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ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

Any Association is only as strong as its members. In the case of the NDBA that means the Clubs and it automatically follows that the representation of those Clubs at Association level determines that strength.

The Association can have the strongest possible Executive but it must be backed completely by strong support from the Clubs – through the Delegates.

Currently the Association Constitution requires that one of the Club's two Delegates must be a member of the Management Committee of the Bowling Club and be delegated to advise the Committee of the business conducted at the NDBA Management Committee Meetings.

The responsibilities of Club Delegates are simple:

1. To attend all meetings of the Association.
2. To ensure that, if unable to attend a meeting, a proxy Delegate is notified of the need for him to attend.
3. To ensure that you are aware of the instructions of your Club related to specific matters already referred back to member clubs.
4. To ensure that your Proxy Delegate is also made aware of those instructions.
5. If not travelling together ensure that you sit with your Co-delegate at the meeting to enable discussions on any points.
6. Never let a point or statement go by at the meeting without voicing an opinion or asking a question, if you consider it necessary – sometimes your particular comment may start a chain reaction and produce a healthy debate.
7. Ensure that all matters raised at the Delegates' meeting are reported back to your Club's Board Meeting. It is impossible for the Minutes of meeting to record in detail everything that transpires – the role of the Delegate is to fill in all those details.
8. To act on behalf of his Club in accordance with his Club's direction(s), and generally in its best interests, but never losing sight of the need to act responsibly in the best interests of Bowls in general and of our District.

General

Delegates to the Association are usually elected at Club Annual General Meetings. Sometimes, however, the Committee or Board appoints them.

Delegates must be regular in their attendance otherwise their Club is not properly represented.

Absence from three regular consecutive meetings, without being represented by a proxy, will mean disqualification as a Delegate. This is laid down in the Association Constitution and is automatic - an apology is not accepted as attendance.

Association matters should always be discussed by the Club's Board and, where applicable, the Delegates should be instructed how to vote on them. All too often important matters (such as the Season's Programme and the Rules & Regulations Recommendations) are not discussed and so the Delegates are left to vote as they wish and not as the Club wishes.