



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, 15th May, 2008 commencing at 7.30pm.

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

APOLOGIES: T. Undery, Beresfield; G. Yates, Dora Creek Workers; W. Jackson (R. Smith Proxy), Kotara; L. Jenner (W. Goodwin Proxy), Marks Point; M. Cuell, Mayfield West; J. Simpson, New Lambton; K. Smith, Stockton; B. Williams, Tea Gardens; M. Schoer & M. Hellwig, Toronto Workers; P. Ford, Wallsend; P. Stamford & W. Brogden, Water Board; F. Botham, Windale/Gateshead.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Adamstown; Bayway Village; Belmont; Carrington; Catherine Hill Bay; Club Macquarie; Hamilton; Hamilton North; Heaton-Birmingham Gardens; Mayfield; Merewether; Morisset Hospital; Stockton; Teralba; Tomago; Toronto Workers; 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:-

Jack Baldwin (Boolaroo); Rodney Lewis (Lowlands); Bob McFarlane (Charlestown); Fred Grauss (Carrington); John Hayman (Belmont Sporties); Brian Gallagher (Windale/Gateshead); Barry Harris (Merewether); Gerard McCosker (Merewether); Reg Ferrier (Dora Creek Workers); Paul Lydon (Lemon Tree Passage); Bob Noakes (Tea Gardens).

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 17th April, 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 Soldiers Point Bowling Club to conduct:
 - i. Tooheys Super Dry 2 Bowl Triples from 2nd to 4th February, 2009.
 - ii. Mens Versatility Fours on 2nd March, 2009.
 - iii. Mixed Versatility Fours on 6th April, 2009.
 - iv. Blue Swimmer Triples from 1st to 3rd June, 2009.
 - v. East's Holiday Park Mixed Carnival from 6th to 9th July, 2009.
 - vi. President's Triples from 3rd to 5th August, 2009.
 - vii. Peninsular Pairs from 7th to 9th September, 2009.
2. Leave of Absence be granted to:
3. J.T. Smith, President, from 7th to 9th June, 2008.
4. M.K. Crossingham, Selection Committee Chairman, from 14th to 21st June, 2008.
5. Consideration be given to commencing Management Committee Meetings at 7.00pm – for discussion.

It was advised that the Annual Zone 2 V Zone 13 Representative Fixture is scheduled to be played at Toronto Workers Bowling Club on Sunday, 6th July, 2008.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The Sectional Play in our Saturday and Mid-Week Pennants has almost been completed and the Post-Sectional Play is already under way. Congratulations to Wallsend B.C. who took out the No.2 Grade Mid-Week Pennant Final yesterday. This weekend will see the beginning of Saturday Pennant Post Sectional Play and in some Grades the finalisation of the event. May I wish all competing sides an even share of the luck and good bowling in your quest for a Zone flag.

Lambton Bowling Club created history with their first ever District Fours Title when the quartet of Wayne Smith, Craig Thompson, Jay Walls and Andrew Smith were successful against Ian Lean's Raymond Terrace side. Congratulations to the players and the Club and especially to a very proud President Des Bowden.

The Association has organised a special appreciation night for Mrs. Leaslea Milburn for her great service to us over the 19 years that she filled the role of Advertising Manager of our major sponsor the Greater Building Society Ltd. This will

be held on Thursday 26th June at 7.00pm at Windale/Gateshead B.C. Circular No.57/08 is in your mail tonight with full details of this function.

The O.A.M. awarded to Les Parrott was presented at Government House in Sydney at a ceremony last Friday. Merle and her daughters, Diane and Beverly attended together with Secretary Denis who acted as driver and navigator. It was a very proud and moving moment for the family.

On behalf of the Association I attended the Kotara B.C. Anzac Services and congratulations to President Colin Thorpe and his Board for the conduct of this ceremony which marked the 60th year of it being held and the maintaining of a great tradition. I also represented the Association at the City and Suburban Cricket Association Presentation Night. This group is a regular user of Wal Young House for a variety of meetings it conducts.

Good luck to Toronto Workers Bowling Club in its hosting of the Premier League Final Series on 24th-25th May. Hopefully one of the Hunter based sides will be involved in the final series.

