greg McRonald agreed 2 rounds would be good, this motion was put forward.

Moved: Greg McRonald

Seconded: Rosa Payne

Some members were against this motion, as it is quite a short round, so Andrew asked for speakers against this motion. Graham Hodgskiss stated he believes Winter Competition is going to be too short and should be 3 rounds of home and away games which makes it a 21 round season. Rick Merlo agreed that Winter Comp is supposed to be our main comp so 3 rounds would be better. Don McIvor recommended a 2 round comp as it compromises our Summer Comp. Wayne Van Heerewaarden recommended a 2 round comp as it makes it more even for teams in the sense of 1 home game and 1 away game for each team. Joanne Brown

stated if Winter Comp is a 3 round season this will run into when the Nationals are on and the Gippy Cup which is on early October. Dave Ferguson raised that if it is a 3 round season it only makes the season 1 week later than Winter Comp in 2014. Greg McDonald withdrew his motion above. Andrew asked for a motion to be put forward, Andy Kersten put forward a motion for a 2 round Winter Competition.

Moved: Andy Kersten

Seconded: Mick Stellini

For: 19

Against: 11

- Carried -

Andrew stated the proposed start date for Winter Comp, from Paul Pike, is April 21st, 2016.

Andrew asked for someone to move that motion.

Moved: Debbie Nicklen

Seconded: Maria Schiavello

- Carried -

2. Scorebooks. Andrew stated if any team needs a new scorebook they need to bring their old scorebook and give it to Paul Pike. If teams cannot produce their old scorebook a new one will cost them \$10. This came about years ago when teams were going through 3 scorebooks in a season.
3. Scorecards.
Andrew advised all teams need to send through a picture of their scorecard to Paul Pike after each round matches have finished. That way he can get the ladder and rankings done as soon as possible.
4. Country Cup Committee.
This Committee has been arranged and waiting information from Orbost for this year's Country Cup.

Around the Floor:

Andrew went through the sign in sheet asked each member present for any comments, questions, etc. Graham Hodgskiss raised the issue of table rotation for each team in a venue; Andrew advised this is an issue between the individual teams and the venue as the teams are playing in their venue, so this needs to be raised with them directly. Graham stated the venue has advised it is to be addressed with the Committee, Andrew stated this is wrong; it needs to be dealt with between the team and venue. Wayne Van Heerewaarden asked whether the Executive could speak to the venues and inform them of this, Andrew stated they could however it really has nothing to do with the Executive.

Greg McDonald raised the issue of some tables at venues not being up to scratch, Andrew advised it is in our By-Laws that the tables meet a certain standard so if there are any concerns about any tables, members can bring this up with the Executive who can address the issue.

Andrew raised the issue of some members wanting to implement a change to the format in Division 1 only, to the best of 5 frames rather than only 3 frames. Andrew advised the By-Law states we play only 3 frames in Winter Comp, and his understanding has always been that you are required to give 1 weeks' notice of any proposed By-Law so that all team members on each team are aware of the proposed changes and can come and vote on it being well prepared. Andrew stated there is a bit of a query about how to make a By-Law change so there will be a short recess so the Executive can discuss this issue. After a recess Andrew O'Neill advised this issue will be looked at further in the future once there is some clarification as to how this change can occur as per the By-Laws. The format will remain as per By-Laws at this time.

Meeting Closed: 8:56pm/1hr & 46min

Regards

Claire Blackford – Secretary LVEBA

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Given the Secretary of 2014 was not present at this meeting, these minutes were minuted from a voice recording of the meeting.



1st Committee Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at Turks Bar Traralgon on Wednesday May 6, 2015.

Chairman: Meeting opened by President Scott Kersten at 7:45pm.

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

Committee of Management

Office Holders – President Scott Kersten (Top Pub Blacks), Vice President Joanne Brown (Grand Junction Hotel Blacks), Secretary Claire Blackford (MRSL Uglii's), Treasurer Rosa Payne (Morwell Golf Club), Scorer Paul Pike (Turks Bar) and Publicity Officer Allan Greenwood (Morwell RSL Uglii's).

Ordinary Committee Members – Paul Lewis (Average Joes), Maria Schiavello and Deb Nicklen (Ball Busters), Graham Hodgskiss and Janet Hedt (Cobras), Duane Morrell (Good Old Boys), Shane Vogt (GJH Blacks), Rod Chapman and Rick Merlo (Kaptain Jokers), Ben Bailey (Kaptain Misfits), Dave Ferguson (Lenny's Lads), Jason McHale (LV Jokers), Eric Newman (LV Madmen), Mark Winters and John Humphreys (Morwell Central Farques), Rosa Payne (Morwell Golf Club), Wayne Loader (Morwell RSL Diggers), Don McIvor (Morwell RSL Reds), Sam Pearson (Sam's Turkeys), Andy Kersten (Top Pub Blacks), Chris Walsh (Traralgon Bowls Club), Tom Gill (Turks Bar), Henry Kolakowski (Turks Breakers), Mick Stellini (Turks Shooters) and David Buhagiar and Peter Simpson (Wild Turkeys).

Association Members/Visitors

Mick Lubawski and Jacob Presley (Morwell RSL Allsorts), Steve Cook (Ryan's Hotel), Allan Brooks (Turks Young Guns), Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar) and Alan Timmins (life member).

38 in attendance

Apologies: Shane Stewart (Morwell RSL Diggers), Jamie Buhagiar (Kickin Chickens), Gary Helmuth (Turks Breakers), Dave Britt (Morwell RSL Reds), Luke Pallot and Shannon Russell (Turks Young Guns), Steve Gray (Turks Bar), Jenny Dawson (Falling Angels), Matt Sawyer and Jezza (Sports Bar).

Correspondence:

Some clearance forms have been received – to be discussed in General Business.

Previous Minutes:

President Scott Kersten asked if there were previous minutes (from Winter Competition 2014), Secretary Claire Blackford advised there were none. Peter Simpson asked why there were no previous minutes, President Scott Kersten advised they have not yet been completed. Scott asked for someone to move a motion that the minutes be accepted and moved at the next Committee Meeting.

Moved: Don McIvor

Seconded: Henry Kolakowski

- Carried -

Around the Executive:

President's Report.

Scott Kersten read out the President's report (see attached). Peter Simpson (Simmo) spoke about his attendance at the funeral on this day, of LVEBA life member Jim Duncan who recently passed away. Simmo delivered the eulogy at the service, and was proud to represent the Association today at the funeral. Simmo discussed how much work Jim put into his community, evident by the knowledge that he was a member of 13 different Associations in his community, including the LVEBA. Simmo then introduced LVEBA life member Alan Timmins.

Business arising: None

Moved: Dave Ferguson

Seconded: Rick Merlo

- Carried -

Vice President's Report.

Joanne Brown read out the Vice President's report (see attached). David Buhagiar asked if there will be a bus provided at the Country Cup to pick players up from their accommodation and take them to and from the venue. Joanne will look into this and let all Country Cup players know.

Treasurer's Report.

1. LVEBA bank account.

Treasurer Rosa Payne advised there have been some issues with organizing the signatories on the LVEBA bank account as there are still some people registered as signatories that need to be removed, before the new signatories can be registered. This impacts on Rosa's ability to manage the bank account ie access balance information.

2. Account balance and running sheet.

Due to the above issues Rosa is unable to access this information. Rosa provided a rough estimate of the bank balance ie \$20,927.62 in the main account. Junior account remains untouched.

3. Unfinancial teams.

Top Pub Sharks still owe \$160 of unpaid match fees from 2014-15 Summer Competition plus fines for scorecards not being handed in. President Scott Kersten has been advised this debt will be paid by the end of the meeting tonight. Ben Bailey (past player of the Top Pub Sharks) advised he has been trying to access this money from the Captain Alan Goodwin, who was paid all match fees by the players however did not pay this money to the league. Rosa advised that as per the Constitution and by-laws, any money owed is the responsibility of the whole team not just the captain, so if the money is not paid, any member of that team is considered unfinancial. Scott informed this then means that any player considered unfinancial will not receive any score for any games won in the Winter Competition, until all money owed, is paid in full. Some discussion occurred about whether it is fair to the other team members if the captain is the person who has not paid match fees, and the impact then on those other players. Also the impact on the league if the whole team doesn't take responsibility for monies owed. President Andrew O'Neill advised the Treasurer's Report can be looked at in detail after the meeting if anyone wishes to, it will be put on the website for everyone to have a look in this meeting's minutes. There have been a lot of transactions, it was brought up at the AGM there was some difficulty with bookkeeping and it was suggested by the TBC to have some auditing done which is a valid point. The reporting needs to be better, but we are getting more accurate with this.

Business arising: None

Moved: Peter Simpson

Seconded: Maria Schiavello

- Carried -

Secretary's Report.

Claire Blackford read out the Secretary's report (see attached) and read out the team names who have not handed in a registration form for their team at this meeting, as required. Those teams were: Kickin Chickens, Morwell RSL Allsorts, Top Pub Blacks, and Traralgon Bowls Club. Claire reiterated that no text reminders of meetings will be sent after this date, all teams will receive the agenda for the Committee Meetings via email only, 7 days before the meetings as required. The agenda will also be uploaded to the lveba website.

Scorer's Report.

Paul Pike advised all teams have been doing well sending in a photo of the scorecard after each match. Missing scorecards currently from Kickin Chickens and Kaptain Strikers. If they are not handed in by the end of the meeting, fines will be imposed. Paul informed the Victorian Singles Championship was on this past weekend and Steve Gray, Mick Green and Joanne Brown all made the last 16, Suzy Allan and Peter Butterworth both made it to the semifinals. Congratulations to those players.

Publicity Officer's Report.

Allan Greenwood asked all members present to pass information to any businesses they may know about the opportunity to provide sponsorship to the league. Allan is soon going to be attending local businesses to acquire more sponsorship for the league.

Junior's Report.

None.

General Business:

1. Team promotion and demotion – already discussed.

2. Handbooks and scorebooks for 2015 Winter Competition.

No list as yet as to which teams owe \$10 for new scorebooks, Paul Pike to get that sorted.

3. Singles Competitions for 2015.

Open Singles Competition already organized and on the draw.

President Scott Kersten asked for some feedback about having a separate singles competition for division 2, 3, and 4 or a joint singles competition for all those divisions. Some discussion occurred around whether there would be sufficient numbers if separate comps were held, versus the likelihood of division 4 players entering the comp if it were the 3 divisions playing all together.

Duane Morrell raised that players are able to achieve the highest ranked player in each division eg Division 2 Player of the Year, therefore a separate singles comp for each division isn't required. Duane moved a motion to hold a division 2, 3, and 4 singles comp combined.

Moved: Duane Morrell

Seconded: Henry Kolakowski

- Carried unanimously -

Scott Kersten asked for some proposed dates for the mixed singles competition, Andrew O'Neill put forward a motion to let the Executive work that out at a later date.

Moved: Andrew O'Neill

Seconded: Andy Kersten

- Carried -

4. Country Cup 2015 – already discussed.
5. Website.

Scott Kersten informed that at the AGM there was concern raised about the website not being updated, he has spoken to Wayne Van Heerewaarden who is happy to continue to work on the website; they will arrange a meeting very soon to discuss the website in more detail. At the AGM it was voted for the Executive Committee to deal with the issues with the website and the costs involved. Concern was raised about Wayne not doing the work on the website when he was paid to do so; Scott advised the Executive Committee is addressing the issue.

Business arising: None

Moved: Peter Simpson

Seconded: Maria Schiavello

- Carried -

Around the Committee:

1. **Average Joes** – all good.
2. **Ball Busters** – Deb Nicklen queried a situation where another player walked by the table as she was playing a shot, and put their hand on the table. This is a foul; nobody is to approach the table when you are playing a shot.
3. **Cobras** – all good.
4. **Falling Angels** – not present.
5. **Good Old Boys** – Duane raised that someone other than the President should chair the meetings so that Scott can answer questions only. The Constitution states the President is to chair the meetings. Duane also raised that players should have an opportunity to attend a session whereby they can learn all the rules properly, Scott advised this is being looked into.
6. **Grand Junction Hotel** – not present.
7. **Grand Junction Hotel Blacks** – all good.
8. **Kaptain Jokers** – not present.
9. **Kaptain Misfits** – all good.
10. **Kaptain Strikers** – not present.
11. **Kickin Chickens** – not present.
12. **Lenny's Lads** – Dave Ferguson asked about the clearance form for Aaron O'Mara to move from Sports Bar to Lenny's Lads.
13. **LV Jokers** – all good.
14. **LV Madmen** – all good.
15. **Morwell Central Farques** – all good.
16. **MC Misfits** – all good.
17. **Morwell Golf Club** – all good.
18. **MRSL Allsorts** – not present.
19. **MRSL Diggers** – all good.
20. **MRSL Reds** – all good.
21. **MRSL Uglii's** – Claire Blackford presented a clearance form for Tammy Rogers to move from the Grand Junction Hotel Blacks to the Morwell RSL Uglii's.
22. **Ryan's Hotel** – not present.
23. **Sam's Turkeys** – not present.
24. **Sports Bar** – Andrew O'Neill asked for Chris Mayer (Jezza) to be removed as a delegate of the team and for Andrew to be voted in as a delegate.
Moved: Andy Kersten

Seconded: Maria Schiavello

Andrew advised he needs to get a fine waived as he attended this meeting instead of the 2 delegates for Sports Bar. Andrew asked for the \$10 non-attendance fine to be waived for his team.

Moved: Peter Simpson

Seconded: Paul Lewis

- Carried -

Andrew added that Scott is doing a great job and to keep it up.

25. Top Pub Blacks – Andy Kersten asked for the Executive to support Ben Bailey regarding the debt owed by the Top Pub Sharks.

