

BERMAGUI PICKLEBALL COMMITTEE – MINUTES of GENERAL MEETING

Date: 14 August 2026

Time: 10.30am

Venue: HQ The Cottage at Sally's place

Attendance: Sondra Hodges, Diane Attwater, Steve Mazabow, Kevin Dick, Sally McKee, George Stone, Anne Watson

Apologies: Nicci Eastham, Vanessa Forbes, Rhonda Stone

AGENDA ITEM

Welcome to all.

Previous Minutes Accepted. **Moved:** Diane **Seconded:** Steve

Overall Update

- Reboot Details- Bermagui Saturday 3rd October.
 - 2 Sessions at 1 hour each
 - Times 2-3pm, 3-4pm.
 - Limit each session to 16 people.
 - Players to be 12+ years old. Parent/Guardian to stay with child if under 18 years old
 - Cost: \$5 per person, per session.
 - Steve suggested using Humanitix as booking platform.
 - Information to be included: waiver, photo use authorisation, all equipment provided, bookings essential, parental supervision for players under 18 yrs, non-marking shoes, water bottle.

Action - Steve to arrange ticket draft and show Diane and Sondra for approval.

Action - Sondra to liaise with Reboot coordinator to ensure BPI information is on the Reboot website. Including our contact email address for enquiries.

 - Request 4 volunteers to assist – 1 volunteer per court.

Action - Sondra to seek support.
 - Defibrillator availability at the Stadium
 - The Defibrillator was recently removed from the Stadium by another club where it was taken to another venue for a day event. This left several clubs without immediate access to a Defibrillator in case of an emergency. It was noted that the Defibrillator was originally purchased by SCPAI who indicated that it was to be used as a mobile unit and could be taken to other venues.
 - Sally sought clarification from Stadium Committee to enquire if it was appropriate to leave the Stadium without the Defib unit. The Stadium Committee did not see this as a major issue but are now aware of the situation.
 - Discussion. BPI Committee were under the impression that the Defibrillator was for use at the Stadium. Even though there are other Defibs located around Bermagui, it is essential that immediate access to a Defibrillator is vital in an emergency.

Action - Await to see if the Defibrillator is taken again. Hopefully this will not be an on-going issue. However, if it is, BPI may consider a Grant submission to source another defibrillator unit. To be discussed at later date, if required.
 - Stadium Parking
 - Parking in front of the Stadium is limited to 1 hour.

Sondra has called BVSC Council to discuss whether the parking could be extended to 2 or 3 hours. Sondra is currently waiting for a response from the BVSC Parking Officer.

Action - Sondra to follow up.
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- End of Financial Year Update
 - Period 1st Feb - 30 June 2026. Report attached.
 - Kevin to follow up with Dept Fair Trading for submission of EOFY Financial report.
 - BPI Bank account is currently in a healthy position.
 - George raised the question of how to allocate accumulating finds?
 - Committee discussed and agreed to keep the current fee structure.
 - Sondra recommended that BPI continue to offer members free sessions.
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- Committee agreed to continue the free session offer, where appropriate.
- Possible subscription models were discussed:
 - George suggested \$60 a month plan.
 - Diane suggested an upfront payment system of 10 sessions.
- How a subscription model can be managed was discussed.
 - George to develop models of figures to present to BPI Committee. May need to discuss this at a separate meeting.

Action - George to draft concepts.

- Possible registration of BPI as a Charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC).
 - Outcome not an option as BPI is a sporting organisation therefore not eligible.
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- Facebook Session notifications/postings
 - Diane suggested more regular posts to advertise all sessions.
- Action** - Steve and Sondra to continue to develop posts.
- Sally to continue to share on FB Community Notice Boards.
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- Diane read Nicci's correspondence to BPI detailing -
Proposed submission to Bega Valley Shire Council for the installation of:
 - Ceiling fans
 - Solar Panels
 - Battery

Diane suggested that BPI contact Sue Findlay, BVSC Council Grounds Committee regarding Nicci's concepts to determine:

- the feasibility of making a submission.
- submission requirements.
- Whether the submission should come from the Stadium Committee rather than individual clubs.

