



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, 21st January, 2010 commencing at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: **President:** J.T. Smith (who occupied the Chair); **Vice-Presidents:** K. Aspery; B. Carling; 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; E. Jones, Alder Park; E. Duncan (K. Harvey Proxy), Belmont Sporties; T. Undery (D. Carter Proxy) Beresfield; R. Jordan (G. Thompson Proxy), Carrington; P. Brockbank, Mayfield West; T. Antram (D. Gilday Proxy), Nelson Bay; B. Mannix, Redhead; J. Richardson & C. Ramage, Soldiers Point; E. Milton, Teralba; F. Haley, Toronto Workers; M. Ralston, Wangi; G. Bailey, Windale/Gateshead.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Alder Park; Bayway Village; Belmont; Burwood Colliery; Catherine Hill Bay; Merewether; Morisset Hospital; Raymond Terrace; Teralba; Valentine; Wangi.

OBITUARIES: The President referred to the death of the following and a motion expressing sympathy with the relatives was carried in silence:- : Max Pedemont (Warners Bay); Geoff Cornish (Water Board); Peter Maddrell (Raymond Terrace); William Coull (Redhead); David Foggo (Water Board).

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 19th November, 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 Kahibah BC to conduct:
 - a. Versatility Mixed Fours on 13th & 14th June, 2010.
 - b. Darby Ross Singles from 21st to 24th June, 2010.
 - c. Allan Shaw Mens Pairs on 3rd & 4th July, 2010.
 - d. Open Mixed Pairs on 6th & 7th September, 2010.
 - e. Jim Bell Shield from 2nd to 4th October, 2010.
2. Approval be granted to Soldiers Point BC to conduct:
 - a. Tooheys Triples from 22nd to 24th February, 2010.
 - b. Mens Versatility on 1st March, 2010.
 - c. Mixed Versatility on 29th March, 2010.
 - d. Blue Swimmer 3 Bowl Triples 7th to 9th June, 2010.
 - e. Mixed Carnival 5th to 8th July, 2010.
 - f. Presidents Triples 3rd to 5th August, 2010.
 - g. Peninsula Pairs 6th to 8th September, 2010.
3. Approval be granted to Lambton BC to conduct an Easter Carnival Mixed Fours on 4th & 5th April, 2010.
4. Approval be granted to Marks Point BC to conduct:
 - a. Beith Shield on 24th & 25th July, 2010.
 - b. Gordon Smith Pairs on 21st & 22nd August, 2010.
 - c. Sylvia & Charlie Knight Mixed Fours on 26th September, 2010.
5. Approval be granted to Marks Point BC to register green pants & green shorts for pennants.
6. Approval be granted to Charlestown BC to change their coloured uniform to gold & black shirt with tigers logo on the pocket and the words Charlestown BC at the top and the words tigers below. Pants and shorts will be black with the same logo as the shirt and will be placed below the right hand pocket of the pants/shorts, with black socks.
7. Approval be granted to Wallsend BC to conduct the Gordon Geise Mixed Versatility on Sunday, 4th & Monday, 5th April, 2010.

It was advised that:

1. The NSW Government has launched a new Sport & Recreation Facility Grant Program. The primary focus of the program is to assist with the funding for the development of local and regional level sport and recreation facilities. Bowling Clubs are eligible for grants under this Program. All applications must be submitted via the online system by 5.00pm, 16th February, 2010. Guidelines and sample application forms are available from <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au>.
2. The Association has accepted a sponsorship of \$1000 from Redhead BC to host the No.6 Grade Saturday Pennant play-offs.

3. The Association has accepted a sponsorship of \$1000 from Hamilton BC to host the No.7 Grade Saturday Pennant play-offs.
4. The Association has accepted a sponsorship of \$2000 from Nelson Bay BC for 2 years, with an option for a 3rd year, for the District Pairs Championship. The prizemoney break-up will be \$1000 winners; \$500 runners-up; \$300 beaten semi-finalists; \$200 beaten quarter-finalists. The Club will receive Naming Rights, plus wherever possible 3 full greens of District Pairs players.
5. J.T. Smith & D. Broad will meet with Soldiers Point BC Officials in the near future in regards to sponsorship of the Newcastle Representative Side.
6. The Association is seeking a person to assist Mrs. Gai Smith record Pennant results on a Saturday afternoon between 4.00pm & 6.00pm at Association headquarters during the pennant season. A small remuneration is available. Any interested person should contact Denis Broad at the Association office.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

On behalf of the Executive Committee and myself may I wish you a warm welcome to 2010 and hope that it will prove to be a pleasing year for you all both on and off the green.