26. Traralgon Bowls Club – not present.

27. Turks Bar – all good.

28. Turks Breakers – all good.

29. Turks Young Guns – Alan Brooks advised he requires a fine to be waived for non-attendance as the 2 delegates for the team are playing indoor soccer. Scott advised he will follow up with them as to whether this is an ongoing arrangement and whether they need to change who the delegates are for the team. In the meantime the \$10 non-attendance fine is imposed, subject to change at the next Committee Meeting.

Moved: Don McIvor

Seconded: Paul Lewis

- Carried -

30. Turks Shooters – all good.

31. Wild Turkeys – Peter Simpson stated he is very impressed with Scott. Rosa Payne added that he is doing a marvelous job.

Association members/visitors:

1. Association members – none.
2. Life members – all good.
3. Visitors – all good.

Sign in book/non-attendance fines:

1. Non-attendance fines. Kaptain Strikers, Grand Junction Hotel, Kickin Chickens, Falling Angels, MC Misfits and Turks Young Guns all incur a \$10 non-attendance fine.
2. Kaptain Strikers lose 2 match points and incur \$20 in fines for scorecards not being handed in by the close of this meeting.

Next Meeting: meetings to be held on the first Wednesday of each month, next meeting to occur on Wednesday June 3, 2015 at the LV Hotel.

Meeting Closed: 8:30pm

Regards

Claire Blackford

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1st Executive Meeting of the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association held via Messenger and telephone on Thursday May 7, 2015.

Attendance:

President Scott Kersten, Vice President Joanne Brown, Treasurer Rosa Payne, Secretary Claire Blackford, Scorer Paul Pike, and Publicity Officer Allan Greenwood.

Business:

1. Debt owed by 2014-15 Summer Competition team Top Pub Sharks.

A letter was received at the 1st Winter Competition Committee Meeting, held at Turks Bar on Wednesday May 6, 2015 from Ben Bailey, Captain of Kaptain Misfits (See file LV8BA Winter Competition 2015 for a copy of the letter). The letter refers to the debt owing from the 2014-15 Summer Competition team Top Pub Sharks, which Ben was a member of. The letter requests the Executive clear all members of the Top Pub Sharks from this debt, except for the Captain Alan Goodwin. Ben advised all members of this team paid their match fees however the Captain Alan Goodwin did not pay the match fees to LVEBA on behalf of the team as required, leaving their team and every member unfinancial members of the league. The members of this team in the 2014-15 Summer Competition were: Ben Bailey, Sean Lawrence, Filipino Lauhea, Andy Evans, Jesse Presley, Alec Walsh, Brendon Scott, Brendan Hoskins, Chloe Ashworth, James Webb, Mark Rowe, Luke Sterrick, and of course Alan Goodwin as the Captain.

Constitution 6. Termination of Membership

- (1) A person shall cease to be a member
 - (b) If any fees are outstanding for more than Thirty (30) days after becoming due.
- (2) A team or any of its team members shall be ineligible to compete in any Association competition (including representative teams) if any team fees are outstanding for more than Thirty (30) days after becoming due.

As the Constitution states, any monies owing by a team are the responsibility of all of the team members however on this occasion, President Scott Kersten has spoken to the Captain Alan Goodwin who has acknowledged he has sole responsibility for owing the money and all members of the team did pay their match fees to him.

Decision – After some discussion it was decided that if Alan Goodwin signs an agreement that he is responsible for all monies owed by the 2014-15 Summer Competition team Top Pub Sharks, then all other members of this team shall be cleared from this debt.

- Motion carried unanimously –

2. Debt owed by 2014-15 Summer Competition team LV Madmen.

A message was received via Messenger from Shannon Russell, member of the 2014-15 Summer Competition team LV Madmen, advising that \$70 is owed by that team for 7 “away” scorecards not being handed in. Shannon advised he would be paying off this debt however is unable to do so all at once, and requested a payment plan of \$15 per week until paid off.

Decision – Shannon is to sign an agreement that he will pay \$15 per week until the debt of \$70 is paid to the league.

- Motion carried unanimously -

Closing:

1. Secretary Claire Blackford to write up agreements for both parties.
2. President Scott Kersten to arrange for both parties to sign the agreements.
3. Secretary Claire Blackford to send a letter to Ben Bailey advising of the outcome of his request.

Regards

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2nd Executive Meeting of the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association held at 1 Morello Court, Moe on Friday May 22, 2015.

Attendance:

President Scott Kersten, Vice President Joanne Brown, Treasurer Rosa Payne, Secretary Claire Blackford, Scorer Paul Pike, and Publicity Officer Allan Greenwood.

Business:

1. Scorebooks.

There are no scorebooks left. There are a number of teams who collected a new scorebook from Turks Sports Bar, Duane kept a list of those teams. Scott has a pile of old scorebooks handed in, so these teams will not be charged \$10 for a new scorebook.

- Action:**
- a) Rosa to order 20 new scorebooks.
 - B) Paul to obtain list from Duane and provide a list to Scott as to which teams owe \$10 for a new scorebook.

2. Debt owed by Alan Goodwin.

During the 1st Executive Meeting of May 7, a decision was made that if Alan Goodwin signed an agreement that he is responsible for all monies owed (\$180) by the 2014-15 Summer Competition team Top Pub Sharks, then all other members of this team would be cleared from the debt. Scott was unable to secure a meeting with Alan until the Tuesday night of May 12, when the other members of his team awaiting clearance were required to play round 4 of the 2015 Winter Competition. A decision was made to give clearance to the other players prior to the meeting with Alan so they could go ahead and play round 4. Alan then did not attend the meeting as agreed. Alan has since not answered phone calls from Scott, or returned any calls or messages from Scott. On May 12 Claire sent Alan a letter (via Facebook Messenger as his exact home address was unknown at this point) outlining his debt, his agreement to meet with Scott and his acknowledgement that he is solely responsible for the debt. Facebook Messenger indicates Alan saw this message on May 12, however Alan has not responded to this message.

- Action:**
- a) Claire to send a follow up letter (now that his address details are known) asking Alan to make contact with Scott by May 29 to arrange payment, or a ban from the League will be enforced.

3. Debt owed by Shannon Russell.

Shannon Russell owes the League \$70 and agreed to pay off this debt at \$17.50 per week starting on May 12. To date Shannon has made no payments.

- Action:**
- a) Scott to contact Shannon to advise that if he has not paid his debt in full by Thursday May 28 then he will not be able to compete in the Country Cup.

4. Money owed to the LV Hotel.

The 2015 AGM was held at the LV Hotel and the beverages account was not paid on the night. \$116 is owed by the League however the LV Hotel still owe for registration fees from 2014-15 Summer Competition .

- Action:**
- a) Scott to contact Jenny Dawson regarding \$44 owed from Summer Competition.
 - b) Rosa to send cheque to pay for AGM beverages.

5. Non-clearance of LV Hotel player.

Colin Dixon is a registered player of the LV Madmen however has filled in for the Falling Angels for 1 round without clearance. This is a breach of the By-Laws and means that the Falling Angels will lose their total score and any premiership points for that round, as per **LVEBA Rules Of Competition.**

Clearance. Part e)

- Action:**
- a) Scott to contact Jason McHale of the LV Hotel and inform of the breach.
 - b) Paul to make adjustment to ladder and rankings.

6. Singles Competitions for 2015.

Available dates were considered.

- Action:**
- a) Singles Competition for Division 2, 3 and 4 to be arranged for Sunday June 21, 2015.
 - b) Ladies Singles Competition to be arranged for July 26, 2015.

7. Finals.

Some discussion occurred regarding the venue for the finals. Kaptain 8 ball has not yet agreed to sponsor the League and has been informed that if they do (for the same as Turks Bar - \$500 per year) then they will be given the opportunity to host some of the finals and singles events.

- Action:**
- a) Allan to follow up with Kaptain 8 ball regarding sponsorship.
 - b) If they agree to sponsor the League, they will host the Ladies Singles Competition, the 1st Semi Final and the Preliminary Final for Winter Competition.

8. Presentation Night.

Given the Premier Function Centre is booked out in late August/early September, the Presentation Night will be held in Morwell. The two venues being considered are the Morwell Bowling Club and the Morwell Club.

- Action:**
- a) Claire to tentatively book both venues and get quotes and menus.

9. League iron.

The League iron was to remain at the Morwell Golf Club but has been borrowed by other venues and is now not working properly. This needs to be looked into.

- Action:**
- a) Allan to track down the iron and test it to see if it's working.

10. Sponsors advertised on the website.

There are a number of sponsors advertised on the website that haven't paid any sponsorship for some time, they need to be removed. Also there are 3 sponsors from 2014 that were never advertised on the website and should have been.

- Action:**
- a) Scott to meet with Wayne Van Heerewaarden to discuss the lveba website and clarify what role he will take on in this regard.
 - b) Allan to offer 1 year of free advertising for the sponsors who were not advertised on the lveba website ie Porky's Rendering, Bandag and Gippsland Amusements.

11. Outstanding complaints.

A formal complaint was made during Summer Comp by Turks Bar regarding John Rooney throwing a stubby of beer off the upstairs balcony onto the road. Turks Bar banned John from the venue however the lveba have not taken any action in relation to this matter as yet.

A formal complaint was made in Winter Comp 2014 by Renee McDonald regarding Paul Keogh threatening to kill Renee. A meeting was held with Paul who acknowledged what he had done however not further action was taken after this meeting.

*** Both of these incidents occurred during the previous Executive Committee's time.**

- Action:**
- a) Allan Greenwood to contact John Rooney and advise that he is given a warning in this instance and if there are any further incidents of this manner the Executive Committee will consider a harsh penalty.
 - b) Scott Kersten to contact both Paul Keogh and Renee McDonald.

12. Registration form.

Some discussion occurred regarding the use of a registration form which all players must sign to become a member of the lveba.

- Action:**
- a) Claire to develop a draft copy of a registration form for the Executive Committee to develop further.

Regards

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2nd Committee Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at the LV Hotel Morwell on Wednesday June 3, 2015.

Chairman: Meeting opened by President Scott Kersten at 7:03pm.

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

Committee of Management

Office Holders – President Scott Kersten, Secretary Claire Blackford, Treasurer Rosa Payne, Scorer Paul Pike, and Publicity Officer Allan Greenwood.

Ordinary Committee Members – Maria Schiavello and Deb Nicklen (Ball Busters), Janet Hedt (Cobras), Jenny Dawson (Falling Angels), Jay Langstaff (Good Old Boys), Lyn Bock and Ted Norton (Grand Junction Hotel), Rick Merlo (Kaptain Jokers), Ben Bailey (Kaptain Misfits), Jamie Buhagiar (Kickin Chickens), Dave Ferguson (Lenny’s Lads), Jason McHale and Daniel Harli (LV Jokers), Eric Newman (LV Madmen), Mark Winters and John Humphreys (Morwell Central Farques), Ange Van Rossum (Morwell Central Misfits), Rosa Payne (Morwell Golf Club), Alf Shingles (Morwell RSL Allsorts), Wayne Loader (Morwell RSL Diggers), Don McIvor (Morwell RSL Reds), Adam Skilbeck (MRS� Uglii’s), Steve Cook (Ryan’s Hotel), Andy Kersten (Top Pub Blacks), Greg McDonald (Traralgon Bowls Club), Tom Gill (Turks Bar), Henry Kolakowski (Turks Breakers), Luke Pallot and Shannon Russell (Turks Guns), David Buhagiar and Peter Simpson (Wild Turkeys).

Association Members/visitors

None.

Attendance: 37

Apologies: Shane Stewart (Morwell RSL Diggers), Rod Chapman (Kaptain Jokers), Vice President Jo Brown and Shane Vogt (Grand Junction Hotel Blacks), Mick Stellini and Steve Halliday (Turks Shooters), Paul Lewis (Average Joes), Matt Sawyer (Sports Bar), and Sam Pearson (Sam’s Turkeys).

Correspondence: None.

Minutes:

1. LVEBA Winter Competition 2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes.
2. LVEBA Winter Competition 2014 5 Committee Meeting Minutes September 3, 2014.
3. LVEBA Winter Competition 2015 1 Committee Meeting Minutes May 6, 2015.

President Scott Kersten advised we are still waiting on minutes from the 2014 AGM and the 5th Committee Meeting of 2014 and therefore are not able to pass them at this time. This will be attempted at the next meeting.

Scott asked if there was any business arising from the 1st Committee Meeting 2015 minutes, none noted. Scott asked for these minutes to be passed.

Moved: Ted Norton

Seconded: Jason McHale

- Carried -

Around the Executive:

President's Report.

Scott Kersten read out the President's Report (see attached). Scott advised of non-attendance fines from the 1st Committee Meeting of 2015 of \$10 per team: Kaptain Strikers, Kickin Chickens, MC Misfits, Falling Angels, Grand Junction Hotel, and Turks Guns. Scott informed that if teams attended this meeting but did not sign the sign in sheet they will incur a fine however any team can apply for a fine to be waived at this meeting and it will need to be voted on.

Scott advised of penalties imposed from not handing in scoresheets at the 1st Committee Meeting of 2015 [as per the LVEBA **By-Laws. Rules of Competition. Section 9 (c)**]: Kaptain Strikers incur a penalty of loss of 2 premiership points and a \$20 fine.

Scott asked for the President's Report to be passed.

Moved: Dave Ferguson

Seconded: Rick Merlo

- Carried -

Vice President's Report.

None.

Treasurer's Report.

1. Account balance and running sheet.

Treasurer Rosa Payne advised the current balance of the bank account is \$15,817.67. See attached running sheet for more information.

2. Unfinancial teams.

All teams who have incurred a fine at the last meeting or this meeting are required to pay their fines by the end of this meeting or they are considered to be "unfinancial".

3. League shirts.

Rosa informed the league shirts have arrived; Ash Vogt will be delivering them to the league very soon.

Moved: Ted Norton

Seconded: Deb Nicklen

- Carried -

Secretary's Report.

