

Gippsland Region Board summary

The Gippsland Region Board met on Wednesday 28 April 2021. The following is a summary of matters discussed and decisions made.

Region logo

The Board considered the amended design options for the new Region logo being developed by Gippsport. It has approved a design which represents the geographic diversity of the region – mountains to sea. The new logo will be ‘unveiled’ once the final artwork is available. As part of the logo project, Gippsport will produce a style guide on how to use the new logo, including on stationery, flyers, the Region website, uniforms, banners, signs, social media.

Annual General Meeting

The Board approved the business notice for Annual General Meeting to be held at Bairnsdale Bowling Club on Monday 31 May at 10am. The notice will be distributed to all club secretaries and delegates on Monday 10 May and published on the Region website.

Nominations

The Board noted the nominations already received for Board and Committee and Delegated Officer positions. The closing date for Board nominations is Monday 10 May and for all other positions Monday 17 May. The names of all nominees will be published after the respective closing dates.

Correspondence

The Board considered two emails from Stratford Bowling Club – one requesting a review of the decision to introduce open midweek pennant, the other requesting Board minutes rather than summaries. Following discussion, the Board rejected both requests. The club has been advised about the Board’s decision and the reasons why.

In regard to open midweek pennant, Board members strongly confirmed their view that it is incumbent on individual clubs to manage the pennant selection process so that all players – men and women - are not disadvantaged.

Pennant information sessions

Jan Morton reported on the pennant information sessions held at Sale and Bairnsdale respectively on Friday 9 April. She has since met with Loch Sport which advised it will enter a team in Saturday pennant. Heyfield is donating its old scoreboards to the club. One club has already entered its 2021/22 teams and others are compiling lists of names so they can submit teams by the deadline.

Rules of Competition and Conditions of Play (CoP)

The Board agreed to consider minor amendments to some Rules to make them clearer, including:

- replacement of players in the Champion Pairs and Fours
- eligibility to play in finals
- use of alternative venue for home games on the day of play
- provision for a reserve day in post sectional finals.

A cross reference to Bowls Victoria Rules will be inserted wherever applicable.

State events and pennant finals

Jan Morton reported on the outcome of the State Over 60s and Novice events and pennant finals, congratulating all Region participants. Gail McKenzie (West Sale) was runner up in the Over 60s Singles and Shane Holmes (Heyfield) a semi finalist. Jan said she was also very proud of the Region's Novice players, Kirstie White (Heyfield) and Attila Sofram (Metung).

In the State Midweek and Saturday pennant finals, Lakes Entrance and Bairnsdale respectively competed, each team doing well with the scores not reflecting their level of competitiveness.

Retirement

Board member Shane Higgins advised he was retiring after 10 years' service, wishing the new Board well. The Board expressed its appreciation for Shane's services.

Bronwyn Thwaites
Region Secretary/Treasurer