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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 August, 2009 commencing at 6.30pm.

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

APOLOGIES: C. Burns, Vice-President; B. Carling, Vice-President; A. Hextell, Vice-President; B. Cooke, Membership Committee Chairman; L. Dimmock, Burwood Colliery; B. Hoole & N. Berry, Cardiff; T. Hopkins, Carrington; C. Reay (P. Vale Proxy), Fingal Bay; C. Pascoe, Kahibah; S. Brown (J. Gallagher Proxy), Mayfield; T. Antram, Nelson Bay; J. Richardson, Soldiers Point; J. Wark, Swansea; K. Simpson, Valentine; P. Stamford, Water Board.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Adamstown; Bar Beach; Belmont; Boolaroo; Cardiff; Catherine Hill Bay; Hamilton North; Merewether; Morisset Hospital; Nelson Bay; Rathmines Memorial; Raymond Terrace; Teralba; Water Board.

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

Trevor Bashford (Charlestown); Russell Threadgate (Charlestown); Bruce Langford (Stockton); Robert Alexander (Redhead); Phil Hallworth (Wallsend); Terry Farrell (Belmont); Maxwell Taffe (Tea Gardens); John Matterson (Lemon Tree Passage); Patrick Wells (Warners Bay); Jack Forbes (Kahibah); William "Bill" Campbell (Mayfield); Garry Farthing (Kotara); Les "Yogi" Kibble (Valentine); Ken McMillan (Charlestown); John Murray (Kahibah); Wladyslaw (Wally) Plotrowski (Wallsend); Charles Redding (Warners Bay); Malcolm Paton (Raymond Terrace); Malcolm Howie (Heaton-Birmingham Gardens); Edward (Jim) Morrison (Tea Gardens); William Courtney (Redhead); William Hodges (Valentine); Vince Harrison (Cardiff); John "Jack" Hamilton (Water Board); Michael Maskey (Stockton); Graham Trousdale (Stockton); Peter Lloyd & James Sandy (Karuah RSL).

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 18th June, 2009 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

The following recommendations were approved:

1. Approval be granted to Lowlands Bowling Club to conduct the 58th Newcastle City Masters Singles from 26th to 30th April, 2010.
2. Approval be granted to Lemon Tree Passage Bowling Club to change the date of its "Spring Mixed Fours" from Monday, 21st September to Monday, 14th September, 2009.
3. Leave of Absence be granted to:
 - a. K. Aspery, Vice-President, from 11th to 21st September, 2009.
 - b. L. Coulton, Vice-President, from 1st to 18th September, 2009.

It was advised that:

1. A Meeting was held on Thursday, 6th August, 2009 with Greater representatives D. Magin, Chief Executive and J. Kilpatrick, Board Chairman and J.T. Smith, A. Wright and D.J. Broad in regards to the NDBA Sponsorship. In summary we were advised that:
 - a. The Greater was terminating the NDBA Major Sponsorship.
 - b. The Association could approach the Greater in regards to a Minor Sponsorship.The Executive Committee have formed a Sub-Committee of J.T. Smith, A. Wright, B. Carling, C. Burns, M. Conway and D. Broad to meet and present a proposal to the next Executive Committee Meeting as to the best way forward with NDBA Sponsorship.
2. B. Alcock has resigned from his positions as an NDBA Vice-President and a Member of the Advisory Committee. Circular No.110/2009 is in your mail tonight calling for nominations for the Vice-President vacancy. The Advisory Committee already had vacancies, with nominations being called in Circular No.95/2009.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In 2010 a new era for this Association will begin with the news that the sponsorship from the Greater Building Society will conclude at the end of 2009. Together with Secretary, Denis and Treasurer, Alec I attended a meeting with Greater Chairman, John Kilpatrick and Chief Executive Officer, Don Magin when this news was finally passed on to us. This brings to an end an 18 year period of exclusive sponsorship by the Greater and we are indeed grateful to the Company for the amount given to the NDBA over that period. Nothing however lasts forever and we now face the challenge of

seeking other avenues of support to continue our work in running this organisation. The Executive have already begun this task and we look forward to the support of all clubs in our future endeavours.