Claire Blackford thanked everyone for handing in their registration forms at the previous meeting; most were completely filled in so that's great. Some teams have some missing information, they are: Average Joes, Cobras, Falling Angels, Kaptain Jokers, Kaptain Strikers, Kickin Chickens, LV Madmen, Morwell Golf Club, and Traralgon Bowls Club. Claire asked for those teams to provide the details needed by the end of this meeting.

President Scott Kersten advised it is a legal requirement for the Secretary to keep a list of member's details including address and phone number so if they are not provided by the next meeting fines will be enforced.

Moved: Maria Schiavello

Seconded: Ben Bailey

- Carried -

Scorer's Report.

Scorer Paul Pike advised he received a message from Kaptain Strikers who informed they will not be attending the meeting and therefore will not hand in scorecards as required.

Paul also advised there is a missing scoresheet for Traralgon Bowls Club for round 7 only.

Moved: Ted Norton
Seconded: Tom Gill
- Carried -

Publicity Officer's Report.

Publicity Officer Allan Greenwood informed he has not approached any businesses as yet as the website agreement has not been sorted out yet and he is not willing to go ahead with any sponsorship until it has been sorted out. This is because last year some businesses went ahead and sponsored the league and were never recognized on the website.

President Scott Kersten informed that was his fault as he had arranged a meeting with Wayne Van Heerwaarden however he was called into work so this meeting never occurred. Scott will arrange another meeting with Wayne very soon.

Moved: Deb Nicklen
Seconded: Maria Schiavello
- Carried -

General Business:

1. Singles Competition for Divisions 2, 3 and 4.

President Scott Kersten informed this comp will be played on Sunday July 12, 2015 at Turks Bar. All Captains of teams in these divisions are required to provide the names of all players wishing to compete, to Scott 2 weeks prior to this date. The comp will start at 10am sharp on this day.

2. Ladies Singles Competition.

Scott informed this comp will be held on Sunday July 26, 2015 at Kaptain 8 ball. Again all members wishing to compete in this event are required to provide their names to Scott 2 weeks prior to the comp. This comp will also start at 10am sharp.

3. Finals venues.

Scott informed that Kaptain 8 Ball have made a decision to sponsor the league for \$500, on the grounds that they receive the same number of events held at their venue, as Turks Bar who also sponsor the league \$500. Scott stated this seems fair so the Executive Committee have come up with a proposal to hold the 1st and 2nd semifinals on August 4 and 5 at Kaptain 8 Ball, and for the remaining finals to be held at Turks Bar.

Scott asked for comments for or against this proposal. Tom Gill put forward that Turks Bar have been the biggest influence on the league in recent years and has helped the league grow substantially. Scott stated the league is very thankful to Turks Bar for this, and the hope is this new venue will be able to provide the same support and growth for the league.

A concern was raised about Kaptain 8 Ball not being a venue that is friendly for spectators ie not a lot of room for people to watch the games. Some discussion occurred about how to address this issue, Scott will talk to Kirk about the possibility of moving 1 of the tables that won't be required, to allow for more room if the semifinals are to be held there. A motion was put forward to hold the semifinals at Kaptain 8 Ball and the other finals at Turks Bar.

Moved: Rick Merlo
Seconded: Allan Greenwood
Vote: 14 for/8 against
- Carried -

4. Debt owed by Alan Goodwin.

President Scott Kersten informed the Executive Committee made a decision that if Alan Goodwin signed an agreement that all monies owed by Summer Competition 2014-15 team

Top Pub Sharks (\$180), was his responsibility and would be paid by him, then all other members of that team would be cleared of this debt. Given Scott couldn't secure a meeting with Alan until the Tuesday May 12, when the other members of this team were awaiting clearance to play round 4 of the current Winter Competition. A decision was made to give clearance to the other players of this team given Alan's verbal agreement to meet with Scott and sign the agreement, so the other team members could go ahead and continue with round 4 matches. Alan did not attend the meeting with Scott as agreed, and has not answered phone calls from Scott since, or made any attempt to contact someone from the Executive Committee to sort out this issue. Letters have also been sent to Alan with no response. The Executive Committee have since made a decision for Alan to receive a ban from the league for a period of 2 years, after which the debt will still be owed by Alan, and he will be unable to play in the league until the debt has been paid.

5. VicHealth Carnival.

Scott informed of the VicHealth Carnival, which will be held on Sunday June 21 at Bar 8 in Bundoora. Scott informed LVEBA have entered teams before and we'd like to do so again. Scott asked for interested members to put their names down (with Scott) and then teams will be decided based on the list. There will be a bus provided for transport. Scott asked for Captains to speak to their teams about this event and provide names within the next week.

6. Memorial trophy for Jim Duncan.

As we all know Jim Duncan passed away recently and Scott would like to put in place a memorial trophy to dedicate to Jim Duncan. Scott stated he had 2 ideas: a) minor premiers in Div 1 ie team on top of the ladder prior to finals; or b) winner of the mixed division singles competition. Peter Simpson advised he could ring Jim's son Steve Duncan and ask him what trophy he would like to see dedicated to his dad. Simmo rang Steve who advised he would love for a minor premier trophy to be dedicated to his dad, and thanked the league for doing so.

7. Website.

Apologies again that this meeting did not go ahead, Scott will organize another meeting with Wayne.

8. Money owed for new scorebooks.

We still don't have this list but Paul Pike will follow it up and it will be dealt with at the next meeting.

9. Dandenong Open.

Scott advised this comp is being held this coming weekend and the first prize is \$2000. The prize for best novice is \$1000.

10. LV Hotel Ladies Comp.

Scott advised the LV Hotel will be holding a knockout comp for women, if all interested members could put in their expressions of interest to Jenny, captains to find out from their female team members if they are interested.

11. Change of delegates.

Scott informed that some delegates need to be voted on as they were not voted on at the Annual General Meeting as their registration form was not handed in. These delegates are: Steve Cook and Neil Stuckey (Ryan's Hotel). Scott asked for these delegates to be passed.

Moved: Andy Kersten

Seconded: Ted Norton

- Carried -

12. Delegates to stay for the entire meeting.

Scott advised all meetings start at 7pm, the Executive arrive at 6:30pm so delegates can hand in scoresheets and match fees prior to the meeting. No money or scoresheets will be accepted after 7pm as the meeting has started and it is disruptive to the whole meeting to be handing things in during the meeting. Also if delegates could remain for the entirety of the meeting, it makes things a lot easier and people will know more about what's going on if they stay for the whole meeting. Also the vote on finals venues were close, only 6 votes difference, if 6 people who left had of stayed, that could have made all the difference.

13. Non-clearance of LV Hotel player.

Scott advised this issue has been dealt with however he would like to remind everyone that players are not able to fill in or play for other teams without completing a clearance form and having this form approved and voted on at a Committee Meeting.

Jason McHale (LV Jokers) stated he thought it was under the same rules as Summer Comp in that players could fill in for other teams. He now understands the rules around this for Winter Comp. Scott advised the penalty imposed for LV Madmen is loss of premiership points for the round that Colin Dixon played for LV Madmen.

14. Presentation Night.

Secretary Claire Blackford informed that due to unavailability of the Premier Function Centre in August/September for our Presentation Night, we will be holding the event in Morwell, as it will return to the Premier Function Centre in Traralgon next year. This is based on a decision that was made years ago to alternate between Morwell and Traralgon venues. Claire advised there is a lack of venues in Morwell who can cater for this event, that there are none with league teams. Jenny Dawson then raised that the LV Hotel can cater for this event. Some discussion occurred about whether to hold the event in a venue in Traralgon that supports the league, the Morwell Club and the Italian/Australian Club have been very unsupportive in the past. Scott and Claire agreed to meet with Jenny before the next meeting to discuss this in further detail and consider the Traralgon Bowls Club as well.

15. Open Singles Competition.

Paul Pike asked all delegates to provide a list of names of members who would like to compete in this event, at the next Committee Meeting, as the qualifying round is less than 2 weeks after that. As per the draw the qualifying round is Tuesday July 14, and the final (32 players) are on Sunday July 19.

Around the Committee:

1. Average Joes – not in attendance.
2. Ball Busters – Maria advised their team has had an issue with another team not providing a marker and a timer, even when requested. Scott stated this was voted on last year, that if a team requests a marker and a timer, the other team must honour that request. Maria stated this team was informed of that however they did not honour it. Scott asked Maria to provide details in writing, and he will follow it up with that particular team.
3. Cobras – gone.
4. Falling Angels – gone.
5. Good Old Boys – gone.
6. Grand Junction Hotel – okay.
7. Grand Junction Hotel Blacks – not in attendance.
8. Kaptain Jokers – no issues.
9. Kaptain Misfits – gone.
10. Kaptain Strikers – not in attendance.

11. Kickin Chickens – Alan Martin apologized for their non-attendance at the previous meeting and asked for the fines to be waived for non-attendance and for not handing in the scorecards, as they were handed in later that night, after the meeting. He is not asking for the penalty of 2 premiership points taken from their team, to be waived. Scott stated effort was made to attend the meeting and hand in the scorecards and asked for this to be passed.

Moved: Dave Ferguson

Seconded: Andy Kersten

- Carried -

12. Lenny's Lads – Dave Ferguson stated when he first starting playing, Captains used to make a small speech to both teams prior to the start of the matches, he would like to see this happen again. Secretary Claire Blackford stated this is a great idea and will start doing this and maybe others will follow. There are a lot of teams who do this already which is great.

13. LV Jokers – no issues.

14. LV Madmen – Eric Newman apologized for being late.

15. MC Farques – John Humphreys brought up the issue of the iron that used to be situated at the Morwell Golf Club however it is no longer there. Some discussion occurred about the irons, there was an iron purchased by the league years ago for the venues in Traralgon, that iron is at Turks Bar and can be borrowed by the other venues in Traralgon. Another iron was purchased for the Morwell venues, which used to be kept at the Morwell Golf Club however has been taken from there and is now at Kaptain 8 Ball. Allan Greenwood stated he gave the okay for it to be taken to Kaptain 8 Ball not knowing that it was supposed to the stay at the Morwell Golf Club. Rick Merlo asked to move a motion for the iron to be moved from Morwell Golf Club to the Morwell Central Hotel.

Moved: Rick Merlo

Seconded: Jenny Dawson

Vote: 3 for/lots against

- Not carried -

Scott to get the iron from Kaptain 8 Ball and take it back to the Morwell Golf Club. Scott informed that if any venues want to borrow the irons from these venues, they will be required to sign them out of the venue, and must return them within 24 hours, or even less if it is on a match day.

16. MC Misfits – Ange raised the issue that not all Captains are sending through the pic of their scoresheets to Pikey so the rankings can be updated. Scott stated every Captain should be on top of this.

17. Morwell Golf Club – no issues.

18. Morwell RSL Allsorts – no issues.

19. Morwell RSL Diggers – no issues.

20. Morwell RSL Reds – no issues.

21. Morwell RSL Uglii's – no issues.

22. Ryan's Hotel – gone.

23. Sam's Turkeys – not in attendance.

24. Sports Bar – not in attendance.

25. Top Pub Blacks – Andy asked if it was possible for fines to be imposed for delegates leaving a meeting, Scott informed this is not possible, if delegates attend the meeting, sign in and then leave, there is nothing that can be done. All we can do is encourage people to stay for the entirety of the meeting.

26. Traralgon Bowls Club – gone. Don McIvor asked a question on behalf of Greg McDonald, ie given the Winter Competition is a short season, how many rounds are players required to play to qualify for finals, Scott advised this is in the Constitution so cannot be changed regardless of the length of the season, players are required to play 5 rounds in the season to qualify to play finals.
27. Turks Bar – no issues.
28. Turks Breakers – no issues.
29. Turks Guns – gone.
30. Turks Shooters – not in attendance.
31. Wild Turkeys – no issues.

Association members/visitors:

None in attendance.

Sign in book/non-attendance fines:

Rosa informed of the penalties that have been imposed at this meeting, they are:

1. Division 1 – Grand Junction Hotel Blacks, Turks Shooters and Sports Bar all have received a \$10 non-attendance fine.
2. Division 2 – Traralgon Bowls Club have received a \$10 for an away scorecard not being handed in.
3. Division 3 – Average Joes have received a \$10 fine for non-attendance, which has been paid, and the Kickin Chickens have had their fines waived.
4. Division 4 – Kaptain Strikers have not attended the meeting again and again no scorecards have been handed in. They have received a \$20 fine for 2 away scorecards not handed in, 4 premiership points taken for 2 home scorecards not handed in, and a \$10 non-attendance fine at this meeting. This is on top of the \$10 non-attendance fee from the last meeting. Scott will contact them tomorrow about this.

Closing:

Next Meeting to be held on Wednesday July 1, 2015 at Turks Bar, from 6:30pm.

Meeting Closed at 8:16pm
Duration 1hr 13m



Regards
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3rd Committee Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at Turks Bar Traralgon on Wednesday July 1, 2015.

Chairman: Meeting opened by President Scott Kersten at 7:00pm.

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

Committee of Management

Office Holders – President Scott Kersten, Vice President Joanne Brown, Secretary Claire Blackford, Treasurer Rosa Payne, Scorer Paul Pike, and Publicity Officer Allan Greenwood.

