



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, 19th November, 2009 commencing at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: **President:** J.T. Smith (who occupied the Chair); **Vice-Presidents:** K. Aspery; M. Conway; L.S. Coulton; A. Hextell; K. Rearden **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: C. Burns, Vice-President; B. Carling, Vice-President; T. Hopkins, Carrington; B. Kappler, Dora Creek Workers; K. Murray & C. Reay, Fingal Bay; A. Penfold, Heaton-Birmingham Gardens; R. Ward, Lambton-New Lambton RSL; K. Doyle & J. Simpson, New Lambton; C. Ramage, Soldiers Point; J. Wark, Swansea; D. Metcraft, Tomago; P. Stamford, Water Board.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Adamstown; Belmont; Carrington; Catherine Hill Bay; Fingal Bay; Lambton-New Lambton RSL; Morisset Hospital; Nelson Bay; New Lambton; Raymond Terrace; Water Board.

OBITUARIES: The President referred to the death of the following and a motion expressing sympathy with the relatives was carried in silence:- David Edwards (Charlestown); David Evans (Kotara); John Carr (Burwood Colliery); Kevin Judges (Soldiers Point); Robert "Bob" Kennedy (Windale/Gateshead); William "Bill" Morgan (Bayway Village); Stuart George (Soldiers Point); Merv Brown (Valentine); Ross Smith (Rathmines Memorial).

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 15th October, 2009 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. Circular 138/2009 calling for Expressions of Interest to Sponsor/Be Host Club for 2010 Association Events was distributed to clubs on 5th November, 2009. The closing date for written expressions of interest is Friday, 8th January, 2010.
2. Any Delegate that requires to receive the Management Committee Meeting Minutes by email and have not submitted their email details to the Office, should complete the form on the back counter and return it to the NDBA Office.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

The following recommendations were approved:

1. Approval be granted to Alder Park BC to conduct:
 - a. Greater Premier Pairs on 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th November, 2009
 - b. Ernie Jones Triples on 7th, 8th & 9th December, 2009.
2. Approval be granted to Merewether BC to conduct the Super 11's Tournament 3 Bowl Triples on 12th & 13th December, 2009.
3. Approval be granted to Swansea Workers BC to conduct the Swansea Workers 11 & Over 3 Bowl Triples Tournament on 19th, 20th & 22nd July, 2010.
4. Approval be granted to Mayfield BC to conduct:
 - a. President's Pairs on 13th & 14th February, 2010.
 - b. Les Prior Mixed Pairs on 15th, 17th, 22nd & 24th February, 2010.
 - c. K. Carmody Welcome Threes on 21st, 23rd, 28th & 30th September 2010.
5. Approval be granted to Windale/Gateshead BC to conduct:
 - a. Jack McDonald Shield 2 Bowl Triples on 12th & 13th July, 2010.
 - b. Encouragement Triples 4 Grade & Under on 23rd & 24th August, 2010.
 - c. Prestige Pairs – 2 Bowl Pairs on 13th & 14th September, 2010.
 - d. Aristocrat Special 11's on 9th & 10th October, 2010.
6. Approval be granted to Cardiff BC to conduct:
 - a. George Russell Shield commencing Monday, 1st March, 2010 and concluding on Friday, 12th March, 2010.
 - b. Men's Prestige Triples on 9th & 10th October, 2010.
 - c. NTM Cleaning Services Father & Son KO Pairs commencing Monday, 1st November, 2010 and concluding on Tuesday, 16th November, 2010.
7. Approval be granted to Beresfield BC to conduct:
 - a. Pre-Season Tournament commencing Monday, 11th January and concluding on Friday, 22nd January, 2010.
 - b. Border Pairs from 3rd to 6th May, 2010.
 - c. Men's Restricted Triples on 2nd & 3rd October, 2010.

8. Approval be granted to Boolaroo BC to conduct:
 - a. October Long Weekend Mixed Pairs on 3rd & 4th October, 2010.
 - b. Lake Macquarie Mixed Pairs on 23rd & 24th October, 2010.
 - c. Ken Porter Fours from 11th to 13th October, 2010.
9. Approval be granted to Redhead BC to conduct the Jack Yates Super 11's on the 4th & 5th September, 2010.
10. Approval be granted to Valentine BC to conduct:
 - a. Valentine Classic Pairs on 24th, 25th, 27th & 28th May, 2010.
 - b. Valentine Super 10's on 7th, 9th & 10th September, 2010.
 - c. Lakers Restricted Triples on 25th & 26th September, 2010.
11. Approval be granted to Teralba BC to conduct:
 - a. Eunice Williams Memorial Mixed Pairs on 28th February, 2010.
 - b. Winter Carnival (Mixed Pairs, Mens Triples) from 1st to 4th July, 2010.
 - c. Metromix Turnaround Triples on 12th September, 2010.
12. Approval be granted to Stockton BC to conduct:
 - a. Mid-Summer Twilights from 6th to 8th January, 2010.
 - b. Charity Challenge Day on 21st February, 2010.
 - c. Easter Carnival from 3rd to 5th April, 2010.
 - d. "Beachside" Mixed Fours on 20th June, 2010.
 - e. Bill Arthur Mixed Fours Versatility Day on 25th & 26th September, 2010.
13. Approval be granted to Wangi BC to conduct:
 - a. M & F Rearden Turnaround Triples on 25th September, 2010.
 - b. N. Wyborn Triples on 13th November, 2010.
 - c. C & A Sykes Mixed Turnaround Triples on 27th November, 2010.
14. Leave of Absence be granted to K. Rearden, Vice-President, from 20th to 30th November, 2009.

