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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, 17th September, 2009 commencing at 6.30pm.

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

APOLOGIES: C. Burns, Vice-President; A. Wright, Treasurer; D. Johnson (E. Warren Proxy), Bar Beach; R. Clayden, Burwood Colliery; C. Reay, Fingal Bay; A. Penfold & B. Jenkins, Heaton-Birmingham Gardens; B. Wilson, Karuah RSL; W. Petersen, Lowlands; S. Rowe (P. Blume Proxy), Merewether; T. Antram, Nelson Bay; K. Doyle, New Lambton; R. Tomlinson-Smith, Rathmines Memorial; M. Ralston, Wangi; P. Stamford, Water Board.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: K. Aspery, Vice-President.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Adamstown; Alder Park; Belmont; Burwood Colliery; Carrington; Catherine Hill Bay; Fingal Bay; Hamilton North; Heaton-Birmingham Gardens; Karuah RSL; Morisset Hospital; Nelson Bay; Wangi; Water Board.

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

Albert (Bart) Linich (Stockton); Ken Martin (Edgeworth); John Clark (Toronto Workers); Keith Fitzsimmons (Dora Creek Workers); Des Campbell (Teralba); Graham Carmody (Lemon Tree Passage); Eddie Toombes (Hexham); Bill Humphreys (Soldiers Point).

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 20th August, 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 Merewether Bowling Club to conduct the Merewether Bowling Club Super 11's Tournament 3 Bowl Triples from 3rd to 5th October, 2009.
2. Approval be granted to Tea Gardens Bowling Club to conduct the Dolphin Memorial Open Triples Day on Saturday, 10th October, 2009.
3. Leave of Absence be granted to J.T. Smith, President, from 9th to 18th October, 2009.

It was advised that:

1. A. Webster has resigned from the Junior and Coaching Committees due to ill health. Circular No.122/2009 is in your mail tonight calling for nominations to fill the vacancies.
2. D.J. Broad, Secretary, will be on two weeks annual leave from 25th September to 12th October, 2009.
3. The NDBA Website Hits for the past 6 months have been March 1938, April 3731, May 3995, June 2840, July 2922 and August 3520.
4. The Executive Committee has recommended the following fees for the 2010 Playing Season (1st January, 2010) to cover the loss of the Greater Building Society Ltd Sponsorship:
 - a. (i) Saturday & Mid-Week Pennant Entry Fees to increase by \$15.00 to \$80.00/side for Saturday Pennants and \$65.00/side for Mid-Week Pennants.
 - (ii) Three Threes to increase by \$15.00 to \$30.00 per side.
 - (iii) District Championships to increase by \$2.00 to \$10.00 per player.
 - (iv) Champion of Club Champions to increase by \$5.00 to \$20.00 per player.
 - (v) Capitation Fees to increase by \$3.00 to \$18.00 per bowler.
- b. Prize Money to remain as is, including Saturday Pennant Winners and Bowler of the Year & Most Improved Bowler of the Year Awards.

The fees are to be voted upon at the October Management Committee Meeting.

5. A letter has been forwarded to the Greater Building Society Ltd offering them 1 or more of the following options:
 - a. Sponsorship of Mattara.
 - b. Sponsorship of the Newcastle Representative Teams.
 - c. Sponsorship of the Bowler of the Year & Most Improved Bowler of the Year Awards.
6. A list of possible other sponsors has been drawn up and they will be approached after the reply from the Greater.
7. K. Rearden (Swansea Workers) and E. Milton (Teralba) have nominated for the Vice-President vacancy. Ballot Papers will be forwarded to clubs tomorrow.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First may I offer congratulations to Bob King for the honour of having a green at Fingal Bay named after him. A large crowd was in attendance and heard Bob's history of involvement with the Fingal Bay Club from the inception of ideas for its development right up to his last term on the Board which concluded with the Annual General Meeting. It was greatly appreciated that I was given the opportunity to contribute and thank Bob for his involvement at the NDBA especially in his long term role as a Delegate. Bob responded in a very humble manner after the surprise of having a well secreted sign unveiled to mark the occasion.

The Association has a number of nominees for positions on the RNSWBA Executive and Sub-Committees later this month. We wish Col Burns (Vice-President), Lin Coulton (Umpires), Allan Starrett (Coaching) and myself for Match, who will be all contesting elections all the best in their respective ballots. Charlie Frost has already been elected to Selection Committee, as there were only 5 nominations for the 5 man Committee. Congratulations to Charlie on a welcome return to State duties.

What a great night for Lawn Bowls at the Hunter Academy of Sport Presentation Night. Natasha Van Eldik received one of the major awards for the night being the Purnell Trophies Award for an outstanding Female Squad Member. As well Sarah Vesenjok received the Ken Guy Encouragement Award. The Squad was well represented and presented themselves in a commendable fashion.

