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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, 15th October, 2009 commencing at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: Vice-President: B. Carling (who occupied the Chair); Vice-Presidents: K. Aspery; C. Burns; 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. Blow. In attendance D.J. Broad OAM, Secretary.

APOLOGIES: E. Duncan (K. Harvey Proxy), Belmont Sporties; R. Clayden, Burwood Colliery; J. McDonald, Hamilton; A. Penfold, Heaton-Birmingham Gardens; W. Baldwin & A. Smith, Hexham; R. Tomlinson-Smith, Rathmines Memorial; C. Ramage, Soldiers Point; J. Wark, Swansea; S. Pritchard, Teralba; E. Lamborn & B. Mahaffey, Warners Bay.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: J. T. Smith, President.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Bar Beach; Belmont; Burwood Colliery; Carrington; Catherine Hill Bay; Hamilton; Hexham; Morisset Hospital; Nelson Bay; Warners Bay.

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

Robert Sweeney (Belmont); Jack McMillan (Kahibah); Darron Mulligan (Beresfield); John (Jack) Blackett (Merewether); Bob Smith (Wangi); William (Ron) Hector (Newbold Diggers/Hexham); Luciano (Lucky) Sottovia (New Lambton).

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 17th September, 2009 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. The Executive Committee have agreed that Delegates can receive the Management Committee Minutes by email. Please complete the form left on the back counter, which requests your email details and return it to Denis or the Office at your convenience. A copy of the Treasurer's Report will be provided to Delegates at each Management Meeting and the Treasurer is readily available at any time to answer questions.
2. Endorsement of the Executive Committee recommendation of the following fees for the 2010 Playing Season (1st January to 31st December, 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.

C. O'Brien, Raymond Terrace B.C. enquired if the Executive Committee had considered a club sponsoring a Pennant Play-Off & raising sponsorship funds in this manner. A. Wright advised that this had been considered & would be followed up once a reply is received from the Greater in regards to a minor sponsorship.

Moved R. Brew Seconded K. Rearden that the recommendation be endorsed. CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

The following recommendations were approved:

1. Approval be granted to Redhead BC to conduct:
 - a. Harold Coulter Shield on 22nd & 23rd March, 2010.
 - b. Redhead Master Triples on 24th, 25th, 27th & 28th May, 2010.
 - c. Redhead Versatility Fours on 29th August, 2010.
2. Approval be granted to Raymond Terrace BC to conduct:
 - a. Australia Day Fours from 23rd to 25th January, 2010.
 - b. Jayco Over 50's Triples on 6th & 7th June, 2010.
 - c. Junior-Senior Versatility Fours on 3rd July, 2010.
 - d. John McNeill Pairs on 13th & 14th November, 2010.
 - e. Market Place Mixed Pairs from 22nd November to 13th December, 2010.
3. Approval be granted to Lemon Tree Passage BC to conduct:

- a. Mixed Summer Fours on 11th January, 2010.
 - b. Classic 3 Bowl Triples on 18th & 19th January, 2010.
 - c. Autumn Mixed Fours on 12th April, 2010.
 - d. 3 Grade & Under 3 Bowl Triples on 28th & 29th June 2010.
 - e. Winter Mixed Fours on 12th July, 2010.
 - f. 2 Bowl Triples on 26th & 27th July, 2010.
 - g. Spring Mixed Fours on 20th September, 2010.
 - h. 3 Grade & Under Fours on 27th & 28th September, 2010.
4. Leave of Absence be granted to:
- a. D. Gilday, Match Committee Chairman, 28th October to 8th November, 2009.
 - b. T. Blow, Selection Committee Chairman, 1st to 11th December, 2009.

It was advised that:

1. The Association Annual Executive, Sub-Committees & Delegates Xmas Night will be held on Thursday, 10th December, 2009 at Hamilton North Bowling Club. The Greater/NDBA Bowler of the Year and Most Improved Bowler of the year Award winners will be announced during the function. Full details will be circularised to clubs later this month.
2. The NSW State Championships will be held at Soldiers Point Bowling Club from the 24th to 31st October, 2009. All Delegates and Members are invited to attend the Championships. The order of play is Fours (24/25 October); Triples (26/27 October); Pairs (28/29 October) and Singles (30/31 October).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The results of ballots at the RNSWBA Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting saw Zone 2 continue to maintain its strong representation at State level. Commiserations to Col Burns who was not successful in his quest for the Junior Vice-President position that was taken by Vince Beard from Zone 8.