Last year concluded with our Annual Bowler of the Year and Xmas Delegates Night at Hamilton North B.C. It proved to be Alder Park's night with Martin Ball being the Greater Bowler of the Year and Jamie Minter the Greater Most Improved Bowler of the Year. Many thanks to all those bowlers and their partners who attended and to President Robert Prisk and the Hamilton North Bowling Club for their efforts in staging this successful night.

The RNSWBA Presentation Night again saw recognition for Zone 2 with the induction of Barry Salter into the RNSWBA Hall of Fame. Barry's son Tony, together with Barry's wife Robin were indeed proud recipients of the award and Tony responded on behalf of the family. This was a well deserved honour for Barry for all the time and effort he put into many different aspects of the bowling world. He joins Dave Downie and Darby Ross as the third Zone 2 bowler inducted into this Hall of Fame.

It was my pleasure to attend the Hunter Secondary Schools Sports Association Sporting Blues Presentation where three of our younger bowlers were honoured. Matthew Dow and Jarrod Gorsuch received Sporting Blues and Sarah Vesenjak a Special Mention Award for her continued success. Congratulations to all three for their outstanding achievements.

The visit to Pennant Hills B.C. for the Annual NDBA v RNSWBA Executive and Sub-Committees Fixture saw us relinquish the Les Parrott Memorial Shield to the RNSWBA. Although not successful on the green our group enjoyed the excellent hospitality provided by President Ron King and his club and we thank them for their efforts.

I had the honour of representing our Association at the Kevin Moore Appreciation Day at Bowral. Kevin is a long serving (42 years) of Zone 5 and the Southern Tablelands DBA and he has just retired from official duties. It is interesting to note that we have a 52 year ongoing relationship with Kevin's Zone/District and have enjoyed his company on many occasions.

Congratulations to President Col O'Brien and his staff at Raymond Terrace B.C. for their great work in staging both the Premier League Final Series and Bowls NSW Club Challenge finals during December. The club brought great credit to itself by the manner in which it catered for the needs of the many players and visitors over those two weekends. Our best result in the two series was a silver medal for Belmont B.C. in the Mens Silver Division of the Club Challenge and our congratulation to Belmont on its achievement.

The last part of 2009 proved very busy with representation at Club Presentation Functions and we sincerely thank all clubs who invited us to be part of their celebrations.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 31st December, 2009 which showed a balance at bank \$ 39,572.62.

REPORTS:

Advisory Committee:

Although our first meeting for 2010 is not until the 4th February, it is pleasing to hear that a number of clubs in our Zone are looking at updating their Constitution or considering changing from a Co-operative to a Company Limited in the near future.

With regards to our Advisory Pamphlets, our Committee is still working on the following:

- No.15 Duties of a Club Games Secretary, and
- No.16 Duties of a Club Secretary.

Both of these are designed to introduce a club member to the basic scope of the positions should they consider standing for either one in the future.

Pamphlets No.17 Guide to Club Selectors and No.26 Duties of a Pennant Side Manager were entered on our website today, Thursday, thanks to the work of our Secretary Denis for updating these pamphlets to meet the changes needed for 2010.

Coaching Committee:

As coach education has become more centralised and non-gender based, zones and districts need now to positively investigate additional roles and formulate directions such as:
the conduct of:

- development and support seminars
- information sharing forums
- coaching skill sessions
- raising coach profiles and utilisation within club
- combining human resources
- the identification of potential coaches
- selection of the Coach of the Year
- liaison with RNSWBA for courses
- maintaining current coach lists

A Zone 2 Coaching Committee Information Sharing Forum will be conducted on Monday 8th March 2010 from 6.30pm to 8.00pm and is open to all men and women coaches. Attendance at this meeting will give an opportunity to find out the latest information and directions for coaching. Any prospective coach is welcome to attend.

The Coaching Committee has requested the RNSWBA Coaching Committee to conduct a Club Coach Course in May with suggested dates being 18th & 20th May or 25th & 27th with a venue yet to be decided. Courses are open to men and women. It is to be anticipated that this will be the only Club Coach course held in this area for 2010.

Introductory Coach and Re-Accreditation courses will be held towards the latter part of the year.

Junior Committee:

Just a few announcements tonight.

In your mail you will find the season's program for the Development Squad.
Please attach this program to your Club's notice board for future reference.

