



# 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, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 commencing at 7.30pm.**

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

**APOLOGIES:** A. Hextell, Vice-President; W. Boyd, Junior Committee Chairman; E. Duncan (A. Duncan Proxy) Belmont Sporties; R. Clayden (G. Bradley Proxy), Burwood Colliery; D. Godwin, Carrington; A. Medland, Charlestown; E. Lind, Dora Creek Workers; R. Dougherty, Lemon Tree Passage; W. Petersen, Lowlands; L. Jenner (R. Snape Proxy), Marks Point; R. Hawkins (L. Bowden Proxy), Mayfield West; T. Antram, Nelson Bay; J. Simpson, New Lambton; K. Robinson, Rathmines Memorial; J. Richardson, Soldiers Point; J. Wark, Swansea; E. Milton, Teralba; D. Fryer (A. Davey Proxy), Wangi; W. Brogden, Water Board; F. Botham, Windale/ Gateshead.

**CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED:** Adamstown; Alder Park; Bar Beach; Bayway Village; Belmont; Catherine Hill Bay; Hamilton; Hamilton North; Hexham; Mayfield; Merewether; Nelson Bay; Rathmines Memorial; Soldiers Point; Teralba.

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

*Leslie Byrnes (Raymond Terrace); Frank Passmore (Lambton); Keith Edmunds (Beresfield); William (Bill) Sneddon (Redhead); Walter Harris (Soldiers Point); Bob Gray (Charlestown / Past Member NDBA Umpires Committee); Rowland Pearson (Marks Point); John Masson (Water Board).*

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 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 Teralba Bowling Club to conduct:
  - a. Eunice Williams Memorial Mixed Pairs on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2009.
  - b. Winter Carnival from Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.
  - c. Metromix Turnaround Triples on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.
2. Approval be granted to Lemon Tree Passage Bowling Club to conduct:
  - a. Mixed Summer Fours on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.
  - b. Greater Building Society Classic 3 Bowl Triples on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.
  - c. Autumn Mixed Fours on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.
  - d. No.3 Grade and Under 3 Bowl Triples on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2009.
  - e. Winter Mixed Fours on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.
  - f. Aristocrat 2 Bowl Triples on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.
  - g. Spring Mixed Fours on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2009.
  - h. 3 Grade & Under Fours on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.
3. Approval be granted to Marks Point Bowling Club to conduct:
  - a. Beith Shield on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.
  - b. Gordon Smith Pairs on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2009.
  - c. Sylvia & Charlie Knight Mixed Fours on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2009.
4. Approval be granted to Water Board Flying Bowlers to travel to Tuncurry on the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2008.
5. Leave of Absence be granted to:-
  - a. K. Aspery, Vice-President, 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.
  - b. B. Cooke, Membership Committee Chairman, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2008

It was advised that:

1. The RNSWBA has to-date only received nominations from 6 clubs to be venues for the NSW Qualifying Rounds for the 2009 Australian Open. They need more venues to make this event work and give NSW bowlers the opportunity to play in

the Australian Open. The dates allocated to the qualifying event are between the 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2008. Interested clubs should contact the RNSWBA Offices on 9283 4555 ASAP.

2. The Association annual Executive, Sub-Committees & Delegates Xmas Night will be held on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 at Kahibah Bowling Club. The Greater / NDBA Bowler of the Year and Most Improved Bowler of the Year award winners will be announced during the function. Full details will be circularised to clubs later this month.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The first combined Presidents, Secretaries and Delegates Day at Carrington Bowling Club was a very successful venture with 76 bowlers taking to the green and enjoying the camaraderie that goes with such an occasion. Many thanks to President John Bowles and Secretary Manager Jaci Lappen of the host club for your hospitality and organisation.

Pennant Unfurlings have been the flavour of the last month with 4 clubs celebrating their 2008 successes. Lambton unfurled the Zone and State No.2 Grade Saturday Pennant, Burwood Colliery the Zone No.6 Saturday Pennant, Tea Gardens the Zone No.4 Grade Saturday Pennant and Wangi the Zone No.5 Grade Saturday Pennant. Many thanks to these clubs for their invitation for the Association to attend and enjoy your hospitality and festivity.

