



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, 18th September, 2008 commencing at 7.30pm.

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

APOLOGIES: B. Carling, Vice-President; B. Grayson, Charlestown; B. Kappler & E. Lind, Dora Creek Workers; J. Carmody, Hamilton; B. Wilson, Karuah RSL; M. Nichols, Newbold Diggers; B. Williams, Tea Gardens; D. McKinnon, Warners Bay; W. Brogden, Water Board.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: K. Aspery, Vice-President; A. Wright, Treasurer.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Bar Beach; Bayway Village; Catherine Hill Bay; Dora Creek Workers; Hamilton; Hamilton North; Karuah RSL; Lambton-New Lambton RSL; Mayfield; Merewether; Tomago.

OBITUARIES: The President referred to the death of the following and a motion expressing sympathy with the relatives was carried in silence:-

Herb Presker (Lambton); Alan Appleby (Cardiff); John Riely (Wallsend); Ken Maher (Hexham); Vern Saunders (Hexham); Robert Hugginson (Lambton); Russell Tisdell (Mayfield West); Barry Winn (NDBA Life Member/Warners Bay); Alf (Snodger) McDonald (Wallsend); Donald Carolan (Water Board); Stephen Fennell (Lowlands); Manning (Len) Clarke (Wallsend).

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 21st August, 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 Lowlands Bowling Club to conduct:
 - a. Seed Simpson Triples on 17th, 18th & 19th January, 2009.
 - b. 57th Greater Newcastle City Masters Singles on 27th, 28th, 30th April & 1st May, 2009.
2. Approval be granted to Wangi Bowling Club to conduct:
 - a. Neville Wyborn Shield on 15th November, 2008.
 - b. C & A Sykes Mixed Turnaround Triples on 29th November, 2008
3. Approval be granted to Teralba Bowling Club to conduct:
 - a. Annual Winter Carnival 2nd to 5th July, 2009.
 - b. Metromix Turnaround Triples on Sunday, 13th September, 2009.
 - c. Eunice Williams Memorial Mixed Pairs on Sunday, 22nd February, 2009
4. Leave of Absence be granted to:
 - a. K. Aspery, Vice-President, September Management Committee Meeting.
 - b. L. Coulton, Vice-President, 22nd September to 4th October, 2008.
 - c. D. Gilday, Match Committee Chairman, 26th & 27th September & 23rd October to 2nd November, 2008.

It was advised that:

1. The Bowls NSW Sports Development Team are available to do a 90 minute Seminar on helping your club gain a better understanding of Member Protection, Keeping your Club Viable, Club Health Check List, Recruitment, Retention, In-School Bowls Program, and the latest Sports Information available. To arrange your Seminar telephone Michael Beaumont on 9283 4555.
2. The Royal NSW Bowling Association is looking for venues to host the NSW qualifying event for the 2009 Australian Open to be held in Melbourne in February, 2009. The dates allocated to the qualifying event are between the 20th to 28th November, 2008.
3. Ms. Louise Turnbull commenced duties with the Association on Monday, 15th September, 2008 replacing Ms. A. Arps.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

This month has again seen the passing of a long time servant of the NDBA. Today I attended a memorial service for Life Member Barry Winn at Warners Bay BC. Barry had served for many years as a Vice-President, Greens Committee Member and Junior Committee Member. His contribution to the Association was highly valued and our sympathy is extended to his family.

This week we welcomed to the Association Office Louise Turnbull. Louise, a member of Stockton Ladies BC, competed in this year's Rookie of the Year event and will undoubtedly become known to many of you in your contact with the Office.

The past four weeks have been one of celebrations in many areas. We congratulate the Manning DBA for achieving its 50th Anniversary and also to the Kahibah BC for reaching the same milestone. I'm sure the respective Presidents Ken Harvey and John Jordan will be pleased with the activities to mark the special occasions.

