



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, 15th April, 2010 commencing at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: **President:** J.T. Smith (who occupied the Chair); **Vice-Presidents:** B. Carling; M. Conway; L.S. Coulton; **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; K. Rearden, Vice-President; F. Pugh, Lambton; T. Antram (D. Gilday Proxy), Nelson Bay; R. Bender, Rathmines Memorial; D. Martin & J. Younghusband, Tea Gardens; S. Pritchard, Teralba; F. Haley, Toronto Workers.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: K. Aspery, Vice-President; A. Hextell, Vice-President.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Alder Park; Bar Beach; Carrington; Catherine Hill Bay; Edgeworth; Heaton-Birmingham Gardens; Mayfield; Merewether; Morisset Hospital; Rathmines Memorial; Raymond Terrace; Swansea Workers; Tea Gardens.

OBITUARIES: The President referred to the death of the following and a motion expressing sympathy with the relatives was carried in silence: Ron Harris (Wallsend); Bob Frame (Wallsend); Arch McCluskey (Rathmines Memorial); Ray Hardes (Wallsend); Evan Ott (Lambton); Les Walmsley (Lambton); Vic Bonham (Cardiff); Robert Young (Hamilton North); Gordon Fuller (Swansea Workers); Geoff Fennell (Toronto Workers).

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 18th March, 2010 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

The following recommendations were approved:

1. Approval be granted to Mayfield Bowling Club to register Club Colours of sky & navy blue shirts and royal blue pants & shorts.
2. Approval be granted to Dora Creek Workers Bowling Club to change their playing uniform to include black pants & shorts instead of white or cream pants & shorts.
3. Approval be granted to Toronto Workers Mens Bowling Club to conduct the Geoff Fennell Invitation Master Fours on the 16th, 17th & 18th June, 2010.

It was advised that:

1. The Association has accepted a sponsorship of \$500 from Mayfield West Bowling Club to host the No.1 Grade Mid-Week Pennant play-offs.
2. The Association has accepted a sponsorship of \$500 from Lemon Tree Passage Bowling Club to host the No.3 Grade Mid-Week Pennant play-offs.
3. The Association has accepted a sponsorship of \$1 100 from Kotara Bowling Club for the District Major Singles Championship.
4. Morisset Hospital Bowling Club is seeking a second-hand roller for their green. Could anyone with information about an available unit, please contact Club President Norm Stevens on 4973 1704.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

A group of 58 Veterans and Super Veterans gathered at Burwood Colliery Bowling Club on Thursday, 25th March to celebrate this aspect of Seniors week. President John Ellam and Secretary-Manager Garry Holt formed a very welcoming and hospitable team and a friendly atmosphere prevailed during the afternoon. Many thanks to our sponsor for the day David Lloyd Funerals, whose representative Tony Yen was a late apology due to work commitments. Many thanks to Match Committee member Mick Abrook for his assistance on the day.

The NSW Multi-Disability Championships were successfully concluded in a joint operation between the Beresfield and Raymond Terrace Clubs when rain forced the last days play to be transferred under the sails. To the members of both Clubs, and especially Beresfield, who made themselves available to assist in the running of this unique event may I thank you on behalf of the NDBA. My visit there on the Monday highlighted the fact that competitive bowls and sportsmanship is not just limited to the able bodied bowler. I'm sure Presidents Des Skinner and Col O'Brien would be proud indeed of their Clubs contribution to this event. Local interest was maintained to the very end with Michael Kedwell from Teralba qualifying for the Men's Singles Semi-Finals and eventually finishing 4th in the competition. Congratulations are extended to Michael on his subsequent selection in the NSW Team to contest the National Championships to be played at Darebin City Bowls Club, Victoria.