The Annual General Meeting cycle for this year is slowly concluding. The Association was invited to 4 meetings in the past month. Annual Reports so far this year show that about 55% of clubs have returned a profit in the preceding 12 months.

The RNSWBA Annual General Meeting in September was quite a successful one for the NDBA. Zone 2 Councillor Col Burns was awarded a 5 year Meritorious Service Badge for completing 5 years as a member of the Board of the RNSWBA. As well all our candidates for Sub-Committees were successful with Alan Starrett elected to Coaching, Lin Coulton retaining his position on Umpires and myself retaining my position on Match.

Our Junior Development Squad have had a very involved month. The trip to Tuncurry Bowling Club to take part in the Manning DBA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was a great day and our thanks to the Manning for their great hospitality and to all those parents and supporters who made the trip. On the October long weekend Newcastle successfully defended the Hunter Challenge Under 25 trophy. To the Junior Committee, Charlestown BC and Burwood Colliery BC may I express my thanks for the staging of the event and overcoming some rather large obstacles that were placed in your way.

Vice-President Col Burns and myself attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the Newcastle District Disabled Bowling Academy run by New Lambton Bowling Club. This was both a fascinating and touching morning to see what has been developed to provide this group of 30 people with the opportunity to take part in our sport and at the same time gain great self esteem on the green. To all of the people who have been involved for that 10 year period and those who continue to foster the concept, please accept the heartfelt thanks of the Association for your fine achievements and the presentation of the memento given to all participants on this special occasion.

My thanks to Vice-President Barry Alcock for attending the launch of the 2008-2009 XXXX Big Bowls Invitation Challenge held at Kahibah BC.

Also beginning this month has been the inaugural NSW Club Challenge throughout the State. We have a healthy representation of NDBA clubs in this event in five of the divisions and I'm pleased to advise that Raymond Terrace BC has been chosen for the State Semi-Finals and Finals of these divisions on the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> December, 2008.

Our Championship Programme for the year concluded with the thrilling final of the Champion of Club Champions Fours at Alder Park. Congratulations to John McCormack and his Hamilton North Team on their success. Congratulations also go to Raymond Terrace BC on winning their inaugural No.1 Grade Three Threes title. Full details of both Finals are included in David Gilday's Match Committee Report.

Congratulations to Vice-President Kevin Aspery and Junior Committee Chairman Warren Boyd for the presentation to them of a 2008 Newcastle Community Volunteer Award at a ceremony at South Leagues Club last Friday. These awards are organised by the Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson and are thoroughly deserved by the two recipients for their contributions to our Association.

State Championship week began on a positive note when Andrew Smith's (Lambton) side made it to the Semi-Finals of the Fours Competition before succumbing to the Zone 6 team 12-22. Our Triples Team skippered by Bill Siever of Burwood Colliery lost a tight first round match 24/17 to the Zone 13 team. The Pairs Team of Craig Hines and Terry

Antram recorded a good first round, but were beaten in the quarter-final by Antram's former team mate Leif Selby of St. Johns Park (Zone 12).

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 which showed a balance at bank \$53,808.18.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Advisory Committee:**

Our Committee has been informed of a revised edition of the Clubs NSW Director's Guide No.9. It is now available to all clubs in Zone 2, as they are members of Clubs NSW. The document we have been told is very informative and covers the major governance areas of your club's operations.

Please check with your Chief Executive Officer / Hon. Secretary to see whether your club has applied for a copy through Clubs NSW.

### **Coaching Committee:**

Due to imminent changes through Bowls Australia, the Level 1 Coaching Course to be conducted at Raymond Terrace BC over the first 3 weekends of November will be the last of its kind.

New coaching accreditations will fall under the proposed headings of Introductory Coach, Club Coach, Advanced Coach and High Performance Coach. It is to be anticipated that there will be no further re-accreditation courses for Level 1 coaches as their due date expires. No information is at hand yet as to how coaches will transfer to the new positions.