Action - Sondra to call Sue Findlay to discuss.

- Sondra was concerned that upgrades to the Stadium may result in higher Stadium hire fees.
- Steve discussed lighting.
 - It may be possible for the Council to receive rebates for Solar concessions.
 - George advised BPI / Council facility may not be eligible for rebates.
- The Committee discussed the possible availability of a capital works Grant however were concerned of the tedious process involved.

Action - Sondra to follow up to determine if worth pursuing.
- Further representation and investigation to be made to Stadium committee and Council.

Other Items

- Steve raised concern about the Saturday robust play session.
 - Steve suggested that the session be changed from an 'Intermediate' session to an 'All Skills' session. This was to encourage more players to attend and move the 'Intermediate' session to a week day.
Discussion: Moving the 'Intermediate' session to a week day would also disadvantage players who are unable to attend during the week.
After considerable discussion, it was agreed to leave the 'Intermediate' session on Saturday mornings.
 - Cancelled sessions
 - Currently, a session will be cancelled if **less than 8 players** are registered.
 - To avoid disappointment, it was Agreed to alter our cancellation policy to:
 - Sessions will only be cancelled if **less than 4 players** are registered to play.
 - This will be trialled for a 2-month period starting immediately.
 - Sunday - Relaxed easy play session
 - Encourage beginners to attend Tuesday and Sunday sessions in the first instance.
 - BPI registrations
 - Sally raised concern about players who have played with BPI as a guest for more than 4 weeks are not becoming members after the 4 week period.
Action – Sondra to check guest attendance more regularly and advise individuals to join BPI.
 - New BPI Flyers have been developed. These will be printed in A4 and A3 format and distributed.
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- Suggestions were raised on funds expenditure. Various ideas were discussed. Enquires to be made regarding availability and costs associated with the following:
 - George raised idea of engaging a coach for coaching session/s and for grading purposes.
 - Steve mentioned having friendly competitions with other clubs.
 - Diane mentioned funding marketing BPI. Eg Sandwich board advertisement, or new ball barriers at the stadium.
 - Kevin suggested BPI vouchers to big golf competition in September in Bermagui.
Action - Kevin to follow up with Golf Club.
 - Sally suggested BPI vouchers to Reboot participants, lucky door prize
 - to be considered after golf comp.
 - Steve suggested a promotion
 - Join BPI by a certain date, the first 6 people to join receive a free paddle worth up to the value of \$150.
 - If this option is viable, BPI to reimburse Steve the costs of the paddles or issue him a credit for game play.
Moved: All agreed to reimburse/credit Steve for the cost of the paddles.
- The group agreed on the above concepts.

Diane declared the meeting concluded and thanked everyone for their time and input - 12.30pm.

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Financial Statement for year ended 30 June, 2026

Statement of Income and Expenses for year ended 30 June 2026.

Income

Play income	\$	10,910.82
Members Subscriptions	\$	500.00
Grant received – PANSW	\$	500.00
Donations	\$	1,302.00
Interest received	\$	0.12
TOTAL	\$	13,212.94

Expenses

Fees – Open Sports & Revs Sports	\$	225.00
Fees – PANSW	\$	90.00
Playing consumables – Balls etc	\$	978.00
Rent for courts	\$	6,810.00
Web Hosting costs	\$	115.12
TOTAL	\$	8,818.22

Net Income	\$	4,994.72
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30 June 2026

Assets

Shares – Horizon Bank	\$	2.00
Set up costs	\$	228.00
Cash at Bank	\$	4,764.72
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	4,994.72

LESS: LIABILITIES

Nil	\$	0.00
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NET ASSETS	\$	4994.72
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