



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, 20th November, 2008 commencing at 6.30pm.

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

APOLOGIES: W. Boyd, Junior Committee Chairman; T. Murphy, Selection Committee Chairman; R. Clayden, Burwood Colliery; D. Godwin, Carrington; W. Shipley, Edgeworth; K. Murray, Fingal Bay; W. Petersen, Lowlands; L. Jenner (W. Goodwin Proxy) Marks Point; R. Hawkins & M. Cuell, Mayfield West; T. Antram & K. Dumbrell, Nelson Bay; J. Simpson, New Lambton; P. Long, Redhead; J. Richardson, Soldiers Point; E. Milton, Teralba; M. Hellwig, Toronto Workers; H. Norman (M. Ralston Proxy) Wangi; B. Mahaffey, Warners Bay; W. Brogden, Water Board.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: C. Burns, Vice-President; A. Wright, Treasurer; B. Cooke, Membership Committee Chairman.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Alder Park; Bar Beach; Bayway Village; Catherine Hill Bay; Edgeworth; Hamilton North; Heaton-Birmingham Gardens; Lambton-New Lambton RSL; Mayfield West; Merewether; Morisset Hospital; Nelson Bay; Stockton; Teralba.

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

Donald Sanderson (Boolaroo); Fred Marks (Adamstown); Bill Lunn (Swansea Workers); Robert (Beaver) Wilkins (Belmont); Graham Lunn (Belmont); Vice Miner (Cardiff); Ian Redman (Teralba); Kevin Leddy (Cardiff); Max Tapper (Newbold Diggers).

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 16th October, 2008 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

The following recommendations were approved:

1. Leave of Absence be granted to:
 - a. C. Burns, Vice-President, 16th to 28th November, 2008.
 - b. A. Wright, Treasurer, 18th to 23rd November, 2008.
2. Approval be granted to Swansea Bowling Club to conduct:
 - a. 2009 January Australian Day Weekend Pairs on 24th & 25th January, 2009.
 - b. Edgar Fox Memorial Triples on 14th & 15th February, 2009.
 - c. 2009 Easter Carnival
 - Men's Pairs – 11th & 12th April, 2009.
 - Mixed Pairs – 13th April, 2009.
 - d. Queens Birthday Mixed Versatility Fours on 7th & 8th June, 2009.
 - e. October Carnival Prestige Triples on 3rd & 4th October, 2009.
3. Approval be granted to Wangi Bowling Club to conduct:
 - a. Rearden Turnabout Triples on 26th September, 2009.
 - b. Wyborn Shield on 14th November, 2009.
 - c. Sykes Turnaround on 28th November, 2009.
4. Approval be granted to Beresfield Bowling Club to conduct:
 - a. Beresfield Pre-Season Competition from 12th to 30th January, 2009.
 - b. Border Pairs on 11th, 12th & 14th May, 2009.
 - c. Men Spring Triples on 3rd & 4th October, 2009.
5. Approval be granted to New Lambton Bowling Club to conduct:
 - a. Electric Light Triples from 7th to 9th September, 2009.
 - b. Restricted Invitation Triples on 10th & 11th October, 2009.
6. Approval be granted to Mayfield Bowling Club to conduct:
 - a. Presidents Pairs on 14th & 15th February, 2009.
 - b. Les Prior Mixed Pairs on 16th, 18th, 23rd & 25th February, 2009.
 - c. Kevin Carmody Welcome Threes on 8th, 10th, 15th & 17th September, 2009.
7. Approval be granted to Heaton-Birmingham Gardens Bowling Club to conduct the Kevin Hanna Classic Triples on 22nd & 23rd August, 2009.
8. Approval be granted to Stockton Bowling Club to conduct:
 - a. Easter Carnival Mixed Triples on 10th, 11th & 13th April, 2009.
 - b. Versatility Mens Fours on 13th & 14th June, 2009.

- c. Mens Triples (3 Grade & under) on 4th & 5th July, 2009.
 - d. Bill Arthur Versatility Mixed Fours on 26th & 27th September, 2009.
9. Approval be granted to Windale/Gateshead Bowling Club to conduct:
- a. Easter Tournament
 - Sunday, 12th April, 2009 – Mixed Pairs.
 - Monday, 13th April, 2009 – Mens Pairs.
 - b. Anzac Day – McEwan Shield – Mixed, Ladies & Men's Triples.
 - c. Queens Birthday Tournaments
 - Saturday, 6th & Sunday, 7th June, 2009 – Mens Pairs.
 - Monday, 8th June, 2009 – Mixed Pairs.
 - d. Jack McDonald Shield – Mens 2 Bowl Triples – 13th & 14th July, 2009.
 - e. Encouragement Triples – 3 Grade & under 2009 Pennant Grading – 24th, 25th & 27th August, 2009.
 - f. Prestige Pairs – 14th, 15th & 17th September, 2009.
 - g. Aristocrat Special 11's – Mens 2 Bowl Triples – 10th & 11th October, 2009.
10. The Newcastle District Bowling Association (Zone 2) By-Law 2 Duties and Responsibilities of Permanent Sub-Committees Sub-Clause (g) Umpires be amended by the addition of:
- (v) Have the power to co-op currently accredited Level 2 National Umpire(s) to assist the Umpires Committee.