A new system of Presenters and Assessors of courses is being introduced and the State Coaching Committee is being pro-active by conducting a 2 day course with Bowls Australia Development Officers to assist in the new presentations.

The RNSWBA Coaching Committee has supported and is recommending the two initiatives of the NDBA Coaching Committee:

- i. That all Zones advise each of their own clubs of the names of accredited coaches to overcome non-accredited bowlers assuming coaching positions.
- ii. That all Zones may wish to provide Coaching Certificate on completion of courses due to the extreme difficulty of receiving Coaching Cards.

Despite the wet weather, the Coaching Seminar held at New Lambton Bowling Club on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 was a great success. A total of 18 bowlers attended the Seminar. The Course Evaluation Results marks ranged from a very high 9.4 to 9.7. All written responses were very positive.

Emanating from this seminar was the desire to hold an Open Bowlers Arm Tournament. Beresfield Bowling Club has agreed to host this inaugural competition on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2008. A flyer with all the details along with a form requesting Authority of Use is in your mail tonight.

### **Junior Committee:**

Over the long weekend Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October we held our annual U/25 major tournament 'THE CHALLENGE' at host club Charlestown and supporting club Burwood Colliery.

With two late team withdrawals namely Zone 1 Ballina and Zone 6 Hunter the event hosted four teams, namely Zone 16 Illawarra, Zone 15 Central Coast and with two teams from our Zone we played three rounds with a final on Sunday afternoon.

The most outstanding team during the rounds was Zone 16 compiling 76 points out of a possible total of 84, with Zone 2 placed second on 51 points, Zone 15 third on 38 points and our second side Zone 2A with 23 points.

This led to a most interesting final involving Zone 16 and Zone 2. The first time in five years a final was scheduled. Zone 16 had comprehensively defeated us in the rounds scoring a maximum 28 points to our 6 points. However, our team rallied and played some outstanding bowls to defeat the Illawarra 21 points to 10 points. Sixteen players per side playing sets play with three rinks of triples, singles, pairs and fours. Zone 2 the winners, retaining THE CHALLENGE trophy for 2008.

After the final each team selected their best player to enter a three end 'shoot-out' for the player of the Challenge award. Brendon Acquillina (current district singles champion) from Zone 16, Joshua Terras representing Zone 2A from Belmont Sporties Club, Kyle Fittler from Zone 15 and Chris Holstein Zone 2 from Raymond Terrace. The eventual winner and Player of the Challenge receiving a set of Redlines SR's donated by Charlestown Bowling Club was Kyle Fittler from Zone 15.

Our thanks go to our host Club Charlestown for their financial support in sponsoring the tournament and to their willing group of workers, we salute you and of course Burwood Colliery for their support.

We also, express our thanks to our co-sponsor Complete Sporting Apparel for their generous donation in the form of hand-towels for each player and manager as a memento of their involvement.

On the junior front our trip to Tuncurry BC on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September celebrating the Manning District's 50<sup>th</sup> was an outstanding event. We took 16 juniors and played three games of triples against Zone 6, the Manning and Port Macquarie Districts. Again our teams performed exceptionally well, with three teams winning three of the four major prizes on the day. Cashed up, the squad nearly bought out all the chips, ice creams, lollies on the way home at the Tuncurry BP service station.

And, just last weekend we continue celebrating with our 16 year old Sarah Vesenjok from the Cardiff Bowling Club reaching the quarter finals of the NSW Women's Champion of Champions Singles Championship. Sarah went down narrowly in the quarters 31/28, truly a magnificent effort for one so young.

#### **Match Committee:**

Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> September saw the conclusion of the Zone 2 section of the Rookie of the Year with the final being played at Hamilton Bowling Club. Congratulations to Chris Connor from Lowlands on defeating Craig Young from Alder Park 31 to 26 in the decider. The State Play-Offs were unfortunately washed-out at Bondi Bowling Club, after the playing of the first round robin match. Thank-you to Water Board Bowling Club for hosting the early rounds and to Hamilton Bowling Club for staging early rounds and concluding with the semi-finals and final stages of this event.

