



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, 18th February, 2010 commencing at 6.30pm.

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

APOLOGIES: C. Burns, Vice-President; B. Carling, Vice-President; A. Hextell, Vice-President; T. Blow, Selection Committee Chairman; D. Johnson (G. Wright Proxy), Bar Beach BC; T. Undery (P. Sansom Proxy), Beresfield; R. Jordan (G. Thompson Proxy), Carrington; E. Lind, Dora Creek Workers; W. Shipley, Edgeworth BC; K. Murray, Fingal Bay; F. Pugh, Lambton; M. Heslop, Lemon Tree Passage; T. Antram, Nelson Bay; K. Doyle, New Lambton BC; R. Bender, Rathmines Memorial; E. Milton, Teralba; F. Haley, Toronto Workers; P. Stamford, Water Board.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Alder Park; Belmont; Burwood Colliery; Catherine Hill Bay; Edgeworth; Lambton-New Lambton RSL; Lemon Tree Passage; Mayfield; Mayfield West; Merewether; Morisset Hospital; Rathmines Memorial; 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: Allan Beveridge (Belmont); Ronald (Duke) Cooper (Teralba); Frank Wadwell (Hexham); Richard Burns (Hexham); Keith Duck (Wallsend); Harry Baxter (Swansea Workers).

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 21st January, 2010 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: J.T. Smith advised that Mrs. P. Stamford, Water Board BC, has agreed to assist with Saturday Pennant Results.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

The following recommendations were approved:-

1. Approval be granted to Heaton Birmingham Gardens BC to conduct:
 - a. Mixed Fours on 12th & 13th June, 2010.
 - b. Kevin Hanna Mens Triples on 21st & 22nd August, 2010.
2. Approval be granted to Mayfield West BC to conduct:
 - a. Golden Easter Egg Men's 3 Bowl Triples on 2nd, 3rd & 5th April, 2010.
 - b. Queen's Birthday Weekend Carnival on 12th, 13th & 14th June, 2010.
3. Approval be granted to Alder Park BC to conduct:
 - a. Premier Pairs from 21st to 24th November, 2010.
 - b. Ernie Jones Triples on 6th, 7th & 8th December, 2010.
4. Approval be granted to Fingal Bay BC to conduct the Restricted (Grade 4 & Under) Surfside Triples on 16th & 17th September, 2010.
5. The Association introduce a Zone 2 Junior Bowler of the Year Award and a Zone 2 Coach of the Year Award.
6. Approval be granted to Catherine Hill Bay BC to register royal blue shorts for pennants.

It was advised that:

1. The Association has accepted sponsorships from Soldiers Point BC of \$1,650 for the District Triples Championship and \$1,000 for the No.1 Grade Saturday Pennant play-offs.
2. The Association has accepted a sponsorship of \$1,000 from Kotara BC to host the No.2 Grade Saturday Pennant play-offs.
3. The Association has accepted a sponsorship of \$1,000 from Hamilton North BC to host the No.3 Grade Saturday Pennant play-offs.
4. The Association has accepted a sponsorship of \$1,000 from Valentine BC to host the No.5 Grade Saturday Pennant play-offs.
5. Mid-Week Pennant Play-offs are available for a sponsorship of \$500.
6. The Association is obtaining quotations for new Representative uniforms. The design is to be predominantly white with flashes of red and blue.

B. Kappler, Dora Creek Workers BC, expressed the concerns of his club that a level playing field is not being used for Saturday Post Sectional Pennant play-offs, as no synthetic greens were being used. He stated that this contravened a ruling of the Australian

Sports Commission. J.T. Smith advised that at the September 2009 Management Committee Meeting a new rule was adopted that "Post Sectional Games for all grades are to be played on a similar surface to that on which the State Play-offs are to be played on." This year all State play-offs are being played on grass greens and Saturday Pennant play-offs have been allocated to clubs with grass greens. After discussion J.T. Smith advised he would seek information from our representatives on Bowls Australia and the Royal in regards to this matter and requested a written copy of the Australian Sports Commission ruling from B. Kappler.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

In what has been a relatively quiet month lots of preparation has been going into our upcoming Pennant Season. May I wish all clubs and players an enjoyable and competitive time as they strive to bring recognition both to their club and themselves.

Congratulations to President Des Skinner and the Beresfield Bowling Club for becoming the host club for the Hunter Academy of Sport Lawn Bowls Squad. As well in March this club will be hosting the NSW Wheelchair Singles and Pairs Championships.

Many thanks to President David Bell of Valentine for his invitation to Zone Councillor Col Burns and myself to attend the unfurling of the 2009 No.7 Grade Saturday Pennant. This event had been put back to await the completion of the clubs new synthetic green and the No.7 Grade side was recognised in fine style.

