



# NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION (ZONE 2) INC

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee of the Newcastle District Bowling Association held at Association Headquarters, "Wal Young House", on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 commencing at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT:** **President:** J.T. Smith (who occupied the Chair); **Vice-Presidents:** B. Alcock; R. Brew; L.S. Coulton; A. Hextell; **Treasurer:** A. Wright; **Sub-Committee Chairman – Coaching:** S.A. Starrett; **Match:** D. Gilday; **Membership:** B. Cooke; **Selection:** M.K. Crossingham. In attendance D.J. Broad OAM, Secretary

**APOLOGIES:** W. Boyd, Junior Committee Chairman; G. Yates, Dora Creek Workers; W. Shipley, Edgeworth; P. Vale & C. Reay, Fingal Bay; L. Jenner & T. Walker, Marks Point; J. Simpson, New Lambton; L. Gillard (B. Napier Proxy), Newbold Diggers; T. North, Raymond Terrace; B. Mannix, Redhead; C. Harrison, Swansea; W. Brogden & P. Stamford, Water Board.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** C. Burns, Vice-President; B. Carling, Vice-President; B. Hoole, Cardiff B C.

**CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED:** Alder Park; Bayway Village; Belmont; Burwood Colliery; Cardiff; Carrington; Catherine Hill Bay; Club Macquarie; Dora Creek Workers; Edgeworth; Fingal Bay; Hamilton North; Heaton-Birmingham Gardens; Lemon Tree Passage; Marks Point; Mayfield West; Merewether; Morisset Hospital; Rathmines Memorial; Raymond Terrace; Tomago; Valentine; Wangi; Water Board.

**OBITUARIES:** The President referred to the death of the following and a motion expressing sympathy with the relatives was carried in silence:-  
John Horsley (Redhead); Colin Stokes (Carrington); John Ford (Kahibah); Bill Hancock (Cardiff); Allan Pope (Hamilton North); Bill Crane (Kahibah).

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT:**

The following recommendations were approved:

1. Approval be granted to Swansea Workers Bowling Club to conduct the Swansea Workers 13 & Over 3 Bowl Triples Tournament on 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.
2. Leave of Absence be granted to C. Burns, Vice-President, for April Management Committee Meeting.
3. Leave of Absence be granted to A. Wright, Treasurer, from 14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.

It was advised that the NDBA Website is now online at [www.ndba.com.au](http://www.ndba.com.au). Full details of the Website are contained in Circular No.43/2008. The Association is also offering clubs the opportunity to advertise on the Website at a cost of \$500/annum.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

What a great visit we enjoyed with our visitors from the Southern Highlands DBA over the Easter period. The hospitality of our host clubs of Swansea Workers (President John Wolfe), Cardiff (President Col Myers) and Kahibah (President Norm Brooks) was outstanding. A special word of thanks to President Col O'Brien of Raymond Terrace, who at short notice allowed our visitors the use of their facility when rain prevented any play at Swansea Workers on the Saturday. A check of records shows that this was the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the reciprocal visits between the two Associations.

During the month the NDBA website came online and many positive comments have already been made about its structure. We are hopeful that much more information will be added that will be of relevance both to our own Newcastle bowlers and those from outside our Zone.

A much smaller number than usual attended the Annual Veterans and Super Veterans Day hosted this year by Hamilton North BC. The 42 bowlers present enjoyed fine weather, good company, great hospitality and the usual presentation from Mrs. Leslea Milburn from the Greater Building Society Ltd.

Leslea did announce that as of 30<sup>th</sup> May she will no longer be a part of the Greater organisation. She has been the visible part of the organisation for the bowlers of Newcastle since 1991 and we are investigating the possibility of a thank you function to express our gratitude for the great role that she has played.

Vice-President Brian Carling and myself attended the RNSWBA Forum in March. It would be fair to say that the picture presented for smaller clubs at this time is not the most positive one with a large number of factors impacting on their attempts to be profitable. The sessions presented by Peter McLean from Lawler Partners and Wayne Krelle from Clubs NSW expanded these factors in great detail. We also had the opportunity to hear from the Sub-Committee Chairmen, the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Unification Committee who all provided valuable insights into different aspects relating to our game. Overall a valuable experience, but I feel that all present agreed that future forums should allow for more discussion and participation sessions.