It was advised that:

1. The NDBA Xmas Office closure will be from 12 noon on Friday, 18th December, 2009 to Thursday, 7th January, 2010.
2. The Newcastle City Council is conducting an information session on new streamlined NSW Sport & Recreation Grants for community based organisations. The information session will be held at the Netball Clubhouse, National Park, No.1 Sports Ground, Union Street, Newcastle West on Wednesday, 25th November, 2009 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. There will be opportunities for Bowling Clubs to obtain grants under this program. The guidelines, sample application forms and information is available on the website www.communities.nsw.gov.au

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Many thanks to Vice-President Brian Carling for filling in for me at the October Executive and Management Committee Meetings, while I was in Sydney with my role as Technical Delegate at the Lawn Bowls for the Sydney 2009 World Masters Games. I can report that looking after 257 bowlers from both overseas and from every state in Australia proved both interesting and challenging at times.

Great news from State Championships week at Soldiers Point with the victory of the Nelson Bay trio of Brian Bateman, Terry Antram and Richard Girvan in the State Triples Championship. Congratulations to the team on this fantastic effort and to the club for a great year in bowls in Newcastle. Martin Ball made it to the semi-final stage of the singles, before bowing out in a close loss to the eventual runner-up Blake Butler from Terrigal.

The Soldiers Point Club headed by President Jim Richardson really excelled themselves in their initial hosting of the eight days of the State Championships. No stone was left unturned to cater for the needs of all bowlers and officials in attendance and with the assistance of a fantastic group of volunteers no one left Soldiers Point with anything but positive feelings towards the club. The club has accepted the option of hosting the 2010 State Championships and these will be held from 23rd-30th October, 2010.

Congratulations to Vice-President and Zone 2 State Councillor Col Burns for the awarding of a Commonwealth Sports Achievement Award by the Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson MP at an awards ceremony held last week. The citation in the Awards Booklet summarised very succinctly Col's service to the NDBA and bowls in general over an extended period.

Pennant unfurlings have been a feature of the past month with Swansea (No.1 Saturday), Nelson Bay (No.2 Saturday) and Wangi (No.6 Saturday) all holding meaningful celebrations of their club's successes in 2009. Thanks to all clubs for their invitation to the NDBA to be represented at these functions.

As well many clubs have invited us to be a part of their Annual Presentation Ceremonies and hopefully we have been able to respond. These opportunities give the Executive the chance to meet and congratulate many of the bowlers who have had a successful year. We thank the clubs for allowing us to be a part of their celebrations.

Charlestown B.C. was the venue for the combined Lions & Rotary Clubs Annual Fund Raiser to assist with Scholarships for students wishing to attend Hunter Sports High School. Thank-you to Richard Face for the opportunity to have the

NDBA represented and to Kevin Aspery, John Lieb and Keith Rearden for joining me on the night. Over \$7000 was raised for the project.

The final series of Club Annual General Meetings for 2009 were held in the past month. Thank-you to the clubs for their invitation to attend. A review of the profit and loss results for this year shows that the ratio of losses had, not surprisingly, risen. Clubs are encouraged to keep persevering in these difficult times and especially to seek the help and guidance that is available through our Association structures.

Congratulations to Wallsend B.C. for staging the NSW Qualifying Sections for the 2010 Australian Open Singles, Pairs and Triples. A number of high profile bowlers chose Wallsend as their venue and 3 days of excellent competition resulted.

Next Wednesday evening the Annual RNSWBA Presentation evening will be held. Last year the NDBA featured in five of the awards and we are hopeful that some will come our way for 2009. Good luck to all from our Association who may be in line for this recognition.

Finally this evening don't forget our Greater Bowler of the Year and Delegates Night at Hamilton North B.C. on Thursday, 10th December, 2009. I look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate the conclusion of another busy and eventful year in the history of the Newcastle District Bowling Association. The newly elected President of the RNSWBA, Ian McKnight, has indicated he will be attending this function.

