

1st Special General Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association held at the Morwell Golf Club on Tuesday 9th April 2024.

(Meeting Recorded)

Chairman:

Meeting opened by President Claire Blackford at 7:01pm, Claire welcomed everyone to the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association's Annual General Meeting for 2024.

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

Attendance:

Committee Members

President: Claire Blackford, Vice President: Matt Anderson, Treasurer: Dean Burridge & Secretary: Andrew O'Neill.

Ordinary Members

Scorer: Jamee van Gelderen, Publicity Member: Rosa Payne & Ordinary Members: Vacant.

Association Members

Adam Skilbeck (Morwell RSL Hotshots), Alfie Young (Morwell RSL Fowl Strokes), Angela Dean (Turks Allsorts), Belinda Burke (What's the Points?), Brad Carr (Morwell RSL Renegades), Chris Presley (We're Back), Danny Tabone (We're Back), David Buhagiar (We're Back), Don McIvor (Morwell RSL Renegades), Dylan Goodwin (Morwell RSL Fowl Strokes), Frank Marino (Morwell RSL Hotshots), Jane Kolakowski (Morwell RSL Pool Sharks), Jason Galea (Rack n' Roll), Julio Marino (Morwell RSL Hotshots), Mark Row (Morwell RSL Renegades), Mick Lubawski (Morwell RSL Renegades), Rick Merlo (Morwell RSL Rebels), Rick Stray (Morwell RSL Fowl Strokes), Ronald Stephen Kingsley (Morwell RSL Renegades), Shane Vogt (Sharp Shooters), Suzanne Allan (Morwell RSL Pool Sharks), Tom Gill (What's the Points?), Trey Merlo (Morwell RSL Fowl Strokes) & Wayne van Heerewaarden (Sports Bar).

Visitors

None

In Attendance: 30

Quorum:

Quorum met with 30 members in attendance of the 109 members of the Association (15% of 109 = 13.76 members).

Apologies:

Matt Sawyer (Rach n' Roll).

Apologies: 1

Correspondence:

1. Notice of motions:

By-Law Changes: Special Business.

Previous Minutes:

All previous General Meeting Minutes moved to the 48th Annual General Meeting to be held directly after this meeting.

Special Business:

Notice of Motions: Special Resolutions from Tom Gill.

By-Laws:

1. Rules of Competition 36.2.1 Groupings. 20% Ranking Average for each group (1, 1.5, 2, 2.5 & 3). **Amendment/Addition.**

Point System

36.2.1 Grouping **Amendment/Additions**

36.2.1.1 Group 1, 36.2.1.2 Group 1.5, 36.2.1.3 Group 2, 36.2.1.4 Group 2.5 & 36.2.1.5 Group 3.

Current By-Law

36.2 Grouping

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

36.2.1.1	Group 1	These are the highest-grade players. Players are worth 1 handicap point. Ranking average 70% - 100%.
36.2.1.2	Group 1.5	These are the high-grade players. Players are worth 1.5 handicap points. Ranking average 60% - 69%.
36.2.1.3	Group 2	These are the medium-grade players. Players are worth 2 handicap points. Ranking average 50% - 59%.
36.2.1.4	Group 2.5	These are the low-grade players. Players are worth 2.5 handicap points. Ranking average 40% - 49%.
36.2.1.5	Group 3	These are the lowest-grade players. Players are worth 3 handicap points. Ranking average 0% - 39%.

Group 1: 30%, Group 1.5: 10%, Group 2: 10%, Group 2.5: 10% & Group 3: 40%.

Proposed By-Law **Amendments**

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36.2.1.1	Group 1	These are the highest-grade players. Players are worth 1 handicap point. Ranking average 80% - 100%.
36.2.1.2	Group 1.5	These are the high-grade players. Players are worth 1.5 handicap points. Ranking average 60% - 79% .
36.2.1.3	Group 2	These are the medium-grade players. Players are worth 2 handicap points. Ranking average 40% - 59%.
36.2.1.4	Group 2.5	These are the low-grade players. Players are worth 2.5 handicap points. Ranking average 20% - 39% .
36.2.1.5	Group 3	These are the lowest-grade players. Players are worth 3 handicap points. Ranking average 0% - 19% .

Group 1: 20%, Group 1.5: 20%, Group 2: 20%, Group 2.5: 20% & Group 3: 20%.

Move: Tom Gill

Sec: Paul Pike

Ranking Average Current

Won/Played x 100 = Average		W-2022		S-2022/2023		W-2023		S-2023/2024		Total		Players	
No	Player's Name	Gp	Played	Won	Played	Won	Played	Won	Played	Won	Played	Average	
1	Steven Halliday	1	36	27	80	70	76	63	28	26	184	159	86.4130%
2	Chris Mayer	1			20	16					20	16	80.0000%
3	Ken Krieger	1	72	56	80	61	68	52	40	35	188	148	78.7234%
4	Jack Green	1	28	22							28	22	78.5714%
5	Chris Johnson	1			84	67	40	26			124	93	75.0000%
6	Geoff Perkins	1							40	30	40	30	75.0000%
7	Tom Gill	1			88	70	32	20	24	17	144	107	74.3056%
8	Hayden Clarke	1			36	26					36	26	72.2222%
9	Matt Sawyer	1	44	32	60	43	72	48	40	31	172	122	70.9302%
10	Shannon Russell	1	68	44	44	35	28	20			140	99	70.7143%
11	Paul Pike	1			80	52	20	14	40	33	140	99	70.7143%
12	Brad Kelleher	1	68	49	48	32	68	49			184	130	70.6522%
13	Rowan Kasper	1.5			52	37					52	37	71.1538%
14	Adrian Kearns	1.5	56	39	20	14					76	53	69.7368%
14	David Buhagiar	1.5	72	43	28	20	68	47	32	22	128	89	69.5313%
16	Darryn Cummings	1.5							28	19	28	19	67.8571%
17	Shane Vogt	1.5	56	34	84	56	80	60	44	25	208	141	67.7885%
18	Mick Lubawski	1.5			84	55	64	43	44	31	192	129	67.1875%
19	Jay Langstaff	1.5	60	33	84	55	72	44	40	31	196	130	66.3265%
20	Grame Stoneman	1.5			56	30	72	54			128	84	65.6250%
21	Adam Skillbeck	1.5	64	47	80	50	56	32			200	129	64.5000%
22	Danny Matheson	1.5	72	47	28	17					100	64	64.0000%
23	Aaron Johnstone	1.5	48	20	28	23	52	29	36	22	116	74	63.7931%
24	Luke Pallot	1.5	60	38							60	38	63.3333%
25	Ash Vogt	1.5	24	15							24	15	62.5000%
26	Andrew O'Neill (LM)	1.5	48	32	72	46	64	35	32	24	168	105	62.5000%
27	Danny Tabone	1.5			64	45	28	12			92	57	61.9565%
28	Dean Kane	1.5	72	41	72	45	76	49			220	135	61.3636%
29	Claire Blackford	1.5	60	27	56	31	60	39	32	20	148	90	60.8108%
30	Tom Anton	1.5	60	33	72	38	72	47	44	29	188	114	60.6383%
31	Wayne van Heerewaarden	2	44	25	20	13					64	38	59.3750%
32	Cody Menzies	2	64	34				32	20	96	54	56.2500%	
33	Bart Munn	2			72	42	80	46	36	17	188	105	55.8511%
34	Drew Cowles	2			52	29					52	29	55.7692%
35	Jason Galea	2	60	28	76	44	72	39	44	24	192	107	55.7292%
36	Jason Whitt	2			20	11					20	11	55.0000%
37	Chris Paulet	2			24	13					24	13	54.1667%
38	Mark Tanti	2						24	13	24	13	54.1667%	
39	Matt Anderson	2	48	19	80	32	80	50	44	27	204	109	53.4314%
40	Colin Young	2	60	30	80	46	64	32			204	108	52.9412%
41	Michael Minniti	2	44	22	72	36	72	41			188	99	52.6596%
42	Daniel Roberts	2			28	12	28	17			56	29	51.7857%
43	Chris Presley	2			68	35	48	25			116	60	51.7241%
44	Jericho Black	2	60	31							60	31	51.6667%
45	Julio Marino	2	60	30	72	35	72	37	40	23	184	95	51.6304%
46	Dylan Goodwin	2	24	11				40	22	64	33	51.5625%	
47	Suzanne Allen	2	32	16			56	26	44	26	132	68	51.5152%
48	Dean Burridge	2	56	35	60	27	72	35	40	24	172	86	50.0000%
49	Jamee van Galdren	2	64	29	72	40	68	31	44	21	184	92	50.0000%
50	Rick Stray	2.5						24	12	24	12	50.0000%	
51	Chris Walsh	2.5	44	23	72	34	56	27	36	20	164	81	49.3902%
52	Mark Row	2.5	60	29	28	15	60	28			148	72	48.6486%
53	Craig van Buuren	2.5					68	33			68	33	48.5294%
54	Daryl Hough	2.5	48	21	44	27	32	12			124	60	48.3871%
55	Rick Lamour	2.5	60	33	72	27	60	32	28	14	220	106	48.1818%
56	Rod Chapman	2.5	44	24			20	6	28	14	92	44	47.8261%
57	Wayne Powell	2.5			88	42			44	21	132	63	47.7273%
58	Trevor Hough	2.5	56	27	84	45	72	29			212	101	47.6415%
59	Frank Marino	2.5							36	17	36	17	47.2222%
60	Simon Vella	2.5							32	15	32	15	46.8750%
61	Mark Wynne	2.5			24	11					24	11	45.8333%
62	Jason Valentine	2.5	56	28	36	11	72	36			164	75	45.7317%
63	Andrew Troughton	2.5	60	31	32	11	64	29			156	71	45.5128%
64	Dale Roberts	2.5	60	25	48	24					108	49	45.3704%
65	Shayne Kearney	2.5	20	9			40	18			60	27	45.0000%
66	Gary Burke	2.5							20	9	20	9	45.0000%
67	Alan Martin	2.5			32	14					32	14	43.7500%
68	Cameron Poole	2.5			80	35					80	35	43.7500%
69	Alan Greenwood	2.5					40	17			40	17	42.5000%
70	Ron Stephen Kingsley	2.5	48	23	84	36	68	26	44	21	196	83	42.3469%
71	Alfie Young	2.5					24	14	40	13	64	27	42.1875%
72	Daryl Kerr	2.5	48	20							48	20	41.6667%
73	Belinda Burke	2.5							24	10	24	10	41.6667%
74	Aaron May	2.5			80	33					80	33	41.2500%
75	Rick Merlo	2.5	60	24	88	35	72	29	36	15	196	79	40.3061%
76	Terry Blackford	2.5					20	8			20	8	40.0000%
77	Luke Porter	2.5					20	7			20	7	35.0000%
78	Polly Perkins	3							44	17	44	17	38.6364%
79	Ralph Rao	3	68	25	84	34	56	21			208	80	38.4615%
80	Pete Perham	3							24	9	24	9	37.5000%
81	Ivan Heasley	3	32	12							32	12	37.5000%
82	Josh Finn	3				80	23	44	23	124	46	37.0968%	
83	Ben Swanson	3							28	10	28	10	35.7143%
84	Paul Stevenson	3							32	11	32	11	34.3750%
85	Don McIvor	3	68	19	88	29	72	25	44	13	204	67	32.8431%
86	Jimmy Carlin jnr	3					44	13	20	8	64	21	32.8125%
87	Angela Dean	3			88	33	76	16	44	19	208	68	32.6923%
88	Brad Carr	3				28	9	40	13	68	22	32.3529%	
89	James Lawrence	3			68	20					68	20	29.4118%
90	Simon Churchill	3			68	20					68	20	29.4118%
91	Heywood Johnston	3					48	14			48	14	29.1667%
92	Tyler Grange	3							28	8	28	8	28.5714%
93	Aaron Morus	3				32	9	32	9	64	18	28.1250%	
94	Jacob Cumming	3							48	13	48	13	27.0833%
95	Rosa Payne	3	60	6	68	14	48	15	44	12	160	41	25.6250%
96	Trey Merlo	3					64	12	24	10	88	22	25.0000%
97	Campbell Anderson	3							44	11	44	11	25.0000%
98	Daryl Hawkins	3	56	12	64	15					120	27	22.5000%
99	Natalie Hodgkin	3							24	5	24	5	20.8333%
100	Jane Kolakowski	3	24	4	48	11	28	3	44	11	120	25	20.8333%
101	Geoff Stritch	3	64	14	76	14					140	28	20.0000%
102	Lia Day	3				48	8	36	8		84	16	19.0476%
103	Craig Wilson	3					32	6			32	6	18.7500%
104	Ann Rockall	3	64	11	72	12					136	23	16.9118%
105	Trevor Downe	3							28	4	28	4	14.2857%
106	Kylie Grange	3							40	5	40	5	12.5000%
107	Filipo Laueha	3	24	2	44	6					68	8	11.7647%
108	Kerrie Drewery	3									32	0	0.0000%

