



# 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, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 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; **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:** C. Burns, Vice-President; A. Hextell, Vice-President; T. Undery, Beresfield; J. Walters (L. Field Proxy), Boolaroo; K. Murray (G. Paul Proxy), Fingal Bay; J. Donn (A. Penfold Proxy), Heaton-Birmingham Gardens; C. Pascoe, Kahibah; J.B. Hird, Kotara; B. Petersen, Lowlands; L. Jenner (R. Snape Proxy), Marks Point; K. Doyle & J. Simpson, New Lambton; J. Richardson, Soldiers Point; W. Brogden, Water Board.

**CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED:** Bar Beach; Bayway Village; Belmont; Beresfield; Burwood Colliery; Carrington; Catherine Hill Bay; Hamilton North; Mayfield West, Merewether; Morisset Hospital; Nelson Bay; New Lambton; Soldiers Point; Swansea; Teralba.

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

Brian Newton (Edgeworth); Ronald Booth (Charlestown); George Smith (Charlestown); Kevin Vipen (Redhead); Fred Borwell (Alder Park); Edmund Williams (Valentine); Malcolm Mallan (Kahibah); Terry Gilbert (Wallsend); Peter Bolch (Windale/Gateshead); Alex Pascoe (Lemon Tree Passage); Harold Wilton (Lemon Tree Passage); Bill Reynolds (Beresfield); Tom Lockett (New Lambton); Denis Armstrong (Rathmines Memorial).

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

1. D. Broad read out correspondence to the RNSWBA in regards to the Bowls Australia National Merchandising Program. We are still awaiting a response.
2. J.T. Smith reported on the Goodwill Visit to the Nepean DBA on the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2009. Full details are on the NDBA website and have been circularised to all clubs.

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT:**

The following recommendation was approved:

1. Approval be granted to Carrington Bowling Club to conduct the Carrington Minor/Major Pairs on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.

It was advised that:

1. An invitation is extended to all NDBA Executive Committee Members, Delegates and/or Club Representatives to attend a meeting with Mr. Neil Dalrymple, Bowls Australia CEO. The Meeting will be held at Association Headquarters, next Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 commencing at 9.30am. Full details are contained in NDBA Circular No.061/2009 in your mail tonight.
2. The Representative Fixtures against Zone 13 on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 at Taren Point BC will comprise 4 Rinks of normal Representative Players; 4 Rinks of Emerging Players and 2 Rinks of Juniors.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The official opening of the new Belmont Bowling Club complex was a noteworthy event. A very proud Club President Col Stockwell, together with his Board left no stone unturned to play great hosts to all present. In keeping with the relaxed time of the celebration, the opening was held in the club's restaurant area and a very jovial gathering proved a great audience for the official part of the day. RNSWBA President John Archer did the official opening and spoke highly of the club's new complex and wished them well in the future. Many thanks to Belmont for their invitation to Zone Councillor Col Burns and myself to attend this memorable occasion.

Kotara Bowling Club maintained its great tradition with the conducting of its 61<sup>st</sup> consecutive Anzac Day Service and I thank them for their invitation to attend. A crowd of over 200 was in attendance to share in the celebration of this significant event, which was well conducted by President Warren Roach.

An enthralling day of competitive bowls was had at Wallsend BC on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, with the clash of the Reserve Sides from Zones 2, 6 and 15. A word of well done to President Wal Bate and all his assistants for looking after all bowlers, officials

and ladies in such a capable manner during the day. Also, full marks to David and Bruce in the bistro for such a fine lunch.

The final of the Lowlands Greater City Masters Singles was a great finale to a week of bowls at the club. I thank the club for their invitation to attend and be a part of the official presentation and also for their initiative in involving Kelvin Kerkow in the tournament, while not successful he certainly provided a drawcard both on and off the green.

Secretary Denis and myself represented the Association at the Newcastle City and Suburban Cricket Association Awards night and enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with many long time acquaintances. The C & S are another of the long term users of the facilities of Wal Young House.

I visited Raymond Terrace for the staging of the NSW Semi-Finals and Finals of the AERF Mixed Pairs. This is an Australian wide event and congratulations to Raymond Terrace on being chosen to host this stage of the event.

The inaugural NDBA Coaches & Umpires Challenge eventuated at Belmont BC. From an independent perspective it was evident that the 49 bowlers on the green shared a great fellowship during and after the bowls. I may let others during this evening expand on the results and subsequent bragging rights. Many thanks to Belmont BC for making their club available for the afternoon.