The Visit from the Southern Tablelands District B.A. over the Easter weekend once again was highly successful. STDBA President Peter Kelland brought with him a party of 49 people to enjoy the excellent hospitality and facilities of Belmont, Raymond Terrace and Marks Point Bowling Clubs. To the respective Host Presidents Trevor Coles at Belmont, Col O'Brien at Raymond Terrace and Bob Snape at Marks Point many thanks for making your clubs available. I would also like to thank the members of Kahibah, Water Board, Rathmines Memorial, Swansea, Swansea Workers, Toronto Workers and Belmont Sporties who attended our 3 venues to help ensure our numbers on each day were similar to those of our visitors. As well to Executive Members Alec Wright, Alan Hextell, Lin Coulton and Brian Cooke well done on your hosting of our officials with the travelling party.

In 2011 there will be no visit to Southern Tablelands because of the clash between Easter and Anzac Day. We will visit there again in 2012.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 31st March, 2010 which showed a balance at bank \$10,689.58.

REPORTS:

RNSWBA

J.T. Smith presented a verbal report on behalf of C. Burns, State Councillor. The RNSWBA Board received a presentation from Mr. R. Sleeman, Complete Sports Marketing, in regards to raising funds from large participation events, e.g. State Pennant Final Series, Inter-Zone Sides Championship. He advised that communities are aware that a sports tourist spends \$219 per person per day and a leisure tourist spends \$163 per person per day. The NSWBA and RNSWBA are to prepare a list of events for assessment.

The RNSWBA Audit Committee presented recommendations for new Capitation Fees and the introduction of a Club Affiliation Fee. These fees were adopted by the RNSWBA Board and were circularised to Clubs by way of Circular No.05/2010.

The Treasurer reported an expected loss for the year of approximately \$200,000. He envisaged no staffing cuts and advised that Zones would no longer receive a \$2,000 Zone Allowance. He has also introduced a requirement that all State Sub-Committees prepare an annual budget.

Advisory Committee

Just a short report to inform you that the Executive Committee at its meeting last Monday evening endorsed the Advisory Committee Pamphlet No.15 – Function of the Games Secretary. It has now been entered onto our Website.

The Pamphlet is basically designed to provide members of your club with General Guidelines on the practice of a Games Secretary within your Club.

Our Committee has now commenced work on Pamphlet No.16 – Duties of Club Secretary. This will require a considerable amount of time and discussion due to the nature of the position.

Coaching Committee:

There are over 30 Zone 2 coaches who require re-accreditation this year. In conjunction with the Club Coach course, at Raymond Terrace, the State Coaching Committee has organised re-accreditations to be held. Please advise coaches at your club that this will be the only opportunity available this year to maintain their position on the listing. Application forms will be sent out from the NDBA Office. The dates are:

Course	Date	Venue
Re-Accreditation	25th, 27 th May & 1 st June 2010	Raymond Terrace
Club Coach	25th, 27 th May & 1 st June 2010	Raymond Terrace

The Introductory Course at Beresfield this Sunday has been filled and there are vacancies still available for the Club Coach course at Raymond Terrace. It is essential to complete application forms as quickly as possible as all courses are open to attendance Australia wide.

Please note: In completing the Application Forms, there is no requirement to have a Police Check done. NSW applicants are required only to complete *Attachment 4 of the 6.4 Prohibited Employment Declaration*. This is held at your Club if needed.

Recommended criteria for the Zone 2 Coach of the Year Award has been agreed upon by the Coaching Committee. Details of submitting a nomination will be forwarded to clubs. A copy is available for clubs tonight.

The Coaching Committee is planning to conduct a number of Development & Support Seminars during 2010
The proposals are:

- (a) A Coaching Skills session be held at Belmont BC on Monday, 31st May, 2010 from 4.00pm to 6.30pm. (Note the date Change). Refer Circular No.044/2010 for full details.
and
- (b) Coaching Equipment & Aids Display to be organised for September at a west lakes Club.

Greens Committee

The Greens ratings this month were slightly down from our last ratings in February. The Greens Committee Members believe that this has been brought about because of March's wet weather. It is expected that given some fine weather, the ratings will quickly improve.