Pennant Unfurlings continued in the past month, with celebrations at Redhead and Teralba. Redhead unfurled the Saturday No.5 Grade Pennant and Teralba the Mid-Week No.3 Grade. To Presidents Bill Mulley and Keith Blomfield thank you for your invitations to attend and congratulations on the relaxed but meaningful way you paid tribute to the performances of your players.

The State Titles in the Senior Singles and Pairs and State Presidents Singles and Pairs have been completed. Congratulations to Bob Atkins (Redhead) who made the Semi-Final of the State Presidents Singles only to be defeated by the eventual winner of the event Graham Piper of Moruya.

On the local scene our Champion of Club Champions Singles has been decided with victory going to Richard Girvan of Nelson Bay. Congratulations to Richard and also to Hamilton Bowling Club for staging the final series.

It has again been a busy month on the Representative scene with our Under 25 Side defeating the Reserve Side and a selected side providing a trial match for the Raymond Terrace Premier League Side. The big event for the year was the State Inter-Zone Sides Championship this year conducted in Zone 11 at the Western Suburbs Leagues and Greenlees Park Bowling Clubs. Once again 2 wins out of 3 games wasn't enough to claim our section, with Zone 9 winning all 3 games to progress to the Semi-Finals and Final.

Thank you to all of the Clubs who have invited representatives to attend their Annual General Meetings. The mixed financial results continue to underline the difficult economic times that we are experiencing.

This coming Saturday we have Presidents / Secretaries and Delegates' Day at Hamilton Bowling Club. If you haven't nominated your attendance, please notify Secretary Denis before leaving this evening. We look forward to a great afternoon of bowls and friendship.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Secretary on behalf of the Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 31st August, 2009 which showed a balance at bank \$52,508.15.

REPORTS:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Just a short report this evening to inform you the following pamphlets have now been included on the Association's Website.

No.12 Procedural Structure of a Judicial Committee.

No.13 Procedural Structure for an Appeals Hearing.

No.14 Procedural Fairness.

A number of Clubs in recent months have shown keen interest in these further 3 pamphlets. A decision was made to make them available on the website rather than either fax, email or post the information out from this office.

We still have 3 vacancies on our Committee for the 2009/10 year. We would like to see these positions filled.

The Duties and Responsibilities of the Advisory Committee are listed in the NDBA's By-Laws. The Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 11.00am unless otherwise directed.

It is the ideal opportunity to increase one's administrative skills in club governance, if you or a bowling member of your club is considering standing for a Board of Directors position in the coming future.

Nominations have been called for in Circular No. 95/2009.

COACHING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Raymond Terrace Bowling Club is hosting the 2009 Club Coach Course which 20 aspiring bowlers are attending. The comprehensive course will run for a further 2 Sundays, 9.00am – 3.00pm. The course comprises of 3 modules that includes both theoretical and practical components. It is hoped that all will be deemed competent and return to their respective clubs with the incentive to inspire a further generation of bowlers.

Members of our committee have been working diligently in the production of PowerPoint presentations for the new coaching courses. Upon trialing and reviewing by the State Coaching Committee, they will be made available for other Zones and State and Territory Associations.

A continuing concern that has been taken up with the State Coaching Committee is the non-receipt or recognition of success through the lack of issuing the appropriate certificates after completing coaching requirements. This will be further pursued until all of our coaches get the recognition that is their due.

GREENS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Firstly I would like to welcome three (3) new members to the Greens Committee. They being Kevin Doyle from New Lambton, Robert Henry from Mayfield West & Grahame Lewis from Nelson Bay.

Secondly to the three (3) retiring members David Gilday, Kevin Aspery and Frank Potter thank you for your time and input to greens inspections.

It is now that time of the year when we start to see greens being renovated or new ones being installed. This process I am sure will add to the exceptionally high standard which we enjoy here in Zone 2. Again the remaining greens & surrounds at their respective clubs are well above any standard which is set for this time of the year.

To all clubs keep up the good work and I am sure that the coming Pennant Season will be as enjoyable as in previous years.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE REPORT:

Our U/25 Development Squad's main focus for this month is the annual inter zone fixture that has come to be known as THE CHALLENGE. A combination of sixteen U/25 boys and girls from Zone 2 (Newcastle), Zone 16 (Illawarra), Zone 15 (Central Coast), and Zone 6 (Hunter) will be contesting the sixth annual Challenge to be played at Charlestown over the 26th and 27th September. I think we have named this fixture appropriately, as it has been a Challenge for the competing Zones to win this trophy from us. With a record of 4 & 1 we would like to think we have a good chance again this year.

Now I made that gloat for a reason that will soon become obvious.....but before that.....