Congratulations to Lin Coulton (Umpires), Allan Starrett (Coaching), Charlie Frost (Selection) and John Smith (Match) on their election to these Sub-Committees. Allan has subsequently been elected as Chairman of the State Coaching Committee.

A total of 94 bowlers gathered for the President/Secretaries/Delegates Day at Hamilton Bowling Club. With fine weather and good company a great afternoon ensued and I feel many new friendships were made or renewed. The hospitality of Hamilton led by President John Carmody added to the afternoon and congratulations to the Club for its role in making for a pleasant experience. Zone Councillor/Vice-President Col Burns took the opportunity to present RNSWBA Merit Badges to those present who have served their clubs well over a period of time.

Congratulations to our Junior Committee led by Chairman Warren Boyd, plus Charlestown B.C. and President Ian Gardner for the staging of this years Under 25 Challenge. I'm sure Warren will elaborate in his report, but the event was a great showcase for the U25 bowlers from Zones 2, 6, 15 & 16. Congratulations to Zone 16 for what can only be described as a nail biting victory.

The October long weekend saw 40 bowlers from around the State come to Lowlands Bowling Club for the 2009 NSW Deaf Championships in Singles and Fours. Many thanks to the Club for being an excellent host for this event which managed to be completed in difficult conditions.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 30th September, 2009 which showed a balance at bank \$53,201.67.

REPORTS:

COACHING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The highlight of this report is that the NDBA now has 18 new Club Coaches ready to be on the greens to assist bowlers from their respective clubs. Congratulations to each for their diligence and commitment during their participation over the 3 day course.

Raymond Terrace BC again was the host club for this important venture and I cannot speak highly enough of the support and assistance given to ensure that every aspect was successful. A huge thank-you to Raymond Terrace.

The next opportunity for bowlers wishing to become Introductory or Club Coaches will be during 2010. However, it is proposed, at dates yet to be confirmed, that there will be several seminars early in 2010, for re-accreditation and also for providing preliminary requirements for those wishing to become coaches.

As indicated in earlier reports regarding the slow recognition of bowlers becoming coaches, I have met with the CEO, RNSWBA, and am pleased to report that the accreditations are being facilitated. My pursuit in this matter will not wane until all are appropriately recognised.

In conjunction with Beresfield Bowling Club and support from the RNSWBA Sports Development Team, the Coaching Committee will conduct the 2nd *World* Bowlers Arm Tournament on Monday 7th December. Bowlers Arm use is becoming a growth industry or should I say *growth opportunity* for bowlers wishing to extend their time in the game or just as importantly,

clubs wishing to limit the damage to their greens caused by *hip-shooters*. If your club has bowlers who may need some assistance in this area, you may wish to contact the Committee to arrange an in-house on-green seminar.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE REPORT:

Congratulations to Zone 16 on winning the 2009 Challenge Under 25 Years held at Charlestown last month. Also, congratulations to our U/25 team in reaching the final being undefeated in their three rounds. The final was a true test and testament of the player's ability with the odd shot determining the outcome across the six rinks. In fact, the final went down to the last shot giving Chris Holstein (Lambton) a chance to draw the final. However, that was not to be so, Zone 16 take back to the Illawarra the Challenge trophy for the first time.

Two further reports delegates.....Three of our squad members have recently performed extremely well at the highest level. Natasha Van Eldik (Raymond Terrace) who is a senior now, recently played third for Karen Murphy in winning the NSW Women's Open Fours Championship.....and two of our juniors in Sarah Vesenjok (Raymond Terrace) playing for NSW Junior girls Inter State series against Queensland at Halekulani last month won a gold medal in the pairs and silver medal in the fours and another junior in Adrian Solomons (Lemon Tree Passage) taking my advice and Adrian entered in the NSW U/25's Singles Championship held at Taren Point last week. He did exceptionally well in reaching the semi-finals defeating a number of quality players, some premier league players, but finally going down to Chris Green (Taren Point on his home track) – the eventual winner.

Finally Delegates an addition to our Development Program. We will be hosting Zone 10 next month in our first Inter Zone event against this Zone We will be playing four rinks of U/18 and two rinks of 18-25 years players to be held on Sunday 15th November at Redhead BC. We look forward to this fixture and the teams selected should be in your Clubs late next week.

MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT:

The final of this year's Champion of Club Champions Pairs was played on Saturday 26th September 2009 at Bar Beach Bowling Club. Congratulations to Martin Ball and Jamie Minter from Alder Park Bowling Club on defeating Brett Waugh and Jack Littlewood from Redhead Bowling Club 26 – 11 in the final. A big thank-you to Bar Beach Bowling Club for hosting the final series and all the other clubs who hosted previous rounds of this event.

Saturday, 10th October and Sunday 11th October 2009 saw the conclusion of our last District Championship for 2009, with the final of the Champion of Club Champions Fours Championship being held at Adamstown Bowling Club. Congratulations to the Lambton quartet of Wayne Smith, Craig Thompson, Jay Walls & Andrew Smith on defeating Ross Brown, Merv Livingstone, John Cole & Jason Pietraszek (Soldiers Point) 19/13 in the final. Thank-you to Adamstown Bowling Club for hosting the finals series and all the other clubs who hosted previous rounds of this event.

The October long weekend saw the staging of the 2009 NSW Section of the Rookie of the Year Singles & Pairs Championships played at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. Congratulations to Lou Bund and Mark Oldham from Nelson Bay Bowling Club on being crowned Pairs champions for 2009. Also well done to Brad Clark (Wallsend) on making it to the Singles Semi-Finals, losing to the eventual winner Ian Smith from Lake Conjola.

The 2009 Three Three's Competition is still in full swing with Round 7 being played yesterday. There are now only 2 teams left in Nos. 1 & 2 Grades & 4 teams in No.3 Grade.

- Another reminder delegates that this years Saturday & Mid-week Pennant nominations for 2010 close on Wednesday 18th November 2009. Nomination forms will be forwarded to clubs tomorrow.
- The Match Committee has set a side the following dates in preparation for the 2010 Pennant Season:
 1. Pennant Grading Meeting be held on Tuesday, 24th November, 2009 commencing at 1.00pm.
 2. Appeals to close on Wednesday 9/12/09. Any Appeals Hearings to be heard on Friday 11/12/09 at 9.00am.
 3. Pennant draws to be done on Tuesday, 15th December, 2009 at 9.00am.

SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT:

No representative games since the September report.

The next representative game will be played at Lorn Park on Sunday, 8th November against the Hunter District. Circular No. 129/2009 contains full details of the selected side.

Since the State Inter-Zone Sides Championships in September in Sydney, the State selectors have announced the City V's Country Sides.

Newcastle players selected for the Country team are T. Antram (Nelson Bay), M. Ball (Alder Park), M. Baus (Swansea), J. Pietraszek (Soldiers Point) & J. Stokes (Raymond Terrace).

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. F. Pugh, Returning Officer, announced that K. Rearden (Swansea Workers) had been successful in the Vice-President Vacancy Ballot. B Carling invested K. Rearden with his Badge of Office.
2. B. Carling announced that G. Dow (Redhead) was the only nomination for the Junior Committee Vacancy and C. Ramage

(Soldiers Point) was the only nomination for the Coaching Committee Vacancy. He declared both elected and advised that they would be given their Badge of Office.

3. B. Carling presented the Charity Shield winners for the 2009 Pennant Season:
 - Ralph Cotterill Memorial Shield - Bayway Village B.C.
 - Albert Smith Memorial Shield - Redhead B.C.
 - Pepper Memorial Shield - Swansea Workers B.C.
4. B. Carling presented the Coal Board Trophy to C. O'Brien, Raymond Terrace B.C., as the winners of the 2009 District Fours Championship.
5. B. Carling presented to S. Brown, Mayfield B.C., a 25 Years Certificate of Service as a National Umpire for J. Stanley, Mayfield B.C.
6. Lin Coulton advised that an Umpires Class would be commencing at 6.00pm on Monday, 19th October, 2009 at Cardiff B.C. He reported that the RNSWBA Umpires Committee had submitted a summary of the recommended changes to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. W. Shipley enquired if these recommendations were on the Royal website? L. Coulton advised that they are not, but he would make a copy available thru D. Broad.

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, 19th November, 2009 commencing at 6.30pm.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

CONFIRMED

(PRESIDENT)
19.11.2009