CORRESPONDENCE:

From:

Valentine BC Re: Requesting approval to change the colour on their Club and Pennant shirt to Royal Blue from Sky Blue. Moved R. Brew Seconded W. Baldwin that approval be granted. – CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 31st October, 2009 which showed a balance at bank \$ 41,008.78.

REPORTS:

Coaching Committee:

As indicated in earlier reports, follow up was being made with the slow accreditation of coaches who had successfully completed coaching courses. In association with Greg Helm, CEO RNSWBA and BA this process is beginning to flow. The main stumbling block has been that courses had been run (in good faith) by BA unaccredited presenters. This left many new coaches' accreditation in a state of limbo.

Fortunately for us in Zone 2 (NDBA), although caught up in this confusing situation, we have 2 on our Committee of the only 6 fully accredited Presenters/Assessors in NSW, Barry Starrett and myself. The consequence of this is that all who have successfully attended NDBA run courses will receive their appropriate certificates and status cards ..., hopefully in the not too distant future and are entitled to be coaching.

State wide, there is a moratorium on Coaching Courses early into next year as the State Committee conducts planned workshops to raise the number of P/A's. We in Zone 2 are in an excellent position to continue our 2010 program of seminars, forums and coaching courses. Indeed we will be able to assist other zones in meeting their specialised requirements.

Nearly upon us is the closing date (25th November) for the 2009 NSW Bowlers Arm Tournament to be held at Beresfield Bowling Club. This is an initiative of our Committee and has become a uniquely prestigious NSW event. Entries are state wide and are overshadowing our own area entries. It is asked of you on returning to your clubs, to remind your "*Bowling Arm Bandits*" that they will need to respond promptly to be part of this *well sponsored* day.

Junior Committee:

All Clubs should have received Nomination Forms for the Development Squad 2010.

All forms should be completed and returned to Denis by the closing date of Wednesday, 27th January, 2010.

Also, Clubs should have received Junior Championship Forms for Singles, Pairs, Triples & Fours. As we have an early start to these Championships in the new year, please remind your juniors to complete their entries as soon as possible.

We have a change of date for our squad's December Christmas Party. A circular will go out to all Clubs next week with Saturday, 19th December being the new date.

Last Sunday we hosted Zone 10 at Redhead Bowling Club. Three rinks of U/18 and three rinks of U/25two games of 18 ends. This was the first time we have clashed with Zone 10 in an Inter-Zone fixture and as a result of a very successful day plans are underway to make this an annual event. The games were closely contested with our U18 Juniors over 108 ends winning 119 – 104

and our U/25's winning 106 – 101. We would like to especially thank Kevin Bucklee for giving his time to umpire in the morning and Redhead BC as hosts in what turned out to be a show case of our young and talented bowlers.

Talking talented bowlers.two weeks ago on the Saturday bowls program you would have seen our nineteen year old Natasha Van Eldik (Raymond Terrace) contest the final of the Queensland Women's Open Singles. Natasha was a wild card entry into this tournament and to make the final and go down in the last end of the tie breaker by the one shot was truly a superb effort. We congratulate Natasha on her achievement.

Match Committee:

The 2009 Three Three's competition has now been finalised. Congratulations to the following winners & runners-up:

Number 1 Grade Mayfield West won their inaugural No.1 Grade title, runners-up – Swansea.
Number 2 Grade Raymond Terrace 1 won back to back titles, runners-up - Swansea Workers 1
Number 3 Grade Karuah RSL 1 won its first district title since 1990, with last years winners Redhead 1 being runners-up.

This now brings to a conclusion our 2009 Championship program. On behalf of the Match Committee I would like to thank all of our Executive Committee Members and Bowling Clubs and Officials who have officiated and hosted our events this year. I hope to see you when we resume in the New Year.

Nominations for the 2010 Saturday/Midweek Pennant Competitions closed yesterday, Wednesday, 18th November, 2009. These are now being collated for the Match Committee.

The Match Committee has set a side the following dates in preparation for the 2010 Pennant Season:

1. Pennant Grading Meeting will be held next 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.

The 2010 seasons program has now been sent out to all clubs for your information & perusal. One change is that due to the Representative Fixture against the Hunter being washed-out, it will now be an away Fixture.

An early reminder delegates that the all important annual Side Captains and Selectors Seminar has been programmed for Thursday, 11th February 2010 commencing at 6.30pm.

Finally delegates the 2010 – 2011 RNSWBA State Conditions of Play have now been released. It is recommended that your bowls committee read through the forward section to familiarise yourselves with the changes that have been made. They can be downloaded from the Royal Website.