Finally tonight I would remind Delegates and their Clubs that nominations for the Executive and Sub-Committees of the Association for 2008-2009 Year will close on Wednesday 11th June, 2008. All of the details are in Circular No.48/2008 which was sent to Clubs in the last few weeks. If you feel you can contribute to the Association your nomination would be appreciated.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 30th April, 2008 which showed a balance at bank \$7061.49.

REPORTS:

Advisory Committee:

1. At the Management Committee Meeting last month you were asked to check with your Club Secretary as to whether your club is in possession of the OLGR NSW Schedule 1 Audit Pro Forma relating to the total operations within the management of the club.

I have been asked to show you this copy and express the importance of working through the requirements well in advance of a scheduled audit which will occur within the next two years. The document can be downloaded on the web at

www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/reg_clubs_audit_prog.asp

(copies of this address are on the table). For clubs that do not have the facility, I'm sure we can arrange a copy through the NDBA Secretary. Do not ignore this and leave it to the last minute as it takes about four weeks to prepare. On completion of the information each club is to forward the document to the OLGR for their perusal followed by an onsite visit by their representatives.

2. Advisory Pamphlet No.3 – Duties and Responsibilities of Presidents / Chairman has been approved by the Executive and now available on our website www.ndba.com.au. This is informative and has been prepared with the latest information available to our Committee.

Our Committee is now reviewing the "Rules of Debate" and will continue on to have more important pamphlets available for the coming 2008 Annual General Meetings.

Coaching Committee:

A successful Coaching Seminar was conducted on Sunday, 20th April at New Lambton Bowling Club where 22 of our local coaches participated in activities and discussion groups. The itinerary assisted in developing the latest skills that could bring improvement in their roles as coaches.

Coming up soon on Sunday, 15th June at New Lambton Bowling Club will be the all day Re-Accreditation Seminar. Intending participants will soon receive their nomination form. Details of their coaching history over the last years will be required to be completed on the forms provided.

It may sound a little way off, but Coaching Seminar 3 will be conducted on Saturday, 8th September, 9.00am – 11.30am at New Lambton Bowling Club. This will be primarily for bowlers who have a mobility problem; those who "dump" their bowl; those who may wish to use a fixed stance and those who wish to develop their expertise utilizing "Bowlers' Arms" or walking sticks. If not for our selves, I am sure there is someone at your Club that may benefit from being present. Your support and encouragement would be greatly appreciated, to get them to attend.

Junior Committee:

It is pleasing to report that the first of our U/18 inter – districts matches against the Central Coast Zone 15, played at ‘The Entrance Bowling Club’ on Sunday 4th May resulted in a win to us 160 shots to 125 shots.

The format for this event involved 14 players per side, 2 rinks of 4 players and 2 rinks of triples. The first game resulted in a victory to Zone 15 with 78 shots to our 63 shots. Our triples were decisively defeated with our fours winning impressively.

With some strategic changes made for the afternoon match, we won the two triples 28 – 4 and 33 – 7 and with a rink win in the fours our overall margin in game 2 was 97 shots to 47 shots.

The pleasing aspect was not just the win but how our juniors lifted their intensity and concentration in game two. Our skippers played some outstanding bowls which brought out the best in all players, creating an infectious team spirit resulting in a game that will be put in the memory banks for the future.

The return game is scheduled for Sunday, 29th June to be played at Stockton Bowling Club with the following players selected for this representative fixture.

A circular informing your bowls co-ordinators of the following player’s selection is in your folders tonight.

**A. Burns (Boolaroo) S. Cairns (Newbold Diggers)
R. Delaney (Stockton) G. Digby (Mayfield) M. Dow (Redhead) R. Kooyman (Toronto Workers)
N. Maynard (Charlestown) S. Morgan (Toronto Workers) N. Reed (Raymond Terrace)
K. Richards (Raymond Terrace) J. Roche (Marks Point) C. Taylor (Swansea Workers)
N. Van Eldik (Raymond Terrace) S. Vesenjok (Cardiff)**

Match Committee:

The 2008 Saturday & Mid-Week Pennant competitions have now reached the post sectional stages.

