



# 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, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 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; **Treasurer:** A. Wright; **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:** J. Walters (L. Field proxy), Boolaroo; L. Dimmock, Burwood Colliery; B. Kappler, Dora Creek Workers; J. Donn, Heaton-Birmingham Gardens; B. Peterson, Lowlands; T. Antram, Nelson Bay; B. Mannix, Redhead; K. Simpson, (L. Mullen proxy), Valentine; E. Lamborn & B. Mahaffey, Warners Bay; W. Brogden, Water Board.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** C. Burns, Vice-President.

**CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED:** Bayway Village; Catherine Hill Bay; Hamilton North; Mayfield; Mayfield West; Merewether; Morisset Hospital; Nelson Bay; Wangi; Warners Bay.

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

*Danny Creely (Wallsend); Peter McGinty (Raymond Terrace); Les Gillard (Newbold Diggers); Graham Holland (Edgeworth); Greg Caldwell (Merewether); Kelvin Parker (Hamilton North); Milan Kusic (Warners Bay); Tony Guinane (Lowlands); Keith Hutchison (Water Board); Bruce Black (Marks Point).*

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:** T. Dean, Wallsend B.C., advised that K. Bucklee is now the Delegate for Wallsend B.C.

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT:**

The following recommendations were approved:

1. Approval be granted to Carrington Bowling Club to conduct the 2009 Steve Briggs Two Bowl Triples on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.
2. Approval be granted to Rathmines Memorial Bowling Club to alter existing Pennant Shirts by adding a large Catalina Seaplane with the wording "Rathmines Catalinas".
3. The 2008/09 Charity Donations be Cystic Fibrosis \$400; Newcastle Legacy \$300; Helicopter Rescue \$300; Weeroona Association \$300; RNSWBA Victorian Bushfire Appeal \$300; Hunter Melanoma Foundation \$200; Newcastle Mater Palliative Care Unit \$200; Autistic Association of NSW \$200; The Salvation Army \$200 and Newcastle City Mission \$200. A total of \$2,600.
4. Leave of Absence be granted to:
  - (a) K. Aspery, Vice-President, 30<sup>th</sup> March to 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.
  - (b) B. Carling, Vice-President, 31<sup>st</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.
  - (c) B. Hoole, Cardiff BC, 16<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.
5. Should there be a vote on a proposed RNSWBA Fees Increase of either \$2 or \$5, then we support a \$2 increase.

It was advised that the Association has in recent weeks received a number of complaints about mobile telephones being used on the green and surrounds. We would request that you remind your players of State Condition of Play 2.24 Communication Devices which states:

" Mobile telephones/transistors shall not be taken onto the green or surrounds [in an 'active' mode during the playing of any association match, except with the explicit approval of the controlling body."

A copy of Circular No.036/2009 which was forwarded to Clubs last Tuesday is in your mail tonight for your information.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Visits to two brand new facilities featured in the last month.

President Ian Gardner hosted a large gathering of visitors from many clubs and local Charlestown members at the official opening of the new and impressive bowls facility at Charlestown Bowling Club on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2009. After a

pleasant afternoon on the green I was honoured with the task of unveiling an official plaque. Following this we adjourned to the auditorium to complete the afternoon with official proceedings and a magnificent high tea. Congratulations to all concerned with the day's organisation. I think it is a safe to say that everything is now up and running with this new venture.

President Col Stockwell of Belmont Bowling Club invited Secretary Denis and myself together with Greens Committee Members Alan Hextell and Bill Mulley to the first Gala played on the new undercover synthetic green at the new complex at Belmont. One could feel the sense of joy, or maybe relief, from the members involved at being in their new home. The official opening will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00pm

All our District Pairs Championships have now been completed and congratulations to all winners, i.e Clay Parker and Bruce Jewell in the District Pairs, Vic Papworth and Barry Cartwright in the Senior Pairs and Errol Daly and Vince Onslow in the State President's Pairs. More details from Match Committee Chairman, David, in his report.

Many thanks to the 18 members of the Executive and Sub-Committees who journeyed to Maitland City Bowling Club in February for the annual NDBA Executive & Hunter DBA Executive Fixture. Our thanks to both President Terry Wilson of the Hunter and Maitland City for making our evening one of great friendship and camaraderie.