The clubs Annual General Meeting cycle continued with the Association being represented at a further 5 meetings in the past month. Financial results continued to be mixed, as clubs come to terms with the changing circumstances with which they are confronted.

On the green the Association has been involved in a wide variety of events since our last meeting. We have finalised our Champion of Club Champions Singles and Pairs. We congratulate Terry Antram (Nelson Bay BC) and Ken Harragon and Warren Shipley (Edgeworth BC) on their success. Our Representative Side couldn't repeat its 2007 performance and bowed out of contention when we failed to win our section of the State Inter-Zone Championships at Mt. Lewis BC.

Congratulations to Soldiers Point BC and Raymond Terrace BC for their joint efforts in finalising the RNSWBA State President's Reserve Singles and Pairs Championships. Soldiers Point had been magnificent hosts until weather intervened and Raymond Terrace then agreed to finalise the Pairs on the Sunday. Many thanks to Presidents Jim Richardson and Col O'Brien and their staff for ensuring these events were finalised.

Raymond Terrace had also assumed the responsibility for hosting a very successful NSW Multi Disability Championships in the week prior to this. We thank them for their invitation to attend the opening and closing ceremonies.

The Hunter Academy of Sport Presentation Night was held recently and I attended along with Vice-President Barry Alcock, who is the NDBA Representative on the Lawn Bowls Organising Committee. Sam Twining received a Lawn Bowls Scholarship and Natasha Van Eldick was awarded the Ken Guy Award.

On Thursday, 25th September the RNSWBA Annual General Meeting will be held and Zone Councillor Col Burns and I will be attending. At the Board Meeting that precedes the Annual General Meeting we are hopeful that our three candidates, Lin Coulton for Umpires, Allan Starrett for Coaching and myself for Match will be successful in gaining selection to these RNSWBA Sub-Committees.

Don't forget that this Saturday we will have our first combined Presidents, Secretaries & Delegates Day at Carrington Bowling Club. If you haven't yet indicated your attendance, please notify Secretary Denis before you leave this evening.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Secretary on behalf of the Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 31st August, 2008 which showed a balance at bank \$46,361.81.

REPORTS:

Advisory Committee:

My Committee wish to draw your attention to the following documentation now available to your club.

1. Advisory Committee Pamphlet No.5 "Rules of Debate" is now on our NDBA Website and should be noted by Presidents and Board Members when conducting meetings.
2. Judicial & Appeals Situations. Now produced in two separate documents for club guidance. A number of clubs have a Judicial Committee in place to deal with offending members and have requested this information to ensure the Committee is set up and functioning correctly. Very few have an Appeals Committee due to the nature of their Constitution, in that the decision of the Board is final. The current Clubs NSW Directors Guide also refers. However should an occasion arise, the document is available for guidance and can be obtained from Secretary Denis on request. This document is not on our Website.

Coaching Committee:

On Saturday 6th September, in spite of the inclement weather, a successful seminar was held by the Coaching Committee. Opportunities were given for bowlers with mobility and delivery problems to try out such items as:

- * the Bowlers Arm,
- * a variety of walking sticks,
- * a range of fixed stances,
- * bowls specific Wheel Chairs.

The 16 participants, bowlers and coaches, highly rated the interaction provided as a means to rejuvenate their continued involvement in bowls.

Two outcomes for future consideration included:

1. A further seminar specifically assisting the users of bowlers arms
2. An Open 3 Bowl Pairs Tournament for men and women bowlers with current approval authorisation.

Please note that all users of bowlers arms, walking sticks or bowling aids require appropriate authorisation for their use. Forms are available from either Denis or myself.

And just an early reminder, this years Level 1 Coaching Course will be conducted at Raymond Terrace in November. Applicants should complete the nomination form in the near future to ensure that they receive the appropriate documentation. Full details of the Course are contained in NDBA Circular No. 125/2008.

Greens Committee:

After inspecting 107 greens the following results are to be reported.