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 saw the conclusion of our last district championship for 2008, with the final of the Champion of Club Champions Fours Championship being held at Alder Park Bowling Club. Congratulations to the quartet of Mark Casey, Jeff Callister, Zen Hyndko, John McCormack (Hamilton North) defeating Darren Embleton, Ross Johnson, Col Friend, Bob Fishlock (Hamilton) 20 to 15 in the final. Thank-you to Lambton Bowling Club for hosting early rounds and to Alder Park Bowling Club in staging earlier rounds and concluding with the semi-finals and final stages of this event.

The 2008 Number One Grade Three Three's final was held on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2008. Congratulations go to Raymond Terrace Bowling Club on winning their inaugural No.1 Grade Three Threes title defeating Kahibah Bowling Club 72/45 in the decider.

Pennant nomination forms for the 2009 Pennant season have now been sent out to all clubs and again here is a couple of reminders you might need to be aware of:

- Nominations for the 2009 Saturday/Midweek Pennant Competitions close on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008.
- Clubs are encouraged to look carefully at the gradings of nominated players and the 2008-2009 State Condition of Play before lodging their nominations.

Any club wishing to apply for a change to any of their current pennant grades should also accompany their application with a letter stating their reasons.

#### **Selection Committee:**

Congratulations to Hamilton North's team of Mark Casey, Jeff Callister, Zen Hyndko skippered by John McCormack on winning the Champion of Club Champions Fours Championship for 2008, from the Hamilton team of Darren Embleton, Ross Johnson, Col Friend and skippered by Bob Fishlock.

Just another championship win for McCormack, a former Zone and State representative, who also boasts a record 10 No.1 Zone pennant winner's badges.

Our next representative game is a Reserve Side fixture against the Central Coast and Zone 6 sides at Halekulani this Sunday. This side is selected from players who have not played a representative game this season.

Our Zone side will play the Hunter District at Newbold Diggers on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> October and the following week-end will travel to the Illawarra area for the annual fixture, against Zones 4, 9 & 16. The sides have been selected and clubs and players have been notified.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Moved J.T. Smith Seconded R. Brew that as discussed at the September Management Committee Meeting the Mattara Carnival General Condition Rule 13 be added to as follows:  
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.  
CARRIED.

2. J.T. Smith advised that a Nomination Form correctly submitted for L. Smith (Charlestown BC) has been received for the Coaching Committee vacancy. As no other nomination had been received J.T. Smith declared L. Smith elected to the Coaching Committee.  
His badge of office was presented to B. Grayson, Charlestown B.C. Delegate which is to be presented to L. Smith at an appropriate time.
3. J.T. Smith presented the Charity Shield winners from the 2008 Pennant Season:
 

Ralph Cotterill Memorial Shield	-	Marks Point No. 6 Grade
Albert Smith Memorial Shield	-	Mayfield West 1 No. 7 Grade
Pepper Memorial Shield	-	Wallsend No.1 Grade
4. K. Smith, Stockton B.C., enquired if during the 2009 Pennant Season Stockton No.2 Grade could play under lights on a Friday evening. J.T. Smith advised that the current rules do not permit it, but an application could be made to the Match Committee. Both competing clubs would have to make application to the Association by at the latest the Monday prior to the scheduled date for the playing of the fixture.
5. K. Buckley, Lambton B.C., thanked J.T.Smith and C. Burns for attending their No.2 Grade Pennant Unfurling.
6. T. Hopkins, Carrington B.C., thanked the Association for selecting Carrington Bowling Club for the inaugural combined Delegates Day & Presidents / Secretaries Day. Everyone agreed that it was a very enjoyable day.
7. W. Shipley, Edgeworth B.C., reported that their two Club Challenge games played on a Friday & Monday night had proved very successful, with good crowds in attendance. He said play commenced at 6.00pm and concluded by 8.30pm and provides an ideal opportunity to promote bowls at your club.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 commencing at 6.30pm.

**CLOSED:** The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

**CONFIRMED** .....

**(PRESIDENT)**  
20.11.2008