



# 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, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 commencing at 6.30pm.**

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

**APOLOGIES:** C. Burns, Vice-President; B. Carling, Vice-President; A. Hextell, Vice-President; T. Murphy OAM, Selection Committee Chairman; G. Brook (A. Germon Proxy), Bayway Village; E. Duncan (H. Harvey Proxy), Belmont Sporties; T. Undery (W. Reynolds Proxy), Beresfield; B. Sager (L. Field Proxy), Boolaroo; L. Jenner (L. Nicholls Proxy), Marks Point; M. Nicholls, Newbold Diggers; D. Martin, Tea Gardens; E. Milton, Teralba; G. Soper (K. Bucklee Proxy), Wallsend; A. Davey (D. Fryer Proxy), Wangi.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** A. Starrett, Coaching Committee Chairman.

**CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED:** Belmont; Carrington; Catherine Hill Bay; Fingal Bay; Hamilton North; Mayfield; Merewether; Morisset Hospital; New Lambton; Rathmines Memorial; Soldiers Point; Tea Gardens; Teralba; Toronto Workers; Water Board.

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

Ray Bennett (Nelson Bay); Bill Rankin (Hamilton); Stanley Abbott (Hexham); Norm Symonds (Alder Park); Don Shoemith (Beresfield); Bob Cavanagh (Valentine); Leslie Elkin (Hexham); Ron Menzies (Heaton-Birmingham Gardens); Geoff Armstrong (Cardiff); Ian Power (Boolaroo); John Yarwood (Lowlands); Dougie Turner (Teralba); Geoffrey Bentley (Fingal Bay); Terry Arkley (Kahibah); Allan Morrow (Cardiff); Bill Searl (Rathmines Memorial); Ted Maddison (Lambton); Robert "Bobby" Potts (Cardiff); Noel Fletcher (Heaton-Birmingham Gardens); George Delaney (Swansea Workers); Bob Lewis (Nelson Bay); Tom Lambie (Charlestown).

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

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT:**

The following recommendations were approved:

- Approval be granted to Rathmines Memorial Bowling Club to conduct:
  - Catalina Mens Pairs on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.
  - Catalina Mixed Triples on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.
  - Blue Orchid Mixed Pairs on 31<sup>st</sup> October & 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2009.
- Approval be granted to Fingal Bay Mens Bowling Club to conduct the Surfside Triples, open to Grade 4 & under Pennant Grades, on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> & Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.
- Approval be granted to Valentine Bowling Club to conduct:
  - Classic Pairs on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.
  - Super 10's on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.
- Approval be granted to Lambton Bowling Club to conduct the Greater Building Society Easter Carnival Mixed Fours on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.
- Approval be granted to Cardiff Bowling Club to conduct:
  - George Russell Shield commencing Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2009 and concluding on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.
  - Mens Prestige Triples on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.
  - V.J. Harrison & Son Father & Son K.O. Pairs commencing Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2009 and concluding on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.
- Approval be granted to Dora Creek Workers Bowling Club to conduct the LHSR Restricted Triples on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2009.
- Approval be granted to Kahibah Bowling Club to conduct:
  - Versatility Mixed Fours on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.
  - Darby Ross Singles on 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.
  - Open Mixed Pairs on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.
  - Allan Shaw Super 11 Invitation Mens Pairs on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.
  - Jim Bell Shield on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.
- Approval be granted to Karuah RSL Bowling Club to change their Club Colours to white on red main colour, red yoke & collar and white pocket.

9. Approval be granted to Lemon Tree Passage Bowling Club to change the date of their Autumn Mixed Fours from 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 to 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.
10. Approval be granted to Redhead Bowling Club to change the date of the Harold Coulter Shield from the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 to 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.
11. Leave of Absence be granted to:
  - (a) A. Starrett, Coaching Committee Chairman, January 2009 Management Committee Meeting.
  - (b) D. Gilday, Match Committee Chairman, 29<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2009.

It was advised that RNSWBA Circular No.21/2008 provided clubs with the flexibility of not registering Brand New Members that have joined a club in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the financial year until such time as the year's fees are due.

Clubs should note that this only applies to Brand New Members Applications and does not apply to:

- (a) Members that have transferred from another club.
- (b) A Member that wishes to compete in Association Events, viz. Pennants, District Championships, Club Championships, etc. Playing an unregistered bowler in Association Events results in automatic disqualification and loss of points.