GREEN RATINGS:

9	15
8	63
7	17
6	5
5	2

DITCHES, SURROUNDS, ETC.

9	36
8	49
7	19
6	4
5	1

We now have 29 synthetic and 78 grass greens in this zone.

It is pleasing to note that our greens inspectors have reported a vast improvement in grounds and surrounds at most of the clubs.

We have also now reached that time of the year when clubs have started renovating and restoring greens ready for the Pennant Season and we wish them good luck and look forward to the results in the New Year.

Junior Committee:

Over the next couple of weeks the Development Squad Members will be involved in a number of events.

This Saturday 20th, September ... eighteen of our U/18 players...along with parents and supporters travel to Tuncurry BC to play a junior event celebrating The Manning District 50th Anniversary. This should be a great day.

Unfortunately the scheduled Zone 2 Under 25 versus Under 25 fixture set down for Sunday, 21st September, 2008 has been cancelled.

And over the long weekend October 4th/5th/6th at Charlestown and Burwood Colliery Bowling Clubs, we will stage the 5th Annual U/25 event named 'THE CHALLENGE'.

Remember, this is the tournament we established five years ago and as a committee we are proud of its growing popularity across the State, with such Zones as 15 & 16 from the Illawarra and Zone 1 from the Northern Rivers (Ballina) travelling to be involved in. All six teams attracting 100 of the State's best U/25 bowlers playing five rounds of set play.

So let me end off tonight by inviting you all to this event and if you could take a promotional 'flyer' at the back of the hall as you leave tonight and promote this event in your Clubs our committee would be extremely grateful. I'm sure everyone who attends will be impressed with the junior talent we have in our District and indeed across the State.

All Clubs have notification in regard to teams selected for these matches.

Match Committee:

- The final of this year's Champion of Champion Singles was held on Saturday, 30th August, 2008. Congratulations to Terry Antram from Nelson Bay defeating Jamie Minter from Beresfield 31 to 10 in the decider. This giving Terry his second District Championship for 2008. Thank you to Mayfield West Bowling Club for staging earlier rounds of this event and also a thank you to Raymond Terrace Bowling Club for staging earlier rounds and hosting the semi-finals and final.
- The final of this year's Champion of Champion Pairs was held on Sunday the 7th September, 2008. Congratulations to Ken Harragon and Warren Shipley from Edgeworth on defeating Daniel Hill and Wayne Hughson (Mayfield West) 21 to 20 in the final on an extra end. Thank you to Beresfield Bowling Club for staging earlier rounds of this event and also a thank you to Raymond Terrace Bowling Club in staging earlier rounds and concluding with the semi-finals and final stages of this event.
- Saturday, 20th September is the scheduled date for the Zone 2 Section of the Rookie of the Year final at Hamilton Bowling Club commencing at 10.00am. The final will be between Craig Young from Alder Park and Chris Connor from Lowlands.
- The 2008 Three Three's competition is in full swing with Grade 1 playing Round 4 and Grades 2 and 3 playing Round 3 yesterday.
- Saturday, 20th September, 2008 will see the commencement of this year's Champion of Champion Fours competition.
- Veterans and Super Veterans Day has been moved to Thursday, 19th March, 2009 to fall in line with the NSW Seniors Week.
- The 2008 pennant player gradings, together with the 2008 pennant results will be submitted to the RNSWBA by 30th September, 2008.
- The Zone 2 Reserve Side will play against Zones 6 & 15 at Halekulani BC on Sunday, 19th October, 2008.

Finally this evening we will deal with the voting on submissions for the 2009 NDBA Season's Programme and Rules & Regulations.

The following submissions were voted upon as detailed in NDBA Circular No. 108/2008.