Ordinary Committee Members – Deb Nicklen (Ball Busters), Graham Hodgskiss (Cobras), Jenny Dawson and Donna Young-Christie (Falling Angels), Duane Morrell (Good Old Boys), Ted Norton and Lyn Bock (Grand Junction Hotel), Shane Vogt (Grand Junction Hotel Blacks), Rick Merlo (Kaptain Jokers), Ben Bailey (Kaptain Misfits), Jamie Buhagiar and Ash Brand (Kickin Chickens), Dave Ferguson (Lenny's Lads), Jason McHale (LV Jokers), Eric Newman (LV Madmen), Mark Winters (Morwell Central Farques), Ange Van Rossum (Morwell Central Misfits), Brad Smith (Morwell Golf Club), Mick Lubawski (Morwell RSL Allsorts), Wayne Loader (Morwell RSL Diggers), Don McIvor (Morwell RSL Reds), Adam Skilbeck (MRSL Uglie's), Steve Cook (Ryan's Hotel), Sam Pearson (Sam's Turkeys), Matt Sawyer (Sports Bar), Andy Kersten (Top Pub Blacks), Greg McDonald (Traralgon Bowls Club), Tom Gill (Turks Bar), Henry Kolakowski (Turks Breakers), Mick Stellini (Turks Shooters), David Buhagiar (Wild Turkeys).

Association Members/Visitors

None.

Attendance: 36

Apologies: Maria Schiavello (Ball Busters), Gary Helmuth (Turks Breakers), Damien Chapman (Morwell RSL Reds), Rod Chapman (Kaptain Jokers), and Peter Simpson (Wild Turkeys).

Correspondence:

1. Berri Open in South Australia. If anyone is interested contact Claire Blackford.
2. The Pool Vic Masters Tournament will be held on August 1, 2015. Any members over 50 years of age are eligible to compete, contact Pool Vic for entry forms or Claire Blackford.
3. Pool Vic are hosting the Nationals in October, they will be selling 4 tables after the event if anyone is interested in purchasing a second hand table, contact Pool Vic or Claire Blackford.

Minutes:

1. LVEBA Winter Competition 2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes. Still waiting on previous Secretary to complete.
2. LVEBA Winter Competition 2014 5 Committee Meeting Minutes September 3, 2014. Still waiting on previous Secretary to complete.
3. LVEBA Winter Competition 2015 1 Committee Meeting Minutes May 6, 2015.
Scott asked if there was any business arising from the 1st Committee Meeting 2015 minutes, none noted. Scott asked for these minutes to be passed.

Moved: Rick Merlo

Seconded: Matt Sawyer

- Carried -

Around the Executive:

President's Report.

Scott Kersten read out the President's Report (see attached). Scott advised there were 6 players from LVEBA who made it through to the top 45 at the state level; and they are Mick Green, Paul Pike, Allan Greenwood, Steve Halliday, Mick Stellini, and Danny McLean. Joanne Brown and Suzy Allen also made it through to the top 20 at the state level in the women's. Congratulations to all those players and best of luck for the next round. Scott also discussed the Pool Vic Health Carnival, 3 teams from LVEBA travelled to Bundoora to compete and it was a great day. The LV 2 side won the Division 2 section which was a great effort so well done for your success. Scott asked if there was any business arising from his report, none identified.

Moved: Henry Kolakowski

Seconded: Mick Stellini

- Carried -

Vice President's Report.

Jo Brown read out the Vice President's Report (see attached). Jo reported on the World 8 Ball results, the men's team finished 7th, the women's team lost in the semifinals, Peter Butterworth made the top 16 in the Masters, the Australian Juniors won the World Junior Championship, and Steve Gray won the world title in the Seniors.

Moved: Jason McHale

Seconded: Dave Ferguson

- Carried -

Treasurer's Report.

1. Account balance and running sheet.

Treasurer Rosa Payne advised the opening balance of the bank account was \$15,817.67 at the start of this month. During this month \$2662 came in for match fees, match fees money was received from the Morwell RSL and \$84 for rego's came in from the Traralgon Bowls Club. We also received \$100 for sponsorship from Dean's Smash Repairs, and money from fines and outstanding Summer Comp money owing was also received. The closing balance at this time is \$19587.67.

Rosa discussed outstanding fines and moneys owing:

- a.** Kaptain Strikers have outstanding fines, Scott advised he has their fines money sorted.
- b.** Average Joes have an outstanding fine of \$10 for non-attendance at the first meeting, they have left the meeting.
- c.** Lenny's Lads haven't paid match fees just yet, Dave Ferguson advised he has that money.
- d.** Top Pub Blacks haven't paid match fees either, Scott Kersten advised he has that money.

Scott asked if there was any business arising from the Treasurer's Report, none identified.

Moved: Andy Kersten

Seconded: Henry Kolakowski

- Carried -

Secretary's Report.

Claire Blackford apologized to the delegates for not receiving the agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the previous meeting via email as they should, Claire has been experiencing some computer problems so was unable to send them. Claire asked delegates to contact her if they haven't

received any emails during this Winter Comp and should have, so that Claire can confirm the correct email address for these people. There have been quite a few emails bounce back which would be why they haven't received any.

President Scott Kersten reminded everyone that the agenda and previous minutes are on the website for people to see and read.

Moved: Ben Bailey

Seconded: Henry Kolakowski

- Carried -

Scorer's Report.

Scorer Paul Pike advised he will inform everyone at the next meeting if there are any fines for not handing in scorecards at this meeting. Paul asked if everyone had their name down for the Mixed Division Singles Comp (members in Divisions 2, 3 and 4) which is being held on Sunday July 12, and the Open Singles Qualifying round which is being held on Tuesday July 14. Make sure your names are down by the end of this meeting.

Moved: Jamie Buhagiar

Seconded: Donna Young-Christie

- Carried -

Publicity Officer's Report.

Publicity Officer Allan Greenwood informed so far he has invoiced over \$3500 worth of sponsorship to businesses in the local area, there's about another \$900 yet to be invoiced, and all up we have over 20 sponsors for the League, some new, some old. Great effort Allan!

Moved: Henry Kolakowski

Seconded: Dave Ferguson

- Carried -

General Business:

1. Entries for the Open Singles Competition.

President Scott Kersten confirmed the qualifying round will be played on July 14, delegates should have made sure they asked all their team members if they wanted to compete in this comp, it is the responsibility of the delegates to pass on information from the meetings and about comps etc to their team members. LVEBA members have in the past approached the Executive about not knowing about certain comps because their delegates have not passed on this information. Entries for this comp will not be taken after this meeting so please make sure you have your team member's names on the list.

2. Entries for the Mixed Singles Competition for divisions 2, 3 and 4.

Scott informed the same goes for this comp ie all delegates should have passed on this information to their team and have all entries in by the close of this meeting.

3. Website.

Scott informed he had a meeting with Wayne Van Heerewaarden from BizOnline last Friday, the website has now been updated in relation to current sponsors of the league. Scott informed Wayne took him through the website, there is a lot on there not getting used so the website is not being used to its full capabilities. Scott stated that in the next couple of months the Exec will try to get everything they can out of the website and try to develop it further for the benefit of the League. Andy Kersten (Top Pub Blacks) suggested we stop using facebook to put results up because why would a business sponsor the League and be advertised on the website when nobody goes there anyway? Scott stated he would talk to Paul Pike about just

posting the links to the website, on Facebook so people are taken to the website for any detailed information.

Dave Ferguson suggested we have a Facebook page just for LVEBA players only, where the League can promote the sponsors through this to give them more exposure. Scott advised this will be looked into further.

4. Presentation Night.

Scott informed the Executive are still working through some quotes as to where the Presentation Night will be held, all of this will be sorted out by the 4th and final Committee Meeting for Winter Comp.

5. Local singles tournament run by Steve Halliday and Joanne Brown.

Scott advised he recently received an email from Steve Halliday requesting support from the League for a tournament he plans to run on the 7th and 8th November 2015. Scott read the email out to the meeting, which outlined a request for some form of sponsorship from the League. Cueball TV will cost \$500 to cover the event. Some discussion occurred about the benefit to the League if we were to sponsor the event ie 5% discount for LVEBA members, or maybe calling it the LV Open Singles Challenge for example. David Buhagiar stated Turks Bar are sponsoring this event and were looking at calling it the Turks Open. Further discussion occurred about what benefit there will be to the League, Andy Kersten moved a motion that the League sponsor the event for \$500.

Moved: Andy Kersten

Seconded: ???

- Carried unanimously -

6. Support for Leon Lett.

Scott informed the meeting that one of our members, Leon Lett, is unwell. Leon's Leukemia has returned and he is currently in hospital receiving treatment. Scott advised Chris Mayer (Jezza) is running a fundraiser to raise some money to help support Leon and his family. Scott asked that all members get behind this event to help support Leon. Dave Ferguson asked if there was any way a tin could be passed around, David Buhagiar advised that Turks Bar are getting a tin to have at the bar so people can donate money for Leon.

7. Sportsman's Night for the Gippy Cup.

Scott informed there is a sportsman's night coming up soon to raise money for the Gippy Cup. Ash Vogt is running the event, Scott encouraged all members to get behind the event and support it. The cost is \$50 per head, Scott has booked a table for LVEBA players so if anyone is interested in going they can join that table or book one of their own.

8. Finals venues.

Scott advised a vote that was conducted at the previous meeting was based on information that has now changed, and therefore we need to revote on this issue given the change of information. Scott read out the relevant section of the minutes from the previous meeting regarding Kaptain 8 Ball and Turks Bar sponsoring the League \$500 each for 2015, and for their equal support a vote was conducted to hold 2 finals events at both venues (see previous minutes for more information). The sponsorship amount has now changed, Kaptain 8 Ball have agreed to sponsor the League \$300 and Turks Bar have agreed to sponsor the League \$100.

Allan Greenwood informed he had discussions with Kirk from Kaptain 8 Ball who stated he would sponsor the League \$100 for each event held at his venue, and given there are 3 events planned to be held at Kaptain 8 Ball he agreed to sponsor the League \$300. Allan informed there has been an issue with Turks Bar not being included on the League shirts, as one of our

major sponsors, and they will sponsor the League \$100. Andy Kersten asked if this was an auction, why are we negotiating sponsorship based on events. Scott confirmed there has been a change of circumstances and that's why we need to decide whether we stick with our previous vote to share the finals events evenly with both venues, or revote for the finals venues.

Allan Greenwood stated he believes we should look after all the venues that sponsor the League, nearly all other venues sponsor the League \$100. Mick Stellini raised there are no Division 1 teams playing out of Kaptain 8 Ball so why hold any Division 1 finals there, Scott informed the Constitution states finals are to be held at a neutral venue, it was voted on at the previous meeting to hold all finals together ie Division 1-4 at the same venue, and it was voted to share the finals between the two venues. Scott stated we should be looking after all our sponsors, especially the major sponsors. Steve Halliday disagreed with this, stating a sponsor is a sponsor, regardless of the amount they provide.

Allan Greenwood raised that yes Turks Bar has done a lot for the League however the League has done a lot for Turks as well. Some disparity occurred between Allan and David Buhagiar (Budgie), Allan stated the League has given back to Turks Bar over the years, who have done well out of the League. Allan asked Budgie to confirm this, Budgie stated there have been no other venues where the League could hold finals altogether, Turks Bar have brought in a lot of players to the League, and have sponsored the League \$500 every year which is saying a lot. Allan once again stated the finals should be shared around amongst all venues.

Graham Hodgskiss suggested we go back to the way it used to be ie play the finals at the home team's venue, Mick Stellini informed it was a neutral venue not a home venue.

Rick Merlo asked to move a motion that the previous vote to share the finals between Turks Bar and Kaptain 8 Ball, stands.

Moved: Rick Merlo

Seconded: Andy Kersten

Vote: 19 for/8 against

- Carried -

9. League shirts.

Scott Kersten advised the League shirts have arrived and are available for purchase to any financial member of the League for \$15 if you are a player who has competed in 3 consecutive Winter Competitions and \$35 for other members. Scott informed there is a short list of members who have paid for their shirts and we can only go off this list. Rosa Payne advised she was given a list from the previous treasurer Renee but some people were not documented on there as paid so she might need to get in contact with him to confirm.

Tom Gill asked the Executive to address the issue of some of the Leagues longstanding sponsors not being included on the shirts, and asked if there is some way to make it up to sponsors. Rosa informed it is difficult to go back through the records and look at how this was done because there is no documentation.

Allan Greenwood informed he was the President of the League at the time the shirts were organized, Allan had suggested to Renee that Turks would be included on the shirts and Renee had stated he wasn't looking at existing sponsors, was more looking at them differently and getting new sponsors specifically to be on the shirts. Allan stated he didn't think too much more about that and should have; he will take full responsibility for that however it was voted at a meeting so the full Committee voted this through. Andy Kersten stated that if members paid for their shirt but there is no record of it then they need to take this up with whoever they paid, Scott stated everyone should get a receipt for whatever they pay for. Claire Blackford

raised that even though there are no minutes to look back on with this decision about what sponsors would go on the shirts, the vote did happen and when you sit across from the Executive you don't really think about the importance of your role and your vote. Claire suggested people be mindful about each vote and think about the consequences. Graham Hodgskiss stated he remembers the Executive asking the Committee if they had any thoughts about what sponsors could go on the League shirts and no one said anything. Scott stated he does recall this being discussed at a meeting but doesn't believe that a final design (including sponsors details) were presented to the Committee for final approval. Scott stated he is working to rectify this situation.

10. Entries for the Ladies Singles Competition.

Claire Blackford reminded everyone that the Ladies Singles Comp is on Sunday July 26 and entries close 2 weeks before this date so please make sure all women in the League have been asked if they want to compete in this event, and get names to Scott Kersten before the cut off date. It is a free event for members of the League and will be played at Kaptain 8 Ball.

Moved: Andy Kersten

Seconded: Ted Norton

- Carried -

11. Venues for Mixed Division Singles and Open Singles Competition.

Scott informed the venues for the Open Singles Qualifying round will be posted on the website; the venue for the finals will be Turks Bar. The venue for the Mixed Division Singles Competition will also be held at Turks Bar.

