

SORELL BOWLS CLUB INC  
**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING  
HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2017**

### **Attendees**

- Ron Cowen (President)
- Gwen Scott (Vice-President)
- Paul Matthews (Secretary)
- Margaret Robertson (Treasurer)
- Faye Gardner
- Marion Florence
- Allan Chatfield
- Peter Self (Bar Manager)
- Chris Smith (Past President)

### **Apologies**

- Peter Scott
- Vicky Wakefield
- Shirley Hay

### **Opening**

1. The President opened the meeting at 5.30pm by thanking the board for attending.
2. Chris reminded the board that these discussions should be kept in-house and only the decisions reached should be released.
3. Marion asked that it be noted that the board was remiss in not filling the vacancies in the Men's Match Committee and Club Match Committee.
4. Gwen explained that she was attending to speak to the points raised and would NOT be voting on any decisions due to a conflict of interest in this matter.

### **Action item 1**

*An email (attached) was received from Ross Brokate on 27 Jan 2017 expressing his concerns with the drawing of club games and carnivals. The three main points made were:*

5. **Changes to the \$1,000 Triples draw after the draw was made.** Gwen explained that this occurred because one team did not arrive in time for its early start. David Long (who helped with the draw) was asked to move to the early section. The late team took David's spot in the second section. Aside from visiting teams requesting a late or early start, the draw was random.

DECISION: The board accepted that the "on the fly" change was to keep the event on track.

6. **Men's Singles draw not conducted at the club.** Gwen advised the board that she and Peter Scott conducted a blind (random) draw at the club on Sunday 22 January. All singles games are knock out games but the draw wasn't "stacked" in favour of some or against others.

DECISION: The board accepted Gwen's assurance and determined to leave the Men's Singles draw "as is".

7. **Incorrect handicapping used for the Patron's Plate.** Gwen advised the board that Peter Scott and Shirley Hay could not find the handicapping system contained with the club's conditions of play but they knew it was to be used. Gwen further advised that she'd carried out a rough calculation using the handicapping system and there was not a lot of difference in the handicaps assigned to players (except that Dawn MacPherson was unduly handicapped but she won her match anyway).

DECISION:

1. The board agreed that handicapping should have been delayed until the club's conditions of play could be found and used.
2. The board accepted that, because there were no complaints made during the competition, that the results would stand.

## Action item 2

*Peter Scott tendered his resignation (attached) from the Men's/Club Match Committees citing poor health.*

8. **Who will manage the remainder of the Men's club championships?** Since no-one else offered, Paul undertook to oversee these competitions.
9. **Who will manage Farmers' Day?** Ron asked Chris and Peter to conduct the draw. Marion will run things on the day.
10. **Who will manage the May \$1,000 Triples?** This matter will be considered at the next board meeting.

## General

11. Gwen made the following closing statement:

It is unfortunate that Ross feels that the Match Committee (of one) was being biased against him. No member should feel they are being treated any different from any other member of the club. With this question being asked, I feel members will now be less inclined to put their hands up at the next AGM to volunteer for the job.

12. The Secretary was asked to write a letter to Peter Scott to see if he'd reconsider his decision to resign from the Men's Match Committee.

### **Closure**

13. The President declared the meeting closed at 6.25pm.

Paul Matthews  
Honorary Secretary

2 February 2017

Ron Cowen  
President

\_\_\_ February 2017

### **Attachments**

1. Email from Ross Brokate
2. Letter of resignation from Peter Scott

## Attachment 1 – Email from Ross Brokate

### Sorell Bowls Club

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**From:** SANDRA HAWKSLEY <sanddollar@bigpond.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 January 2017 10:30 AM  
**To:** Secretary@sorellbowlsclub.com.au  
**Subject:** Sorell bowls club/concerns

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**Categories:** Board

I would like to notify the club of my concerns regarding the drawing of club games and carnivals.

Last year I entered and played in the \$1000 triples as did several visiting clubs. The draw was conducted by Peter Scott, with the help of another club member. When the club member left the club he was selected to play in group B, when he arrived on the day of the carnival he was in group A. No explanation was given or asked for. How many other changes were there? This appeared to put all so called top teams in the same draw and basically created a knock out round. I'm sure visiting clubs would find this practice questionable and not random as posted or intended.

I also played in the Patrons plate and when I asked Shirley Hay how the handicaps were decided I was told Her and Peter Scott guessed them. I believe we have a format for handicaps created last year by Paul and Kathy and approved by the club. Why was this not used.

Today 26/01/2017 I note the draw for the men's singles has finally been drawn and posted. Once again it looks like it is a knock out round with last years 2 finalists drawn together and the only ones playing in round 1. I asked Gwen Scott who did the draw and was told Peter Scott with her assistance, I assume at home. I find this a conflict of interest and not as per the club regulations. The draw should be done at the club with at least 2 match committee members.

I offer no disrespect to any of our committee members they generally do a great job and we would not survive without them, but if you put your hand up for something it needs to be done professionally. I would also like to ask that conditions of play are posted at the same time so everyone knows what the format for that game is, several club members wrote their version of how they would like to play their mixed pairs on the board.

I would like to request that the men's singles are re drawn as per our club regulations.

Regards  
Ross Brokate

## Attachment 2 – Letter of resignation from Peter Scott

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

SORELL BOWLS CLUB

UNFORTUNATELY FOR HEALTH REASONS  
I MUST RESIGN FROM ANY MATCH COMMITTEE  
DUTIES. THIS INCLUDES CLUB GAMES, FARMERS DAY,  
TRIPLES, AND ANY OTHER ORGANISED GAMES.

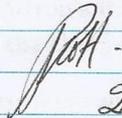
TO TAKE EFFECT FORTHWITH.

I WISH TO REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE CLUB  
AND WILL CONTINUE TO DONATE THE PRIZEMONEY  
FOR THE MIXED HANDICAP SINGLES.

SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY CAUSE.

YOURS SINCERELY.

PETER L. SCOTT.



28-1-17.