I would like to acknowledge the fine gesture from the Newcastle District Womens BA in agreeing to meet half of the cost of our recently completed treatment by a Pest Control company for possible white ant and termite problems. It was greatly appreciated and follows upon other donations given in the past four years and is a fine example in these times when unification is being discussed at a State level.

The passing of another stalwart of bowls in NSW was observed with the funeral of Past State President Ned London in the last few weeks. Ned had a long and meritorious career at both playing and administrative levels and a large crowd was present to pay tribute to his achievements.

Two other activities of note I would share with you this evening. Secretary Denis and I took part in a Newcastle City Council Sports Policy Review Meeting where a large number of ideas were floated for the upcoming development of a new policy that could in some ways have an impact on some of our bowling clubs. Last Saturday evening I accepted an invitation to attend the Newcastle District Cricket Umpires Annual Dinner. This group is one of many that we have who use Wal Young House as a base for their monthly meetings.

Finally tonight I would like to pass on to Life Member Ralph Campbell and his wife Shirley our congratulations for the celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2008 which showed a balance at bank \$21,601.97.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Advisory Committee:**

The Advisory Committee has now completed the new Advisory Committee Pamphlets Numbers 1 & 2. Advisory Committee Pamphlet No.1 deals with the Conduct of the Annual General Meeting and provides Guidelines for Presidents / Chairman / Directors and Returning Officers. Advisory Committee Pamphlet No.2 relates to Voting Procedures for the Conduct of Board Elections. These two Pamphlets have been approved by the NDBA Executive Committee and are now on the NDBA website.

We are now reviewing Advisory Committee Pamphlet No.3 which relates to the Duties and Responsibilities of Presidents / Chairman. The Advisory Committee Pamphlet dealing with the Rules of Debate is the next Pamphlet to be reviewed by the Advisory Committee.

Club Delegates are asked to check with their Club Secretary to see that they have received a 41 page document relating to the OLGR NSW Schedule 1 Audit Pro Forma. This is an extensive document which all clubs will be required to complete on their operations prior to a formal audit by the OLGR Auditors over the next two years. Club Executives should check to ensure that they comply with the OLGR requirements. Non-compliance can result in large penalties.

### **Coaching Committee:**

This coming Sunday at New Lambton Bowling Club, commencing at 9.00am, will be the second coaching seminar, particularly aimed at providing up to date information for coaches seeking re-accreditation for the next 4 years. The Committee is expecting 14 participants to be involved.

This will be a pre-cursor to the full day Re-accreditation course to be conducted at the same venue on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June.

The Committee has reviewed the documentation on offer for re-accreditation assessment requirements and has developed a format for Level 1 and Level 2 coaches which is far simpler and easier to detail their coaching activities. It is planned that in the near future, all coaches will receive a copy of the documentation through their club mail. For those with internet access, the Committee plans to incorporate such information on our website.

As in other areas of bowls, difficulties do arise and it is pleasing to note that the Committee has recently assisted in providing advice towards resolving several dilemmas that were brought to its attention. If there is a problem, the committee will do its best to help.

**Greens Committee:**

During March and April, 2008 101 Greens were inspected with the following results:

<b>February</b>	<b>April</b>
3 Greens Unfit	1 Green Unfit
2 Greens Rating 5	2 Greens Rating 5
3 Greens Rating 6	2 Greens Rating 6
20 Greens Rating 7	16 Greens Rating 7
50 Greens Rating 8	58 Greens Rating 8
4 Greens Rating 9	17 Greens Rating 9
No Greens Rating 10	1 Green Rating 10
21 Greens Under Renovation	4 Greens Under Renovation

A very pleasing comparison, along with the improvement of the Greens was the very high standard of the cleanliness and beautification of the clubs surrounds and gardens.

**Junior Committee:**

The final of the Junior Fours Championship held at Swansea BC on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April completed our Championships for 2008.

The final was won by the team of Sarah Vesenjok (Cardiff), Richard Avery (Heaton-Birmingham Gardens), Chris Taylor (Swansea Workers) and Natasha Van Eldik (Raymond Terrace) defeating Joshua Terras & Tom Taylor (Belmont Sporties), Matthew Dow (Redhead) and Joel Roche (Marks Point) 24 – 14.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Clubs who hosted our Championships this year namely: Warners Bay & Stockton in the Singles, Raymond Terrace Pairs and Swansea with the Fours.