Around the Committee:

1. Average Joes – gone.
2. Ball Busters – no issues.
3. Cobras – no issues.
4. Falling Angels – Jenny Dawson informed she is trialing a ladies comp at the LV Hotel on Sunday August 9. It may become an ongoing event.
5. Good Old Boys – gone.
6. Grand Junction Hotel – gone.
7. Grand Junction Hotel Blacks – no issues.
8. Kaptain Jokers – no issues.
9. Kaptain Misfits – no issues.
10. Kaptain Strikers – not in attendance.
11. Kickin Chickens – no issues.
12. Lenny's Lads – no issues.
13. LV Jokers – Jason asked for the Committee to vote on the fact that some of his players are banned from the Top Pub, Scott stated this is up to the venue and will speak to Jason about this after the meeting. Scott then informed the meeting he received a phone call from a staff member at the Top Pub who informed she felt she received abuse and threatened by some members of the LV Jokers who attended the Top Pub recently in quite an aggressive manner asking if their players could play at that venue during the next round. This staff member will be sending through a letter of complaint regarding this incident, to the League. Jason asked why the League hasn't supported the team asking the Top Pub to lift the ban, Scott informed it is an issue which does not involve the League, it is between the venue and the individuals involved. Scott did ask if the banned individuals would be able to attend the venue to play their matches and then leave, the venue did not agree with this arrangement.
14. LV Madmen – no issues.

15. MC Farques – no issues.
16. MC Misfits – no issues.
17. Morwell Golf Club – Brad Smith asked all members to get behind the venues even outside of LVEBA events. All venues are finding it hard so members need to support them. Scott added this is important for all the sponsors not just the venues, it is important for members to support all the sponsors.
18. Morwell RSL Allsorts – gone.
19. Morwell RSL Diggers – no issues.
20. Morwell RSL Reds – Don McIvor stated he hopes everyone gets behind the events for Leon.
21. Morwell RSL Uglii's – no issues.
22. Ryan's Hotel – gone.
23. Sam's Turkeys – gone.
24. Sports Bar – gone.
25. Top Pub Blacks – no issues.
26. Traralgon Bowls Club – gone.
27. Turks Bar – Tom Gill stated Scott is doing a pretty good job considering he's had quite a few things being thrown at him and quite a few issues to deal with.
28. Turks Breakers – no issues.
29. Turks Guns – not in attendance.
30. Turks Shooters – Mick advised he had a player fill in for them; he is from another eague affiliated with Pool Vic so is he required to pay this affiliation again to play in our League. Jo Brown informed each League pays affiliation fees for all their players, therefore you are required to pay this with your registration in any League affiliated with Pool Vic.
31. Wild Turkeys – no issues.

Association members/visitors:

None in attendance.

Sign in book/non-attendance fines:

Scott informed there will be no non-attendance fines enforced from this meeting due to the late notice given.

Closing:

Next Meeting to be held on Wednesday July 29, 2015 at the LV Hotel, from 7:00pm.

Meeting Closed at 8:28pm

Duration 1 hr 28 mins



Regards

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4th Committee Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at the LV Hotel Morwell on Wednesday July 29, 2015.

Chairman: Meeting opened by President Scott Kersten at 7:34pm.

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

Committee of Management

Office Holder – President Scott Kersten, Vice President Joanne Brown, Secretary Claire Blackford, Treasurer Rosa Payne, Scorer Paul Pike, and Publicity Officer Gary Helmuth.

Ordinary Committee Members – Paul Lewis (Average Joes), Maria Schiavello and Deb Nicklen (Ball Busters), Graham Hodgskiss (Cobras), Donna Young-Christie (Falling Angels), Duane Morrell (Good Old Boys), Lyn Bock and Ted Norton (Grand Junction Hotel), Shane Vogt (Grand Junction Hotel Blacks), Rod Chapman and Rick Merlo (Kaptain Jokers), Ben Bailey (Kaptain Misfits), Jamie Buhagiar (Kickin Chickens), Dave Ferguson (Lenny's Lads), Jason McHale and Daniel Harli (LV Jokers), Mark Winters (MC Farques), Ange Van Rossum (MC Misfits), Brad Smith (Morwell Golf Club), Alf Shingles (Morwell RSL Allsorts), Wayne Loader (Morwell RSL Diggers), Don McIvor (Morwell RSL Reds), Steve Cook (Ryan's Hotel), Sam Pearson (Sam's Turkeys), Matt Sawyer and Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar), Andy Kersten (Top Pub Blacks), Greg McDonald (Traralgon Bowls Club), Tom Gill (Turks Bar), Henry Kolakowski (Turks Breakers), Shannon Russell (Turks Guns), Mick Stellini and Dick Halliday (Turks Shooters), and David Buhagiar (Wild Turkeys).

Association Members/Visitors

Ralph Rao, Garry Berger, Katelyn W, Chubb Chircop, and Steve Gray.

Attendance: 45

Apologies: Eric Newman (LV Madmen), Damien Chapman (Morwell RSL Reds), Peter Simpson (Wild Turkeys), Shane Stewart (Morwell RSL Diggers), and Ash Brand (Kickin Chickens).

Correspondence:

1. Letter of resignation from Allan Greenwood as Publicity Officer. Later in the meeting Alf Shingles (Morwell RSL Allsorts) asked if there were other members voted in at the AGM to help Allan out with this role, President Scott Kersten advised people did offer to help out however no one was officially voted in, apart from Allan Greenwood in the role.
2. President Scott Kersten advised the Masters and Juniors are on this coming weekend, if anyone wants anymore information they can contact the Executive.

Minutes:

1. LVEBA Winter Competition 2015 3 Committee Meeting Minutes July 1, 2015. Scott asked if there was any business arising from the previous minutes, none identified.

Moved: Deb Nicklen (Ball Busters)

Accepted: Matt Sawyer (Sports Bar)

Around the Executive:

President's Report.

1. Singles Championships.
 - a. Open Division Singles Championship – Paul Pike beat Milo Fue in the final.
 - b. Mixed Divisions Singles Championship – Garry Berger beat Brendon Cleland in the final.
 - c. Women's Singles Championship – Suzy Allan beat Kristy Halliday in the final.Thanks to everyone for competing and to those who helped the days run smoothly.
2. Outstanding monies. Captains are reminded that all monies are to be paid by the end of the meeting (including fines) otherwise those teams will be unfinancial and will be uneligible to play in the finals, as per the By-Laws.
3. Coaching/interrupting players during their game. If a marker believes a person has interrupted a player at the table deliberately in order to put them off their shot, the marker can call an intentional foul.
4. State finals. Congratulations to Steve Halliday, Paul Pike, Mick Green and Peter Butterworth for making the top 20 in the state finals.
Scott asked if there was any business arising from his report, none identified.

Moved: Mick Stellini

Accepted: Ben Bailey

Vice President's Report.

1. Umpire's Clinic. Vice President Joanne Brown advised the clinic will be held on Tuesday September 1st at 7:00pm at the Morwell RSL, all LVEBA members can attend, it will be run by Joanne who will run through the rules with everyone and then complete Umpire testing with all participants. Members need to contact Joanne to confirm their participation so she can print off enough tests for everyone.

Moved: Jamie Buhagiar

Accepted: Henry Kolakowski

Treasurer's Report.

1. Account balance & running sheet. Treasurer Rosa Payne advised the current balance is \$21,926.89.
2. Current unfinancial teams. Rosa advised Kaptain Strikers have not paid monies owing and have until the end of the meeting to pay or they will be unfinancial and ineligible to play finals if they qualify. President Scott Kersten advised they have until midnight tonight to pay. Rod Chapman (Kaptain Jokers) asked if Alan (Martin) had been in touch with the Executive, Scott and Rosa informed this team do not attend any meetings and all monies that have been paid in the past have only been paid after someone from the Executive have chased them about it.

Moved: Gary Helmuth (Turks Breakers)

Accepted: Henry Kolakowski (Turks Breakers)

Secretary's Report.

1. Annual Presentation Night forms/pricing. Secretary Claire Blackford advised the Annual Presentation Night will be discussed further in General Business however there is a letter to all Captains and forms to be completed (re attendance at the APN) by each team and returned to Claire on either Tuesday August 11 at Kaptain 8 Ball, where the Preliminary Finals are being held, or on Wednesday August 12 at Turks Bar, where the Grand Finals are being held. If there are any team delegates who will not be attending either of these finals they will need to contact Claire and arrange a time to give the form and monies for presentation night to Claire. Claire will hand out the forms and letter to all Captains after the meeting. Claire asked all delegates to

hang around after the meeting to collect this information. Duane Morrell (Good Old Boys) offered for people to put their forms and money into the letterbox at Turk's, thanks Duane!

Moved: Maria Schiavello (Ball Busters)

Accepted: Don McIvor (Morwell RSL Reds)

Scorer's Report.

1. Teams in finals.

Scorer Paul Pike advised the top 4 teams (in order from 1st to 4th) in each division, so going into finals, are:

a) Division 1 – Turks Bar, Turks Shooters, Morwell RSL Allsorts and Wild Turkeys.

b) Division 2 – Turks Guns, Turks Breakers, Sam's Turkeys and Traralgon Bowls Club.

c) Division 3 – Good Old Boys, Top Pub Blacks, Cobras and LV Jokers.

d) Division 4 – Kaptain Misfits, MC Misfits, MC Farques and Kaptain Strikers.

David Buhagiar asked if Kaptain Strikers do not pay monies owed tonight, will the 5th team be brought into finals, President Scott Kersten confirmed yes that is the case.

2. Scorecards.

Paul advised all scorecards are in except for 2 from Kaptain Strikers, 1 home game and 1 away so they will receive a fine of \$10 and lose 2 premiership points if they are not handed in.

Moved: Ted Norton (Grand Junction Hotel)

Accepted: Deb Nicklen (Ball Busters)

Publicity Officer's Report.

None.

General Business:

1. Vacancy of Publicity Officer.

President Scott Kersten read out the section of the Constitution (19.4) pertaining to a vacancy in an office position. Scott advised an ordinary member of the Committee is to be appointed, and asked if there were any nominations. Gary Helmuth (Turks Breakers) and Maria Schiavello (Ball Busters) nominated themselves for the position, Scott asked them to leave the room so there could be a vote on who is to be appointed.

Scott asked for someone to "move" and "accept" both nominations.

a) Gary Helmuth nomination

Moved: Rod Chapman (Kaptain Jokers)

Accepted: Henry Kolakowski (Turks Breakers)

b) Maria Schiavello nomination

Moved: Jamie Buhagiar (Kickin Chickens)

Accepted: Deb Nicklen (Ball Busters)

Scott asked for a show of hands for each nominated member

a) Gary Helmuth – 19 votes

b) Maria Schiavello – 9 votes

Scott welcomed Gary Helmuth into the position of Publicity Officer for 2015/16.

2. Singles Comps.

Scott advised there is an 8 ball women's knockout at the LV Hotel on the second Sunday of every month, beginning on August 9th at 3pm.

Scott informed there is also the Turks Open pool comp coming up on December 5th and 6th, run by Joanne Brown and Steve Halliday. Jo informed there will be 2 current Australian champions

and 1 world champion competing in this comp. Don suggested someone organize WIN News to attend this event, the organiser's took this on board as it is not a comp run by the LVEBA so will not be arranged by the league.

3. Final Series.

a) Dates.

- i. 1st Semi Final – August 4, 2015. To be played at Kaptain 8 Ball, 3rd vs 4th in each division.
- ii. 2nd Semi Final – August 5, 2015. To be played at Turk's Bar, 1st vs 2nd in each division.
- iii. Preliminary Final – August 11, 2015. To be played at Kaptain 8 Ball, the winner of the 1st Semi vs the loser of the 2nd Semi.
- iv. Grand Final – August 12, 2015. To be played at Turk's Bar, to winner of the 2nd Semi vs the winner of the Preliminary final.

b) Venues.

- i. 1st Semi and Preliminary Final to be held at Kaptain 8 Ball.
- ii. 2nd Semi and Grand Final to be held at Turks Bar.

- c) Dress code. President Scott Kersten read out the By-Law regarding dress code for finals ie **By-Laws. Final Series. Dress Code**. There was some discussion about pin stripe vs dress stripe, players have been told to go and buy new pants in the past (during a finals game) because their pants had a stripe. There is a difference between the two ie pin stripe is a stripe on the pants that is a contrasting colour to the pants themselves eg a white stripe on black pants, whereas a dress stripe is a stripe of the same or similar colour not contrasting to the colour of the pants eg a glossy black stripe on black pants.
- d) Practice times. Scott informed practice times will commence at 6:30pm for the home team (the team who finished higher on the ladder) and 6:45pm for the away team.
- e) Head adjudicator. The head adjudicator for the complete final series is Jo Brown. Jo Brown informed players also need to remember that black pants in the finals cannot have outside pockets as they are considered to be jeans or cargos and not slacks.

4. Presentation Night.

a) Venue. LV Hotel.

b) Band/DJ. A DJ has been arranged.

c) Menu. Please write down on team forms for presentation night if there are any dietary requirements ie gluten free, vegetarian etc.

d) Dress code. Semi-formal/formal, this will be enforced and does not include jeans. People will be sent home if they are not dressed appropriately.

e) Cost. Scott informed the cost for presentation night is \$20 for members and \$40 for partners. Scott explained the cost for partners is dearer this year than previous years and this is because the Executive have decided that partners can be included in the drinks subsidy along with members, and so felt it was appropriate for the cost of their ticket to be dearer. In previous years the Executive have tried using wrist bands for members only so staff at the venue know who is to benefit from the subsidy and who was not eligible. The reality has been that members have passed on their wrist bands to their partners or just purchase drinks for their partners with the benefit of the subsidy. Therefore trying to restrict the subsidy to benefit members only has not really worked well in the past.

Dave Ferguson asked if players haven't played their 5 matches to qualify for finals, are they also not qualified for the subsidy at presentation night. Scott stated that is correct,

if a player hasn't played 5 matches they are not qualified for the subsidy and must pay \$40 to attend presentation night. The date for the presentation night is August 29, 2015.