RNSWBA Circular No.21/2008 basically applies to persons that are new bowlers trying out the game.

An important reminder to all clubs to check and see that all their members are registered before the start of the 2009 District Championships and Pennant Competitions.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

As we did not have a Management Committee Meeting in December we begin this report by reflecting on the latter stages of 2008.

Our thanks to President David Bell of Valentine BC for their fine hosting of our Annual Fixture against the RNSWBA Executive. This event saw the inaugural competition for the Les Parrott Memorial Shield and I'm pleased to announce that Zone 2 claimed the victory and I accepted the shield from Merle Parrott who was accompanied by her daughters Diane and Beverly.

By now most people are aware of the outstanding night Zone 2 had at the RNSWBA Presentation Evening. The following people were honoured on this evening:

- Sam Laguzza – Senior Bowler of the Year.
- Eddie Gollan – Inaugural Disability Bowler of the Year.
- Darby Ross and Dave Downie – Inducted into the RNSWBA Hall of Fame.
- John Gilmour – Best Article of Bowls NSW Premier League.
- Simone De Peek – Best Photographic Coverage of Lawn Bowls in NSW

A great night indeed for Zone 2.

Our 2008 Bowler of the Year and Delegates Night was again a great success with Andrew Smith and Wayne Smith of Lambton BC taking out the Greater Bowler of the Year and Most Improved Bowler of the Year Awards respectively. Among the crowd of 217 we had many special guests from the RNSWBA, The Greater, Local Government and Clubs NSW. A large number of our 2008 Zone 2 Championship winners attended, along with the Executive and Sub-Committee Members of the NDBA and Delegates and Representatives from 27 Clubs. On behalf of all may I say a warm thank you to President John Jordan and his team at Kahibah for looking after us so well and contributing so much to a successful event.

Presentation Functions were a large part of our past two months and we thank the 21 clubs for their kind invitations for an NDBA Representative to attend. As well Dora Creek Workers unfurled its Midweek No.4 Grade Pennant. Both the Macquarie and Southside Retired Bowling Groups invited us to their Christmas Functions, as did the Junior Development Squad. My thanks to the Executive of the Association for their assistance in ensuring we met all of these commitments.

The finals of the Bowls NSW Club Challenge were conducted at Raymond Terrace BC on the second weekend in December and President Col O'Brien and his staff ensured that the many visitors to our Association were well catered for both on and off the green. Our congratulations to Bar Beach BC for being the runners-up in the Men's Blue Division. A special thank you to Kevin Bucklee, Terry Dean and Kevan Aspery from our Umpires Committee who fulfilled the role of Level 2 Central Umpires during this event.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> December I attended the official handover of the new club facilities to Charlestown BC from the GPT Group. They are certainly state of the art and provided both the club and NDBA with a great showcase for bowls in Newcastle.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2008 which showed a balance at bank \$35,151.11.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Match Committee:**

Nominations for the 2009 Saturday and Midweek Pennant Competitions closed on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008. Nominations so far are as follows:

#### **Saturday Pennant 2009**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Entries</b>
1.	24 teams
2.	21 teams
3.	24 teams
4.	23 teams
5.	36 teams
6.	42 teams
7.	51 teams
<b>Total</b>	<b>221 TEAMS</b>

#### **Mid Week Pennant 2009**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Entries</b>
1.	18 teams
2.	6 teams
3.	24 teams
4.	27 teams
5.	21 teams
<b>Total</b>	<b>96 teams</b>

The Mid Week Pennant Competition for 2009 has 96 teams entered compared to 95 teams in 2008. Zone 6 Clubs once again have entered the Mid Week pennant competition for 2009 with 8 teams in the following grades

East Maitland	Grade 4
Kurri Kurri	Grades 1,3,4,5
Maitland City	Grade 1
Morpeth	Grade 4
Maitland Park	Grade 4

Maitland Park has been included for the first time.

As you may be aware Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008 had been put aside for any club wishing to lodge an appeal against any of the grading decisions that they may not be happy with, as per the Match Committee's grading process. Only one appeal was necessary to which Redhead Bowling Club was successful in their appeal to be placed in No.5 Grade not No.4 Grade.