In your folders tonight delegates you have a flyer that I would like you to pin on your Club's noticeboard. There is nothing better than to see home support for the players during these types of events. So make sure you grab a few mates and attend...as....you will surely lift our players if we have a large home crowd in support...and I can assure you will be seeing the best of the State U/25 talent on display at Charlestown.

Delegates you may have thought I was a bit cocky before ...even gloating when I announced our U/25's record in the Challenge over the past 5 years.....that is nothing to what I am about to announce next.....You see I think I have been sitting next to Lin for far too long...as...his ability to gloat must be rubbing off on me.....If u don't know what I am referring to it happened on Friday 28th August, the third annual fixture NDBA Reserves v's U/25 Development Squad held at Raymond Terrace. It has taken us to attempt number 3, but a proud chairman stood tall at the end of the game as the young ones defeated our reserves 51 – 41...one & a half rink wins each. Noteworthy, was Michael Abel's rink.....with a front end of two juniors...Shaun Richards (RTBC) and Chris Taylor (Swansea) and with our squad's captain Daniel Hill (May West) having a blinder at third. Michael Abel's rink had an impressive winning margin of eleven shots over Brian Bateman.

Just in concluding delegates at our last training session on Saturday 5th we had two very special guests in former Australian Players Steve Anderson and Shane Globits. These guys took time out before their first Premier League duties with Raymond Terrace to talk to our squad and watch them train. They had our kids spellbound as they answered a wide range of questions from our squad. From memory the first question was how good were St George last night? With the last question from Jamie Dow (8) asking as bold as you like ...how much money do you make? All good!!!

MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT:

- The quarters & semi-finals of this year's Champion of Champion Pairs have been scheduled to be played on Sunday 20th September 2009, with the final expected to be completed on Saturday 26th September 2009 at Bar Beach Bowling Club.
- SATURDAY, 22nd & Sunday the 23rd AUGUST, 2009 saw the completion of the 2009 Zone 2 Section of the Rookie of the Year Pairs Championship played at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. Congratulations to Lou Bund and Mark Oldham from Nelson Bay Bowling Club on defeating Andrew Wakely & Warren Sager (Lowlands) 16/9 in the final.
- The 2009 Rookie Singles was played on the weekend of August 28th & 29th, 2009. A word of well done to Brad Clark (Wallsend) on downing Corey Hayman (Beresfield) 17/15 in a keenly contested final.
- The 2009 Three Three's competition is in full swing with Round 4 being played yesterday, Wednesday 16th September 2009.

- Sunday, 27th September, 2009 will see the commencement of this year's Champion of Champion Fours championship. The final is scheduled for Sunday, 11th October, 2009 at Adamstown B.C.
- Clubs are 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.
- Just an early reminder delegates that pennant nominations for the 2010 Saturday & Mid-Week Competitions close on Wednesday 18th November 2009. Entry forms will be forwarded to clubs in the near future.
- Finally this evening I would now like to hand over to President John Smith to deal with the voting on submissions for the 2010 NDBA Season's Programme and Rules & Regulations.

The following submissions were voted upon as detailed in NDBA Circular No.109/2009

1. 2010 Season's Programme – Items 1 to 21 – CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. Alterations to Rules & Regulations Governing NDBA Competitions – General Conditions Applying to All Zone 2/NDBA Competitions:

(a) Rule 7

From **NDBA Match Committee** recommending:

That the Order of Precedence be changed to comply with the State Conditions of Play.

– CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(b) Rule 14

From **Swansea Workers Bowling Club** recommending:

Add New Paragraph (c):

That Post Sectional Games for all grades be played on a similar surface to that on which the State play-offs are to be played on.

– 19 For 14 Against – CARRIED.

(c) Rule 19(c)

From **NDBA Match Committee** recommending:

Changing 2HD to 2NC.

– CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISTRICT PENNANT COMPETITIONS

(d) Mid-Week Pennants

From **NDBA Match Committee** recommending:

Rule 3(d) be changed to the same as Three Threes viz:

A Club will be permitted to use one player in the next immediate lowest grade without the approval of the Match Committee. In exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the Match Committee, another player will be granted a regrade but they cannot play in the same rink. Any regrade request **must** be accompanied by a copy of the Clubs full list of Mid-Week Pennant players.

– 33 For 1 Against – CARRIED.

(e) Timetable

From **NDBA Match Committee** recommending

Rule 7 – Add new Paragraph (e)

Mid-Week Pennant Fixtures to be allowed to commence at a mutual agreeable time, subject to NDBA Match Committee approval.

– 25 For 9 Against – CARRIED.

(f) From **Belmont Bowling Club** recommending

That Mid-Week Pennant Fixtures commence at 10.00am

– Nil For 33 Against – LOST.