5. Interleague team for 2015. The team hasn't been chosen yet, only 1 team will be sent from LVEBA.
6. 1st Summer Competition 2015-16 Special General Meeting. This will be held on Tuesday September 8, 2015 at the Morwell Golf Club at 7:30pm. Scott informed the team entry forms for Summer Comp will be required at this meeting. The issue was raised that it is difficult to enter a team at this meeting when it has not been decided as yet what the format will be for summer comp ie Premier Division, as some teams may withdraw their team depending on the decision made. Scott informed teams are able to withdraw their teams if that is their choice but the format will be decided at that first meeting, like every other year.
7. League Shirts. Snazz raised he has paid for a League shirt but still hasn't received one, what is happening with the shirts. Scott stated he has the shirts at his house and will get them to those people who have paid for their shirts. Rick Merlo asked what happens to the people who have paid for their shirts but aren't on the list provided by the previous Treasurer as those who have paid. Scott stated this has been discussed at the previous meeting, the current Executive can only go by the list of paid members provided by the previous Treasurer and if members are not on this list but state they have paid for their shirts, the Executive are unable to give them a shirt. Rick stated this is unfair for those who have paid, Scott confirmed this was discussed at the previous meeting that there is nothing the current Executive can do about this, members should get a receipt every time they make a payment to the League to ensure they are covered and there is proof of payment.
8. Steve Gray – champion!
Brad Smith stated he would like everyone to be upstanding and congratulate Steve Gray on his success overseas, winning the World Masters title. Good onya Steve!

Around the Committee:

1. Average Joes – gone.
2. Ball Busters – all good.
3. Cobras – all good.
4. Falling Angels – gone.
5. Good Old Boys – all good.
6. Grand Junction Hotel – all good.
7. Grand Junction Hotel Blacks – all good.
8. Kaptain Jokers – fine.
9. Kaptain Misfits – all good.
10. Kaptain Strikers – gone.
11. Kickin Chickens – all good.
12. Lenny's Lads – all good.
13. LV Jokers – Jason McHale raised the issue of some players playing in teams in lower divisions than they were in previous seasons, and being allowed to play finals in those lower divisions. Scott read the section of the By-Laws pertaining to player promotion/demotion and stated there were two players in particular who requested to play in a lower division, and did so by letter to the Executive. The Executive then considered the issues involved, and made a decision to grant those player's requests to play in a lower division. Scott went on to read out part of the letter sent to those players by the Executive, which states they are unable to be awarded any individual titles such as player of the finals etc however are not restricted from playing

finals. Jason raised that during the winter comp season those players who are playing in a lower division smash up the other players and might take away someone's opportunity to win the player of the year. Scott stated this might be the case however the Executive take all issues into consideration and have made the decision.

14. LV Madmen – not in attendance.
15. MC Farques – all good.
16. MC Misfits – all good.
17. Morwell Golf Club – Brad Smith thanked the Committee for all their work this year and stated Division 3 was quite a competitive division and so teams were chosen well and it was a very even competition.
18. Morwell RSL Allsorts – Alf Shingles asked if the Umpires Clinic has been arranged with the RSL, Scott informed it has been and all is well.
19. Morwell RSL Diggers – all good.
20. Morwell RSL Reds – all good.
21. Morwell RSL Uglii's – all good.
22. Ryan's Hotel – all good.
23. Sam's Turkeys – all good.
24. Sports Bar – all good.
25. Top Pub Blacks – all good.
26. Traralgon Bowls Club – Greg McDonald raised that Kaptain 8 Ball was quite crowded on Tuesday night, and also that some games in the finals are played at some teams' home ground which is not really fair. Scott stated the difficulty is there are no venues suitable for finals that are not some teams' home ground. Luck of the draw. Budgie stated the tables are rotated to assist with this.
27. Turks Bar – all good.
28. Turks Breakers – Gary Helmuth thanked Paul Pike for choosing all the divisions, they were all very competitive.
29. Turks Young Guns – gone.
30. Turks Shooters – all good.
31. Wild Turkeys – all good.

Association members/visitors:

1. Association Members (member from a team who is not an ordinary member of the Committee).
2. Life Members. None.
3. Visitors. Scott asked all visitors to sign the sign in book, no issues raised by the visitors.

Sign in book/non-attendance fines:

The only non-attendance fine for this meeting is for Kaptain Strikers of \$10. They have also incurred penalties for not handing in scorecards ie 2 premiership points taken from them for 1 home scorecard and \$10 fine for 1 away scorecard not handed in. Budgie asked for confirmation that if they don't pay their fines they are ineligible to play finals, Scott confirmed yes they have until midnight tonight to pay their fines; the effected teams will be notified.

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 8, 2015 at 7:30pm at the Morwell Golf Club.

Meeting Closed:

Meeting Closed at 8:32pm
Duration 58 mins



Regards
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18th Summer Competition 2015-16 1st Special General Meeting of the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association held at the Morwell Golf Club on Tuesday 8th September, 2015.

Chairman: Meeting opened by President Scott Kersten at 7:35pm. Scott asked if there were any more teams that would like to enter the 2015-16 Summer Competition as there are only 21 teams that have entered at this stage. Scott reminded everyone to sign the book and welcomed everyone in attendance at this meeting.

Attendance: Quorum met in accordance with **Constitution Rule 25 (Pg 17)**.

Office Holders – President Scott Kersten, Vice President Joanne Brown, Secretary Claire Blackford, Treasurer Rosa Payne and Scorer Paul Pike.

Association Members – Maria Schiavello and Bianca Rosa (Ball Busters), Alf Shingles, Danny McLean, Angela Wright and Colin Young (MRSL Allsorts), Ann Rockall and Sheryl Rockall (MRSL Lucky Ladies), Rod Chapman and Rick Merlo (Kaptain Jokers), Mark Row, Brendon Cleland and Jacob Presley (MRSL Stingers), Don McIvor (MRSL Reds), Henry Kolakowski and Garry Helmuth (Turks Breakers), Mick Stellini (Turks Shooters), Matt Sawyer, Chris Mayer, Andrew O’Neill, Wayne Van Heerewaarden and Ash Vogt (Sports Bar), Shane Vogt (Grand Junction Hotel Blacks), Dave Ferguson and Ross Kenney (Lenny’s Lads), Janet Hedt, Graham Hodgskiss, Nicole White and Matt Hedt (Turks Cobras), Wayne Loader, Gary Sheahey, Shane Stewart and Tony McMillan (MRSL Diggers), Neil Gregson (Turks Top Guns), James McMillan, Luke Pallot, Shannon Russell and Danny Matheson (Turks Guns), Daniel Harli and Guy Chircop (LV Jokers), Mark Winters (MC Farques), Brad Smith and Drew Payne (Morwell Golf Club), Ted Norton and Lyn Bock (Grand Junction Hotel), Chris Walsh (Traralgon Bowls Club), Sam Pearson (Sam’s Turkeys), David Buhagiar and Peter Simpson (Wild Turkeys), Angela Van Rossum and Dave Britt (Morwell Central Misfits), Adam Skilbeck (MRSL Uglie’s), and Jayden Cargill (LV Madmen).

Visitors – Chantelle McMillan.

59 In Attendance

Apologies: Damien Chapman (MRSL Reds), Luke Warner and Anthony Vanderburgh.

Correspondence: Letter from Vice President Joanne Brown including 3 proposals ie **1)** addition of By-Law; **2)** 2015-16 Summer Competition format; and, **3)** a 2 week break in the season for those attending Nationals (see attachment for more information).

Special Business: This Special General Meeting has been called to organize the Summer Competition. The only business to be conducted at this meeting is to organize the Summer Competition for 2015-16 season and to respond to the above proposal by Joanne Brown, in accordance with **Constitution 11. Annual/Special General Meetings (2), (3), (5) & (6)**.

President Scott Kersten stated he would like to say a few words as he does not present a report at this meeting. Scott congratulated all players competing in the Pool Victoria Interleague Day this coming Sunday, including Captain Steve Halliday, Vice Captain Paul Pike, and Mick Stellini, Shane Vogt, Michael Green, David Buhagiar, Hayden Clarke, Chris Paulet, Danny McLean, Colin Young, Adam Skilbeck and Allan Greenwood.

Scott thanked everyone for attending the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association's Annual Presentation Ball and thanked Jenny and staff from the LV Hotel for a great night.

Scott reminded everyone that all members who participate in the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association's Competition agree to abide by the terms and conditions which state you are to abide by the Constitution and related documents ie By-Laws, Rules of Competition, and the Social Media Policy. If anyone would like a copy of any of these documents they can be found on the LVEBA website www.lveba.com.au. Scott advised if anyone finds them unable to abide by these rules they may be subject to disciplinary action at the Committee's discretion. Scott reported on the Umpire's Clinic held last week and there were quite a few members who passed and a good turnout which was great. Three members also qualified as C grade umpires.

1. Proposal by Joanne Brown.

President Scott Kersten read out the first point of the proposal by Joanne Brown and Steve Halliday, which stated the following:

"1 - We believe that a by-law needs to be added under Format (Rules of Competition) to state that the format will be decided by committee at AGM or Summer Comp meeting."

Scott then read the section of the **LVEBA By-Laws - Rules of Competition** which would be affected if this proposal was to be voted in. The section affected by this proposed change is **Format. Summer Competition (b)**. Scott stated the second part of point **(b)** would be removed ie **The team winning at least eight (8) games being credited two (2) premiership points** and a point would be added to the effect of the proposal ie **the format for Summer Competition would be decided at the AGM or Summer Comp Meeting**.

Scott asked for questions, Andrew O'Neill stated the proposal only recommends to add a by-law not alter it or take part of it out. Andrew stated if you are going to propose a change to a By-Law you need to make clear what changes you want to make ie what you want to take out and what you want to add, so that Captains are clear on the changes proposed and can discuss these changes with their team members, and then attend the meeting knowing what the proposal is and what the feedback from their team is. Andrew stated he is concerned about the second part of this point as it states the format will be decided by the Committee at the AGM or Summer Comp meeting. Andrew stated the Committee consists of the Executive members and the 2 delegates from each team, which only make decisions at Committee Meetings, not General Meetings such as this. The general members make all the decisions at the General Meetings not the Committee. Therefore this point is completely inaccurate in what it states.

President Scott Kersten asked if everyone was happy for him to keep reading out the proposal. Andrew stated in his opinion the proposal should be struck out as there has been no notice given about the change, only an addition. Peter Simpson stated he thought all members present were able to vote on this, the members present could vote on this. Scott asked for a show of hands for those who were happy to continue with the discussion about the proposal, and show of hands for those who were against this proposal.

For: 23

Against: 0

- Not carried -

Secretary Claire Blackford stated the proposal is not carried as it requires 75% of members present and voting, to vote in favour of a proposal, regardless of how many vote against the proposal. There was some confusion about what is required for a motion to be carried. Scott stated there would be a 5 minute recess for the Executive to discuss this matter further.

The Executive then had a discussion about what people were voting on exactly, and how to progress in the meeting. There was some confusion as to what people were voting on ie to continue discussion about the proposal or to change the By-Law as per the proposal. President Scott Kersten reopened the meeting at 7:52pm. Scott read out Section 3 of **By-Laws – General** which states: **3. Amendments. Any By-Law, Rule of Competition, Final Series or Rule of Play that in the opinion of the Committee of Management is not satisfactory or is causing disputes may be added to or altered or rescinded in the current year providing:**

- (a) Only written application for variation will be considered; and**
- (b) If taken by the Committee of Management by 75% of members present and voting.**

Andrew O'Neill stated this By-Law is in relation to an issue that may arise during the Winter Competition season, as it is asking the Committee of Management to vote, this current meeting is not a Committee Meeting and therefore the Committee are not voting, this is a different meeting. Andrew again stated this is not a Committee Meeting, it is a General Meeting and therefore not relevant to this By-Law which is asking for a vote from the Committee.

President Scott Kersten then read out Section 15 of the **Constitution** which states: **15. Voting at General Meetings (1) All decisions at an Annual/Special General Meeting except a special resolution shall be decided by a simple majority of those members present and voting. (2) A special resolution is a resolution of which at least seventy five (75) percent of members present and voting, vote in favour at a General Meeting of which notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution was given in the manner required by these rules, including the following;**

- (a) A resolution to alter the Name, the Statement of Purpose and the Rules;**
- (b) Any other resolution required by the Act to be a special resolution; or**
- (c) A resolution to dismiss a member of the Committee;**

President Scott Kersten stated he believes this does not state a proposal to change a By-Law requires it to be word for word but can be varied if required. Scott stated we would be moving on now and asking people to vote for or against the proposed amendment. Scott again read out the section of the By-Law affected and how it would be changed (as above at the start of 2. Proposal by Joanne Brown). Scott did make a change to the proposed amendment ie **The Summer Competition format to be decided by the members at the Summer Competition Special General Meeting**, and confirmed to remove the section **The team winning at least eight (8) games being credited two (2) premiership points.**

Scott read out the section of the By-Laws as it reads now ie **Summer Competition (a) Summer Competition team captains shall meet and draw their players at random and write down in order of draw on the 'Summer Competition' scorecard. Home teams being numbered A to E and away teams being numbered 1 to 5.**

(b) The written order of play shall be followed with each player playing one (1) game against each given opponent at a time. The team winning at least eight (8) games being credited two (2) premiership points.

Scott then read out what that section would become if it is voted in ie **Summer Competition (a) Summer Competition format to be decided by the members at the Summer Competition Special General Meeting**

(b) Summer Competition team captains shall meet and draw their players at random and write down in order of draw on the 'Summer Competition' scorecard. Home teams being numbered A to E and away teams being numbered 1 to 5.

(c) The written order of play shall be followed with each player playing one (1) game against each given opponent at a time.

