



Bowls Victoria Update

GET READY TO ELECT YOUR BOARD

Bowls Victoria Interim Board:

Graeme Hosken – Director/Chairman
Maureen Connolly Direc./Dep-Chairman
Doug Kneebone - Director
Joan Adams - Director
Michael Classon – Director/Finance
Zoe Newton – Director/Finance
Leonie Schulz – Director/Exec Officer
Peter Hanlon – Director/Exec Officer

Introduction

Building on the work identified from the December 2009 Interim Board (I.B.) Meeting, a further meeting of 7 January 2010 can report as follows.

BOWLS VICTORIA Inc.

At the time of writing this Newsletter, Consumer Affairs is yet to confirm registration of Bowls Victoria as an Incorporated Association, but advice received indicates that such registration is imminent. The process to receive a new ABN can then commence (taking around 28 days).

Other Items

- 1. Bowls Victoria Calendar of Events 2010-2011** – in process. Will be to Clubs by 1 March.
- 2. Bowls Victoria Uniform Policy 2010-2011** – in process. To be reviewed at 4 February I.B.Meeting. Bowls Victoria Policy to Clubs in February.

3. Letters to all RVBA/VLBA Councillors from former Presidents, Graeme Hosken and Maureen Connolly, have been mailed, recognizing Councillors' past contributions and welcoming their on-going involvement as Bowls Victoria Official Representatives.

4. Bowls Victoria Logo/Brand Concepts to be presented to I.B. Meeting on 4 February. Logo to be inclusive, dynamic, forward-looking.

5. Bowls Victoria Insurances Consolidated. Further meeting with BCiB on Tuesday 19 January 2010.

6. Club Constitutions

Pro forma Club Constitutions will be available by end of February 2010 in two forms:
a. clubs seeking to retain two sections;
b. a unified entity

7. Finances – Planning Meeting held between Finance Directors, Executive Officers and Glen Miller (RVBA/VLBA Auditor) on 6 January to refine integration processes for Bowls Victoria.

8. Nomination Forms for Bowls Victoria Board Election – to be finalised by I.B. Members to be included in February 2010 *Bowls In Focus* magazine and provided to all Clubs. Nominations close 26 February.

9. Ballot Papers will then be prepared and distributed to all Clubs. Information on Candidates will be provided as collected on Nomination Forms, including such details as

- a. Personal details incl DOB
- b. Current Bowls Club affiliation
- c. History of Bowling Administration
- d. Relevant Qualifications: tertiary, business, IT, community, sporting, etc.
- e. Vision for Bowls Victoria

Ballot papers to be distributed to Clubs by 31 March 2010.

10. Voting – votes by Clubs are to be lodged with Bowls Victoria by 28 April 2010

11. Announcement of first Bowls Victoria Board - to be made on Friday 30 April 2010.

12. Further Finances – Combined Budget estimates for RVBA/VLBA/Bowls Victoria up to 30 June 2010 being completed by Finance Directors. Budget estimates for Bowls Victoria 2010-2011 were tabled

by Michael Classon in draft form for discussion on 7 January. To be refined for further analysis at 4 February I.B. Meeting

13. Bowls Victoria Offices

The Interim Board has determined to locate Bowls Victoria on Level 3 of Bowlers House. To do so will require redesign and refit of the current RVBA Offices and Meeting Rooms on that level. Companies are to be sourced for this purpose.

Current Computer Servers, Telephone Systems and IT Software are to be assessed and modified where necessary to enable all operations to occur on one system as quickly and efficiently as possible.

14. Affiliation Fees

- a. No change for the remainder of 2009-2010 season.
- b. One affiliation fee will be introduced for season 2010-2011.
- c. Clubs will be notified of the amount by March 2010.
- d. Affiliation Fees for Bowls Victoria will be for the new BV financial year of 1 July – 30 June.
- e. Clubs should consider aligning membership with Bowls Victoria's financial year (if not already doing so).