Our juniors to represent us at the State Juniors Championships to be held at Warilla BC earlier in July includes along with the fours winners just mentioned Daniel Hill (Mayfield West) playing singles and Chris Taylor and Natasha Van Eldik representing in the Pairs. We wish these players every success at these Championships.

Congratulations are extended to Natasha Van Eldik on being selected in the NSW Under 18 State Side to play the New Zealand Auckland Side at Warilla Bowling Club on April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. We wish Natasha all the best for two enjoyable and successful days of bowls.

This months training session held at Raymond Terrace BC on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April was conducted by Shane Globits current Australian squad member who passed on a number of training techniques used by the Australian Squad during their training sessions. His input was excellent and all players were truly appreciative of Shane sharing his knowledge and demonstrating a number of tips and strategies from which all squad members benefited.

The first of our Junior inter-district representative matches will be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at The Entrance BC. The following 12 players will play Zone 15 in what should be a very competitive match.

M. Dow, J. Terras, J. Roche, D. Hill, J. Gorsuch, C. Taylor, S. Vesenjok, A. Solomons, R. Avery, K. Richards, S. Richards, N. Van Eldik

**Match Committee:**

Six Rounds of the 2008 Saturday Pennant competition have now been completed. It is disappointing to report that some clubs have already lost points due to player grading irregularities. The Round 4 No.1 Grade Saturday Pennant game between Soldiers Point and Cardiff scheduled for Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 has been rescheduled to be played after Round 10, but only if required to determine the Section winner. The rain interrupted Round 4 No.1 Grade Saturday Pennant game between Beresfield and Alder Park played on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April will be completed at the first available date.

All clubs are encouraged to look carefully at NDBA Circular No.38/2008 and also refer to State Condition of Play 4.16 and 4.26 for their Saturday gradings of players before selecting their pennant sides. Clubs are still advised to contact the NDBA office with any concerns about player gradings for 2008.

All side managers should ensure the pennant result forms have been filled in correctly, with correct initials and both team names on the form before signing them.

The District Fours Championship which has been delayed due to other competitions having Order of Precedence, was again effected last Sunday by the late afternoon storms. This resulted in two matches not being completed at Mayfield West. These incomplete matches have been scheduled to be completed at Mayfield West next Saturday morning. Lambton BC will then host

the remaining Round 4 match and the Quarter-Finals on Sunday morning. The remaining Quarter-Final and one Semi-Final will be played on Sunday afternoon. The second Semi-Final and Final will then be played on either Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April or Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May at Lambton BC. Thank you to Mayfield West Bowling Club for staging the deferred game of Round 2 and Round 3 games along with Toronto Workers and Swansea Workers Bowling Clubs for hosting Rounds 3 and 4.

Clubs wishing to change their Saturday No.1 Grade pennant matches to Friday night are urged to read NDBA Circular No.38/2008 which states that the appropriate forms must be submitted by both clubs and forwarded to the NDBA office no later than 5 pm on the Monday prior to any game change.

The closing date for this year's District Triples Championship has been put back till next Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2008. The First and Second Rounds are expected to commence on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2008. Entry Forms are in your mail tonight for the State President's Pairs Championship (closing date 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2008), District Pairs Championship and State Senior Pairs Championship (closing date 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2008). Would you please ensure that these Entry Forms are displayed on your club noticeboards.

Once again thank you to Hamilton North Bowling Club who hosted the Annual NDBA Veterans' and Super Veterans' Bowls Day on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.

An early reminder to clubs that the pennant Post Sectional play is fast approaching and you should refer to NDBA Rules and Regulations Number 17 on Page 10 – **Notification of teams selected for Saturday and Mid-Week Post-Sectional Games**. Clubs participating in Post Sectional Games should have their team(s) selected with spares by mid-week if playing on a Saturday and four days prior to a mid-week game. Clubs to fax or email their nominated team(s) to the NDBA Match Committee for acceptance.

A reminder to clubs with multiple No.7 Grade Sides that they shall be identified as No.1, No.2, No.3, etc and for the purpose of elevation and regression shall be deemed a higher and lower side.