It was advised that:

1. The NDBA Xmas Office Closure will be from 12 noon on Friday, 19th December, 2008 to Thursday, 8th January, 2009.
2. D. Broad, Secretary, will be on 1 weeks Annual Leave from 28th November to 5th December, 2008.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

As you all walked into the building this evening you may have noticed the new insert inside our display cupboard that sets out the current Executive and Sub-Committee for 2008-2009. This replaces the old system of hand-inserted lettering and will be much easier to update from year to year. Many thanks to the staff for their role in the preparation of this document.

Celebrations were certainly the flavour of the month with RNSWBA President John Archer travelling to Soldiers Point, as well as NSWBA President Jewell Buchanan to celebrate the Club's 50th Anniversary, with President John unfurling the Zone 2 2008 No.1 Grade Pennant. An added highlight for the day was the induction of two Soldiers Point stalwarts Charles Eason and Merv Livingstone to the Honour Green at the club. After bowls and ceremonies 300 people sat down to a magnificent lunch and fine entertainment to round off a truly memorable celebration. Congratulations to President Jim Richardson, his Board and Club Members for their organisation of this historic occasion.

No less a proud President was Terry Smith of Redhead when that club unfurled the Zone 2 No.3 Grade Saturday Pennant. President Keith Blomfield hosted Teralba Club's Annual Presidents' Day and we thank all three Presidents for their kind invitation for the NDBA to be represented at these special events.

Club Presentation ceremonies for 2008 are now moving into full swing with Fingal Bay, Warners Bay, Charlestown and Marks Point all conducting their functions last weekend. Congratulations to all at the respective clubs who have attained either individual or team honours and for the fine hospitality shown to the Association representatives who attended.

Our Three Threes Competition has now concluded with Raymond Terrace No.1 successful in No.2 Grade and Redhead No.1 in No.3 Grade. Well done to both sides on their victories.

It has been an excellent month on the Representative Scene with 6 wins and no losses from our Reserve Team and Representative Team. Chairman Terry will share more detail with you in his Selection Committee Report.

While no State level success came our way for any individuals or teams, I must compliment all of those who represented Zone 2 in such an exemplary manner. A special thank-you to Raymond Terrace Bowling Club for its excellent hosting of the State Champion of Club Champions Singles and Pairs. To President Col O'Brien and Games Organiser Chris Ramage and your willing band of club helpers well done on providing a great example of the organisation and hospitality that Zone 2 extends to its visitors.

It was pleasing to see the number of Umpires who took the opportunity to attend the Seminar held last week. The Association thanks you for your continuing interest and involvement.

The club Annual General Meeting cycle is nearing its conclusion for 2008 with 4 such occasions in the last month. It is obvious from overall results this year that cautious steps are required at all levels to counteract the continuing difficulties that all clubs have to overcome in these rather testing times.

Finally, this evening I would remind you of the Greater Bowler of the Year and Executive, Sub-Committees and Delegates Night to be held at Kahibah Bowling Club on Thursday, 11th December. Once again we hope to bring you a night of good fellowship and entertainment as well as honouring our Greater Bowler of the Year and Most Improved Bowler of the Year Award winners. Circular 142/2008 contains all the details and we are hopeful of a large representation of clubs at this function.

As you would realize this is our last Delegates' Meeting for 2008, so on behalf of the Association may I thank you all for your contribution to the bowling fraternity in Zone 2 and wish that the Festive Season brings many highlights for you and your families.

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, 15th January, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE:

From: W. Shipley & K. Harragon, Edgeworth BC Re: Thank-you to the spectators who supported them during the State Champion of Club Champions Pairs at Raymond Terrace BC.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Secretary on behalf of the Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 31st October, 2008 which showed a balance at bank \$33,493.70.

REPORTS:

Coaching Committee:

Just as a last reminder that the whole structure of Coaching is to change from the 1st January 2009. The present designation of Coaches will disappear over the next four years as the new Introductory Coach, Club Coach, Advanced Coach and High Performance categories are introduced. Current coaches will not be re-accredited under the present system and will now have the opportunity to choose their next accreditation pathway.

The NDBA Coaching Committee will be conducting seminars for the new Introductory Coach during 2009 upon receipt of the (near completed) syllabus.

Possibly the very last Level 1 Coaching Course has just been finalized at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. 13 participants successfully completed their 6 day course and will be most valuable assets to their individual clubs. Congratulations to each new coach.

Host club Raymond Terrace once again provided excellent support for this important activity. Thank you.

The Bowlers Arm Tournament being co-sponsored by the Coaching Committee and Beresfield Bowling Club is well into its organisational phase. 18 entrants, including some as far away as Taree West, will be doing battle on Monday 8th December. This appears to be a world first so if you are free come on up and enjoy the hospitality of Bero and be part of history.