Ranking Average 20%

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Current System			Proposed System		
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Group 2:	10%	50% - 59%	Group 2:	20%	40% - 59%
Group 2.5:	10%	40 - 49%	Group 2.5:	20%	20% - 39%
Group 3:	40%	0% - 39%	Group 3:	20%	0% - 19%

The President Claire Blackford spoke about people who are talking and to listen to them and not to interrupt them, everyone will have any opportunity to speak. Andrew O'Neill handed out the above spreadsheet showing the difference of what the ranking average groupings are at present compared to what Tom Gill is proposing. Claire Blackford then handed the floor over to Tom Gill to conduct the special business received.

Tom Gill spoke about giving back to the game and he said that he hoped the league would be strong enough to get back to divisions and hopefully the more experience players will couple with those players wanting to learn, grow and develop their game. Having said that some of the more experienced players seem to be discouraged from playing with many reasons for that, a number of people have become disillusioned with it but what I'm trying to do is create an environment where we all can come in and develop and try and get strong players in the teams to build the skill base back up again.

Tom Gill then explained his proposal of 20% across all five groupings saying that it was statically even across the board making it fairer for everyone. He provided an explanation with sheets of data for everyone to look at showing statically the gap difference between the groups presently and how uneven it is compared to what he is proposing of an even 20% between all groups again making it fairer for everyone.

The floor was opened up for questions with many people commenting on the proposal.

Lots of people commenting on how they think that the top players have no interest in spreading out to other teams and helping out other less experience players citing many of the comments on 'Pool Buddies'.

Wayne van Heerewaarden commented on the how the spread will be only across the three middle groups with only a few in the top and bottom groups, also the difference of players ability across each of the middle groups was huge.

People thought that the system was working with the amount of competition in the Summer Competition with players who have been around for 20+ years suggesting the this was the most competitive season to date, teams were missing out on percentage not games.

Belinda Burke said that people call our team a stacked team but with the two newer lower group players in the team this season and even when our one's and our lower player pull their weight, we still can't win the night. Andrew O'Neill said that that's because of the side you've got, it's a numbers game and you guys are still fairly low in points.

People thanked Tom Gill for his time and effort and noted that he has been helping out players with their game. Claire Blackford thanked Tom Gill for not just sitting back and complaining about an issue but put in the effort and put forward a proposal. Claire Blackford spoke about her concern for the proposal as it would dramatically change the handicap system and how it will benefit just the top players and disadvantage the rest of the league. I'm also concerned about the attitude of some of those top players, we want not just the top players to come back we want all players to come back, we have lost a lot of members.

The vote on the matter was taken: Special Resolution 75% needed.

For: 2

Against: 18

Abstained: 9

Not Carried

Around the Floor:

1. Held over to the Annual General Meeting

Next Meeting:

1. 48th Annual General Meeting directly following closure of this Special General Meeting.

Meeting Closed:

1. Closing:

The President Claire Blackford thanked everyone for attending and told everyone that the pizzas are here.

2. Time/Duration:

7:47.48pm/46.39m.

Regards

Andrew O'Neill

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Chairman:

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Visitors

None.

In Attendance: 30

Quorum met in accordance with **Constitution 17.2** *The quorum for a **General Meeting** is the presence of fifteen percent (15%) of the members entitled to vote under these rules.*

Quorum:

Quorum met with 30 members in attendance of the 109 members of the Association (15% of 109 = 13.76 members).

Apologies:

Matt Sawyer (Rack n' Roll) & Ben Bailey (Morwell RSL Rebels).

Apologies: 2

Correspondence:

None.

Constitution Rule 12. Annual General Meetings 12.4.1 *to confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meeting held since then; and*

Previous Minutes:

Meetings have been on the website now for three weeks so everyone has had a chance to read them.

1. 1st Special General Meeting 11th Apr, 2023
2. 47th Annual General Meeting 11th Apr, 2023

Moved: Wayne van Heerewaarden

Seconded: Matt Anderson

- Carried

Constitution Rule 12. Annual General Meetings 12.4.2 *to receive and consider the annual report of the Committee on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year; and*

Around The Committee:

1. President's Report:

Going back to the previous AGM at this time last year Wayne Van Heerewaarden was voted in as the President of the league, and I was voted in as the humble Publicity Officer. Soon after the season started Wayne injured himself at work quite significantly, impacting on his ability to play pool so he stepped away from pool and resigned as President. The Committee were then looking within at who could step into the President's role and some eyes landed on me. It wasn't my plan to become President, and I certainly wouldn't have agreed to step into the role if it weren't for the people on the Committee at the time. I strongly believe these Committee members all have the best interests of the league at heart and took on their positions in the hope of moving our league forward in a positive direction. I appreciate all the hard work they have done this last year and the support they have given each other and myself.

I would like to give a special thanks to Rosa and Andrew specifically. There have been a number of occasions over this last year where I've wanted to check something, clarify issues, discuss league matters, etc and I've turned to them both at different times because they have a lot of Committee experience. They have both been there for me numerous times without issue or complaint and I'm very grateful to them both.

I would also like to thank Matt for his commitment to the league this last year as he is stepping down from his role on the Committee. I believe it's important to thank the Committee publicly because often members don't know how much work is involved behind the scenes in running the league and these people have done so without complaint and have been a great Committee to work with.

We've come to the end of another summer comp season and I'm happy to say it was another successful season, even though it was a shorter season of 11 rounds it still felt like a decent season. Congratulations to the Sharp Shooters for taking out the gf and congratulations to The Postmen for taking out the winter comp gf. The last 3 seasons have seen different teams have the opportunity to play finals and 3 different teams win the gf so it shows the handicap system works well, in that it gives all teams the opportunity to be competitive and push themselves through finals to get the win. The handicaps didn't play a huge part during finals as there were minimal or no frames exchanged during finals matches but the ladder throughout the summer comp showed how competitive the field was during the season. Again, congratulations to those teams who stepped up during the finals and played their best to get the win.

I'm looking forward to this coming year and I'm excited about the committee we have on board and look forward to the next season. Good luck to all teams and a huge welcome to the new teams and new members of LVEBA.

Andrew O'Neill asked for a round of applause for our first female President Claire Blackford! The members responded.

2. Vice President's Report:

Matt Anderson said that we really need to give some serious thought to IR and I'll leave it at that.

Constitution Rule 12. Annual General Meetings 12.4.3 *to receive and consider the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the **Committee** in accordance with Part 7 of the Act; and*

3. Treasurer's Report:

3.1 Dean Burridge passed around the annual statement to the members.

We completed Winter and Summer seasons with one division and with the handicap system, which will be under review at our AGM. Team numbers were much the same as the previous year. The Association had a small deficit of \$987.48 for the reporting year. Additionally, the junior account funds are \$222.23 lower as we allocated money to an eligible person this year, for the first time in several seasons.

The loss on operating is attributable to

(1) The carry over cost of trophies for the previous Summer Competition,

(2) Not receiving payment from the Morwell RSL for the last part of the Summer Competition before the end of the reporting period, and

(3) The purchase of insurance for the Bunnings BBQ which did not go ahead.

3.2 Our publicity officer Rosa Payne did a great job finding \$1,500 in sponsorship from Melina Bath MP, Turks Bar and Morwell RSL, which has added considerably to the financial result.

3.3 Thank you to the team captains for the payment of fees. Most of this was done without prompting, and all fees were paid on time, which makes my role much easier.

3.4 The Committee has continued to be responsible and conservative in our spending this season, and has provided an even result for the past year. It is hoped the coming season will be similar.

Business Arising:

3.5 Dylan Goodwin enquired about the public liability insurance and is it a policy that will be kept in place long term.

Dean Burridge said that we plan on doing at least one or two of the Bunnings bbq as they are supposed to be very profitable. We have Traralgon Bunnings lined up but to do so you must have public liability insurance and that will last twelve months.

Claire Blackford said that we will try it this year and we will see if it's beneficial or not. The cost of the insurance \$472.84.

3.6 Suzanne Allan asked what is the plan with the extra money that we are getting are we doing anything with it?

Dean Burridge said not at this stage but sponsorship is never guaranteed, for example sponsorship from venues who knows if they are able to provide sponsorship in the future. We have expenditures like country cup entries and payments to go away as well as shirts. We have started doing individual payments again.

Claire Blackford noted that sponsorship has become more challenging for businesses so we are looking at other ways of income.

3.7 Daniel Tabone asked about the purpose of having \$19,000 in the bank?

We do have expenses throughout the season we are also helping out with the Mick Hill exhibition match. We have had some unusual things happen the last few years like covid so the Country Cup didn't go ahead one year and so we were in credit.

3.8 Daniel Tabone enquired about having a presentation night again. There are that many places to go out for the night, it would be good to have a night out again with the members and their partners. Andrew O'Neill said that he believed the Premiere Room is open again but there are other venues.

Dean Burridge said that we can look at that again and cost, there are a few venues around that we can use.



Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association



Treasurer's Report 2024

Registration No A 0016389V

ABN 53 071 518 494

1st April 2023 - 31st March, 2024

Opening Bank Balance	\$16,500.51
Income	
Player registrations	\$1,345.00
Match Fees - Winter Competition	\$5,256.00
Match Fees - Summer Competition	\$2,664.00
Sponsorship	\$1,500.00
Money owing from previous season	\$0.00
Interest	\$111.78
Total Income	\$10,876.78
Expenditure	
Administration costs	\$1,275.70
Country Cup	\$2,348.88
AGM	\$96.00
Consumer Affairs	\$61.20
Pool Victoria registrations	\$675.00
Trophies	\$2,257.68
Winter Comp presentation day	\$2,157.80
Summer Comp finals day	\$2,992.00
Total Expenditure	\$11,864.26
Profit/Loss for 2023	-\$987.48
In Bank 31/Mar/2024 (Opening Bank Balance + Total Income - Total Expenditure)	15,513.03
Juniors Ledger Opening Balance	\$3,545.70
Payments to eligible persons	\$257.95
Interest	\$35.72
Total	\$3,323.47
Assets - 1 x Table Irons & 2x Brush & 4 x Laptops	\$700.00
Total Cash & Assets at 31/Mar/2024	19,536.50

I, the undersigned, being a committee member of the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association Inc. do certify that :

1. I was in attendance at this Associations Annual General Meeting held on 9th/Apr/2024.
2. The above Financial Statement was presented to the members at that meeting.

Name:Dean Burridge..... Signature:.....
(Treasurer of the Association)

Name: Signature:.....
(Office Holder of the Association)

Moved: Rick Merlo
Seconded: Dylan Goodwin
- Carried

4. Secretary's Report:

Andrew O'Neill said that he hasn't got much to report but did add that he will be taking on a different roll this coming year. Good luck to Matt Sawyer coming into the role.