Saturday Pennant post sectional play has been scheduled to proceed as follows:

1. Saturday 17th May, 2008
Nos.1, 2, 4 Grades semi-finals
No.3 Grade round robin game 1
Nos.5 & 6 Grade quarter-finals
No.7 Grade first post sectional game
2. Sunday 18th May, 2008
Nos.1, 2, 4 Grades finals
No.3 Grade round robin game 2
Nos.5 & 6 Grade semi-finals
No.7 Grade quarter-finals
3. Saturday 24th May, 2008
No.3 Grade round robin game 3
Nos.5 & 6 Grades finals
No.7 Grade semi-finals
4. Sunday 25th May, 2008
No.7 Grade final

NB Saturday & Sunday 24th & 25th May will depend on State Match Committee approval to conduct District events on this weekend due to the Premier League final series being held at Toronto Workers Bowling Club.

The first of our District Championships was concluded on Sunday, 4th May, 2008 with the District Fours final being played at Lambton Bowling Club. Congratulations to the team of Wayne Smith, Craig Thompson, Jay Walls & Andrew Smith from Lambton Bowling Club on defeating Nicholas Hughes, Scott Kohler, Bruce Jewell & Ian Lean from Raymond Terrace Bowling Club 18/14 in a closely contested final. Thank you to President Des Bowden & Bowls Secretary Charles Sheather for hosting the final series. To all other Clubs who hosted rounds in this event please accept our thanks.

Clubs are also reminded of the option of applying this year for the regrading for 2009 for any players who may have played only 1 or 2 games in a higher grade in 2008 when filling in as a replacement and now having a higher grade than they usually would have. There is a specific form for this application and the State Match Committee will only deal with applications submitted on this form.

The District Triples Championship first and second rounds commenced on Sunday, 11th May, 2008, with Round 3 scheduled to recommence on Saturday, 31st May, 2008.

The closing date for the State President's Pairs Championship is the 28th May, 2008 with the First Round expected to commence on Saturday 21st June, 2008.

The closing date for this year's District Pairs & State Senior Pairs Championship is the 4th June, 2008 with the First Round expected to commence on Saturday 21st June, 2008.

The closing date for this year's District Major Singles Championship and State Senior Singles Championship is Wednesday, 18th June 2008.

The annual Zone 2 versus Zone 13 Representative Fixture is to be played on Sunday 6th July, 2008 at Toronto Workers Bowling Club.

Any Clubs wishing to submit suggestions or changes to the 2009 NDBA Season's Programme, Rules & Regulations are urged to do so as per NDBA Circular No.54/2008. They are to be in the hands of the NDBA Secretary by Friday, 27th June, 2008.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS:

Match Committee

B. Kappler (Dora Creek Workers) requested that consideration be given to playing some Post Sectional Matches on synthetic greens. He said that this would provide more equity & fairness to the Pennant Competition. J.T. Smith advised that the reason for playing Pennant Post Sectional Matches on grass greens was because the State Pennant Play-Offs were held on grass greens.

B. Kappler advised that their No.4 Grade had to travel to both Tea Gardens & Soldiers Point in Sectional Play. He suggested that consideration be given to the use of a geographical draw. D. Gilday advised that this would be considered in the Rules & Regulations Suggestions for the 2009 Pennant Season.

T. North (Raymond Terrace) enquired as to when we will know if we are playing pennants on May 24th. J.T. Smith advised that an application would be made to the RNSWBA next Monday & we should have a response on the Tuesday.

R. Dougherty (Lemon Tree Passage) enquired if team players details are also required to be submitted for Mid-Week Pennant Play-Offs. D. Gilday advised that they had to be submitted for approval.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. J.T. Smith advised Delegates that Circulars were in their mail tonight in regards to the 2008 Mattara Carnival. Circular No.55/2008 seeks advertisements for the Mattara Booklet & Circular no.56/2008 is the nomination form for the Frank Neat Memorial Mattara Classic K.O Club Nominated Mens Triples.
2. E. Jones (Alder Park) enquired as to when the Three Threes Competition will be played? J.T. Smith advised that it will commence on Wednesday, 27th August, 2008, with entries closing on Wednesday, 6th August, 2008.
3. W. Shipley (Edgeworth) requested details for the next Management Committee meeting as to how many No.1 Grade Pennant Matches were played on a Friday evening. It was agreed to provide this information at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 19th June, 2008 commencing at 7.30pm.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)
19.06.2008