Mayfield West conducted its 2009 Presentation Night last Saturday Night and I thank President Neville Freund for both the invitation and the great hospitality provided.

On Wednesday 24th February at 6.00pm at Cardiff B.C. we have our Annual Fixture against the Hunter DBA Executive and Sub-Committees. At this stage we still require 4 players to make up the 24 required and if any Delegates feel that they may be able to assist, please contact me after the meeting tonight.

CORRESPONDENCE:

From: Tomago BC Re: Requesting approval to wear coloured pants, with a base colour of black with white & gold stripes down each leg. Moved R. Brew Seconded T. Hopkins that approval be granted. – CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 31st January, 2009 which showed a balance at bank \$ 33,104.54.

REPORTS:

RNSWBA:

RNSWBA Treasurer Ron King expects that the deficit of the Association by June will be somewhere between \$120,000 and \$220,000.

There has been a loss of income from interest of \$85,000, no gains in sponsorship and a loss in capitation fees due to a 3% fall in membership.

The Board is investigating the savings that can be made on the postage of the Bowls NSW Magazine. Each issue of the Magazine costs \$49,000 to post to members and a report will be delivered to the March Board Meeting.

Depending on the ongoing situation of all of the above, consideration may have to be given to staff reductions.

Premier League for 2010 will again be conducted in the period from September to December. The competition will be limited to 14 teams, with a maximum of 3 imported players per team. If imports are not used a team may have no more than 6 marquee players from other NSW clubs. At all times a team must have a minimum of 6 local players and such local players must have played at least one Association event and be registered with the club prior to a cut-off date.

Coaching Committee:

The NDBA will be hosting a RNSWBA Information Sharing Forum on Monday 8th March 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm at District Headquarters. This will be an opportunity for all coaches, men and women, to hear the latest information regarding coaching. There will also be an interactive session to discuss any current concern that will assist future directions.

The 2010 Club Coach course for this area will be held at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club on Tuesday 25th, Thursday 27th May and Tuesday 1st June from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm. This course is open to men and women and is not restricted to just Zone 2. Applications may also be received from individuals and/or other zones such as Central Coast and Hunter. Full details will be sent out to clubs from this office. Early applications are required as the maximum number for a course is now 15. Late applications may not be considered. If more than 15 applications are received, a concurrent course will be run.

The important RNSWBA *Coaching Communiqués* are getting through to all clubs in Zone 2. Club Secretaries are requested that copies be given to their coaches, along with a copy pinned to notice boards for general information to members.

The NDBA is introducing for 2010 a Coach of the Year Award. Suggested criteria that may be used to support a nomination will be provided to your club. It is intended that they appear on our website. Nominations for the Award, are to be made by their Club. Who will be our inaugural 2010 Coach of the Year?

Greens Committee:

As all greens have been inspected, it is pleasing to note that there has been a vast improvement to the surrounds and gardens at most clubs.

There are still 30 greens under renovations, of which most are expected to be back in tip top condition for the Pennant Season. Clubs which have greens playable at this time have really worked hard to have them in exceptional condition.

In closing may we wish each Club every success for there Pennant quest in the coming months.

Junior Committee:

Last Friday evening saw the start of the Junior Championships with Round 1 of the Pairs played at Mayfield West BC ... Ryan Kooyman (Toronto Workers) & Nick Redcliffe (Beresfield) 24 d Jayden Newman (Hexham) & Casey Parsons (Stockton) 14

Round 2 will continue this Friday commencing at 6:00pm at Mayfield West.

At the NDBA 'Bowler of the Year' presentation last year at Hamilton North, the first junior grand slam winner in Andrew Smith from Lambton made a suggestion that we should incorporate the Junior Bowler of the Year as part of the annual presentation. As we follow the Royal in all that we do ... this suggestion was supported by the Junior Committee and recently endorsed and adopted by our NDBA executive. Points awarded to our junior players will be restricted to junior events at District / State and National levels.

As reported last month I would appreciate your efforts in reminding all your Under 25 and Junior players at your Club to nominate for our squad and attend the next training session on Monday 8th March, if they wish to be considered for selection in our representative events. In regard to our Juniors and especially our U/25 representative team selections ... this year our NDBA selectors will only be considering players who have registered and attend regular training sessions.