5. Scorer's Report:

Jamee van Gelderen said that everything went well and thanked everyone for the opportunity. Andrew O'Neill said that he will put the results in the minutes.

5.1 The results for the Winter Competition 2023:

Division 1 -

LATROBE VALLEY 8-BALL ASSOCIATION

Winter Competition 2023 Rankings

Division 1

No	Player Name	GP	Team	Played	Won/Lost	%	Round																													
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22								
1	Steven Halliday	1	Postmen	76	63	13	82.9%	B	4	4	~	4	3	4	4	3	3	2	B	4	4	4	1	3	3	2	4	4								
2	Shane Vogt	15	We Will Rack You	80	60	20	75.0%	2	3	3	4	4	3	2	B	2	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	4	3	B	1	4	1							
3	Graeme Stoneman	2	Postmen	72	54	18	75.0%	B	4	3	3	4	~	3	2	2	3	3	B	2	4	1	3	4	~	4	3	3	3							
4	Ken Krieger	1	Postmen	68	52	16	76.5%	B	3	3	2	4	4	2	3	2	~	3	B	~	~	4	3	2	4	2	3	4	4							
5	Matt Anderson	3	Sports Bar	80	50	30	62.5%	3	1	2	3	1	4	2	2	2	4	B	3	1	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	B						
6	Brad Kelleher	15	MRS. Good Guys	68	49	19	72.1%	4	4	B	2	4	0	~	~	3	2	4	3	~	~	B	2	4	2	3	3	3	3	2						
7	Dean Kane	2	MRS. Good Guys	76	49	27	64.5%	3	2	B	1	4	0	3	4	3	2	1	4	3	B	1	4	4	2	~	~	~	~	~						
8	Matt Sawyer	1	Rack n' Roll	72	48	24	66.7%	4	~	3	2	4	3	B	~	2	2	2	3	4	0	4	0	3	B	2	3	3	2	~						
9	David Buhagar	15	We Will Rack You	68	47	21	69.1%	3	3	3	4	3	4	1	B	2	4	1	3	~	3	4	2	2	3	B	2	~	~	~						
10	Tom Anton	2	Sports Bar	72	47	25	65.3%	2	~	1	~	2	2	4	4	3	4	B	3	0	3	4	2	2	4	2	3	B	~	~						
11	Bart Munn	2	Turks Allsorts	80	46	34	57.5%	1	1	1	3	B	2	2	2	0	1	4	2	3	3	B	2	3	3	4	3	4	~	~						
12	Ivy Langstaff	15	We Will Rack You	72	44	28	61.1%	1	4	3	2	2	3	~	B	~	3	1	3	2	4	3	2	4	3	B	2	1	1	1						
13	Mick Lubowski	15	MRS. Renegades	64	43	21	67.2%	~	3	~	B	~	3	3	2	3	2	~	3	B	2	1	3	3	1	3	1	2	1	4						
14	Michael Minniti	2	Sports Bar	72	41	31	56.9%	2	0	3	3	~	3	4	4	1	B	3	1	1	~	1	2	1	3	3	3	3	2	B						
15	Claire Blackford	2	MRS. Hotshots	60	39	21	65.0%	~	2	3	3	2	~	~	3	2	B	~	2	4	3	3	3	~	3	2	B	0	0	0						
16	Jason Galea	2	Rack N Roll	72	39	33	54.2%	1	3	3	0	4	2	B	1	3	~	1	3	~	1	1	4	3	B	1	3	2	3	2						
17	Julio Marino	25	MRS. Hotshots	72	37	35	51.4%	3	2	2	3	~	1	3	3	1	B	2	2	2	3	2	~	0	1	4	1	B	1	2						
18	Jason Valentine	25	Turks 8Ball Kings	72	36	36	50.0%	1	2	2	3	~	B	1	2	4	2	3	1	2	1	1	~	2	B	1	2	1	3	1	1					
19	Andrew O'Neill (sn)	15	Sports Bar	64	35	29	54.7%	1	0	2	3	2	2	4	3	3	3	3	1	3	4	0	1	B	~	~	~	~	~	~	~					
20	Dean Burridge	2	Turks Allsorts	72	35	37	48.6%	3	0	0	~	B	1	1	3	2	2	3	~	1	3	2	B	1	3	2	4	1	3	2	1					
21	Craig Van Buuren	25	MRS. Pool Sharks	68	33	35	48.5%	0	3	3	3	1	2	1	~	B	3	2	3	3	3	~	3	~	1	2	1	B	0	0	0					
22	Adam Skilbeck	15	MRS. Hotshots	56	32	24	57.1%	2	2	~	~	4	2	2	4	1	B	~	3	1	~	4	0	3	1	3	1	B	~	~	~					
23	Rick Larmour	25	MRS. Hotshots	60	32	28	53.3%	3	~	4	3	0	0	~	3	B	1	~	2	2	~	2	2	~	4	2	B	1	~	~	~					
24	Colin Young	2	MRS. Good Guys	64	32	32	50.0%	2	~	B	2	2	2	2	3	B	2	2	3	2	2	1	B	1	3	~	2	2	1	~	~	~				
25	Jamee Van Gelderen	2	Blurred Vision	68	31	37	45.6%	2	B	1	2	0	~	4	1	2	0	4	2	B	0	~	0	4	~	3	2	3	2	1	1					
26	Aaron Johnstone	15	Turks 8 Ball Kings	52	29	23	55.8%	~	4	1	4	~	B	2	~	~	~	3	2	1	1	1	3	B	0	3	~	4	~	~	~					
27	Andrew Troughton	25	Blurred Vision	64	29	35	45.3%	3	B	1	1	2	2	~	~	3	0	4	2	B	1	1	1	1	1	3	~	2	2	2	2					
28	Trevor Hough	2	Blurred Vision	72	29	43	40.3%	1	B	~	2	1	1	1	3	0	1	1	~	B	1	0	1	4	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	4				
28	Rick Merlo	3	Blurred Vision	72	29	43	40.3%	0	B	0	~	1	2	4	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	4			
30	Mark Row	2	Rack N Roll	60	28	32	46.7%	2	2	2	2	2	3	B	2	3	2	3	3	1	1	~	1	1	B	1	~	~	~	~	~	~				
31	Chris Walsh	25	MRS. Hotshots	56	27	29	48.2%	2	0	~	2	4	~	~	3	3	~	B	1	1	~	2	2	2	1	~	2	B	~	~	~	~				
32	Chris Johnson	1	Postmen	40	26	14	65.0%	~	~	~	~	4	~	3	3	2	2	~	B	~	3	1	4	~	2	2	~	~	~	~	~	~				
33	Suze Allan	2	MRS. Pool Sharks	56	26	30	46.4%	3	2	3	2	1	0	~	2	B	~	~	~	1	3	3	2	1	2	~	B	1	~	~	~	~				
34	Ronald Stephen Kingsley	25	MRS. Renegades	68	26	42	38.2%	4	~	0	B	0	3	1	0	3	2	2	1	1	B	1	~	1	B	1	~	3	2	1	1	1	1			
35	Chris Stephy	2	We Will Rack You	48	25	23	52.1%	2	2	3	~	1	~	3	B	1	0	~	~	3	3	2	~	~	1	B	~	1	3	~	~	~				
36	Don McIvor	3	MRS. Renegades	72	25	47	34.7%	1	3	2	B	0	4	~	0	1	1	3	0	2	~	B	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	1			
37	Josh Flinn	3	Turks 8Ball Kings	80	23	57	28.8%	2	1	1	2	0	B	0	2	0	1	2	1	3	0	3	2	B	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	2	1			
38	Ralph Rao	3	MRS. Renegades	56	21	35	37.5%	1	2	1	B	0	~	3	~	3	2	3	2	3	0	B	~	1	0	0	~	~	~	~	~	~	~			
39	Shannon Russell	1	Postmen	32	20	8	71.4%	B	4	0	~	~	~	~	~	~	3	~	B	4	3	~	3	3	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~				
40	Tom Gill	1	MRS. Good Guys	32	20	12	62.5%	~	2	~	2	~	2	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~			
41	Shayne Kearney	25	MRS. Good Guys	40	18	22	45.0%	~	2	B	~	~	~	3	2	1	3	1	3	0	3	0	B	2	3	2	4	3	~	~	~	~	~	~		
42	Daniel Roberts	25	We Will Rack You	28	17	11	60.7%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~		
43	Alan Greenwood	25	Turks Allsorts	40	17	23	42.5%	3	2	~	1	B	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	
44	Angela Dean	3	Turks Allsorts	76	16	60	21.1%	0	~	1	B	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2		
45	Rosa Payne	3	MRS. Pool Sharks	48	15	33	31.3%	~	2	~	0	~	0	~	0	~	B	0	2	~	0	3	2	1	2	1	1	~	~	~	~	~	~	~		
46	Paul Pike	15	Postmen	20	14	6	70.0%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	
47	Alfie Young	25	MRS. Good Guys	24	14	10	58.3%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	
48	Haywood Johnston	3	Turks 8Ball Kings	48	14	34	29.2%	3	2	~	2	B	~	~	1	0	2	1	~	~	0	1	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
49	Jimmy Carlin Jr	25	Rack N Roll	44	13	31	29.5%	~	2	~	0	~	~	~	~	~	1	0	~	~	0	3	~	2	B	1	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	2		
50	Jacob Cummings	3	Turks 8Ball Kings	48	13	35	27.1%	2	0	~	2	1	B	1	2	0	2	~	~	1	~	1	~	1	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
51	Brendon Clealand	15	MRS. Good Guys	16	12	4	75.0%	3	3	B	3	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
52	Danny Tabone	1	Rack N Roll	28	12	16	42.9%	2	~	~	~	2	3	B	1	~	2	~	1	1	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
53	Daryl Hough	2	Blurred Vision	32	12	20	37.5%	~	B	0	~	1	1	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
54	Trey Merlo	3	MRS. Pool Sharks	64	12	52	18.8%	0	1	~	0	1	~	0	1	B	1	0	1	2	0	~	1	1	1	0	B	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
55	Brad Carr	25	MRS. Renegades	28	9	19	32.1%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
56	Aaron Morus	2																																		

