***HILLS BOWLING ASSOCIATION***

**MINUTES**

**GENERAL DELEGATES MEETING**

Monday 4th March 2024 at 7.30pm Lenswood Bowling Club

1. WELCOME: President Dora welcomes delegates and observers and opens meeting at 7.30pm.
2. PRESENT

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| CLUB | DELEGATE | DELEGATE | EXECUTIVE |
| GUMERACHA | George Coleiro |  |  |
| HAHNDORF | Rob Hutchinson | Geoff Deeble | Val Deeble |
| LENSWOOD | Liz Needle |  | D. Fuda, T. Stephen |
| LOBETHAL | John McBrien | Scott Dienelt | Barry Lenny |
| MEADOWS | Leonie Silman | Joe Rooney |  |
| MT. BARKER | Leon Rodda | John Corner |  |
| OAKBANK | Paul Yeates | Roger Faehrmann |  |
| URAIDLA | Craig Higginson | Cindy Falco | Adrian Pobke |
| WOODSIDE | David Norman | Shirley Norman | Alex Reynolds |

OBSERVERS: Darren Stanbury (Lob).

1. APOLOGIES: Di Green (Lens), Paul and Karren Durkin (Wood), and David Gleeson (Uraid).
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Monday 20th November 2023.

Moved T. Stephen, seconded Rob Hutchinson – accepted as correct.

1. BUSINESS ARISING: Nil
2. CORRESPONDENCE:

* TS refers to recent email regarding new anti -smoking laws – do not appear to apply to licensed premises.
* Umpires list distributed to clubs – various corrections and additions.

1. TREASURER’S REPORT: As at 29.2.24
   * 1. Cheque account $ 968.11
     2. Online saver account $ 17,898.98
     3. TOTAL $ 18,867.09

Moved Adrian, seconded C. Higginson – accepted as correct.

1. GENERAL BUSINESS:
2. Report on Schroeder Shield and Nolan Walker Shield by TS. Resounding victory in the Schroeder Shield (details published on the website). Substantial loss by Eastern Region to Southern Region in the Nolan Walker Shield – some talk of reducing the numbers or altering the format to even up the competition.
3. Report on Country Round Robin by G. Deeble and R. Hutchinson – Eastern Region finished 6th in the men’s event and 5th in the women’s event – even spread of wins and losses amongst the rinks.
4. Report on HBA Champ of Champ events by TS (details published on the website). Congratulations to Lobethal (fours), Woodside (triples), Lobethal (men’s pairs), and Mt. Barker (women’s pairs) – singles to be decided this coming Friday night at Mt. Barker.
5. Venues for Wednesday, and Saturday semi- finals advised, and uploaded on to Bowlslink. Too soon to determine Thursday venues as still one minor round remaining. TS explains that all clubs will be considered appropriate and eligible for finals, and all attempts will be made to give clubs and equitable allocation. Neither Woodside or Lenswood have hosted a grand final in the past four years – so efforts will be made to accommodate them, and an additional final will be allocated to Oakbank to make up for loss of State singles last Sunday

Play is as usual with matches starting at the normal time – and players to be afforded a break in accordance with the existing rules – President Dora emphasizes this to clubs to ensure that they make members aware.

1. Clubs to provide Treasurer Adrian Pobke with a list of current “full, active members with playing rights” prior to Friday 8th March 2024 so that he can reconcile bulk payments from start of season. [Bowlslink – Membership – Reports – Club Members – Options (financial-yes, playing rights-yes, club/name/etc- yes).]
2. Executive Nominations must be received by the HBA Secretary prior to Monday 22nd April 2024 (per sections 11.2 and 15.5 HBA Constitution).
3. Notices of Motion must be received by the HBA Secretary prior to Monday 22nd April 2024 (per sections 15.5 and 21.2 HBA Constitution).
4. Any other Business:

* TS – Woodside to bring men’s singles shield on Friday night.
* TS – there is no opportunity to reschedule any finals abandoned due to weather, and the situation is covered by a specific rule awarding the match to the side that finished higher – however the Grand Finals in each division do have a contingency plan – Wednesday (goes off to the Friday afternoon), Thursday (goes off to the Friday morning, Saturday Div III Gold and Silver (go off to Sunday morning) and Saturday Div I and II (go off to the Sunday afternoon). ALL of these matches will be played under the Mt. Barker dome, regardless of whether Mt. Barker are playing in the final.
* Hahndorf raise issue with the length of time taken for HBA Champ pairs, and Oakbank similarly raise concern about night matches. General advice regarding the lack of Sundays available due to National, State, and Regional events – inability to schedule these events on days that clash with pennants (Wed/Thurs/Sat) – how much the evening format is an improvement on the old days when players were required to play through a full day to complete the event – general success of the events in terms of attendances and club income.
* Oakbank query why no pennants were scheduled on Men’s Country Carnival Saturday – TS explains long history of difficulties which arise if any players from HBA win through to the finals day – easiest just to leave the day free.
* Oakbank query whether any interest in restoring afternoon tea – no other clubs interested. General concern about amount of time being taken for mid match break.

Next meeting:

* HBA Delegates - Annual General Meeting - **Monday 20th May 2024 at 7.30pm** – Lenswood Bowling Club.
* HBA Executive Committee – **Monday 22nd April 2024 at 7.30pm** – Lenswood Bowling Club.

Meeting closed 8.25pm.