Match Committee:

The 2008 Three Three's competition has now been finalised. Congratulations to the following winners:

	Winner	Runner up
Number 1 Grade	Raymond Terrace	Kahibah
Number 2 Grade	Raymond Terrace 1	Redhead
Number 3 Grade	Redhead 1	Bar Beach 2

This now brings a conclusion to our 2008 Championship program and on behalf of the Match Committee I would like to thank all of our Executive Committee Members and Bowling Clubs who have officiated and hosted our events this year. I hope to see you when we resume in the new year.

Nominations for the 2009 Saturday/Midweek Pennant Competitions closed yesterday, Wednesday, 19th November, 2008.

The Match Committee has set a side the following dates in preparation for the 2009 Pennant Season:

1. Pennant Grading Meeting be held on Tuesday, 25th November, 2008 commencing at 1.00pm.
2. Appeals to close on 10/12/08. Any Appeals Hearings to be heard on 12/12/08.
3. Pennant draws to be done on Tuesday, 16th December, 2008 at 9.00am.

The 2009 draft seasons program has now been sent out to all clubs for you perusal.

An early reminder delegates that the all important annual Side Captains and Selectors Seminar has been programmed for Thursday, 12th February 2009 commencing at 6.30pm.

Selection Committee:

What a difference a month or so can make, after our slump in the Pat Geary Memorial Shield and the State Inter-Zone Sides Championship, we really needed to change a few things around.

I stated in my last report that I felt that we had a very good competitive side, just not clicking on some pressure ends and in particular not paying enough attention to the master board before calling some crucial shots.

Well a couple of positional changes, a talk about playing as a side, helping and supporting your team mates, seemed to work wonders, particularly the one of support for your team mates.

Firstly we played the Hunter District side, who were only beaten in the State Inter-Zone Sides Championship final by the odd shot. Most of our clashes are very tight matches, though on this occasion, although starting a little slow our side really hit their straps all playing outstanding bowls to record a 5 rink to 1 rink win with a shot margin of 142 shots to 95 shots.

We travelled to Illawarra District for the Steel City trophy played between Zones 2 and 16. After their performance against the Hunter our side was reasonably confident, even though Zone 16 defeated us last month on their way to winning the State Inter-Zone Sides Championship. Again our side responded to the challenge to record a resounding win with another 5/1 rink win and a shot margin of 133 shots to 98 shots. I can assure you President John was a very proud President accepting the Steel City trophy, paying tribute to the outstanding sportsmanship of both sides.

Also that weekend we recorded wins against Illawarra (B) side. 150 shots to 130 shots and Zone 9 by a margin of 127 shots to 111 shots. A 3 nil victory, a very pleasing result for Zone 2 and allowed us to return home with the Inter-Zone trophy played for annually between Zones 2, 4, 9 and 16.

We also selected a Reserve Side of players, who have not played a representative game this year. This side was made up of some top under 25 talent, some of our district champions and some of our senior talent. Again we had 2 good wins, the feeling of the 3 competing Zones (Zones 2, 6 and 15) was that the format needed to be looked at before next year.

This Friday night a Reserve Side will play a trial against the Under 25's at Raymond Terrace BC.

Next Monday night, 24th November, we will be selecting players for a Three (3) Test Series against ACT to be played at Southern Cross Woden BC on January 17th & 18th, 2009.

Umpires Committee:

Firstly, a sincere "thank you" to all who attended our recent Umpires Seminar held on Monday, 3rd November. I was somewhat disappointed that there were no ladies in attendance and their contributions to the evening were missed. The Committee is, and has been very busy with re-accreditations, and several classes for intending umpires are nearing completion, or have been completed. And of course the usual reminder to those requiring reaccreditation; the year is nearly gone, and if you card states 2008 expiry, that is what it means.

I have no report to make on Law changes or alterations, but hopefully expressions of interest will be asked for sometime in 2009, for consideration for 2010.

Finally, I take great pleasure in congratulating Kevin Aspery, our hardworking Vice President on gaining Level 2 status as a National Umpire, and hope he continues to enjoy the association of all this District's Umpires.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. J.T. Smith presented:-
 - (a) Level 2 Umpires Certificate to Kevin Aspery (Stockton)
 - (b) Level 1 Umpires Certificate for John Bilby, Warren Vincer & Greg Walker (Raymond Terrace); Les Bowditch (Soldiers Point); Robert Everson (Tomago); Douglas Bear, Murray Bennett, Michael Bree, Paula Collaros & Keith Pugsley (Valentine) to the respective club representatives.
2. J.T. Smith congratulated clubs that have qualified for the NSW Club Challenge Play-Offs. He advised that the Semi-Finals and Finals will be played at Raymond Terrace B.C. on the 13th & 14th December, 2008.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 15th January, 2009 commencing at 6.30pm.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

CONFIRMED

(PRESIDENT)
15.1.2009