Singles Championship 2023:
Steve Halliday 5 def Paul Pike 1

5.2 The results for the **Summer Competition 2023-24:**

Division 1 -

LATROBE VALLEY 8-BALL ASSOCIATION

Summer Competition 2023-2024 Rankings

Division 1

No	Player Name	GP	Team	Played	Wor/Lost	%	Round										
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Ken Krieger	1	What's The Points	40	35	87.5%	3	~	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	3	3
2	Paul Pike	15	What's The Points	40	33	82.5%	2	4	4	~	3	3	3	4	4	2	
3	Jay Langstaff	15	We're Back	40	31	77.5%	4	3	4	4	3	2	~	4	3	4	
4	Matt Sawyer	15	Rack N Roll	40	31	77.5%	3	3	4	2	4	4	2	3	3	~	
5	Mick Labawski	15	MRSL Renegades	44	31	70.5%	3	3	3	2	2	4	2	2	3	4	
6	Geoff Perkins	15	Rack N Roll	40	30	75.0%	3	4	4	3	4	2	3	~	1	4	
7	Tom Anton	2	Sports Bar	44	29	65.9%	2	4	0	3	4	2	2	4	3	2	
8	Matt Anderson	2.5	Sports Bar	44	27	61.4%	2	2	1	3	3	3	3	2	4	2	
9	Steven Halliday	1	What's The Points	28	26	92.9%	~	3	4	3	~	~	4	~	4	4	
10	Suzanne Allan	2.5	MRSL Pool Sharks	44	26	59.1%	3	1	3	2	1	1	3	3	3	2	
11	Shane Vogt	1.5	Sharp Shooters	40	25	62.5%	1	2	~	3	2	3	2	4	3	2	
12	Andrew O'Neill (LW)	1.5	Sports Bar	32	24	75.0%	3	4	~	2	~	~	3	3	2	4	
13	Dean Burridge	2	Turks Allsorts	40	24	60.0%	4	2	2	4	1	1	3	2	4	1	
14	Jason Galea	2	Rack N Roll	44	24	54.5%	4	2	2	2	3	1	2	1	3	3	
15	Julio Marino	2	MRSL Hotshots	40	23	57.5%	2	2	3	1	3	3	3	3	0	~	
16	Josh Flinn	3	MRSL Rebels	44	23	52.3%	2	1	1	2	3	4	2	0	3	4	
17	David Buhagiar	1.5	We're Back	32	22	68.8%	~	~	~	3	2	4	3	1	3	3	
18	Aaron Johnstone	2	We're Back	36	22	61.1%	3	4	3	4	0	2	~	2	1	~	
19	Dylan Goodwin	2.5	MRSL Fowl Strokes	40	22	55.0%	0	~	1	3	4	2	2	2	3	1	
20	Ronald Stephen Kingsley	2.5	MRSL Renegades	44	21	47.7%	2	2	2	2	1	4	3	0	3	0	
21	Jamee Van Gelderen	2.5	Sharp Shooters	44	21	47.7%	1	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	
22	Wayne Powell	2.5	Turks Allsorts	44	21	47.7%	3	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	3	2	
23	Claire Blackford	2	MRSL Hotshots	32	20	62.5%	2	3	3	~	~	1	4	~	2	2	
24	Cody Menzies	2	We're Back	32	20	62.5%	3	4	2	3	2	~	3	1	~	2	
25	Chris Walsh	2.5	MRSL Hotshots	36	20	55.6%	0	~	3	2	3	2	3	4	1	2	
26	Darryn Cummings	2	Sharp Shooters	28	19	67.9%	2	4	3	~	1	~	3	3	~	3	
27	Angela Dean	3	Turks Allsorts	44	19	43.2%	3	1	3	3	1	2	1	1	3	0	
28	Tom Gill	1	What's The Points	24	17	70.8%	3	~	2	~	2	4	~	4	2	~	
29	Frank Marino	2	MRSL Hotshots	36	17	47.2%	1	3	2	2	0	~	~	4	0	2	
30	Bart Munn	2	Turks Allsorts	36	17	47.2%	2	~	3	3	~	1	2	2	2	1	
31	Polly Perkins	2.5	MRSL Red Necks	44	17	38.6%	2	1	2	1	1	3	0	1	1	2	
32	Greame Stoneman	1.5	Sharp Shooters	16	15	93.8%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	4	4	3	
34	Simon Vella	2.5	MRSL Red Necks	32	15	46.9%	2	2	2	~	~	~	2	0	3	~	
35	Rick Merlo	2.5	MRSL Rebels	36	15	41.7%	2	~	1	~	2	2	3	0	1	2	
36	Rick Larnour	2.5	MRSL Hotshots	28	14	50.0%	~	2	~	1	2	2	3	~	~	2	
37	Rod Chapman	2.5	MRSL Fowl Strokes	28	14	50.0%	2	~	2	~	2	~	~	2	3	2	
36	Mark Tanti	2	Sharp Shooters	24	13	54.2%	0	~	3	1	3	3	3	~	~	~	
37	Alfie Young	2.5	MRSL Fowl Strokes	40	13	32.5%	2	0	1	2	2	0	1	~	1	3	
38	Brad Carr	3	MRSL Renegades	40	13	32.5%	1	1	~	1	2	2	2	0	0	2	
40	Don McIvor	3	MRSL Renegades	44	13	29.5%	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	1	3	
41	Rick Stray	2.5	MRSL Fowl Strokes	24	12	50.0%	~	2	~	3	3	~	0	3	~	1	
42	Rosa Payne	3	MRSL Pool Sharks	40	12	30.0%	4	2	1	~	0	0	2	1	0	1	
43	Paul Stevenson	2.5	Rack N Roll	32	11	34.4%	1	3	1	~	~	0	0	3	~	2	
44	Jane Kolakowski	3	MRSL Pool Sharks	44	11	25.0%	2	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	1	
44	Campbell Anderson	3	Sports Bar	44	11	25.0%	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	2	2	0	
46	Trey Merlo	3	MRSL Fowl Strokes	24	10	41.7%	2	~	2	~	~	~	0	2	1	~	
46	Belinda Burke	2.5	What's The Points	24	10	41.7%	~	3	~	0	~	2	2	~	~	1	
48	Ben Swanson	3	We're Back	28	10	35.7%	2	2	1	~	~	0	0	~	2	3	
49	Garry Burke	2.5	What's The Points	20	9	45.0%	2	2	~	2	1	~	~	2	~	~	
50	Pete Perham	3	MRSL Rebels	24	9	37.5%	0	~	~	1	3	3	~	~	0	2	
51	Aaron Morus	2.5	MRSL Rebels	32	9	28.1%	0	2	1	~	~	2	1	1	1	~	
52	Alan Brooks	2.5	Sharp Shooters	16	8	50.0%	~	~	1	~	~	3	~	~	3	1	
53	Jimmy Carlin Jr	3	Rack N Roll	20	8	40.0%	~	~	~	3	2	~	~	1	1	~	
54	Tyler Gray	3	MRSL Red Necks	28	8	28.6%	1	2	2	~	1	1	0	~	~	1	
55	Lia Day	3	MRSL Pool Sharks	36	8	22.2%	2	0	1	0	~	~	1	1	0	0	
56	Drew Coles	2	Turks Allsorts	8	5	62.5%	~	~	~	~	3	~	~	~	~	2	
57	Luke Porter	2.5	Sports Bar	12	5	41.7%	~	~	1	~	2	2	~	~	~	~	
58	Simon Churchill	3	MRSL Fowl Strokes	16	5	31.3%	~	1	~	3	~	1	0	~	~	~	
59	Natalie Hodgkin	3	MRSL Rebels	24	5	20.8%	~	0	2	1	~	~	1	1	~	0	
60	Kylie Grange	2	MRSL Red Necks	40	5	12.5%	0	1	~	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	
61	Chris Presley	2	We're Back	8	4	50.0%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	2	~	~	
62	Trevor Downe	3	MRSL Red Necks	28	4	14.3%	~	~	0	1	1	1	~	1	0	~	
63	Neil Stuckey	2	MRSL Hotshots	4	3	75.0%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	3	~	~	
64	Dean Kane	1.5	MRSL Fowl Strokes	4	2	50.0%	~	2	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	
64	Luke Sterrick	3	MRSL Rebels	4	2	50.0%	~	~	~	~	2	~	~	~	~	~	
64	Danny Tabone	1.5	Sharp Shooters	4	2	50.0%	~	2	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	
64	Robert Blunt	2.5	Sharp Shooters	4	2	50.0%	~	~	~	2	~	~	~	~	~	~	
68	Amy Blackford	3	MRSL Pool Sharks	8	2	25.0%	~	~	~	1	1	~	~	~	~	~	
69	Caroline Anderson	2.5	MRSL Pool Sharks	4	1	25.0%	~	~	~	~	1	~	~	~	~	~	
69	Mark Row	2.5	MRSL Renegades	4	1	25.0%	~	~	1	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	
71	Ben Bailey	2.5	MRSL Rebels	12	1	8.3%	~	0	~	1	~	~	~	~	~	~	
72	Kayde Ingram	3	Turks Allsorts	4	0	0.0%	~	0	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	

LVEBA SUMMER COMPETITION 2024

Finals Division 1 17th Mar, 2024

Results

What's the Points?	9	1st Elim	MRSL Renegades	5
MRSL Hotshots	9	2nd Elim	Rack n' Roll	7
MRSL Hotshots	9	1st Prelim	Sports Bar	6
Sharp Shooters	9	2nd Prelim	What's the Points?	5
Sharp Shooters	9	Grand Final	MRSL Hotshots	5

Player of the Grand Final - Jamee van Gelderen

Ladder

Team	For	Against	Percentage	Pts
Sharp Shooters	90	86	51.14%	14
MRSL Hotshots	94	82	53.41%	13
Sports Bar	98	78	55.68%	16
What's the Points?	90	86	51.14%	14
Rack n' Roll	90	86	51.14%	13
MRSL Renegades	89	87	50.57%	12
MRSL Fowl Strokes	89	87	50.57%	12
Where Back	91	85	51.70%	10
Turks Allsorts	90	86	51.14%	10
MRSL Pool Sharks	82	94	46.59%	8
MRSL Rebels	84	92	47.73%	7
MRSL Rednecks	69	107	39.20%	3

4 Frames: Ken Krieger, Shane Vogt, Steve Halliday



Grand Final: Sharp Shooters 9 def MRSL Hotshots 5

Player of the Grand Final: Jamee van Gelderen

Player of the Summer Competition: Ken Krieger

Jamee van Gelderen commented on the finals and how close they were and the pressure on the teams to perform and play to their handicap. Jamee van Gelderen also mentioned the Country Cup teams on how they performed and the individual events and how well they went.

Jamee van Gelderen said thank you to everyone for letting me do this again and going forward we will really need to have a talk about IR deeply as it is the way of the future. I also think the points system is working, there have been some more changes to peoples handicaps this year for the winter comp and I think it's going to be quite competitive again.

5.3 Points System:

Andrew O'Neill also added that he has data on spreadsheet on how the points system is going if anyone wants to have a look, they are welcome to. I always evaluate the data before making any decisions on the points system, so if you want to know how it works and why we are getting the competition that we are take a look.

6. Publicity Member's Report:

Rosa Payne said that she took over from Claire Blackford when she became President so Claire Blackford had done already a lot of the leg work with sponsors this year so I would like to thank her for that. Major Sponsors this year -

1. Turs Bar
2. Morwell RSL
3. Melina Bath MP

It was great to have their support again this year. We will be having a new Publicity Member this coming year and I will be definitely helping them out with their role.

Rosa Payne spoke about the upcoming Bunnings bbq in September, Andrew O'Neill said that could be our presentation!!! Rosa Payne thanked the Committee and everyone for helping out this year especially the smoking hot breakfast dates!!!

7. Ordinary Member:

Vacant.



Constitution Rule 12. Annual General Meetings 12.4.4 to elect Officers of the Association and the Ordinary Members (if any) of the committee;

Election of Office Bearers:

1. Nominations:

The President Claire Blackford said that we have done things a little bit different this year with regards to nominations and we have decided to go by what the Constitution says about nominations and the way to go about that. We put the nomination information out there on the Facebook page and the website for everyone ahead of the due date and we have only received one nomination for each of the Committee positions.

Angela Dean asked why has this not happened before?

Andrew O'Neill responded in say that it was done many years ago that way, I like to call the way we have been doing it as the default position, but basically how the government set this up is so the idea is that the Committees are organized and then that goes into the notice which give two weeks for the member to look at who is nominated and if there is more than one nomination members can decide before they get to the meeting, then at meeting the two or more members nominated leave the room as usual then members decide. If there are no nominations the position is then vacant and members at the meeting can nominate members to fill that vacancy as usual. The worst-case scenario is what we have been doing is coming to meeting and trying to form a Committee, over the years some of these Committees have not worked out as the people that came together never intended to in the first place and the personality mixed doesn't work out and the Committee then have issues. The government structured it this way so that the Committees are more organized and when look at the nominations you'll see the person that moved them all was the president, so the president has spoken with these people who she thought would make a good Committee person and has asked to join the Committee. Some people make good Committee people and some people don't and so doing it this way will bring more stability to the Committee and the process will be much quicker here at meeting. If there is only one nomination then that position is filled automatically, we only go to the floor for a vote if there is

more than one nomination or a position is vacant. The best thing going forward if someone is interested, they should approach the president or someone else who might be trying to form a Committee.