Treasurer Alec and myself accompanied by our wives represented the Association at the Annual Newcastle City Council Sports Awards. Unfortunately no Bowling Clubs or individual bowlers reached the final nominee stage, something that I hope may change in the near future.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

From:

1. Fingal Bay BC Re: Expressing its extreme disappointment at some of the recent actions taken by Bowls Australia. In particular to the non-issue of umpires badges and newly accredited umpires and the proposed \$5 increase in affiliation fees. Moved L. Coulton, Vice-President, Seconded J. Jordan, Kahibah BC that a letter be forwarded to the RNSWBA enclosing a copy of the Fingal Bay BC letter advising that a motion was unanimously passed by Delegates of the 51 NDBA Clubs in attendance endorsing the comments contained in the Fingal Bay letter. Delegates are of the opinion that if a bowler can give his time free to be a National Umpire, he should at least be properly recognised by the wearing of a National Umpires Badge. A request also to be made that this and the Fingal Bay BC letter be forwarded to Bowls Australia. – CARRIED.
2. Lemon Tree Passage BC Re: Thanking the Match Committee for allocating it the hosting of the Newcastle District Junior Singles Championship. The club congratulated the players for the standard of bowls and the manner they conducted themselves on and off the green. A special thanks was made to W. Boyd, NDBA Junior Committee Chairman, for his organisation and co-operation.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 which showed a balance at bank \$57,250.20.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **COACHING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Coaching Committee is awaiting the finalisation and presentation of the RNSWBA Coaching Implementation Strategy document. The State Coaching Committee is attempting to be proactive in assisting the BA changes to be introduced.

Concerns about accrediting Presenters and Assessors for planned coaching courses still exist and constructive editing returns for the draft manuals should cause extensive re-writes creating further postponement of final publishing.

In consequence, our Committee's schedule of seminars and courses is extremely tentative.

From our data base of coaches, 23 are due for re-accreditation this year. These are required to be completed before June 30.

In consequence, the Preliminary Coaching Seminar that was to be conducted on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May will now become the Re-accreditation Course. Please be aware that this is a one time only option and non-attendance will automatically retire accreditation.

N.B.                    Re-accreditation Coaching Course:                    Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 am – 3.00 pm  
Raymond Terrace B.C.

Participants will be contacted with an invitation to attend and should respond promptly.

The Re-accreditation process will include:

- completed documentary evidence of coaching with related requirements
- written test sourced from the present manual
- on-green practical coaching sessions

As Bowls has now entered the *User Pay* era, there will be a small cost factor. Future courses are expected to have higher cost components to be paid to B.A., RNSWBA, the relevant Zones, Assessors and Presenters.

The scheduled courses for Introductory and Club Coach that I indicated in my last report are *on-hold* status till specific guidelines are at hand.

### **JUNIOR COMMITTEE REPORT:**

During the last month we have been busy conducting our District Junior Championships.

The results are as follows:

The junior pairs played at Lambton BC saw last years runner-ups Sam Morgan and Jarrod Gorsuch from Toronto Workers go one further with success in the final defeating Greg Digby (Mayfield) & Shaun Richards (Raymond Terrace) 20 – 16

The singles is now completed after playing at Lemon Tree Passage on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. This saw the first girl in the 24 years of our junior history winning the junior singles title. Sarah Vesenjok (a current State and Country rep) commenced her bowls at the Cardiff Club...and is now playing out of Raymond Terrace defeated last years runner-up in Chris Taylor from (Swansea) 31 – 24 in the Final. We congratulate Sarah in achieving such a mile-stone.

This Friday the Junior Fours will conclude our Junior Championships at Raymond Terrace with the following teams involved: Sarah Vesenjok (Raymond Terrace), Matt Dow (Redhead), Jarrod Gorsuch (Toronto Workers) & Chris Taylor (Swansea) playing against the team of:

Reno Delaney (Stockton), Scott Carmody (Lemon Tree Passage), Shaun Richards (Raymond Terrace) & Adrian Solomons (Lemon Tree Passage)

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Clubs of Lambton, Lemon Tree Passage and Raymond Terrace on hosting our Junior Championships this year. Their welcome, organization and support of the Junior Championships was greatly appreciated.

My final news is a request to you .....our delegates ..... to check any players at your Club aged 18 to 25 years to see if they have registered with our Development squad.....as without their nominations they will not be eligible or considered for selection for our up-coming inter-district events and The Challenge this year.

### **MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The second group of our District Championship events has now being concluded, with all district pairs finals being played.