1. 2009 Season's Programme – Items 1 to 21 – CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Alterations to Rules & Regulations –

- (a) From Valentine Bowling Club Re: Rule 11 add new Part (d) District Championships or Pennant Matches are not to be programmed for Mothers Day or Fathers Day.
36 FOR and 2 AGAINST – CARRIED
- (b) From NDBA Match Committee Re: Mid-Week Pennants Rule 3 add (d)
A Club will be permitted to use one player in the next immediate lowest grade without the approval of the Match Committee.
36 FOR and 2 AGAINST – CARRIED
- (c) From Valentine Bowling Club Re: Rule 4 – District Pennant Competitions – J.T. Smith advised that the club had withdrawn this submission.
- (d) From NDBA Match Committee Re: Rule 5 – District Pennant Competitions. That the sentence "A geographical draw is to be used for Numbers 6 & 7 Grade Saturday Pennants: be altered to read "A geographical draw is to be used for Numbers 4,5,6 and 7 Grade Saturday Pennants and Numbers 3,4, and 5 Mid-Week Pennants."
31 FOR and 7 AGAINST – CARRIED

From Valentine Bowling Club Re: Rule 5 – District Pennant Competitions.

That Pennant draws for both Saturday and Mid-Week Competitions be made on a geographical basis to reduce travel time and costs. Such divisions to be decided by the Match Committee.

5 FOR and 32 AGAINST – LOST

That 3 "double headed" pennant weekends be scheduled for the 2009 season in order to allow additional dates for District Championships. e.g. During the daylight saving period in March normal fixtures be scheduled for Saturday, together with 3 "twilight" fixtures on a Sunday commencing at 2.30pm.

1 FOR and 37 AGAINST – LOST

From Edgeworth Bowling Club recommending:
Add to Rule 5(a) Method of Sectional Play – As detailed in the circular.
1 FOR and 37 AGAINST – LOST

- (e) From Warners Bay Bowling Club Re: New Rule 5 (b) Method of Play for Saturday Pennants – Post Sectional Play – as detailed in the Circular.
7 FOR and 27 AGAINST – LOST
- (f) NDBA Match Committee Re: Rule 5 (b) Post- Sectional Play Round Robin “If game 1 is tied then the side winning the least number of ends in game 1 shall be the side to play in Game 2.”
19 FOR and 15 AGAINST – CARRIED

Selection Committee:

Three top days of championship bowls at its best at Raymond Terrace, after some early games at Mayfield West.

Thank you to both clubs for hosting the Champion of Club Championship Singles, good facilities and greens make for a top tournament, and it certainly was from the first round right up to the final.

The score line in the final records Terry Antram an easy winner over Jamie Minter 31/10, but believe me it was a game that the score could easily have been reversed. If Minter reproduced the calibre of bowls he played on that day, I feel he would win 9 out of 10 games. Terry Antram our Zone Pairs Champion and a very worthy winner of this Singles event, congratulations to both Champions.

The Champion of Club Championship Pairs, was also an outstanding success at Beresfield and Raymond Terrace, with some terrific performances, culminating with a final that went right down to an extra end. Congratulations to the Edgeworth pair of Ken Harragon and Warren Shipley and runners-up Daniel Hill and Wayne Hughson from Mayfield West.

The feature event on the representative calendar is the Inter-Zone Side Championship, this year being held in Sydney at Mount Lewis and Birrong Bowling Clubs.

We fielded a strong side, though on the day not strong enough. This tournament is growing in stature year after year, with no easy beats as was in the early stages. Last years winner Zone 12 and Runner-up Zone 2 failing to win their section. In fact Zone 12, hot favourite again this year finished 3 losses minus 70 plus. We finished with 1 win 2 losses minus 25 finishing in the middle of the pack. Illawarra Zone 16 after beating us went on to win the title in convincing fashion 85/67 over Zone 13.

Our next representative fixture is a Reserve Side Round Robin Series against Zones 6 & 15 at Halekulani Bowling Club on Sunday, 19th October, 2008. This will be followed by a fixture against the Hunter, who were narrowly beaten in the Inter-Zone semi-final by 1 shot. A really terrific performance by them, this fixture will be played at Newbold Diggers Bowling Club.