I would here by like to once again wish you all a merry Christmas and Happy New Year and see you all in 2010.

Selection Committee:

The last representative game for 2009, was to be played at Lorn Park on Sunday 8TH November against the Hunter District, & it was called off due to inclement weather.

The next representative game will be played at Mayfield West BC on Saturday 16TH & Sunday 17TH January, 2010 against ACT.

Umpires Committee:

Some information on submissions sent to Bowls Australia for changes/amendments to the Crystal Mark Laws of the Game. Bowls Australia's submissions, having been duly considered and debated were sent according to timetable, to World Bowls Laws Committee on October 31st, 2009 for World Bowls revision by 31.12.09. The revised version from World Bowls then returned to Bowls Australia for any appropriate comment, which must be returned to World Bowls by 28.02.10. A revised edition of the Laws will be completed by 11.06.10, and sent back to Bowls Australia for consideration and approval, to be voted on at the Biennial Council Meeting to be held in Delhi, October 2010.

Several of the proposed changes are:-

- Law 18.4 - Giving the mat away
- Law 23 - Deals with minimum length for jack.
- The Dot Point reference system
- Law 37.1.7 - Skips keeping the scorecard in Triples Play.

And of course there are many others.

The most important issue is this. These are only proposals, and if approved will begin after notification in October, 2010. Until such time, we must work with our current Law Book.

Re-accreditation, 2010.

All umpires cards will show they are due for re-accreditation on 30th June, 2010 or 31st December, 2010, instead of the month in which they were accredited. This system, for many reasons was changed in 2007, and all umpires seeking reaccreditation will be examined either prior to 30th June, 2010, or prior to 31st December 2010. All clubs will receive adequate notice.

Mattara Committee:

The Committee has finalised its review of the 2009 Mattara Carnival and presents the following as recommendations:-

- That if a singles event has more than 128 entries than the quarter-final games will be played on the Wednesday morning prior to the semi-finals and finals.
- That the Frank Neat Memorial Classic Club Nominated Knock-Out Triples be played as a 2 Bowl Triples and 25 ends for the whole of the competition.
- That a 50th Anniversary Badge, based on the original Mattara Badge in 1961 be struck for 2010.

The Committee is continuing to investigate the possibility of a special function to commemorate the 50th Anniversary and will make a final recommendation following its next meeting in February 2010.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS:

Coaching Committee

W. Shipley, Edgeworth BC, enquired as to what is happening with current Coaches. A. Starrett advised that the current Coaches maintain their current status until they become due for re-accreditation. They then have to re-accreditate as a Club or Introductory Coach.

Membership Committee

B. Cooke reported that all clubs current and comparison membership from 12 months ago was in the October Bowls NSW magazine. He advised that Zone 2 had only dropped 96 bowlers in the comparison figures. J.T. Smith recommended that all clubs study these figures and attempt to increase their membership. He was looking forward to the day when our comparison figures would show an increase.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. The Association still has vacancies for its Annual NDBA V RNSWBA Executive & Sub-Committees Fixture to be played on Sunday, 29th November, 2009 at Pennant Hills Bowling Club commencing at 9.30am with morning tea, followed by bowls and lunch. A coach will depart Association Headquarters at 7.00am, with pick-ups being made at Charlestown, Belmont and Doyalson (if required). Cost for the day is \$25/person which includes coach travel and luncheon. Any interested Delegates (and their wives are welcome) should contact Denis Broad or John Smith A.S.A.P.
2. J.T. Smith presented Coaching Certificates to Club Representatives for: Martin Ball (Alder Park); John Breadner, John Hardy & Neville Jensen (Dora Creek Workers); Denis Hill & Ann Murray (Fingal Bay); Cecil Newman & Alf Smith (Hexham); Patrick Halliday (Lowlands); David Brown (Marks Point); Mark Whiteman (Mayfield West); Peter Blume (Merewether); Fergus Campbell, Bruce Dart, Stephen Lawson & Gary Prigg (New Lambton); Leslie Bowditch & Chris Ramage (Soldiers Point); Robert Weir (Tea Gardens).
3. J.T. Smith presented Certificates to the various club Representatives for the 2009 Championships and Pennant Winners & Runners-up.
4. P. Long, Redhead BC, thanked:
 - a. A. Hextell for attending their Presentation Day.
 - b. B. Carling for attending their Annual General Meeting.
 - c. K. Bucklee for umpiring the Junior Representative Fixture played at Redhead BC due to their umpires attending their Annual General Meeting.
5. B. Gannon, Toronto Workers BC, thanked J.T. Smith for attending their first mixed Presentation Night which was a great success.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 21st January, 2010 commencing at 6.30pm.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 7.30pm

CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)
21.01.2010