The Annual General Meeting cycle has begun for the year and thanks to President Bob Murdoch for the invitation to attend Cardiff BC. I will await with great interest to see how all of our clubs have adapted to the difficult financial times in which they find themselves.

Congratulations to Swansea Bowling Club for securing the No.2 Grade Mid-Week Pennant. This is the club's first victory in this Pennant since 1977.

This weekend sees the final round of the Saturday Pennant Competition and on behalf of the Association may I wish all who have qualified every success in their endeavours to win a Zone Pennant.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 which showed a balance at bank \$19,683.03.

#### **REPORTS:**

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

A highly successful Re-accreditation Course was held at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club last Sunday. Participants were assessed as competent to perform coaching duties for the next 4 years and have been recommended to hold the new status of Club Coach. Congratulations are extended to: Keith Hinton, Heaton-Birmingham Gardens; Brian Cooke, Rathmines Memorial; Ron Routledge / Graeme Pope, Charlestown; Bob Oliver, Water Board and Beverly Ramsay- Macpherson, Stockton. Pam Smith, Soldiers Point; Gary Yates, Dora Creek and Gerald Lonergan, Telarah extended their expertise as course participants.

Many thanks again go to Raymond Terrace Bowling Club for supporting our Committee and hosting our coaches at their first class venue.

The next venture for the Coaching Committee is to support the NSW Coaching Implementation Panel that will be coming to assist the Hunter, Newcastle and Central Coast Zones on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 9.00am – 3.00pm at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. Its priority is to accredit at least 6 Assessors and Presenters along with a target of accrediting 80 new Introductory and/or Club Coaches.

A suggestion is made particularly to clubs that host corporate/party functions, school bowls or barefoot bowling to support the accreditation of at least 4 bowlers as Introductory coaches.

The courses that will be provided only takes 4 hours for Introductory Coaches with a more involved 3 days for the Club Coach.

Application forms to attend this course will be sent out from the NDBA Office in the near future.

The Coaching Committee extends its congratulations to the Umpires Committee for their extremely overwhelming win at Belmont Bowling Club to take out the inaugural *Supremacy Challenge Match*. Weather conditions were superb and the host club assisted the players to have a most convivial afternoon of bowls. Others are being left to revel in the glory of their deserved victory. It is to be hoped that they will eventually descend from their lofty pedestal of success and deign to play again on an annual basis.

##### **JUNIOR COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Good news month in reporting two winning inter-district representative fixtures for our Junior U/18's team.

Firstly, on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Raymond Terrace BC our juniors played the Hunter U18's in two games of 18 ends. The winning score was 132 / 112, with winning skippers in taking both games being Jarrod Gorsuch with scores of 18 / 16 and 13/12 ...Chris Taylor 16 / 10 and 19 / 18.

And again last Sunday at The Entrance BC our juniors played Zone 15 winning both games. Game 1 50 – 48 & the afternoon game 61 – 38, total points 111 – 86. The two game winning skipper again being Chris Taylor 20 /14 and 17/16 in the second game.

It is pleasing to announce a new initiative from the Junior Committee in opening our monthly training sessions to any Under 12 player you have at your Clubs. Over the past few months we have had a few enquiries regarding Under 12 players and so if we can help keep these players interested in the game ...then that's all good.

As a Committee we would expect if any Club has or will have future under 12 members the first priority remains with the Club in coaching and nurturing these younger players.

If they show enthusiasm and attend regular Club training activities then our squad would welcome any nomination.

Our side selected to represent the Zone at the State Seven-A- Side fixture in August has reached your Clubs. This year we have selected early, so that a number of training sessions can be arranged prior to the event. The following players will be representing us Matt Dow (Redhead), Sam Morgan (Toronto Workers), Adrian Solomons (Lemon Tree Passage), Joshua Terras (Belmont Sporties), Shaun Richards and Sarah Vesenjok (Raymond Terrace) and Chris Taylor (Swansea).

### **MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Saturday, 23rd May 2009 is the scheduled date for the completion of round 10 and the last round of our Saturday Pennant Competition.

Round 10 of the Mid-Week Pennant Competition was completed on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009. There are a few washed out games to be played to determine section winners. Once these are completed, we can then move on to our post sectional play-offs. Congratulations are extended to Swansea on winning the No.2 Grade Mid-Week Pennant title

A special reminder to clubs that the pennant Post Sectional play is fast approaching and you should refer to NDBA Rules and Regulations Number 17 on Page 10 – **Notification of teams selected for Saturday and Mid-Week Post-Sectional Games.** Clubs participating in Post Sectional Games should have their team(s) selected with spares by mid-week if playing on a Saturday and four days prior to a mid-week game. Clubs to fax or email their nominated team(s) to the NDBA Match Committee for acceptance.