2. Claire Blackford thanked the Committee again for all their efforts and went through the Committee positions as nominated in the agenda/notice.

2.1 President: (Claire Blackford: incumbent member)

2.2 Vice President: Nomination - Andrew O'Neill

Accepted

Moved: Claire Blackford

Sec: Rosa Payne

2.3 Treasurer: (Dean Burrige: incumbent member)

2.4 Secretary: Nomination - Matt Sawyer

Accepted

Moved: Claire Blackford

Sec: Jamee van Gelderen

These two nominations the Vice President and Secretary are two year positions the other two the President and Treasurer will be up for nomination next year.

Election of Ordinary Members:

1. Scorer: Nomination - Jamee van Gelderen

Accepted

Moved: Claire Blackford

Sec: Rosa Payne

2. Publicity Member: Nomination - Alfie Young

Accepted

Moved: Claire Blackford

Sec: Andrew O'Neill

3. Events Member: Nomination - Rosa Payne

Accepted

Moved: Claire Blackford

Sec: Andrew O'Neill

The President Claire Blackford congratulated the new members of the Committee.

4. Andrew O'Neill explained that he has moved into the Vice Presidents role now that the points system is up and running so that he can organise the scoring automating system. The idea is to put Jamee van Gelderen out of a job!!! Wayne van Heerewaarden will be helping me out with this as he did kick it off with negotiations at the start of the year, we hope to have it ready for the Summer Competition later on this year.

The meeting was paused at 9:02pm for dinner as the pizzas have arrived.

The meeting was resumed at 9:52pm.

Constitution Rule 12. Annual General Meetings 12.4.5 *to confirm or vary the amounts (if any) of the annual subscription and annual affiliate subscription.*

Annual Subscription Fees:

1. Pool Victoria Affiliation:

Registration Fee: \$9

Claire Blackford said that the fees have not changed for affiliation but as we do at every Annual General Meeting, we ask the members do we want to continue to affiliate?

Belinda Burke asked do we need to be affiliated with Pool Victoria to host the Country Cup?

Matt Anderson and Jamee van Gelderen both said no it has changed.

Belinda Burke said is there any point as there is only a dozen players who play in any Pool Vic events and most of them play in other league that are affiliated. What other leagues are now doing is separating their leagues into a's & b's and only registering a's and telling Pool Vic we have two divisions now and only registering one division.

Claire Blackford asked can you affiliate part of your league and not the whole league?

Belinda Burke said if you say that its two divisions you only have to affiliate one division.

Claire Blackford said that we don't have divisions.

Belinda Burke said what's the point of paying it if most of the members are getting nothing out of it and you don't get anything back at all from Pool Victoria, years ago you did but not now.

Matt Anderson went onto explain the benefits of being affiliated with Pool Victoria.

Andrew O'Neill explained that the biggest key was the Country Cup but as has already been mentioned that has been changed now.

The issue was discussed further by the members at length and it was then put to the floor for members to vote on.

Moved: Suzanne Allan

Seconded: Andrew O'Neill

- Carried Unanimously

2. LVEBA Annual Subscription Fees: \$5

Andrew O'Neill said that we have no reason to raise the registrations just leave it as it is.

Claire Blackford put it to the floor to keep it the same -

Moved: Andrew O'Neill

Seconded: Claire Blackford

- Carried Unanimously

3. LVEBA Match Fees: \$24 (Technically its set by the Committee not the members)

Andrew O'Neill said that he can't see any reason for changing the match fees either, Dean Burridge said that it is \$6 per player. Jamee van Gelderen & Matt Anderson asked for the fees to be moved back to \$5.

A vote was taken for match fees to be set for \$5 (\$20).

Moved: Jamee van Gelderen

Seconded: Matt Anderson

- Carried Unanimously

Constitution Rule 12. Annual General Meetings 12.5 The Annual **General Meeting** may also conduct any other business of which notice has been given in accordance with these Rules.

Special Business:

1. Pool Victoria Delegates Report:

I attended the Pool Vic AGM in January, there have been no changes to our affiliation fee for this coming year. 17 leagues are currently affiliated with Pool Vic as opposed to 18 last year. Over 50% of these leagues have changed over to International Rules and the remaining leagues are still playing World Rules. There is no deadline or pressure from Pool Vic for us to change to IR, they state we are to run our league how we see fit, and they will not dictate how we run our league.

2. International Rules & World 8 Ball Rules:

Claire Blackford said that obversley will need to change over to IR there's no avoiding it all the leagues are changing soon, we will have Country Cup, Gippy Cup all of those sorts of tournaments so there's no reason to stay with world rules, so basically the decision is when do we do it? So, we want to start Winter Comp in one week so in our minds it's too quick to go to IR to start winter. Peoples are not prepared as there are a lot of players who have not played it before, there are players here who have played IR and want to start it straight away. I understand that, but I don't see the rush and we would propose that we start playing IR in the Summer Comp as it will give people more opportunity to look up the Utube videos, read the rules and learn the new game. It will also give us an opportunity to run some exhibition matches with some of the players and run a few social comps during the Winter Competition or in-between seasons. It will give members more time to prepare for the players who have never played it and have no idea what the difference is. So that's what we are proposing that we start IR in the Summer Competition.

Many members spoke in favour of going to IR now and not waiting till the Summer Competition as the new rules have been out now for over twelve months.

Mick Lubawski raised the concern about umpiring with many people not knowing the rules.

Angela Dean was concerned that she will not know the rules and either will her other team players with the comp starting only one weeks away.

It was also noted that there was only a small set of rules to learn and to learn the basics of the games does not take very long, it will only take a few games.

Andrew O'Neill stated that the Country Cup this year is World Rules but next year the thought is that it will change to IR.

Claire Blackford moved the floor to vote on Winter or Summer to start IR.

Winter: 16

Summer: 10

The International Rules will be played in the Winter Competition starting next week.

Claire Blackford said that we will do what Wonthaggi have done and do an open rule for the first half of the season and we will do sixty seconds shot clock for the season.

3. Country Cup: Wonthaggi 2024 & LV8BA 2024:

The Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association will be hosting the Country Cup this year and it will be held in Sale at the Gippsland Regional Sports Complex on the last weekend in May the 25th & 26th and runs over three days. Friday night they have a knockout comp with Saturday and Sunday the main comp and finals. Claire Blackford went onto say that next week she will put out on the Facebook page asking for any players interested in representing the LV8BA you may also message me as well.

Jamee van Gelderen asked what are the requirements to play in the Country Cup this year?

Andrew O'Neill responded saying that they have changed some of the By-Laws recently I think it's fifty percent (50%).

Jamee van Gelderen asked is that for our Winter Comp last year? Yes.

Andrew O'Neill also stated that now that the formats are the same for both Winter and Summer Competitions, we need to amend this in our by-laws to reflect this. Andrew O'Neill read out the by-law for everyone.

Claire Blackford said we will have at least two team but hopefully three.

4. Winter Competition Groupings:

The groupings have been done and are up on the website and are on those A3 sheets that I handed out earlier. There weren't that many changes but we have quite a few new groupings to do with teams having new players and we will update the list going forward.

5. Teams Winter 2024:

We will have twelve teams and will be doing a twenty-two round draw and we will be starting next Tuesday.

6. Scorebooks:

Andrew O'Neill said that he will try and get the scorebooks out to you to the venue on the night of your first round, the draw will be on the website and Facebook. The A4 books that are behind the bar at the two venues will be updated with blank scorecards at the back in case we are unable to get the books ready.

7. Calendar Year: Start Date, Rounds & Finals.

Andrew O'Neill said that we all know we are starting next week and the comp will run into October with the grand final being on the 8th October. It will be another long season but hopefully we will have more time for the Summer Competition.

Claire Blackford made a note to all teams as there have been issues in the past so when the draw comes out, please take note of the dates for the presentation, finals and the events.

8. Personal Space:

I want to discuss some issues around behaviour of some members. There have been a few instances in this last year of players cracking it during play, smacking their cue against the wall or on the floor, cracking their cue to pack it up because they expect to lose. I understand this is mostly out of frustration with your own game, having missed a shot or whatever but it has become a little bit too frequent and there have been times where players have come close to being penalised in a game as a result of this behaviour, including loss of frame.

9. Behaviour towards Committee Members:

The other issue that has come up this last year is members behaviour towards Committee members, talking in an inappropriate or aggressive manner towards them. This is not on. As you know the Committee members take time out of their lives to run the league for the members and should not have to put up with that behaviour regardless of what you think of that person or whether you agree with them. I'll be instructing all Committee members to walk away from anyone who is inappropriate in any way towards them, so if you want to be heard you might want to consider how you're going to approach the Committee member before you do so.

Just remember that every time there is an issue the Committee need to deal with, it takes additional time away from their personal lives, so just think about whether your issue is something that impacts on the league itself or does it just impact on you. Is it going to benefit the league to raise the issue or do you just want to vent some frustration or make a comment. Because if you have something to say that isn't going to benefit the majority of the league, don't say it. And just remember the Code of Conduct policy, which states:

Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association opposes all forms of harassment, discrimination, and bullying. This includes treating or proposing to treat someone less favourably because of a particular characteristic; imposing or intending to impose an unreasonable requirement, condition or practice which has an unequal or disproportionate effect on people with a particular characteristic; or any behaviour that is offensive, abusive, belittling, intimidating, or threatening - whether this is face-to-face, indirectly, or via communication technologies such as mobile phones and computers.

Belinda Burke noted about players making comments before the game when you go to shake their hand, please refrain from making silly and negative comments as it's not helpful.

10. Any other business:

None

Around the Floor:

Using the sign in book. General questions only, **No** motions.

1. Adam Skilbeck - Gone.
2. Alfie Young - I've got one thing I'd like to raise and that is if you're not playing or refereeing don't make comments on the game. If there is an issue, they will sort it out and if they need assistants, they will ask for it.
3. Andrew O'Neill - Nothing
4. Angela Dean - Nothing
5. Belinda Burke - Asked for the Facebook page be opened up for commenting. Claire Blackford noted that this has be discussed a lot but all you have to do is look at Gippsland Pool Buddies in the last week. We don't have the extra time to sit around and approve comments and stuff like that, if people start to be more respectful towards each other then we might consider turning them back on. The members discussed the issue at length and it was decided to leave things as they are for the moment.
6. Brad Carr - Nothing
7. Chris Presley - Has left the building!
8. Claire Blackford - Nothing
9. Daniel Tabone - Outside
10. David Buhagiar - Gone
11. Dean Burridge - Nothing.
12. Don McIvor - Apparently last year some of the Country Cup people haven't got their shits yet. Rosa Payne said that I haven't got them heat sealed yet, I've got them at home still I have an issue that needs to be sorted.
13. Dylan Goodwin - Nothing
14. Frank Marino - Gone
15. Jamee van Gelderen - I've been and as you know there are new owners at Turks and they are talking about buying new tables, they have just re clothed one, we want to help them out a lot and as like at the Morwell RSL with their membership Turks is looking at having a membership system and it will be a requirement if you play out of Turks, you will have to be a member and membership will cost \$30 a year.
16. Jane Kolakowski - I've got a few new players so just be patient with the new IR.
17. Jason Galea - Just one thing on the break up in Albury a lady said to me that they only have get two points on the break in their league, is it worth considering that for our league? Jamee van Gelderen said we will see how Jane Kolakowski goes over the next three weeks.
18. Mark Row - Just on that the rules if you foul break the opponent gets the choice to break or not to.
19. Matt Anderson - Nothing
20. Mick Lubawski - Nothing
21. Rick Merlo - Nothing
22. Rick Stray - In the Wellington league we did change the break rule as we also have kids that play so just something to think about.
23. Ronald Stephen Kingsley - At the Morwell RSL there is a board as you enter that has requirements for entering and it states about wearing footwear... some people should read it.