(g) Matches Not Commenced or Not Completed

From **NDBA Match Committee** recommending

Rule 19 – Add New Paragraph (e).

That Washed-Out Mid-Week Pennant Matches be played in the best order to expedite the completion of the competition.

– 33 For 1 Against – CARRIED.

From **Lowlands Bowling Club** recommending

That Washed-Out Mid-Week Matches be played in the sequence in which they occurred during the season.

1 For 33 Against – LOST.

SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT:

On Friday evening, 28th August the NDBA U25's played the NDBA Reserve's at Raymond Terrace. The NDBA U25's side were successful winning 51-41 with 1 ½ rinks each. Congratulations to the U25's.

The following Friday evening 4th September 3 rinks of NDBA side played Raymond Terrace's Premier League side at Raymond Terrace. Raymond Terrace's Premier League side defeated the NDBA side 55-42, winning 2 of the 3 rinks. The next day the Premier League commenced with the Raymond Terrace Jets defeating Roseland Devils on all rinks.

On Friday 11th September the NDBA side travelled to Croydon to play in the Inter-Zone Sides Championships at Western Suburbs Leagues Bowling Club. Our opponents for the three sectional games were Zone 10 (Sydney North West) on Friday afternoon. On Saturday the opponents were Zone 9 (Sydney Northern) & Zone 5 (Central Ranges).

Friday's game we defeated Zone 10 (97-56). On Saturday we lost to Zone 9 (77-69), and in the afternoon we defeated Zone 5 (90-67). Zone 9 went on to win the section & were defeated in the Final.

MATTARA COMMITTEE REPORT:

Our 49th Mattara Carnival was finalised at Charlestown Bowling Club on Friday 21st August. Host Club Charlestown did an outstanding job in staging the event and a special thank you to President Ian Gardner, Bowls Co-ordinator Bruce Ball and all members of the club who contributed in such a positive manner to the staging of the event.

The winners of the events were as follows.

Frank Neat Memorial Mattara Classic K.O. Club Nominated Mens Triples:-

- Dick Hadley, Brian Hitchcock, Rick Clark (Stockton)

Mens Open Fours

- Wayne Smith (Lambton), John Parkinson (Tea Gardens), Jason Pietraszek (Soldiers Point) & Andrew Smith (Lambton). This side completed the hat-trick of 3 successive wins in this event.

Mens Open Pairs

- Ben Trainor and Tim Twining (East Maitland)

Mixed Pairs

- Roz and Neville Downes (Soldiers Point)

The Mattara Raffle winners were:-

1st Prize - Bar Beach

2nd Prize - Wangi

I would now like to present the Bar Beach and Wangi delegates with the respective \$500 & \$250 open orders at Charlestown Square.

The Committee reviewed all aspects of the Carnival at the September Meeting and the following are issues that we would appreciate feedback on at the October Meeting:

- Changing the Frank Neat K.O. Triples to 2 bowls of 25 ends.
- Limiting the Singles Post-Sectional to only 3 games when this is required.
- Conducting the Singles in Sections of 3 with the person not playing acting as marker.

Suggestions for a 50th Celebration eg:-

- Reproducing the original badge from 1961.
- Some form of Gala Dinner/Luncheon.

If any club has an issue that they would like to put forward in relation to the Mattara Carnival, we would appreciate it being put forward in time for the next Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 27th October, 2009.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS:

Match Committee:

T. Dean, Wallsend BC, enquired as to the reason for the closing date of the 18th November, 2009 for the 2010 Pennant Competitions. D. Gilday explained that this was the timeline required for the proper organisation of the competitions. Timeline included a Grading Meeting, Time for Appeals, Sectional Draw, Home & Away Draw, Printing of Pennant Fixture Cards and Result Pads and Distribution of Material to clubs.

L.Wedd questioned the reasons for the clash of dates between the Champion of Club Champions Fours Championship and the Raymond Terrace Premier League playing dates. He advised that Raymond Terrace, due to marquee players, had 4 players involved in the clash of dates. J.T. Smith advised that the Match Committee had looked closely at the available dates for the Champion of Club Champions Fours Championship and the Raymond Terrace Premier League playing dates – every weekend to the end of November had some form of bowls commitments for Newcastle players. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Match Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. P. Long, Redhead BC, thanked J.T. Smith and M. Conway for attending their No.5 Grade Unfurling. J.T. Smith commented it was a very good day.
2. W. Shipley, Edgeworth BC, enquired about Delegates receiving the Minutes and Treasurer's Report by email. J.T. Smith advised that the Executive would consider this matter at its next meeting.
3. E. Milton, Teralba BC, thanked J.T. Smith for attending their No.3 Grade Mid-Week Unfurling. J.T. Smith commented that it was a very enjoyable function.

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

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

CONFIRMED

(PRESIDENT)
15.10.2009