The 11th Annual General Meeting of the Association was successfully held on 16th July, 2009. Many thanks to all Delegates who attended to mark this occasion. To our Returning Officers, Frank Pugh and John Jordan, my belated thanks for the work you perform in counting the ballot and collating the results. Together with Zone Councillor Col Burns, I attended the 91st Annual General Meeting of the Hunter DBA. We were treated very hospitably by President Terry Wilson and his Executive thus continuing the firm bond that is maintained between our two Associations.

State Pennant Weekend was one of mixed results for the Association with no great success coming our way. The Valentine No.7 Grade Side made it to the semi-final but found East Lismore as a stumbling block. Thank you to all 7 clubs who gave of their best for both their club and the Association. The interesting side light from the No.1 Grade was that Swansea lost by the least number of shots overall to State Winners Cabramatta.

The staging of the No.6 Grade State Pennant Final Series at Lambton, Wallsend and Heaton-Birmingham Gardens Clubs once again highlighted the responsible manner in which clubs in the Association present themselves. To all 3 Presidents and their Organising Committees and clubs members we are extremely grateful for all your efforts to cater for the needs of the 16 clubs who took part. As well to our Match Committee, led by Co-Ordinators Col Burns and David Gilday, thank you for all the time and effort you put in both before and during the 3 days. Indeed a job well done by all concerned.

Many thanks to Soldiers Point B.C. for again conducting the Pre-State Pennant Trial for all our Saturday Pennant Winners. A great mornings bowls combined with an exciting District Triples Final made for a memorable occasion, with all our Saturday Pennant winners most grateful for the generosity of the Soldiers Point B.C. Congratulations to Brian Bateman, Terry Antram and Richard Girvan from Nelson Bay on their success in the District Triples.

The Goodwill Visit to the Nepean DBA was thoroughly enjoyed by the party of 38 that travelled on this excursion. Nepean President, Ken Thomas and Secretary, Mick Gilfoyle together with the Executive and members of the Austral and Kemp's Creek Clubs left no stone unturned to ensure our enjoyment of activities both on and off the green. A big thank-you to Pam Stamford who accepted the role of "Games Secretary" for the two days. It is to be hoped that many friendships will be renewed on the 2010 return visit.

It has been a very busy month or so for our Representative Sides. In our Games against Zone 13 at Taren Point we had victories with our Reserve and Junior Sides being successful and our main side being defeated. In an exciting finish at Dubbo in the Zone 2,4,9 & 16 fixture we were virtually defeated on the last bowl of the game by Illawarra (Zone 16) who reclaimed both the Interzone Shield and Steel City Cup. Our Senior Inter-Zone Side won 2 out of 3 games at Coffs Harbour but this wasn't sufficient to defeat Zone 9 in their section as they had 3 wins. Better news at Halekulani last week when we once again won the Pat Geary Memorial Shield. More details from Selection Committee Chairman Terry Blow a little later.

Our Mid-Week Pennant Season concluded with a Lowlands victory in the No.4 Grade and our congratulations to both the club and runner-up Valentine. We have already begun the Pennant unfurlings with Swansea ceremony for the Mid-Week No.2 Grade. It was pleasing to see a large crowd of club members there to pay tribute to the players involved.

Also completed in July were the District Singles Championships. Congratulations to Martin Ball (Alder Park) for Major Singles, Barry Cartwright (Hamilton) for the Senior Singles, Robert Atkins (Redhead) for the State President's Singles and Danny Moore (Wangi) for the Minor Singles. Our thanks to Charlestown and Toronto Workers for hosting these events. Full details of these Championships are included in David Gilday's Match Committee Report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

From Wallsend B.C. Re: Requesting approval to conduct the O'Neill's Tyres Open Triples on Monday, 5th October, 2009. – APPROVED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 31st July, 2009 which showed a balance at bank \$37,424.25.