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009 the District Pairs final was played at Kahibah Bowling Club. Congratulations to the team of Clay Parker & Bruce Jewell (Raymond Terrace) on defeating John Collins & Jason Pietraszek (Soldiers Point) 23/9 in the final. The fans on hand to witness this final were treated to a great game of bowls, as the score did not indicate the closeness of the match. This being Clay & Bruce's second district title for the year. A big thank-you to Kahibah Bowling Club for hosting the finals series. To all the other clubs who hosted earlier rounds in this event please accept our thanks.

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009 saw the District Senior Pairs final played at Mayfield West Bowling Club. Congratulations to the team of Vic Papworth & Barry Cartwright (Hamilton) on defeating Barry Hewatt & Bob Fishlock (Lambton) 29/12 in the final. A big thank-you to Mayfield West Bowling Club for hosting the finals series. To all the other clubs who hosted earlier rounds in this event please accept our thanks.

Also on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009 the State Presidents Pairs final was played at Mayfield West Bowling Club. Congratulations to the Host Club team of Erroll Daly & Vince Onslow on defeating Andrew Yeomans & Stuart Clarke (Bar Beach) 22/17 in the decider, making this the first win for the Mayfield West club in this event. A big thank-you to Mayfield West Bowling Club for hosting the finals series. The playing of two Finals at the same venue appeared to be a great success. To all the other clubs who hosted earlier rounds in this event please accept our thanks.

Once again thank-you to Lowlands Bowling Club who hosted the Annual NDBA Veterans' and Super Veterans' Bowls Day this afternoon.

Rounds 1 & 2 of our Saturday Pennant competition have now been completed, as well as rounds 1 & 2 of the Midweek Pennant competition, except for a small number of washed-out matches. The six washed-out Round 2 Saturday matches from last Saturday will be completed next Sunday morning (as per Pennant Competition Rules 19 (a) & (b)). The five washed-out Round 1 Mid-Week Pennant Competition matches will be played after the completion of Round 10, if they have a bearing on determining the Section Winner.

It is DISAPPOINTING to report that after a successful Side Captains & Selectors Seminar three (3) clubs lost points in Round 1 of the Saturday Pennant Competition – 2 for player grading irregularities & 1 for playing an unregistered player. A friendly reminder to all clubs if in doubt about a players eligibility contact the Association Office or your allocated Match Committee Representative, as detailed in the 2009 Season's Programme & Rules & Regulations Booklet on page 4 of the white pages.

Due to New South Wales bowling commitments clashing with Round 3 of our Saturday Pennant Competition. Some games have been rescheduled to Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009, and one to Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 as per RNSWBA order of precedence.

Clubs wishing to change their Saturday number {1} one grade pennant matches to Friday night are required to complete the appropriate form. It must be signed by both clubs and forwarded to the NDBA office prior to any game change. It is interesting to note that to-date there have been no Friday night Fixtures.

Clubs are also advised that the all important grading round game in the Saturday pennant competition is fast approaching. Selectors should look carefully at their intending player movements, if any, before Round 5 which is the Grading Game.

**SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Zone pairs are now completed with Clay Parker and Bruce Jewell our new champions.

With the Zone and the Senior Pairs being played at the same time, you find it a little difficult to at times split yourself between clubs. It certainly makes it easier when you look at the draw and see names that have been nominated by respective clubs as possible future representative players.

So as you can see it is very important that clubs notify Secretary Denis with names for the future games not only our Senior and Zone sides, but also for our reserve side challenge against other Zones.

Our next representative fixture is our Senior Side test against Zones 6 and 15 at Halekulani BC on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2009. Players have been selected and notified.

After our Senior Side game our next representative games will be our reserve side against the Hunter District and the Central Coast at Wallsend BC on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2009

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. J. Simpson, New Lambton BC, referred to L. Coulton's article in the March Bowls NSW magazine about Basic Umpires Equipment. He enquired about the box measure and bullet measure. L. Coulton explained what they were and that full details could be obtained from the Umpires Handbook.
2. W. Shipley, Edgeworth BC, commented on the different scheduled playing time for the Soldiers Point V Raymond Terrace No.1 Grade Pennant fixture due to players NSW commitments and that it provided an opportunity for spectators to be able to watch the match.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 commencing at 6.30pm.

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

**CONFIRMED** .....

**(PRESIDENT)**  
16.04.2009