Our Junior Championships start next month with the Pairs on Friday 12th February to be held at Mayfield West BC, followed by the Singles commencing Sunday 7th March at Raymond Terrace BC.

Our first monthly training session will be held on Monday 8th February at Raymond Terrace.

A gentle reminder would be appreciated to all your Under 25 and Junior players at your Club to say that it imperative to attend training this year if they want to be considered for selection in our representative events. This year, it is pleasing to announce that our District selectors will be the main body selecting our U/25 Sides for our planned inter district and zone fixtures.

Match Committee:

Nominations for the 2010 Saturday and Mid-Week Pennant competitions are as follows:

Saturday Pennant 2010

Grade	Entries
1.	24 teams
2.	18 teams
3.	26 teams
4.	23 teams
5.	29 teams
6.	48 teams
7.	47 teams

Total 215 TEAMS = 5 teams less than 2009

Mid-Week Pennant 2010

Grade	Entries
1.	17 teams
2.	6 teams
3.	20 teams
4.	29 teams
5.	25 teams

Total 97 teams = 2 teams more than 2009

- Zone 6 once again have entered the Mid-Week Pennant competition for 2010 with 7 teams in the following grades
 Kurri Kurri grades 1, 3, 4, 5
 Maitland City grade 3
 Morpeth grade 4
 Maitland Park grade 3

Please note in the Mid-Week Pennant Competition Swansea Workers No.5 Grade Side have been elevated to No.4 Grade Section 5 at the Club's request, due to player grading problems. We therefore require an additional side in No.5 Grade Section 2 to alleviate 2 Byes. Any club that could assist should contact the Association Office A.S.A.P.

There are still some other vacancies if any club wishes to enter additional sides.

- As you may have been aware Friday, 11th December 2009 had been put aside for any club wishing to appeal any of the grading decisions that they may not be happy with as per the Match Committee's grading process. To which no appeal hearing was necessary.
- The home and away draw for Saturday and Mid-Week Pennants has now been completed and has been distributed to all clubs. A copy is also in your mail tonight.
- Nominations have now closed for the first of our championships for 2010 being the District Four's scheduled to commence on the 30th January 2010. 87 Teams have entered and a copy of the draw is in your mail tonight. The Championship is being played on synthetic greens, with the final stages at Lowlands BC.
- This years District Triples has been put back 2 weeks due to player commitments in the Australian Open Championship. Entries will now close on Wednesday, 10th February, 2010 and the commencement date is Saturday, 27th February, 2010.
- Clubs are also advised to fax, email or post all their player gradings of nominated players for the 2010 season no later than the 19th February 2010. This will allow us to double check their player status. Clubs are also advised to contact the NDBA office with any concerns about player gradings for 2010. An important reminder to include the contact person's name at the top of the Pennant Players Summary Form.
- The all important annual Side Captains and Selectors Seminar has been scheduled for Thursday, 11th February 2010 commencing at 6.30pm.
- Finally tonight delegates Pennant material in your envelopes for your club include the Duties of a Club Selector – Duties of a Side Manager – Pennant Summary Report sheets as mentioned before to be returned by 19th February 2010 – Application Form for Friday night Pennant fixtures.

Selection Committee:

Last weekend 16th & 17th January, the start of the 2010 Representative Season began against the ACT at Mayfield West B.C.

Two games were played on Saturday & the third on Sunday morning. Game one on Saturday morning saw NDBA winning with a score of 146-102 & with 5 rinks to 1. Game 2 in the afternoon saw NDBA winning with a score of 135-85 & with 5 rinks to 1. The losing rink lost by 1 shot. Game three on Sunday morning saw NDBA winning with a score of 143-95 & with 3 rinks each. Two of the losing rinks both lost by 1 shot.

NDBA dominated each game & in the first game NDBA were leading by 6 shots when the NDBA side won the next six ends 21-1 to consolidate their position.

A special word of thanks to Mayfield West B.C. on their outstanding efforts in hosting the Three Test Series.

The next representative game will be in July. Two games will be played prior to the July game as a Possibles & Probables. The first game will be on Monday, 22nd February at Raymond Terrace B.C. & the second towards the end of the Pennant Season. These will be played during the week commencing at 6.00pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. W. Shipley, Edgeworth B.C. thanked M. Conway for attending their Presentation Night which was a very enjoyable evening.
2. T. Dean, Wallsend B.C., thanked L. Coulton for attending their Annual General Meeting & Presentation Night, commenting that he did a very good job.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 18th February, 2010 commencing at 6.30pm.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 7.10pm

CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)
 18.02.2010