The sectional draw for both Saturday and Mid Week competitions was held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008 and was distributed to all clubs before Christmas.

The home and away draw for Saturday and Mid Week Pennant Competitions was carried out last Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and a copy is in your mail tonight. Also in your mail tonight are Pennant Result Pads; sufficient copies of the Duties of a Pennant Side Captain to give one copy to each of your Side Captains; four copies of the Guide for Club Selectors; an Application Form to play No.1 Grade Saturday Pennant Fixtures on a Friday Evening and a supply of Greater Scorecards. Please ensure that these scorecards are used for all Association events.

The all important annual Side Captains and Team Managers & Selectors Seminar has been scheduled for Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009 commencing at 6.30pm. A Circular containing full details of the Seminar is in your mail tonight.

Nominations for the first of our championships for 2009 the District Fours closed yesterday, Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 with the First Round scheduled to be played on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2009.

Nominations for the State President Pairs close on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009.

Nominations for the 2009 State Senior Pairs and District Pairs close the following Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

Clubs are also advised to fax all their player gradings of nominated players for the 2009 season as soon as possible, so we can double check their player status. Clubs are also advised to fax or contact the NDBA office with any concerns about player gradings for 2009.

### **Selection Committee:**

The Representative year starts this weekend, when President John leads our Zone side to the ACT for a three test series.

Although through other commitments and injuries we have had to make a few changes, never the less we are taking a very strong committed side.

Let us reflect a little on 2008, well from the high standard that we always set our self the year was a little disappointing.

We played test matches and series against ACT, Zones 3, 4, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16 and the Hunter. Overall 15 tests for 10 wins and 5 losses.

Last year after the ACT Series, we did not play a match till the Zone 13 fixture in July. This game was quickly followed by the Pat Geary Memorial Shield where we had our biggest down turn. This year after the ACT Series, we plan to play a few twilight/night games to help us to trial players that are showing good form during Zone championships and pennants.

Very importantly we are also seeking help from clubs to supply us with recommendations of players that they feel are performing well enough to be considered for a trial in our Zone/Reserve or Senior Sides.

Our Senior Side last year had a terrific season. After winning their Section in the 16 Zone Championship and with outstanding bowls winning their semi-final, only to lose the final on the last couple of ends.

Our Reserve Side was undefeated in their matches and there was plenty of good talent on display.

With Zone championships and pennants just around the corner, on behalf of all selectors we wish you all good bowling and sportsmanship for the 2009 season.

**Umpires Committee:**

A Reprint of the Laws of the Game has been published including some amendments and is on its way. The first the State Umpires Committee Chairman knew about it was when he was shown a copy that the State Womens Umpires were distributing. The amendments are of course in the Domestic Regulations and until such time as I receive a copy of this amended Law Book, I can't very well discuss what has, or has not been amended. Bowls Australia has sent out a circular listing amendments to Domestic Regulations – Domestic Regulation No.2 in relation to the Testing and Stamping of Bowls and Challenges to Bowls.

I thank the District Umpires Panel for the huge effort expended in completing the reaccreditation process for 2008, and also those people directly involved in bringing our Umpire Register up to date.

And of course another Seminar will be organised, as soon as the Amended Law Book has been distributed.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. As detailed in Circular No.03/2009 the Association has purchased 100 Bowls Size Indicators which are available from the Association Office at a cost of \$5.00 each.
2. W. Shipley, Edgeworth BC, enquired about changes to the Attire rules. J.T. Smith advised that RNSWBA By-Law 8 which details the Attire Regulations had been updated to be more user-friendly. He was not fully conversant with all the changes and suggested that Clubs download a copy of the By-Law so that they can acquaint themselves with the new By-Law.
3. G. Bailey, Windale Gateshead BC, suggested that a couple of air-conditioners be purchased for the main hall. He said that the heat made it very uncomfortable. J.T. Smith advised that the Association was currently looking at a number of maintenance jobs at the Association, including upgrading the men's toilet urinal and painting the outside of the building. He said that consideration would be given to air-conditioning the main hall.
4. J.T. Smith reminded Delegates that the Sides Captains & Selectors Seminar will be held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 at Association Headquarters commencing at 6.30pm

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 commencing at 6.30pm.

**CLOSED:** The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

**CONFIRMED** .....

**(PRESIDENT)**  
19.02.2009