Rod Chapman raised that there is little change, and asked what the difference is, Scott advised the difference is that it gives allowance to change the number of frames played in the Summer Competition. More questions were asked in this regard, Scott again stated it gives the league options for different formats, not necessarily just the 5 frames for a Premier Division; it could effect all divisions if it is voted on at the Summer Competition Special General Meeting.

Scott advised there will be a vote conducted and if you don't vote, it doesn't count, only those who vote for or against the proposal will be counted, and only 75% of the actual votes 'for' the proposal are required to 'carry' the proposal.

For: 40

Against: 8

- Carried -

President Scott Kersten advised Point 1 of the above proposal has been passed and the By-Law has been changed. Scott moved Points 2 and 3 of Joanne and Steve's proposal to later in the meeting.

2. Team entries.

President Scott Kersten asked if all teams entries were in, and was advised LV Jokers contacted a member via message that they would like to enter a team. Scott advised they have until the close of the meeting to enter their team. At this time there are 28 teams registered, including the teams who registered on the website.

a) Divisions/Groups

Scott advised this is where Point 2 comes in from Joanne and Steve's proposal, which states:

"2 - We would like to see Summer Comp format for Premier Division to consist of 5 players playing 25 frames with the inclusion of 2 optional substitutes. All matches will consist of a minimum of 5 players contesting 25 frames.

- **Each player will play a minimum of 5 frames.**
- **Each team will select (5) five players to contest (5) five round robin competitions of (5) five players.**
- **Two substitute players are allowed.**
- **These players cannot play in the 'first round'.**
- **A 'starting player' if substituted, can only be returned to their original position after a round's rest."**

Scott advised he would like to propose the following 3 options also:

1. Division 1 and 2 to play together but be split into 2 groups, likewise Division 3 and 4 to play together but be split into 2 groups also. The top 3 teams from each group would go through to finals, a final 6 format as per **By-Laws - Final Series. Format. Summer Competition.**
2. 4 Divisions (later clarified as 3 Divisions given only 28 teams are registered for Summer Competition) as per Winter Competition but playing the Summer Competition format.
3. Same as last Summer Competition ie Premier Division and 3 mixed groups.

Scott asked for some comments/questions on the above proposals. Peter Simpson stated he liked format of last Summer Competition and the majority of players enjoyed it. Some matches were started early so they didn't run too late which worked well, and the proposal of substitutes is really good because if any players have work

commitments they could bring in a substitute during the match to cover them. Peter advised you would get more players interested in playing if you ran with the Premier Division. Other questions and comments were made regarding substitutes coming in, emergency players being able to play finals and any matches as a substitute rather than potentially being sat out, some matches running too late last year in the Premier Division, lower Division players finding it even more difficult to break into the highest division to play the best players in the league to improve their game.

Scott read out the proposals again and asked for people to vote on which proposal they would prefer. Scott asked for votes "for" option 1 first.

1. Division 1 and 2 together; division 3 and 4 together; split into 2 groups with a final 6 in each group. Vote conducted.

For: 32

Against: 0

Scott advised no other proposals will be voted on as 32 votes is the majority and therefore the 1st proposal will be the Summer Comp format. The Executive Committee will decide which teams will be in each division and there will be 2 rounds played.

3. Fee Structure.

Scott proposed the Summer Comp fees to be \$4 per player with a total of \$20 per team, and substitutes pay an additional \$4 regardless of how many frames they play. Some comments were made about it being unfair to expect a substitute to pay \$4 if they play only 1 frame, the proposal was amended to be \$20 per team for each round regardless of substitutes. A question was asked about whether \$4 per player would be enough to cover the costs of Summer Comp, Scott stated that if you want to pay more than more can be provided to players by way of trophies, break up, etc. Ann Rockall moved a motion for every member to pay \$5 for every match.

Moved: Ann Rockall

Seconded: Peter Simpson

- Carried -

Scott advised new members are required to pay their \$12 registration fee if they have not played Winter Comp just like every other member, as it covers the affiliation with Pool Victoria and registration for the LVEBA.

4. Start date.

Scott called another recess so that the Exec could have a discussion about a start date, finals etc. Meeting commenced (no time recorded for recommencement of meeting).

a) Break in Summer Comp for Nationals.

Scott stated we need to make a decision about the 3rd point of Joanne and Steve's proposal which may affect the start date, number of rounds, and finals dates of Summer Comp so we need to vote on that first. Scott advised there are a few members of the League going to the Nationals so it would be good to have a break for them so these members can attend the Nationals and their teams will not be affected. Some discussion occurred about the possible implications regarding finals dates, Rick Merlo asked how many players does it directly affect in the league, Scott advised it affects 3 players however there are other members going to support and umpire at the Nationals also, and it not only affects these 3 players but all their team members. A different comp could be run in the 2 week break if it is voted in. The part of the proposal by Joanne and Steve "**play a pre-match or catch-up match**" was discounted as it affects the ladders and rankings and so not really feasible. Scott asked everyone to vote on this proposal.

For: 15

Against: 23

- Not carried -

- b) Scott then asked everyone to vote on whether Summer Comp starts in 2 weeks or 4 weeks, which will make the start date either 22nd September or 6th October. A vote was taken however the exact numbers were not counted, it was clear most people voted for Summer Comp to start in 4 weeks ie 6th October. Matt Sawyer raised the possibility of holding the finals on a Saturday rather than a Sunday.

5. Summer Comp Meetings.

Dates and Venues.

President Scott Kersten suggested there be a Committee Meeting before the start of the season, Andrew O'Neill stated the League holds the first Summer Comp meeting after the last round at the end of the year (ie 2015) and the second Summer Comp meeting after the last round of the Summer Comp (ie 2016), that's how it usually happens. Scott advised the first meeting will be held on December 16, 2015 and the second meeting will be held on February 24, 2016.

Around the Floor:

Andrew O'Neill raised that under the **By-Laws – Final Series. Matches.** it states:

(b) Summer Competition final series will be played - team that wins eight (8) games wins match. Andrew stated the proposal made to change the By-Law earlier in the meeting conflicts with this By-Law, it is important that if people want to make a By-Law change that they do their homework beforehand.

Scott raised the part of Joanne and Steve's proposal that hasn't been discussed, the possibility of substitutes in Summer Comp. After some discussion it was advised that substitutes won't work in Summer Comp given it is a blind draw so substitutes don't work. This can be discussed again in Winter Comp.

Scott advised he'd like to apologise for previously advising everyone that they need an email address to register their teams on the lveba website, this is not actually the case. It is recommended but not essential. Wayne Van Heerewarden advised that in the future there will be a forum on the website available for all members to discuss lveba matters and if you want to be part of this forum then you will need an email as it will form part of your log in ID.

Claire Blackford spoke in relation to the Presentation Night, apologised to the life members for not receiving their meals first, apologised for the poor sound on the night at the back of the room, and thanked everyone for their feedback which has been passed on to the LV Hotel who were very helpful on the night and during the lead up to the Presentation Night. Jenny and her team did a fantastic job and appreciated the feedback from the night. Claire thanked everyone for a great night; Scott thanked Claire for everything she did for the Presentation Night.

Meeting Closed:

Meeting closed at time 9:10pm



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Summer Competition 2015-16 1st Sub Committee Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at the LV Hotel Morwell on Wednesday 9th December, 2015.

Chairman: Meeting opened by President Scott Kersten at 7:40.

Attendance: Quorum met in accordance with **Constitution Rule 25.1 (Pg 15)**.

Office Holders – President Scott Kersten, Vice President Joanne Brown, Secretary Claire Blackford, Treasurer Rosa Payne and Scorer Paul Pike.

Association Members – Maria Schiavello (Ball Busters), Don McIvor and Porky Marino (Morwell RSL Reds), Henry Kolakowski (Turks Breakers), Mark Winters (MC Farques), Ted Norton and Lyn Bock (Grand Junction Hotel), Ben Bailey (Kaptain Misfits), Suzy Allan and Ange Van Rossum (MC Misfits), Wayne Loader (MRSL Diggers), Janet Hedt and Matt Hedt (Turks Tornados), Steve Gray and Tom Gill (Turks Bar), Peter Simpson and David Buhagiar (Wild Turkeys), Rick Merlo (Kaptain Jokers), Ash Brand (Turks Bronx Boyz), Neil Gregson (Turks Top Guns), Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar), Ryan Smith (Leggies Lions), Brad Smith (Morwell Golf Club), Dave Ferguson (Lenny's Lads), Brendon Cleland and Mark Row (MRSL Stingers), Alf Shingles (MRSL Allsorts), Darryl Hough (Traralgon Bowls Club), and Daniel Harli (LV Turkeys).

Visitors – Deb Nicklen, Stefanie Tipotsch, and Toni Williams.

Attendance – 37

Apologies: Ann Rockall and Sheryl Rockall (Morwell RSL Lucky Ladies), Mick Stellini and Steve Halliday (Turk's Shooters), Bianca Rose (Ball Busters), Rod Chapman (Kaptain Jokers), Jenny Dawson (Falling Angels), Drew Payne (Morwell Golf Club), Sam Pearson (Sam's Turkeys), Danny McLean (Morwell RSL Allsorts), Gary Helmuth (Turks Breakers), and Shane Vogt (Grand Junction Hotel Blacks).

Correspondence: Claire read out a letter received from the Captain of the Morwell Central Misfits team, Ange Van Rossum, regarding a penalty imposed on their team (loss of all points for that round) as a result of a higher ranked player (Dave Britt) playing for their team in a lower division. The letter was a request for the Committee to reconsider the penalty imposed (see attached letter). Ange had included in the letter the section of the By-Laws pertaining to this situation:

9. Team and Player Promotion and Demotion

Where practicable, and as seen fit by the Committee, Promotion and Demotion of at least two (2) top and bottom teams in each Division shall occur.

(a) An individual that, in the previous corresponding season, played with a team being Promoted to a higher Division, shall play in that higher Division unless he or she seeks and is given permission by the Office Holders (Executive) to remain in the lower Division.

(b) The same rule applies to any other player that was a member of a team that is not being demoted. A player may elect to play in a higher Division than required but this rule shall apply for that player in the corresponding season to follow.

(c) **Penalty for non-compliance:** loss of match to 0.

President Scott Kersten advised it has been pointed out that the By-Laws regarding this situation is not clear and can be read two ways so the Executive will be looking at amending this By-Law to be clearer in the future, and have decided to award the points back to the MC Misfits and reverse the penalty imposed on the team. Scott said there are other teams who have done the same thing as this team and so there are a number of teams in this same situation and unaware of the By-Law and the penalty. Scott stated this By-Law can be interpreted that it only effects people if their whole team has been promoted but a player wants to play in a lower division. Dave Britt was not a member of a team in a higher division in the previous season and in fact filled in for the MC Misfits in the Winter Competition in Division 4.

Andrew O'Neill stated the rule is clear cut and they have breached this By-Law, this rule was brought in initially because higher division players were playing in a lower division and winning awards like player of the year etc.

Some discussion occurred regarding this issue and other teams doing the same thing. Some people made the comment that it is Summer Comp and that's what Summer Comp is for, for players to mix play against, and learn from players in different divisions.

Previous Minutes: No previous minutes to be at this time.

Around The Executive:

1. President's Report.

President Scott Kersten read out his report (not attached). Scott apologized for the issues experienced in the pre-season ie the number of team entries did not work with the Summer Comp format that was voted in. Scott stated the Executive needed to make a decision to change the format to 3 divisions instead of the 2 groups and 2 divisions as voted in at the 1st Special General Meeting on Tuesday September 8, 2015. Scott congratulated Steve Gray for qualifying for the Australian team and for his effort at the Nationals recently, go Steve! Scott also congratulated Peter Butterworth and Joanne Brown for their efforts at the Nationals and Cameron Green who is playing in the under 18's team in January in Perth.

Scott thanked Joanne Brown, Steve Halliday and Turk's Bar for running a great comp on the weekend (Turk's Open), there were a lot of high profile players who competed which was great.

Moved: Peter Simpson

Accepted: Maria Schiavello

2. Vice President's Report.

Joanne Brown read out her report (not attached).

Moved: Ted Norton

Accepted: Wayne Loader

3. Treasurer's Report.

No report required at this stage as it is only the start of the Summer Competition season. Some informed to be provided in General Business.

4. Secretary's Report.

Nothing to report.

5. Scorer's Report.

Paul Pike raised that people haven't filled out the scoresheets properly and therefore it is difficult for him to ascertain which scoresheets have been handed in or are missing ie correct dates have not been included. Scott asked everyone to make sure they complete the scoresheets correctly. Paul stated there was a team who pulled out of the Summer Comp after the third round and all of the rounds where that team was included will now become a bye, no forfeit points will be awarded to any team and will be removed where forfeit points were awarded at the start of the season. Don McIvor raised

that his team was to play this team early in the season and paid match fees to the RSL for this round which is now considered a bye and therefore his team shouldn't have paid match fees for that round, Scott asked for it to be documented that the RSL should not be invoiced for this round for that team.

Moved: Henry Kolakowski

Accepted: Ben Bailey

6. Publicity Officer's Report.

Not present at the meeting.

General Business:

1. Summer Competition format.

Scott asked for comments regarding the change of format, Andrew O'Neill stated the Executive did the right thing making that decision to adjust the format to suit the number of teams entered in the Summer Competition.

2. Season forfeits.

Scott stated this was a difficult situation as the forfeited team informed the Executive the night before the start of the season that they were forfeiting but tried to put a team together anyway for 3 weeks into the start of the season.

3. Summer Competition finals.

a) Venue.

Scott stated that given it is a final 6 format for finals, 2 tables per division so the Committee need to decide whether to spread the finals over a few different venues or have them at the same venue. The options are Kaptain 8 Ball and Turk's Bar as they are the only local venues with 6 competition tables. Peter Simpson moved a motion that we hold the finals at Turk's Bar as they have brand new tables and tables that have been reclothed.