REPORTS:

COACHING COMMITTEE REPORT:

On Monday 17th August, 9 bowlers were deemed competent to assist their clubs and members in their new role as an Introductory Coach. Again the suggestion is made that each club endeavour to have several Introductory Coaches, particularly if they conduct bowling experiences for social functions and school sport.

Nomination Forms have already been forwarded to clubs for those bowlers who would like to attend the Club Coach course being conducted in conjunction with the RNSWBA Coaching Committee at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club on Sundays 13th, 20th, 27th September. Advantage should be taken of this course as its cost structure is a subsidised \$25. Henceforth, costs involved in becoming a coach are expected to be over \$100.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE REPORT:

My report tonight focuses on our squads results over August and July. A very busy time with State junior events and upcoming U/25 inter district fixtures.

Last weekend our Juniors played in the State – Seven – A - Side Championships at Wollongong RSL BC. Our best result for some time was achieved running third behind Zone 16 with the eventual winners being Zone 3. The kids were pretty stoked with their bronze medals and can't wait for next years event. Following this championship the NSW U18 team was announced to play the Australian Junior Championship at Halekulani BC from Sept 28 – 1st October. We are pleased to announce that Sarah Vesenjak from Raymond Terrace BC has been selected in this team. We congratulate Sarah on this outstanding achievement.

This Sunday the first of our U/25 Inter – district events will be held at Wyong BC playing Zone 15, with our players well motivated to keep their undefeated record against the Central Coast in tack.

And next week Friday night 28th our U/25's will play our annual fixture against the NDBA Reserves. This is the third year of this event and the squad is keen to notch their first victory.

Last month the State Junior Championship were played at Warilla BC from 20th to 25th July. With mixed results our 'Fours' and 'Pairs' played their sectional draw involving a bye and with the odd loss found that they missed out in the play – offs. A great week was had by all and we thank Brian Jenkins in his role as manager for the first time.

And noteworthy, something I missed in my July report, the first State PSSA school triples championship was played over the earlier months of the year with the finals played in June. This was a knock out competition, with the team from Belmont High School outstanding in reaching the finals. The boys involved included Matt Dow who skipped the side from Redhead, along with Tom Taylor and Joshua Terras from Belmont Sporties. I know the school and Clubs were wrapped with their success.

Finally delegates, I am often asked by individuals how do they get a junior program started so I have put my thought in print with an article that has been published in this months edition 'On the Green' and in the Bowls NSW magazine. I think it is worth reading, but more importantly bringing this to the attention of any interested members in your Club who would be keen to start a junior program or would like some direction in developing their program. Remember, our Junior Committee and our squad are only too keen to help out when needed, you only have to ask.

MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT:

Thank-you to Wallsend, Lambton, & Heaton-Birmingham Gardens Bowling Clubs on their fine running of the recent Number 6 Grade State Pennant Finals series.

All of our District Singles Championships for 2009 have now been concluded. Congratulations to the following players on their respective success. The 2009 District Major Singles Championship final was played on Sunday 5th July at Charlestown Bowling Club. Congratulations to Martin Ball of Alder Park Bowling Club on defeating Ian Lean from Raymond Terrace 31 to 12 in the final.

Sunday, 28th June 2009 saw the semi-finals and finals of the 2009 District State Presidents Singles and the State Senior Singles Championships. Congratulations go to Robert Atkins from Redhead Bowling Club on defeating Bruce Alexander from Raymond Terrace Bowling Club 31 to 27 in the State President's Singles final. The Senior Singles was won by Barry Cartwright from Hamilton Bowling Club defeating Geoff Horton from Wallsend Bowling Club 31 to 25. I would like to express my appreciation to the Charlestown Bowling Club for staging the final series of the Major, State Presidents and the State Senior Singles and to all the our clubs who have staged earlier rounds of these events thank you.

Sunday, 9th August 2009 saw the completion of the 2009 District Minor Singles with the final played at Toronto Workers Bowling Club. Congratulations are extended to Danny Moore (Wangi) on defeating Rex Draper (Boolaroo) 31 to 12 in the final. I would like to express my appreciation to the Toronto Workers Bowling Club for staging the final series and to all the other clubs who have staged earlier rounds of this event thank you.