24. Rosa Payne - Nothing
25. Shane Vogt - Just want to say how good were that pool tables for the grand finale. They were awesome.
26. Suzanne Allan - Thanks to the Committee and good luck on getting the season up and running.
27. Tom Gill - Thanked everyone on coming along to the meeting and if anyone has any issues with the new rules or anything about the game, I'm more than happy to help out.
28. Trey Merlo - Just be more considerate and open minded with the change in the rules and help out.
29. Wayne van Heerewaarden - Congratulations on the new Committee and have a great season.

Special Presentation:

1. Andrew O'Neill made a small presentation to a Committee member who has almost done ten years but noted that this is much better than Life Membership! So, I'll call up Rosa Payne who has put a lot of effort in over the years and had to put up with me being president for a few of them too, so with no expense spared by management (All on number '10' - Suzzie), I'd like to present her with her very own gold 'Rolex' watch and it's got diamonds in it! Many thanks from Rosa Payne.



Next Meeting:

1. Date & Place:

Next meeting will be the 49th Annual General Meeting on 1st April, 2025.

Meeting Closed:

1. Closing:

The President Claire Blackford thanked everyone for their attendance.

2. Time/Duration:

10pm exactly/1:42.28min.

Regards

Andrew O'Neill

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2nd Special General Meeting (Disciplinary Appeal Meeting) of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association is to be held on Thursday the 11th July, 2024 7PM.

(Meeting Recorded)

Chairman:

Meeting opened by President Claire Blackford at 7:08pm, Claire welcomed everyone to the Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association's Special General Appeals Meeting.

This meeting is about disciplinary action the Committee has taken against Rick Merlo, and we're required to follow the rules set out in the Constitution sections 48-53 when taking disciplinary action against a member of our league.

The Committee made a resolution as part of the disciplinary action against Rick, which is basically a decision about a penalty, this resolution is detailed in section 5 of the agenda for this meeting. Rick has appealed this resolution, and we are required to convene this meeting for the members to vote on whether to uphold the resolution or revoke it. So it is now up to all of you to vote on whether to uphold the resolution made by the Committee or revoke it.

The process of the meeting is detailed in Constitution rule 53. Conduct of Disciplinary Appeal Meeting. Firstly, I will give you the background information as to why the Committee has taken this action and the reasons for passing the resolution, then Rick or his representative will have the opportunity to be heard, then you all are able to ask any questions to clarify anything, and then you will need to vote by secret ballot. If less than 75% of the members present at this meeting do not vote 'yes' in support of the resolution, then it is revoked. So, if you vote 'yes' you are supporting the Committee's resolution, if you vote 'no' you are not supporting the Committee's resolution and it will be revoked.

Attendance:

Committee Members

President: Claire Blackford, Treasurer: Dean Burridge, Secretary: Matt Sawyer

Ordinary Members

Scorer: Jamee van Gelderen & Ordinary Member: Rosa Payne.

Association Members

Angela Dean (Turks Allsorts), Mal Skinner (Turks Allsorts), Dylan Goodwin (Ballbusters), Brad Carr (Ballz n All), Kade Strich (Ballz n All), Adam Skilbeck (Morwell RSL Hotshots), Julio Marino (Morwell RSL Hotshots), Caroline Anderson (Morwell RSL Pool Sharks), Dayna Foster (Morwell RSL Pool Sharks), Jane Kolakowski (Morwell RSL Pool Sharks), Rachel Skinner (Morwell RSL Pool Sharks), Chris Johnson (Rack n Roll), Dale Roberts (Rack n Roll), Jason Galea (Rack n' Roll), Rick Merlo (Morwell RSL Rebels), Mick Lubawski (Morwell RSL Renegades), Ronald Stephen Kingsley (Morwell RSL Renegades), Danny Tabone (Sharp Shooters), Mark Tanti (Sharp Shooters), Shane Vogt (Sharp Shooters), Campbell Anderson (Sports Bar), Matt Anderson (Sports Bar), Belinda Burke (What's the Points?), Ken Keiger (Whats the Points?), Paul Pike (Whats the Points?) Peter Simpson (Life Member)

Visitors

Trey Merlo (Suspended)

In Attendance: 33

Quorum:

Quorum met with 33 in attendance of the 72 members of the Association
Attendees required to form Quorum (15% of 72) 10.08 members.

Apologies:

Vice President: Andrew O'Neill
Wayne Van Heerewaarden

Correspondence:

1. Notice of motions

Disciplinary Appeal – Rick Merlo

Claire presented to the members the following:

Background to the resolution: this all started at the Junior National Eight Ball Championships in January this year. Trey was selected to compete in the Junior National Titles and the league, as well as individual members of the league supported Trey and the family to go to Canberra for him to compete. The league gave financial support in good faith and I'm sure the members did the same.

During the Nationals there was a concern about Trey's behaviour, Pool Victoria and the AEBF took action during the Nationals in response. I'm not going to go into detail about that, but I mention it to give context. Trey was stood down from the Nationals for a period of time, after which Rick approached the two officials who were volunteering as the Team Managers of the Junior team, and it is reported that Rick's behavior towards them was abusive and threatening.

Rick contacted me during the Nationals to tell me what had happened with Trey, and to tell me that Pool Victoria had not followed proper procedure in this matter but did not mention the incident between himself and the volunteers. I was informed by a member of our league after the Nationals were over about what had occurred with Rick. I contacted Pool Victoria who confirmed there was an incident between Rick and the volunteers, and a formal complaint had been received about Rick's behavior. They advised that Rick approached the volunteers, was verbally abusive towards them, was swearing and they felt threatened by his behavior. Pool Victoria expressed their intention to follow up the formal complaint.

I then spoke to Rick and asked him about the incident, he acknowledged the incident but said he would never have done so if they had followed proper procedure. I said, "are you telling me that abusing volunteer officials is okay because they did the wrong thing?" Rick somewhat acknowledged what I was saying and then put to me that as a parent I would have done the same thing if something like that had happened with one of my children. I said I would never abuse officials like that, and it is never okay to justify abusive behaviour based on someone else's actions. Rick said he had apologised to the volunteers the next day and they accepted his apology.

Some weeks later I was contacted by Pool Victoria, asking for Rick's email address. They said they had been in communication with him about Trey and his behaviour at the Nationals but when they started talking about disciplinary action, Rick was no longer answering their calls. They needed his email address so they could arrange a disciplinary hearing and send notice of this meeting.

I received correspondence from Pool Victoria after their disciplinary meeting was held with the outcome. Rick was suspended for 12 months from all Pool Victoria events, backdated to the date of the incident at the Nationals; he was also given a suspended sentence for a period of 16 months, which would follow the suspension. It was stated that if any issues occurred during the suspended sentence Rick would face another full 12 month suspension. This decision was made under Pool Victoria's Prevention and Management of Occupational Violence and Aggression policy.

LVEBA's Committee then held a meeting and made a decision to take disciplinary action against Rick, as we found him to be guilty of conduct unbecoming a member of our Association. We made the following resolution:

- Suspension of membership from the LVEBA for a period of 18 months, after which time Rick could re-apply for membership;
- A suspended sentence of a further 12 months, following the 18 month suspension of membership;
- Ineligibility for league representation for 36 months.

Rick was invited to address the Committee at a meeting regarding the resolution, which he did with his representative, Wayne Van Heerewaarden. Rick was given the opportunity to respond to the resolution. During this meeting Rick focused on the issue of Pool Victoria not following proper procedure and expressed that he felt this was a witch hunt. Rick again stated he had apologised to the volunteers the day after the incident, they accepted his apology and said they understood his actions were out of concern for Trey. Rick stated the volunteers had a smirk on their face when he apologised so feels they had an agenda (this was not something that Rick had mentioned previously). The incident was then described as a misunderstanding. We made it clear to Rick this is a serious matter, that his behavior is unacceptable and it is never okay to be abusive towards any officials or member of an Association.

Rick asked for the resolution to be reduced, and was asked to leave the meeting so the Committee could deliberate. The Committee then decided on the following resolution (which is the resolution to be decided on at this meeting):

- The Committee has by resolution suspended Rick Merlo from playing in the LVEBA for 8 months (for the remainder of the current Winter season and the upcoming Summer season of 2024/25);
- Rick will be eligible for membership renewal as of the 2025 AGM;
- A 12 month suspended sentence will be imposed following the suspension period. Any further issues relating to Rick's behaviour during the suspended sentence will result in a 12 month suspension of membership from the LVEBA;
- Rick will be ineligible for LVEBA representation for 3 years from Country Cup and Interleague;
- Rick will be ineligible for State Selection until January 2025.

Rick returned to the meeting and was informed of the decision. Rick then immediately appealed the decision, which has led to this meeting being called.

The only other information I want to add is information I have received directly from one of the volunteers involved in the incident. She was invited to attend this meeting however does not have transport and lives in the Melbourne area. She was happy to give her account of the incident for me to present at this meeting.

On day 3 of the State Junior Nationals Titles in January 2024, Trey was stood down from the Nationals due to concerns about his behaviour. The 2 officials who volunteered as Team Managers for the junior team met with Trey's family about the concerns. Rick presented as angry during the conversation and was asked by Trey to calm down. Rick did not know at that time the reasons why Trey had been stood down and was unaware of what had occurred.

Later that day, Rick approached the volunteers who were walking together at the time, leaving the venue. Rick wanted to talk to them about Trey being stood down, she described that he charged across the road to speak to them. Rick was very aggressive in his manner, his voice was raised, he was swearing and was standing in the personal space of the volunteers. They took a step back from him but he stepped closer, and was in their personal space throughout the incident. One of the volunteers asked Rick to watch his language a few times during the incident however Rick continued to swear with his voice raised. The volunteers felt Rick was trying to intimidate them as his demeanor was quite threatening. One of the volunteers stepped in between Rick and the other volunteer in a protective move as she was concerned about their physical safety.

The next day, after Trey had been reinstated to play in the Nationals, Rick approached the volunteers and apologised for his actions the previous day. They told him they accepted his apology as they felt it would be better to try to keep things as calm as possible so that there would be minimal impact on the junior team, they still had 4 days left of the tournament where they would need to interact so wanted to keep things as amicable as possible during this time. One of the volunteers did say to Rick that the issue would be dealt with at a later time.

Both volunteers reported back to Pool Vic that they would not be willing to volunteer in future in the same capacity due to the severity of abuse they had experienced from Rick

Resolution Presented:

- The Committee has by resolution suspended Rick Merlo from playing in the LVEBA for 8 months (for the remainder of the current Winter season and the upcoming Summer season of 2024/25);
- Rick will be eligible for membership renewal as of the 2025 AGM;
- A 12 month suspended sentence will be imposed following the suspension period. Any further issues relating to Rick's behaviour during the suspended sentence will result in a 12 month suspension of membership from the LVEBA;
- Rick will be ineligible for LVEBA representation for 3 years from Country Cup and Interleague;
- Rick will be ineligible for State Selection until January 2025.

Rick was now given the opportunity to present:

Rick firstly addressed the Statement provided by the volunteers stating that "It was an absolute Crock" and that it was the old school ground thing of he said, she said, It her word against mine and was no where near the extent that she claims! Rick proceeded to read out his version of how the events occurred.

Rick followed with an assessment of his general demeanor as Gruff which can be misinterpreted as combative by those who don't know him well and feels that this is what has occurred.