Moved: Peter Simpson

Seconded: Steve Gray

Scott decided to vote for both venues and not for the motion put forward. Scott asked for a show of hands from those who vote for the finals to be at Turk's Bar, the majority of members presented voted yes. Scott then asked for a show of hands from those who vote for the finals to be at Kaptain 8 Ball, there were only a couple of members who voted for this. Scott stated the finals will be held at Turk's Bar on Saturday February 20, 2016.

b) Qualifying for finals.

c) Awards ie Rising Star, Player of the Grand Final, and Player of the Season (in each division).

d) Food.

4. Summer break comps.

Around the floor: Did not occur.

Meeting Closed:

Meeting closed at time 7:40pm



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Summer Competition 2015-16 2nd Special General Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at the LV Hotel Morwell on Wednesday 9th December, 2015.

Chairman: Meeting opened by President Scott Kersten at 7:15pm.

Attendance: Quorum met in accordance with **Constitution Rule 25 (Pg 17)**.

Office Holders – President Scott Kersten, Vice President Joanne Brown, Secretary Claire Blackford, Treasurer Rosa Payne and Scorer Paul Pike.

Association Members – Maria Schiavello (Ball Busters), Don McIvor and Porky Marino (Morwell RSL Reds), Henry Kolakowski (Turks Breakers), Mark Winters (MC Farques), Ted Norton and Lyn Bock (Grand Junction Hotel), Ben Bailey (Kaptain Misfits), Suzy Allan and Ange Van Rossum (MC Misfits), Wayne Loader (MRSL Diggers), Janet Hedt and Matt Hedt (Turks Tornados), Steve Gray and Tom Gill (Turks Bar), Peter Simpson and David Buhagiar (Wild Turkeys), Rick Merlo (Kaptain Jokers), Ash Brand (Turks Bronx Boyz), Neil Gregson (Turks Top Guns), Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar), Ryan Smith (Leggies Lions), Brad Smith (Morwell Golf Club), Dave Ferguson (Lenny's Lads), Brendon Cleland and Mark Row (MRSL Stingers), Alf Shingles (MRSL Allsorts), Darryl Hough (Traralgon Bowls Club), and Daniel Harli (LV Turkeys).

Visitors – Deb Nicklen, Stefanie Tipotsch, and Toni Williams.

Attendance – 37

Apologies: Ann Rockall and Sheryl Rockall (Morwell RSL Lucky Ladies), Mick Stellini and Steve Halliday (Turk's Shooters), Bianca Rose (Ball Busters), Drew Payne (Morwell Golf Club), Sam Pearson (Sam's Turkeys), Danny McLean (Morwell RSL Allsorts), Gary Helmuth (Turks Breakers), and Shane Vogt (Grand Junction Hotel Blacks).

Correspondence: Letter from Steve Gray requesting financial assistance from the League for representing Victoria at this year's Australian Titles and representing Australia at the World Championships in June 2016.

Special Business: This Special General Meeting has been called by the President Scott Kersten in accordance with **Constitution 11. Annual/Special General Meetings (2), (3), (5) & (6)**, in response to the letter received from Steve Gray. The only business to be conducted at this meeting is to respond to this letter.

Secretary Claire Blackford read out the letter, President Scott Kersten asked for any comments/questions. Peter Simpson stated when this first came about many years ago (maybe 1997-98) ie the league supporting Steve Gray when he made the state team, Peter was the President of the Association at the time and the league voted to give Steve Gray \$500 to help with his costs to attend the State Titles. It is very costly to those competitors who compete in these events to pay for travel costs, accommodation etc so the league helped Steve out in this way. It was agreed at the time that if any player in the league were to make the World Titles and represent our country in England, the league would support them by giving them \$1000 to help towards their costs to compete. From that point on this support was just given to Steve and there were no issues with this up until 2 years ago when Peter was Vice President, when it was questioned why the league was providing this support

and to revote on it every year if Steve or anyone else made the state team or world team. Peter stated he can't believe this is not in the By-Laws given it was voted in so many years ago. Peter stated we should be looking to help out our players who are successful in making state or world teams like many other sports do. Andrew O'Neill stated he can remember this vote because the reimbursement for making the top 40 and top 20 in the state ie \$50 was voted on at the same time. This has been included in the By-Laws however the financial support for making the state and world teams has not been included in the By-Laws.

Scott informed the secret ballot will go ahead as it has been requested by some members; therefore it does need to occur. Everyone needs to vote yes or no ie yes they agree for the league to assist Steve Gray with his costs as per his letter (\$500 for representing Victoria and \$1000 for representing Australia). Peter questioned why a secret ballot has to be conducted, Scott informed it has been requested by some members and therefore must be conducted. Claire called out members as per the sign in sheet for the secret ballot, and informed the meeting the vote was carried as more than 50% of people present and voting, voted for the league assisting with Steve Gray's costs as per the letter presented in Special Business.

Around the floor: Did not occur.

Meeting Closed:

Meeting closed at time 7:40pm



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2nd Sub Committee Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at Turks Bar Traralgon on Wednesday February 10th, 2016.

Chairman: Meeting opened by President Scott Kersten at 7.34pm

Attendance: Quorum met in accordance with Constitution Rule 25.1 (Pg. 15)

Committee of Management

Office Holders – President Scott Kersten, Vice President Joanne Brown, Treasurer Rosa Payne, Scorer Paul Pike, and Publicity Officer Garry Helmuth.

Ordinary Committee Members – Maria Schiavello and Bianca Rose (Ball Busters), Chantelle McMillan (Falling Angels), Ted Norton (Grand Junction Hotel), Rick Merlo (Kaptain Jokers), Ben Bailey (Kaptain Misfits), Dave Ferguson (Lenny's Lads), Ryan Smith Proctor (Leggies Lions), Eric Newman (LV Turkeys), Mark Winters (Morwell Central Farques), Ange Van Rossum (Morwell Central Misfits), Brad Smith (Morwell Golf Club), Daniel McLean and Angela Wright (Morwell RSL Allsorts), Wayne Loader (Morwell RSL Diggers), Ann Rockall (Morwell RSL Lucky Ladies, Don McIvor (Morwell RSL Reds), Brendan Cleland (Morwell RSL Stingers), Adam Skilbeck and Allan Greenwood (MRSL Uglii's), Matt Sawyer and Andrew O'Neill (Sports Bar), Trevor Hough (Traralgon Bowls Club), Tom Gill and Ken Kreiger (Turks Bar), Henry Kolakowski (Turks Breakers), Luke Pallot (Turks Guns), Neil Gregson (Turks Top Guns), Janet Hedt (Turks Tornados), David Buhagiar (Wild Turkeys).

Apologies: Mick Stellini and Steve Halliday (Turks Shooters), Sam Pearson (Sam's Turkeys), Claire Blackford (Secretary), Shane Vogt (GJH Blacks), John Rooney, Jenny Dawson (Falling Angels) and John Rooney (LV Madmen).

Correspondence: No Correspondence available.

Minutes: No previous minutes at this time.

Around the Executive:

1. President's Report.

Scott congratulates all the Summer Teams on a great season and wishes all teams the best of luck in the Finals Series. Scott reminds everyone that we do have a Social Media Policy that is available on the website, we are becoming careless with what we put on Social Media and he wants players to be aware that we all have to be careful with what we write. Scott notifies everyone that the Executive along with Andrew O'Neill, Peter Simpson and Brad Smith have been working on updating the Constitution.

Moved: Janet Hedt

Seconded: Ted Norton

- Carried -

2. Vice President's Report.

Nothing to report

3. Treasurer's Report.

Rosa mentioned there were 51 new members to the league in Summer Competition. Summer Comp balance at the moment is \$5175 but after final balances are banked we are looking at a Summer Comp balance of \$8000. Scott mentioned S and K Meats have not paid sponsorship for the shirts and will go down as a loss. Alan asked how the sponsorship is going and if businesses have been invoiced. Rosa replied that they have. Peter Simpson said for future reference no shirts should be printed without Sponsorship being paid, Scott explained that part of the three year deal was paid but we will not receive anymore. Ken asked how much sponsorship the league loses and Scott said \$600, Ken then went on to say that Rudders Butchers have been a league supporter for over 25 years and now we have lost it which is not good for the league. Alan Greenwood mentioned that it was voted on that they seek new sponsors and they lost a bit of sponsorship from previous sponsors doing so. Maria said she put her hand up to help get sponsors but there are no procedures set out to make it easy to speak to people. Scott replied by saying the Executive are looking at setting out procedures for this. All teams are financial.

Moved: Maria Schiavello

Seconded: Adam Skilbeck

- Carried -

4. Secretary's Report.

Nothing to report.

5. Scorer's Report.

Paul read out the final results in each division, this is available on the website. Paul mentioned there will be a play-off match in Division 3 as 2nd and 3rd are on equal points and percentage. Ken asked if the teams are aware of the play-off. Scott replied and said they were being told tonight. Playoff will be next Tuesday night at Turk's Bar. Turk's Bronx Boys will lose 2 points for not handing in Score Sheet.

Moved: Henry Kolakowski

Seconded: Ted Norton

- Carried -

6. Publicity Officer's Report.

Garry said they will be getting someone in to take photos along with speaking to the paper and Win News. The questioned was asked why the finals were moved from a Sunday to a Saturday. Scott replied and said it was to fit in with the Pool Vic Calendar and it has been on the fixture since the start of the season. A lot of General Discussion stating that teams would be short, how did this date get approved, why does Women's Superleague interfere with the league, why a Sunday has been used in previous years. In the end Scott said that a few players from the league play in Women's Superleague, at the summer comp meeting it was decided that the Executive would choose the date and wondered why people have waited till now to complain about the date when it has been on the fixture for the last 4 months.

Moved: Peter Simpson

Seconded: Brad Smith

- Carried -

General Business:

1. Finals.

- a)** Format – Elimination Finals are 3rd vs 6th and 4th vs 5th with 1st then to play lowest winner and 2nd to play highest winner in another elimination final with winners through to Grand Final.
- b)** Food – Bacon and Egg Rolls for Breakfast cooked by Lions Club, Carvery Lunch with Prawns.
- c)** Beverages – Free beer, wine and soft drink. Price of a beer off any spirits.
- d)** Trophies have been ordered and will be ready for Finals. Just chasing Perpetual Trophy from Steve Halliday.
- e)** Venue opens at 9.00am. Start time is at 10.00am. Higher team on ladder has first practice at 9.30am with other team having practice at 9.45am.
- f)** Eligibility – Scott requests that by law under Eligibility be changed from 5 to 3 matches. He moved the motion and Mick Stellini seconded. This should be amended at the AGM and it should be changed to a percentage of matches. A vote was taken and the motion was not carried.
- g)** Dress code – Black Slacks, Black Dress Shoes and a Collared Shirt.
Ken moved a motion, seconded by Matt Sawyer to have the Dress Code changed to just Collared Shirt only. Peter and Scott both mentioned that it would look unprofessional having media at finals and players not looking professional. It also doesn't look good when we are seeking sponsorship.
A vote was taken and the motion was not carried.
- h)** Head adjudicator will be Jo Brown and if Jo is not available then it will be Scott Kersten.

2. Constitution – Andrew O'Neill explained that Consumer Affairs have revamped their model rules and most associations have updated their rules yet we are 4 years behind. The main change to the new constitution is that most of the power will now go to the Executive Committee. At General Meetings delegates will still have the power to vote. The proposed Constitution is available on the website and Andrew suggests players look at this and if anyone has any queries then they can give Andrew a call. Peter Simpson said this is not our choice but this is something we have to do because of the Incorporations Act. Brad Smith said the new constitution will give the Executive a bigger responsibility and also the power to make the day to day decisions instead of having 50 people make the decision. If players are not happy with Executive member/s there is procedures to remove them from the Executive. Paul asked if when this gets voted on if you want one part changed, can this be done. Andrew said no the whole constitution gets voted on. Looking at March 16 to have this meeting but notice will be given to all members. LVEBA will still have to send new Constitution to Consumer Affairs to get approved and ensure it is in conjunction with the Legislation,

3. Other Comps.

- a)** Geelong Open – 13th & 14th Feb.
- b)** Albury/Wodonga – 12th & 13th March.
- c)** State Doubles – 9th & 10th April.
- d)** Wonthaggi Cup – 16th and 17th April

Around the floor:

1. Ball Busters – Maria complained about the tables at LV Hotel.
2. Falling Angels – comp on Thursday night starting again.
3. GJH - none
4. GJH Blacks - none
5. Kaptain Jokers - none
6. Kaptain Misfits - none
7. Lenny's Lads - none
8. Leggies Lions - none
9. LV Madmen - none
10. LV Turkeys - none
11. MC Farques - none
12. MC Misfits – just asked about play off. Scott said it would be here at Turks and when you get to 8 frames you stop, don't play whole night.
13. Morwell Golf Club – thanks Committee for the way they did Summer Comp this year, it was very even.
14. MRSL Allsorts - none
15. MRSL Diggers - none
16. MRSL Lucky Ladies - none
17. MRSL Reds - none
18. MRSL Stingers - none
19. Morwell RSL Ugliis - none
20. Sam's Turkeys - none
21. Sports Bar - none
22. Traralgon Bowls Club- none
23. Turks Bar - none
24. Turks Breakers - none
25. Turks Bronx Boys - none
26. Turks Guns - none
27. Turks Top Guns - none
28. Turks Tornados - none
29. Turks Shooters - none
30. Wild Turkeys – David asked about umpires and Scott said they will try and get umpires for finals.
31. Yallourn Bowls Club - none
32. Yallourn North Bombers - none

Sign in book - non-attendance fines: LV Madmen, Sam's Turkeys, Yallourn Bowls Club and Yallourn North Bombers.

All Players that have played 15 frames are eligible for Finals Day food and drink.

Thank everyone for coming including venue.

Next Meeting: AGM to be confirmed will be early April.

Meeting Closed: 8.45pm

Regards

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