The 2009 District Triples final was played on Sunday, 19th July 2009. Congratulations go to the Nelson Bay trio of Brian Bateman, Terry Antram and Richard Girvan on defeating Ross Gardner, Jason Stokes and Lennon Scott from Raymond Terrace 20 to 19 in a tightly contested match. I would like to express my appreciation to Soldiers Point Bowling Club for staging the final series and to all the other clubs who have staged earlier rounds of this event thank you.

This years Three Three's Competition commences next Wednesday, 26th August 2009. The draw was distributed to clubs last week. Please note an amended draw was published today, due to a club submitting incorrect nominations.

Entries for the Champion of Club Champion Singles Championship closed on Wednesday, 5th August with the first round scheduled to commence on Saturday 22nd August 2009, followed by the Champion of Club Champion Pairs Championship which closed last Wednesday, 12th August & the Champion of Club Champion Fours Championship closes on Wednesday, 2nd September, 2009. The draw for the Singles & Pairs has been distributed to clubs during the past week.

Clubs are also reminded of the option of applying this year for the regrading for 2010 for any players who may have played only 1 or 2 games in a higher grade in 2009 when filling in as a replacement and now having a higher grade than they usually would

have. There is a specific form for this application and the State Match Committee will only deal with applications submitted on this form.

The rookie pairs draw has been amended due to the RNSWBA missing a team and is scheduled to commence on Saturday, 22nd August 2009 at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club.

I would now like to hand over to President John Smith to now discuss the 2010 NDBA Season's Program along with the proposed changes to the Rules & Regulations as per NDBA Circular No. 109/2009.

A copy was on the back counter for you tonight. Delegates should note that the 2010 NDBA Season's Program and the proposed changes to the Rules & Regulations will be voted upon at the September Management Committee Meeting.

SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT:

The first game played by our representative players since the June report was played at Taren Point against Zone 13 on the first weekend of July. This consisted of 4 representative rinks & 4 rinks playing as the Reserve side. A mixed result with the representative side being beaten 61-94 & the Reserve side winning 96-61.

The following Tuesday the Senior State Inter-Zone side played at Park Beach, Coffs Harbour. A round robin was played. We lost the first game to Zone 9 (Sydney Northern) 46-76 & then won the next two games against Zone 1 (Far North Coast) 67-39 & Zone 4 (Mid Western NSW) 56-45.

Zone 9 went on to win the section & were defeated in the Semi-Final.

The next representative game was played at West Dubbo against Zone 9 (Sydney Northern), Zone 4 (Mid Western NSW) & Zone 16 (Illawarra). We won the 2 Saturday games against Zones 9 (161-85) & 4 (133-109) then played Zone 16 on Sunday morning. Zone 16 played a great shot with the 2ND last bowl to put them in front. Zone 2 needed to get 2ND shot with the last bowl which would have given us the championship, as well as the Steel City trophy. This was not to be. Zone 16 won 125-127.

A fortnight later at Halekulani games against Zone 6 (Hunter-Manning), Zone 14 (North Coast) & Zone 15 (Central Coast) were played for the "Pat Geary Memorial Shield".

We won the 2 Saturday games against Zones 14 (128-108) & 6 (161-76) then played Zone 15 on Sunday morning. Zone 15 defeated us 111-137, but we were successful in winning the Shield.

Prior to the next Management Committee meeting the NDBA U25's play an NDBA Reserve Side on Friday evening the 28TH August & on Friday evening the 4TH September, Raymond Terrace Premier League Side play an NDBA Representative side. These two games are to be played at Raymond Terrace B.C.

The Inter-Zone Sides competition commences on Friday 11TH September at Western Suburbs BC, with games against Zones 10, 9 & 5.