Match Committee:

Saturday, 7th February 2010 saw the conclusion of our first District Championship for 2010, with the Final of the District Fours Championship being held at Lowlands Bowling Club. Congratulations to the quartet of Wayne Smith, Kris Murtagh, Craig Thompson & Chad Sutton of Lambton Bowling Club on defeating Steve Green, Gary Asher, Brian Bateman & Richard Girvan of Nelson Bay Bowling Club 24 to 14 in the final. A great crowd was on hand to witness an exciting game of bowls being played. A big thank-you to Lowlands Bowling Club for hosting the finals series and all the other clubs who hosted previous rounds of this event.

Nominations have now closed for the 2nd of our Championships for 2010 being the District Triples scheduled to commence on Saturday 27th February 2010. The Draw was forwarded to Clubs yesterday.

Clubs that have not done so, are advised to fax or post their Saturday & Mid-Week Pennant Players Summary Forms for the 2010 season by no later than 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.

The all important Annual Side Captain and Team Managers meeting for 2010 was held on Thursday, 11th February this year and was represented by 25 clubs. Once again a big-thank you to President John Smith who hosted the evening very well.

Finally Delegates I would request that you advise your bowlers over 70 years of age, that the Annual Veterans' & Super Veterans' Day will be held at Burwood Colliery B.C. on Thursday, 25th March, 2010 commencing at 12.45pm. This Day is being sponsored for the first time by David Lloyd Funerals & we would like a good attendance. Circular No.011/2010 contains full details of the Day.

Selection Committee:

No games to report on.

A Possibles v's Probables game on Monday, 22 February 2010 at Raymond Terrace B.C. commencing at 6.00pm.

On Monday, 1st March, 2010 the Annual game in the Over 60's will be played between Zones 2, 6 & 15 at Cessnock City B.C.

Umpires Committee:

Just a few small points. As all umpires should be aware, all accreditation certificates are issued for a period of four (4) years. Upon completion of this 4 year period a re-assessment is required by Bowls Australia to ensure the continued validity of his/her certificate. The procedure governing such assessment is clearly documented on page 9

of the current Umpires Handbook, and of course all umpires will have a copy of this publication, and, of course will be familiar with the contents. Allow me to refresh your memories by quoting the last paragraph:

“A member of the District Umpires Committee will conduct the written **SUPERVISED** examination, which is open book.”

This is a directive from Bowls Australia, and this is the method adhered to by State and local authorities. During the past two (2) years there have been many who, for reasons of their own, have advocated changing this system to one of self-examination or determination by a member of their own group. Or even have their examination done on the **NET**. Perhaps we could also put all of the answers on the net too! **AND** when an umpire is called let’s hope he has an umpires certificate which is valid.

Letters, e-mails and phone calls have been received regarding re-accreditation expiry dates for 2010. In 2006, Bowls Australia sent out a directive giving 30th June 2010, and 31st December, 2010 as the only two dates of expiry. In 2007 this was changed to coincide with the date of the end of the month of your original accreditation. The Umpires Committee either have or will in the near future notify all clubs of umpires to be re-accredited and when the re-accreditation dates will be at their own club.

Three years have passed and still there are those who do not understand the substitute procedures as printed in Domestic Regulation 4, and again, it is, as usual, the defeated party causing the problems. **READ THIS LAW!!**

Mattara Committee:

On Monday of this week we received the news that the Greater Building Society have agreed to sponsor this years Mattara Carnival for \$10,000. We are grateful to the company for their generosity and we look forward to working with them to stage another successful Mattara.

The organisation for our 2010 Mattara Carnival is now under way with this year marking the 50th Anniversary of Mattara.

As advised previously there will be a special 50th Anniversary Badge produced based on the original Mattara Badge from 1961.

As part of the Carnival we will be holding a special finger food luncheon on Finals Day, being 20th August at a cost of \$10 per head (tickets to be purchased in advance). A general invitation to any person who has been involved in our Mattara over the last 50 years will be issued for this function. Further details will be provided after our next meeting in April.

Circular 021/2010 was distributed yesterday asking for Clubs to express an interest in hosting the Les Parrott Memorial Open Singles and Restricted Singles or the Traditional Carnival. The Singles events are scheduled for the 9th-11th August, 2010 and the Traditional Carnival from the 12th -20th August, 2010. Nominations are due for return by Thursday, 1st April, 2010. The Mattara Committee will meet on 6th April to make recommendations for host clubs. Entry forms will be available in May and entries will close on the last week of June.

All other aspects of the Carnival, with the exception of the change of the Frank Neat Memorial Club Nominated Triples and the limitation of a Singles Post Sectional if more than 128 entries received, will remain the same.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. J.T. Smith presented the 2009 Rookies Singles Winners Badge to Wallsend Delegates for Brad Clark & Rookies Pairs Winners Badges to Nelson Bay Delegates for Lou Bond & Mark Oldham.

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

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 7.25pm

CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)
18.03.2010