A reminder to clubs with multiple sides that they shall be identified as No.1, No.2, No.3, etc and for the purpose of elevation and regression shall be deemed a higher and lower side.

The closing date for this year's District Singles Championship are as follows:-

State Presidents Singles close next Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

The District Major and State Senior Singles both close on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2009, with the expected first round of all Singles Championships to commence on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009.

The 2009 District Triples Championship entry forms have been forwarded to all clubs, with the closing date being 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The first round is expected to commence on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

As per NDBA Circular No. 53/2009 any Clubs wishing to submit suggestions for the 2010 Season's Programme or Rule changes are required to submit them to the Association by Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The Association's Programme, Rules & Regulations for 2010 will be discussed at the August Management Committee Meeting and finalised at the September Meeting.

### **SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

It really is a top time of the year, with our pennants nearing completion and the excitement leading up to the section winners, then onto the finals.

A great time to witness some of our top bowlers in action, under pressure, I urge all bowlers that are not in the playoffs to try and find time to attend the finals. It is marvellous what you can learn by listening to the skippers call, then analyse in your mind why he called that particular shot, and watch how they play (as well all should) to the master board not their own rink score.

Our thanks go to Wallsend Bowling Club for their hosting of the Reserve Side fixture between our Red and Blue sides against the Central Coast (Zone 15) and the Hunter (Zone 6).

A top day of bowls with plenty of talent on display, our Red side won the overall competition with the ever green Ross Ball with his team of David Davies, Daniel Hill and Todd Hughes leading the way.

I was very impressed with the sportsmanship of all 4 sides in the series, and their conduct on and off the green was appreciated by spectators and officials.

Our next representative fixture is against Zone 13, consisting of 4 rinks of our Zone players, 4 rinks of our Reserve Players and 2 rinks of Juniors in Sydney on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Our Senior side will be competing in the 16 Zone Sides Championship in Coffs Harbour on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, July. We were runners-up in this event last year and hope to go one better this time around.

**UMPIRES COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Bowlers have been concerned, since 2006, about the Crystal Mark Edition of the Laws of the Game, and have constantly asked if the bowlers could have any input into any revision of the Laws. The time has come! The National Officiating Committee!! would like all STAKEHOLDERS to make comment with regard to any amendment proposal to be put forward to World Bowls in October, this year.

Sounds good, doesn't it? However, this is the protocol to be adhered to:

1. Every club to be notified and a form made available at that club for suggestions regarding any changes or amendments.
2. These forms to be returned to the NDBA Office by July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
3. These suggestions to be summarised and given to the State Delegate for State summaries to be made.
4. Further that every Umpire be allowed the opportunity to complete separate forms.

In every envelope this evening you will find a copy of a Memorandum received from the Chairman of the State Umpires Committee regarding the Review and a copy of the forms to be completed with suggested amendments. I ask that the Club Secretaries ensure the forms are not only appropriately displayed in the clubhouse, but also all members informed. Also, that copies of the second form be given to every club umpire for his/her input.

The most important aspect is that these forms be completed and RETURNED, A.S.A.P.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS**

Match Committee

E. Jones, Alder Park BC, enquired as to what would happen if pennants were washed-out next Saturday. D. Gilday advised that the last Round would then be played on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 and Post Sectional would commence on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2009.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. J.T. Smith congratulated and presented D. Martin (Tea Gardens) with his Level 2 National Umpires Card.
2. W. Shipley, Edgeworth BC, enquired if clubs for Post Sectional Pennant play-offs had been selected. J.T. Smith advised that a number of clubs would be contacted tomorrow booking them for Post Sectional matches. If possible a Pennant Grade would be finalised at the one club on a Saturday and Sunday.
3. J. Younghusband, Tea Gardens BC, enquired of the qualifications required for a Controlling Body. J.T. Smith advised that there were no set qualifications, but that the NDBA Advisory Committee Pamphlet No.10 detailed the Duties of the Controlling Body. L. Coulton commented that the Controlling Body was generally decided by who was available to act in that role.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 commencing at 6.30pm.

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

**CONFIRMED** .....

**(PRESIDENT)**  
18.06.2009