#### **Umpires Committee:**

The Pennant Season is entering its most interesting period, when the struggle is intensifying and the desire to win shows itself in several ways. The calls for "Umpire!" become the order of the day and at times the result of a match is dependent upon the umpire's decision. Often post-match discussions and debates lead to doubts on the decisions made by the umpire, NOTE: always by the losers. How often do you hear, "He should have done this, or that", OR "We had a woman umpire", OR "I could have measured better"? The solution to these happenings is so simple. Study and sit for your Certification as a Level 1 Umpire – be prepared to give up your bowls for the afternoon and put something back into the game other than whining criticism.

The Umpires Committee often receive phone calls complaining of the ineptitude and inefficiency of the umpire of the day with the implied request to do something about whatever may have occurred. Well delegates, rest assured that absolutely NO action will be undertaken on the evidence of a phone call. You want action, you put it on paper and have your club secretary send the report to the NDBA, where it will be appropriately dealt with. On a more positive note I would like to congratulate and thank the bowlers that do give up their time to umpire – well done.

I have nothing to report regarding the Crystal Mark Laws of the Game, except to say that all appears to be settling down. All clubs have received notification of those umpires who are to be re-accredited, and the procedures to follow to achieve re-accreditation. We are still waiting to hear from those clubs wishing to hold Umpires Classes.

#### **Mattara Committee:**

The Committee has recommended to the Association that Wallsend BC be the host club for our 48<sup>th</sup> Mattara Carnival and that Hamilton North BC be the host for the Open and Restricted Singles component. We congratulate both clubs on their selection and look forward to each club maintaining the fine standard of Mattara hospitality.

We would also thank Cardiff, Marks Point, Raymond Terrace, Soldiers Point and Teralba for their nominations and to assure them of some involvement in the Mattara programme.

We are now proceeding to get the Mattara posters and entry forms prepared and these will be forwarded to clubs as soon as they are ready.

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS:**

1. D. McKinnon, Warners Bay Bowling Club, raised the matter of the loss of points by their No.7 Grade Side. He said that an appeal had been made to the NDBA Match Committee. The NDBA Match Committee had recommended to the State Match Committee that the appeal be upheld due to the extenuating circumstances requiring the playing of an ineligible player. He said that advice had been received from the State Match Committee that the appeal had been denied, but no reason had been given for declining the appeal. He enquired if D. Gilday, NDBA Match Committee Chairman, knew the reason for the decision & if it was a vote of no confidence in the District Match Committee by the State Match Committee? He added that there appears to be a problem with the Grading System and No.7 Grade. D. Gilday advised that he did not know the reason for the decision. J.T. Smith advised that he was Chairman of the State Match Committee but could not be involved in the appeal because of his involvement with Newcastle DBA/Zone 2. He did advise that the Club had the right to appeal to the RNSWBA Board. D. McKinnon commented that in this day and age a decision must be justified.

2. D. Gilday confirmed that to play in the State Presidents Pairs Championship players must be members of the same Club.

**Umpires Committee:**

G. Bailey, Windale/Gateshead Bowling Club, advised that their Club had lost 8 of 13 National Umpires. He said that young bowlers don't want to umpire but just play. L. Coulton suggested that the Club put a list on the Clubs Noticeboard to obtain names for an Umpires Class. The Umpires Committee are only willing to conduct Umpires Classes.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. L. Coulton, Umpires Committee Chairman, presented M. Abrook (Newbold Diggers) with his Level 2 National Umpires Badge & Certificate.
2. J.T. Smith presented J. Litchfield, Adamstown Bowling Club Delegate, with recognition of Outstanding Service Certificate for Bruce Redman (Adamstown) for his 25 years service as an Accredited National Umpire.
3. M. Schoer, Toronto Workers B.C., advised Delegates that the State Premier League Final Series will be held at Toronto Workers Bowling Club on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2008. A poster will be delivered to all Clubs in the next few days with full details of the weekend activities. There are still 70 seats available for the Sunday Breakfast @ \$27.50/head. There will be two games played Saturday & the Grand Final on Sunday.
4. R. Hopkins, Swansea B.C., reported on a problem with some new bowls shoes scuffing up the grass greens badly. As the shoes are approved by Bowls Australia, it was suggested that if possible photographic evidence be forwarded to Bowls Australia showing the damage caused by the bowls shoes.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 commencing at 7.30pm.

**CLOSED:** The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

**CONFIRMED**.....(PRESIDENT)  
15.05.2008