The Champion of Club Champion Fours will be played at Alder Park and Lambton on the 20th and 21st of September and the district selector/s will be in attendance.

Umpires Committee:

Umpire accreditation and re-accreditation is our prime activity at this time. Classes are being conducted at many clubs in the district and it is pleasing to see the good number of candidates. I am more than satisfied with our Umpire Committee Tutors and examiners who travel many kilometers to conduct these courses, usually at their own expense, and who spend many hours in assisting all candidates to gain their umpires badge. It has been known for tutors to arrive at a club to conduct a class and they were the only people there. But at this point I wish to thank all umpire co-ordinators and their clubs for the many courtesies extended to us during the classes we conduct, and for the many expressions of appreciation received.

Because of the workload, once a date has been set at a club for re-accreditation, that is when the examination will take place. Any umpire missing that re-accreditation date will not be regarded as an umpire, and must sit anew for his certificate.

An Umpires Seminar will be held on Monday, November 3rd at Newcastle District Bowling Association Headquarters, Wal Young House commencing at 6.30pm. All interested persons are invited.

Mattara Committee:

Our 48th Mattara Carnival came to a successful if somewhat damp conclusion at Wallsend Bowling Club on Friday 22nd August, 2008. Due to the wet conditions some games had to be shortened to finalise and I thank the players and officials for their co-operation.

The winners of the respective events were:

- Frank Neat Memorial Classic K.O Club Nominated Triples
 - Brendon Plunkett, Greg Solomons and Trevor Aitchison (Cardiff)
- Men’s Open Fours
 - Wayne Smith (Lambton), John Parkinson (Tea Gardens), Jason Pietraszek (Soldiers Point), Andrew Smith (Lambton)
- Men’s Open Pairs
 - Owen Jefferson, Gary Young (Kahibah)
- Mixed Open Pairs
 - Jennifer Fleming, Mick Brown (Mayfield West)

At our presentation we were joined by Alison Sibley (Manager of the Greater Branch, Wallsend), together with the respective Presidents and Secretaries of the Newcastle District Womens Bowling Association and Lake Macquarie District Womens Bowling Association i.e Marj Adams and Elaine Taylor and Irene Murray and Patricia Hulbert. As well we had both Wal Bates and Lola Kavanagh Presidents of the Wallsend Mens and Ladies Bowling Clubs.

The Mattara Raffle was drawn with the winners being:

- 1st Prize: Barbara White – Swansea 16’s
- 2nd Prize: Swansea 16’s Ladies Bowling Club

Our thanks go to Wallsend Bowling Club for the great job it did in hosting the traditional Carnival and to President Wal Bate and his team who performed so well in all aspects over the 9 days of the Carnival.

The Committee conducted a review of the Carnival at its September Meeting and they were well satisfied with this years event. The following are recommendations from the Committee for inclusion in next years event:

Addition to Rule 13 in General Conditions:

- 13 e) The winner of the game between the two teams
- 13 f) If all of the above fail to determine the winner of the section then a toss of the coin will be used.

If any clubs have any issues they would wish to raise as a review of the Carnival, we would ask that they forward them to the Association by the 3rd October, 2008 for consideration by the Mattara Committee.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS:

Match Committee Report:

It was confirmed that Veterans’ and Super Veterans’ Day will be held on Thursday, 19th March, 2009 at Lowlands Bowling Club.

Membership Committee:

B.Cooke advised that Recruitment Pamphlets are available from the Royal website.

Umpires Committee:

L.Coulton advised that Umpires Classes would commence in the near future at Wangi, Warners Bay, Stockton and Lowlands Bowling Clubs.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 16th October, 2008 commencing at 6.30pm.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

CONFIRMED.....

(PRESIDENT)
16.10.2008