From there Rick went onto his reasoning as to what had led to the event and his version of the event at hand. He did state that he did approach and speak to the volunteers outside of the venue, he had supporting letter from team mates of Treys that he wanted to give them, the volunteers refused to accept them, Rick became frustrated and angry, then stated that if they had of just accepted the letters or answered his questions this wouldn't have happened, then went onto say at no time did he "Get in their face" and did not swear or threaten them and he did not get in their personal space and believes at no time was he within no less than 3 feet from them, they were up on the nature strip and he was on the road.

Rick also stated that the day after the event, he approached the volunteers again to apologise which he believed was accepted by the volunteers before continuing again around the lead up and justification of his actions.

Questions:

- Chris Johnson asked Rick if signed a contract from Pool Victoria to attend the Nationals with Trey.
 - Rick responded not as far as he was aware – Trey confirmed that thy did.
- Ken Krieger asked if Rick had received a certified letter from Pool Victoria
 - Rick responded was No he did not, he received nothing from Pool Victoria
- Rosa Payne asked Rick how do we know that you're not telling the truth.
 - Rick responded with, a he said, she said scenario, it comes down to what you believe, I can only tell you my course of events. Again he confirmed that he did get angry, he understands, but believes that him questioning them was justified, and if they had have done things correctly there would not have been an issue, but because they refused to take the letters and refused to acknowledge that the did things against the constitution that he did get a bit angrier, and he apologises for that, but feels that it should be understandable.

- Angela Dean asked Rick if he believed could someone feel intimidated or feel threatened in situations that others may not have the same feelings.
 - Rick stated he didn't disagree, but if they had have just accepted the letters it wouldn't have gotten to that stage.
- Peter Simpson made a statement to Rick, regarding his actions, in particular his demeanour directed at the volunteers and didn't understand why Rick was appealing this current resolution. He made it very clear to Rick that the league have to action this and he believed Rick should swallow some pride and accept the punishment for the indiscretion.
- Ken Kreiger made a statement around Rick stating that he hadn't heard from Pool Victoria regarding their disciplinary meeting. Don Colbert (President of Pool Victoria) contacted Ken asking for clarification for Ricks number. Kenny gave Claires number to Don for contact. Ken stated that he spoke to Don a few weeks later and asked him if he was able to reach Rick where he was told that Rick did answer the call, but when he found out who it was, he no longer took the calls, so they sent out a certified letter to Rick.
 - Rick denied this happening, Rick went on to say "No Offensive Kenny, but either you or Don Colberts Full of shit!" because they never ever contacted me.
- Trey Merlo then made a statement to Rick stating that he is trying to defend himself, but he is now yelling and being aggressive towards our own members.

Members were then asked to undertake their vote via secret ballot. Matt Sawyer setup across the other side of the room and called each member up one at a time.

Matt and Claire counted the votes

Claire announced to Rick and the members that the resolution passed with **more than 75%** of members voting to uphold the resolution

Meeting Closed:

1. Closing:

The President Claire Blackford thanked everyone for attending, time and input and for supporting the Committee with the resolution handed down.

2. Time/Duration:

8:18pm/1hr.10m.

Matt Sawyer

LV8BA Secretary

Email: lvebasec@outlook.com

3rd Special General Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association is to be held at the Morwell RSL Function Room on Thursday the 24th October, 2024.

(Meeting Recorded)

Chairman:

Meeting opened by President Claire Blackford at 7:10pm, Claire welcomed everyone to the Special General Meeting.

This meeting has been called to address a **Special Resolutions** being put forward by the Committee with regards to the By-Laws of this Association (Points System). We also have the issue with the competition playing out of Turks Bar after the completion of the Summer Competition 2024/25. And we are going to talk about the Summer Competition team entries and start date etc.

Attendance:

Committee Members

President: Claire Blackford, Vice President: Andrew O'Neill, Treasurer: Dean Burridge & Secretary: Matt Sawyer.

Ordinary Members

Ordinary Members: Rosa Payne.

Association Members

Adam Skilbeck (Morwell RSL Hotshots), Angela Dean (Turks Allsorts), Bart Munn (Turks Allsorts), Brad Carr (Morwell RSL Ballz n' All), Danny Tabone (We're Back), David Buhagiar (We're Back), Don McIvor (Morwell RSL Renegades), Jane Kolakowski (Morwell RSL Pool Sharks), Jason Galea (Rack n' Roll), Kade Strich (Morwell RSL Ballz n' All), Ken Krieger (What's the Points?), Mick Lubawski (Morwell RSL Renegades), Paul Pike (What's the Points?), Paul Stevenson (Sharp Shooters), Rick Stray (Ball Busters), Ronald Stephen Kingsley (Morwell RSL Renegades), Shane Vogt (Sharp Shooters) & Trey Merlo (Ball Busters).

Visitors

None

In Attendance: 23

Quorum:

Quorum met with 23 members in attendance of the 95 members of the Association 95 = 18 members).

Apologies:

Scorer: Jamee van Gelderen, Publicity Member: Alfie Young, Steven Halliday (What's the Points?) Matt Anderson & Michael Minniti (Sport Bar).

Apologies: 5

Correspondence:

1. Notice of motions:

By-Law Changes: Special Business.

Ken Krieger asked about the members not given time to have input on the proposed changes. Andrew O'Neill said that this meeting was called mainly to discuss the Turks Bar issue and the Committee have added this in to address an issue with the Points System over the Winter Competition.

Special Business:

Special Business Received from the Committee: Special Resolution - By-Law Amendment.

Andrew O'Neill spoke about the issue that we have had this season and would like to address this by making a change to the points system. People have been talking about the group 3 and how big it is. There was an imbalance with a few teams getting more of an advantage than necessary. Teams had raised the issue with me and on the data that I do to check and see how things are going with the Points system you could clearly see that this was an issue. By reducing the group 3 to 30% and moving the left over 10% into the 2.5 group this should help alleviate the issue going forward and if this doesn't fix the issue, I will look at making the 2's the bigger group rather than the 2.5's.

Making these changes is to make the competition fairer and even for everyone. The Point System is still achieving what it set out to do and that was to create competition and you only have to look at the ladder throughout the season where there was little in it for nearly all the teams and making the final six was really tight. And another way I know that its working is that we have had a different team win it every season so far. So, at the moment we are doing some tinkering with it to get it in the ball park where we are happy with it. If anyone has any issue with the Point System going forward come and see me and I'm happy to discuss any issue with you, I run the data and have all the score cards and we can go through it all, I don't go off emotional feelings I go off the data and what it is telling me, so please stop complaining to other people and come to me if you have any issues.

Paul Stevenson asked about the turnout tonight and how disappointing it is. Andrew O'Neill said that it's pretty standard, it's been going on for years now, COVID didn't help either but the decline started happening before that. Rosa Payne added that it's always the same faces that we see at these meetings. Andrew O'Neill said considering the issue (Turks Bar) at this meeting its disappointing to see so few members here.

- 1) 36.2.1 Grouping **Amendment/Additions**.
36.2.1.4 Group 2.5 & 36.2.1.5 Group 3

By-Laws

1. Point System

Proposed By-Law **Amendments**

36.2 Grouping

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

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| 36.2.1.1 | Group 1 | These are the highest-grade players. Players are worth 1 handicap point. Ranking average 70% - 100%. |
| 36.2.1.2 | Group 1.5 | These are the high-grade players. Players are worth 1.5 handicap points. Ranking average 60% - 69%. |
| 36.2.1.3 | Group 2 | These are the medium-grade players. Players are worth 2 handicap points. Ranking average 50% - 59%. |
| 36.2.1.4 | Group 2.5 | These are the low-grade players. Players are worth 2.5 handicap points. Ranking average 30% - 49%. |
| 36.2.1.5 | Group 3 | These are the lowest-grade players. Players are worth 3 handicap points. Ranking average 0% - 29%. |

Current System			Proposed System		
Group 1:	30%	70% - 100%	Group 1:	30%	80% - 100%
Group 1.5:	10%	60% - 69%	Group 1.5:	10%	60% - 79%
Group 2:	10%	50% - 59%	Group 2:	10%	50% - 59%
Group 2.5:	10%	40 - 49%	Group 2.5:	20%	30% - 49%
Group 3:	40%	0% - 39%	Group 3:	30%	0% - 29%

Move: Andrew O'Neill

Sec: Matt Sawyer

The vote on the matter was taken: Special Resolution 75% needed.

For: 20

Against: 1

Abstained: 2

Carried

Other Business:

1. **Turks Bar:** After the Completion of the Summer Competition the venue will no longer be available for the Association to use going forward.

Claire Blackford explained how the rumours that are going round 'like is the league shutting down' and also that 'we were going to pull the finals' are not helpful, I've had the venue get in contact with me and I've had to explain to them that this was not the case. Claire Blackford went onto explain to the members what had happened.

1) Wednesday 21st August 2024: Letter/Message - Turks Bar pulling sponsorship (\$500) not enough support from the league on Tuesday night, no meetings are ever held here, presentation booked then cancelled for another venue that does not sponsor. Other issues included table preparation and issues with good paying patrons wanting to play pool on a Tuesday night.

Claire Blackford said that we didn't know that this was coming and didn't know that they had issues, they had not spoken to us beforehand. Nothing was mentioned at the time about pulling the venue it was purely just the sponsorship. I sent a message back and asked for a meeting so that we could sit down and talk about it. Lyn replied that she was pretty sure that they have made up their mind but would have a talk to them when they got back from holidays about having a sit-down meeting.

2) Friday 30th August, 2024: Andrew O'Neill went up to Turks and arranged a meeting with the owners of Turks Bar. Andrew and I sat down with Lyn and Matt, Tracey did not attend. I started by saying that we have always had a great relationship with Turks and if there are any issues we would always like to sit down and discuss them with you regardless of any decisions made like sponsorship. Lyn then went over basically the same issues as outlined in the message.

- Sponsorship
- Presentation Night booking
- No Meetings held at Turks Bar
- Not making enough money on a Tuesday night
- Other Patrons not been able to use the tables
- Ongoing complaints to staff on Tuesday & Wednesday nights about the points system
- A League member who was rude to Tracey on a Tuesday night
- After completion of the Summer Competition Turks will be withdrawing their venue

- Turks Bar will be running their own competition on a Tuesday night
- We asked if there was anything we could do to change their minds. No, the decision has been made.

The Committee waited until the finals were done before bring this to a meeting so that there would be no issues with the completion of the Winter Competition season.

Claire Blackford said that we responded to all of the above issues and obversley the withdrawal of the venue was not in the message that was sent on the 21st August so, this was news to us and also the fact that they have decided to run their own competition on a Tuesday night.

Andrew O'Neill said that the main issue is that they are not making enough money on a Tuesday night and then not having the Presentation Night at Turks when it was apparently booked, although we were unaware of this at the time there seems to have been a mix up with booking.

Revenue: When it comes to making money in comparison the Wednesday Competition has more teams and they drink more because it's more of a social competition as on a Tuesday night, our members take it more seriously and so they don't drink as much. We use three tables one week and four on the other week, whereas the Wednesday night use all seven tables each week.

Presentation Night: There seems to have been a mix up at the start of the season as I gave them a copy of the calendar and they markup the diary and I think inadvertently the Presentation Night was booked and in hindsight I should have taken more notice of what was being booked, but I didn't even think of it at the time, but having said all that they didn't lose a booking. I believe they can hold 60 people in there and at our presentation night we had over 70 people going so, I don't believe we would have been able to hold the event at Turks Bar anyway.

Sponsorship: A further note about sponsorship we were not going to approach them for sponsorship this year as the previous owner had sponsorship owing in which Matt and Tracey honoured and we decided as a Committee not to ask for sponsorship this year and that had been forwarded onto them.

Communication: Has not been great with the venue of recent as the introduction of the membership was a good example and if they had of sat down with us and talked to us about this, we could have raised some of the issues that we could see happening that did and some of the issue that they have had could have been sorted out. And again, with this issue we were the ones who had to go to them and organise a meeting to try and work through the issues that they have. When were they going to tell us that the venue was no longer available after the Summer Competition if we had not pushed for a meeting? It seems to me that they don't want to discuss with us anything that's going on up there and that makes things really difficult.