UMPIRES COMMITTEE REPORT:

A real and sincere "thank-you" to every umpire who officiated at the State No.6 Pennant Final Play-Off and also at our most successful Mattara Carnival. It was very pleasing to observe the large number of Women Umpires who saw fit to join in the fun and games. I also take this opportunity to thank the members of the Umpires Committee who acted as Central Umpires.

The suggestions for changes to the Crystal Mark Laws were considered and voted, and the results of the collation were sent to Sydney for preparation to be forwarded to Bowls Australia. Now what happens from there is anybody's guess, but don't expect too much. Remember World Bowls has the deciding say.

In the meantime, the Laws in the Crystal Mark edition are the laws under which we must operate.

Note Please: Nothing has changed.

MATTARA COMMITTEE REPORT:

The 49th Mattara Carnival will come to its conclusion at Charlestown B.C. tomorrow with the Semi-Finals and Finals of the events in the traditional Carnival. Upon completion of the Finals the presentations to all winners and runners-up will take place.

The Mattara Les Parrott Memorial Open Singles was won by Sam Laguzza giving him his fourth victory in the Mattara Open Singles. Mark Gauntlett from Mayfield West was a worthy runner-up. The Mattara Restricted Singles went to Bob Hall from Wangi who accounted for local hope Andy McFadden from Warners Bay in a hard fought final.

It was good to see Merle and daughters Dianne & Beverly present at Warners Bay on the final afternoon and Merle proudly presented Sam with the Les Parrott Trophy. A special word of thanks to Warners Bay Bowling Club for the excellent manner in which they hosted the Singles events, especially to President Grahame Jennison and Match Secretary John McDowell.

Our apologies for the late delivery of the Mattara Books to the clubs. The printer didn't deliver the books until 9.00am on the Thursday morning before the commencement of Mattara, and many thanks to all who helped to append badges and sort books for clubs and then deliver as many as possible on the Thursday afternoon.

Any clubs or players that have suggestions for the 2010 Mattara Carnival, should submit them in writing to the Association Office as soon as possible.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. F. Pugh, Returning Officer, announced that J. Breadner (Dora Creek Workers) was the winner of the Umpires tied vote election. L. Coulton advised that the Umpires Committee would be requesting the approval of the Executive Committee to Co-Op M. Abrook (Hamilton North) to assist the Umpires Committee.
2. J.T Smith reported that R. Henry (Mayfield West) and K. Doyle (New Lambton) had been elected to fill the two vacancies on the Greens Committee. He invested both gentlemen with their Badge of Office.
3. J.T. Smith advised that:-
 - a. Circular No.111/2009 had been issued calling for Expressions of Interest from Clubs to be this year's Host Club for the Association Xmas Night & Presentation of the Greater Building Society/NDBA Bowler of the Year and Most Improved Bowler of the Year Awards. The closing date for Expressions of Interest is Friday, 9th October, 2009.
 - b. NDBA Delegates' Day & President/Secretaries Day would be held at Hamilton BC on Saturday, 19th September, 2009.
4. W. Baldwin, Hexham BC, thanked W. Tracey for representing the Association at their Annual General Meeting.
5. P. Long, Redhead BC, reported on the visit to their club by M. Beaumont, RNSWBA Development Officer. He advised that M. Beaumont gave an excellent address on the retention of members.
6. K. Buckley, Lambton BC, thanked the Association for the letter of congratulations he received on being awarded Life Membership of Lambton BC.
7. B. Kappler, Dora Creek Workers BC, enquired if Swansea Workers BC No.4 Grade Pennant Side played on a synthetic green during the pennant season? J.T. Smith advised that he was not certain, but that this information could be obtained from the NDBA Pennant Fixture Card.
8. T. Dean, Wallsend BC, thanked L. Coulton for representing the Association at their Annual General Meeting. He advised that L. Coulton gave a very informative address to the meeting.
9. F. Botham, Windale/Gateshead BC, thanked B. Carling for representing the Association at their Annual General Meeting and for the kind words spoken about the Club.

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, 17th September, 2009 commencing at 6.30pm.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

CONFIRMED

(PRESIDENT)
17.09.2009