The Committee and the Members discussed at length the issues outlined by Turks Bar with more explanation/informing to the members about the issues and what is to be done going forward.

- 3) **Motion:** The motion was put forward for a spill on the floor of the Committee and for elections to take place for a new Committee. Member spoke against the motion.

Moved: Paul Stevenson

Second: Shane Vogt

For/Against: 1/Everyone else in the room

- 4) **Another Meeting:** It was decided that Matt Sawyer and Ken Kreiger would approach Turks Bar and discuss with them the possibility if anything can be done going forward as a few months have passed now. They have three and a half weeks to organise a meeting with them and to report back to the members at General Meeting. It was also asked for them to report back to the Committee before the General Meeting.

2. **Summer Competition:** Team Entries & Start Date etc.

The entry forms for the Summer Competition are available for teams to fill out and hand in, dead line to be discussed at the next meeting. Claire Blackford said that we have we think 12 teams for the Summer. Andrew O'Neill said that we could discuss this at the next meeting as it looks like we can only go around once now. Ken Krieger asked about divisions and the points system. This was discussed at length by the members. It was decided that at the next General Meeting we will vote on the Point System to have or not to have and also vote on having two divisions. Motion on the points system was moved by Ken Krieger and Daniel Tabone.

3. **Facebook Page:**

It was discussed about the difficulties of new players gaining access the League Facebook page. The Committee related the issues that they've had with members over the years with the Facebook page.

4. **Membership:**

It was discussed about ways of trying to get more members and build the league and therefore teams. Claire Blackford said that we are in need of a sponsorship member so if anyone is interested, please come and see me. Promotion of the sport was discussed by Jason Galea and others. Adam Skillbeck had some really nice frames/signs made up for tables on the night, be good for finals with reserved tables etc. Well done, Adam!

Around the Floor:

1. Held over to the next meeting

Next Meeting:

1. 4th Special General Meeting 19th Nov, 2024.

Meeting Closed:

1. Closing:

The President Claire Blackford thanked everyone for attending.

2. Time/Duration:

9:35pm/2:25.47.

Regards

Andrew O'Neill

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4th Special General Meeting of the Latrobe Valley 8 Ball Association is to be held at the Morwell Golf Club on Tuesday the 19th November, 2024.

(Meeting Recorded)

Chairman:

Meeting opened by President Claire Blackford at 7:02pm, Claire welcomed everyone to the 4th Special General Meeting.

This meeting has been called to address a **Special Resolutions** being put forward with regards to the By-Laws of this Association (Points System). We also have the report back with issue with the competition playing out of Turks Bar after the completion of the Summer Competition 2024/25. And we are going to talk about the Summer Competition team entries start date and division's etc.

Attendance:

Committee Members

President: Claire Blackford, Vice President: Andrew O'Neill, Treasurer: Dean Burridge (He's early) & Secretary: Matt Sawyer.

Ordinary Members

Scorer: Jamee van Gelderen & Ordinary Members: Rosa Payne.

Association Members

Adam Skilbeck (Morwell RSL Hotshots), Angela Dean (Turks Allsorts), Bart Munn (Turks Allsorts), Brad Carr (MRSL Ballz n' All), Chris Walsh (Morwell RSL Hotshots), Danny Tabone (Sharp Shooters), David Buhagiar (We're Back), Don McIvor (Morwell RSL Renegades), Jane Kolakowski (Morwell RSL Pool Sharks), Jay Langstaff (We're Back), Kade Strich (MRSL Ballz n' All), Ken Krieger (What's the Points?), Mark Tanti (Sharp Shooters), Mick Lubawski (Morwell RSL Renegades), Paul Pike (What's the Points?), Paul Stevenson (Sharp Shooters), Rick Stray (Ball Busters), Ronald Stephen Kingsley (Morwell RSL Renegades), Shane Vogt (Sharp Shooters), Steve Halliday (What's the Points?) & Trey Merlo (Ball Busters).

In Attendance: 27

Visitors

Andy Kersten, Danny Matheson, Katie (Not Kylie) Leech, Rick Merlo & Stephen Ing.

In Attendance: 5

Quorum:

Quorum met with 27 members in attendance of the 95 members of the Association 95 = 14 members).

Apologies:

Publicity Member: Alfie Young.

Apologies: 1

Correspondence:

1. Notice of motion:

By-Law Changes: Special Business.

Special Business:

Special Business Received: Special Resolution - By Law Change

People spoke for and against the motion with much discussion had about the pro's and con's of the points system.

By Law 36. Points System - Vote to remove/confirm

Moved: Ken Krieger

Sec: Andrew O'Neill

The vote on the matter was taken to remove the points system: Special Resolution 75% needed.

For: 5

Against: 15

Abstained: 7

Not Carried

Andrew O'Neill said that if anyone has any issues come and talk to me about it. **STOP** talking to everyone else about it because it doesn't matter, I will pull out the data, scorecards and rankings to answer your concerns and not emotional feelings. So many of people don't understand properly how it works.

There was discussion also about Daniel Tabone's idea of having one division with two finals (A & B finals). It was left for the Committee to decide depending on team entries.

Other Business:

1. **Turks Bar Meeting:** Report back from Ken Krieger & Matt Sawyer.

President Claire Blackford said for those who are visitors and haven't been members of the League this year Turks Bar have made a decision to withdrawal their venue at the end of the Summer Competition and so as of last meeting Ken Krieger and Matt Sawyer were to have a meeting with Turks Bar to see if that could be renegotiated so, I'll hand it over to Ken Krieger and Matt Sawyer to report back on how that went.

Matt Sawyer said that the meeting itself has not been able to be organised although Ken Krieger has had a couple of quick discussions with Matt the owner. Ken Krieger said that he wanted to first to try and get more teams out of there as we only have six teams at the moment and if I can get more it will be easier to go and talk to him. I tentatively organised a meeting with him but since then Matt Sawyer went away. I did speak with him at the Mid-Gippy grand final and spoke with a few players and got some teams there and looked elsewhere like Churchill and Rosedale. But with Matt Sawyer away the meeting didn't happen but I did have a quick conversation with him to try and workout what the problem was. Matt from Turks was happy to have a talk and I expressed to him that we want a win win situation for both parties. The issue was discussed with the members. Claire Blackford asked Ken Krieger are things still the same after that, that's it? Ken Krieger said he didn't say that, I seemed to think that yes, we can play the Summer Competition out of Turks Bar and the door is not completely shut after that and that we can talk and see what happens. Andrew O'Neill said that that's what we sent you guys there to do, to get a definitive answer which is what we wanted to know before this meeting even occurs, as this was the idea of you guys going there to see if anything has changed. Ken Krieger responded that I think that he really wants to keep going after the Summer Competition. David Buhagiar said that he has had a talk to them about it and explained a few things and I reckon that they want to keep going after Summer, it will be fine.

David Buhagiar went on to say that I think one thing we need to look at also is start having meetings up there again. Andrew O'Neill said that I did explain that to Lyn why we were not having meetings up there, it's just really difficult. David Buhagiar said that if you want to keep these clubs you are going to have to look at it. Andrew O'Neill said he understands that but it is really difficult to have meetings up there, I do understand where you're coming from but understand this to that they say there not making enough money on a Tuesday night, the last three agm's we have had 22, 25 & 30 people attend which is less than they get on a Tuesday night, so I think why would they even want to open. Ken Krieger said that the Wednesday night comp are having meetings there. There was more discussion by the members, Andrew O'Neill said that we could try again but if it's too noisy we'd have to look elsewhere. Claire Blackford said that we are always mindful of supporting Turks Bar we have all our events up there, we realise Turks Bar need our support more than the other venue, we will look at that going forward. Was there anything else that came out of it Ken. No not really, it's my feeling that I got from him that he was happy. Andrew O'Neill said that feelings are all nice but what we really wanted an answer that was the whole idea of you guys going there, that's why we postponed the last meeting. We understand that all the Matts went on holidays which made things difficult.

Claire Blackford went to explain about the ongoing issues of rumours and how Turks were thinking of pulling the plug now if we didn't have the Summer Competition Finals up there which was all rumours, I told them to come and talk to me first as we hadn't even started talking about Summer as the Winter has not even finished yet. I said to them just be really careful what you hear because people are talking of all sorts of things that's not true. David Buhagiar said that he was going to talk to Matt and it was decided that Matt Sawyer of the Committee would go again aswell.

2. **Summer Competition:** Team Entries, Divisions & Start Date etc.

1) Divisions:

Ken Krieger spoke for the motion; much discussion was had about the numbers of people who have left the league regarding top end and bottom end players. Claire Blackford spoke about the other league and how people have gone over to there to play because it's more 'fun' and the various of feedback that we've had over the years like 'disrespect' from top end players and how top end players not all of them don't want to play against the bottom end players. Rick Merlo also stated that most of the bottom end players that are playing in the Traralgon league haven't played in this league because they are new to playing pool.

There was much more discussion about divisions and people spoke for and against the idea of division with the point system coming into a lot of the discussion. There were arguments with different opinions been discussed. Daniel Tabone spoke about why have division just have a top 8 with a minor final (Top 4 Final & Bottom 4 Final i.e., two finals), then everyone still gets to play everyone.

Moved: Ken Krieger

Sec: Paul Pike

The vote on the matter was taken:

For: 12

Against: 13

Abstained: 4

Not Carried

The issue was also raised about the Moe teams committing to the full season in which Matt Sawyer had spoken with the Moe people and they don't look like starting their winter competition till April. So, all good.

2) Team Entries & Start Date: Summer Competition

Still more team entries to come in but don't leave without putting your team entries in. We would really like to start next week, we have had a lot of delay because of the other issue.

3. **I.R. Shot Clock:**

Claire Blackford explained the shot clock rule in IR and that we have not transitioned to that yet. With new teams coming in we won't do it for the Summer Competition. It was decided to leave it at a minute.

4. **Groupings:**

All the groupings are now up on the website it's been updated, everyone is on there now.

Around the Floor:

1. Rosa Payne grabbed the sign in book and went around the floor -

Members:

Adam Skilbeck: No

Andrew O'Neill: Said enough

Angela Dean: No

Bart Munn: No

Brad Carr: No

Chris Walsh: No

Claire Blackford: No

Daniel Tabone: No

David Buhagiar: No

Dean Burridge: No

Don McIvor: If the current five teams that played Winter Comp out of the Morwell RSL with Tommy's team will be the sixth side making it a full house.

Jamee van Gelderen: No

Jane Kolakowski: No

Jayden Langstaff: No

Kade Strich: No

Ken Krieger: Yer, we had a chance of picking up 6 teams tonight and we lost them.

Mark Tanti: No

Matt Sawyer: No

Mick Lubawski: No

Paul Pike: I'm with Kenny six teams would have played if we had two divisions

Paul Stevenson: No

Rick Stray: Like Kenny said it's a shame that we are going to lose six teams. Is there anything we can do. Just give it ago.

Ronald Stephen Kingsley: No

Rosa Payne: No

Shane Vogt: No

Steven Halliday: No

Trey Merlo: No

Visitors:

Andy Kersten: No

Danny Matheson: No

Rick Merlo: No

Stephen Ing: No

Katie Leech: No

Jamee van Gelderen asked the final question about member protection on the road traveling to and from different venues? No that's what the T.A.C. is for.

Next Meeting:

1. 49th Annual General Meeting 1st Apr, 2025.

Meeting Closed:

1. Closing:

The President Claire Blackford thanked everyone for attending.

2. Time/Duration:

8:10pm/1:08.40.

Regards

Andrew O'Neill

Vice President LVEBA

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