It is pleasing to report that the surrounds and gardens at the majority of clubs are of a very high standard. This certainly lifts the appearance of your club & creates a good impression for visitors & passers by.

Junior Committee

Last Sunday saw the completion of the Junior Championships for 2010 with the playing of the Triples at Heaton Birmingham Gardens BC. This was the first time we have conducted a Triples event in our Championships with the team of Greg Digby (Mayfield), Sean Cairns and Shaun Richards (Raymond Terrace) defeating Ryan Kooyman (Toronto Workers), Nick Redcliffe (Beresfield) and Tom Taylor (Redhead) 29 – 14 in the final.

Our Squad to represent us at the State Junior Championships to be held at Warilla BC during the week commencing Monday 12th July is now finalized. In the **Singles** we have Shaun Richards (Raymond Terrace), **Pairs** Matt Dow (Redhead) and Adrian Solomons (Lemon Tree Passage) and in the **Fours** Joshua Terras (Redhead), Shaun Richards, Matt Dow and Adrian Solomons. We wish all players every success at the Junior State Championships.

On Monday Natasha Van Eldik (Raymond Terrace) arrived home from India after playing for Australia in the eight nations series in Delhi. Natasha played in the pairs with Lynsey Armitage and after a great series reached the final playing South Africa. By all reports and as the scores indicate this was a close final with our Aussie girls going down 6 – 8 in the first set and 6 – 7 in the second. So, Natasha has a silver medal in fact the four Australian teams to make the finals all gained silver. On the Royal's website you can read the report.

As you can imagine we are all extremely proud of Natasha's achievement, not only now she is representing Australia but through all her career as a junior and now playing at the top level. Her dedication and drive to succeed to become the best she could possibly be has certainly been realized. A tremendous effort Natasha.

President ...Colin O'Brien..... from Raymond Terrace please pass on to Natasha our congratulations on behalf of all Clubs in our District.

Match Committee:

The Saturday Pennant Competition has now reached the halfway stage with the playing of Round 5 last Saturday, 10th April 2010. Round 6 of the Mid-Week Pennant Competition was played yesterday, Wednesday 14th April 2010. The Mid-Week Pennant Competition has been disrupted by wet weather, with some teams having three washed-out matches. As per competition Rule 19(e) these washed-out matches will be played in the best order to expedite the completion of the competition.

The Round 5 No.1 Grade Saturday Pennant game between Raymond Terrace and Alder Park scheduled for Saturday, 7th April, 2010 has been rescheduled to be played on Sunday 23rd May 2010 after Round 10, but only if required to determine the Section winner.

An early reminder to clubs that the pennant Post Sectional play is fast approaching and you should refer to NDBA Rules and Regulations Number 17 on Page 10 – **Notification of teams selected for Saturday and Mid-Week Post-Sectional Games**. Clubs participating in Post Sectional Games should have their team(s) selected with spares by mid-week if playing on a Saturday and four days prior to a mid-week game. Clubs to fax or email their nominated team(s) to the NDBA Match Committee for acceptance.

A reminder to clubs now that we have completed Round 5 of both our Saturday and Mid-Week Pennant Competitions, clubs that have multiple No.7 Grade Sides or multiple same grade sides that they shall be identified now as No.1, No.2, No.3, etc and for the purpose of elevation and regression shall be deemed a higher and lower side.

Nominations for the State President Pairs close on Wednesday, 26th May 2010.

Nominations for the 2010 State Senior Pairs and District Pairs which are being sponsored by Nelson Bay Bowling Club close the following Wednesday, 2nd June 2010. All the Pairs Championships are scheduled to commence on Saturday, 19th June 2010. Swansea Bowling Club has agreed to host the Zone 2 versus Zone 13 Representative fixture on Sunday, 4th July 2010.

Selection Committee:

The Reserve side to play Maitland Park on Sunday, 2nd May against Zones 6 and 15 has been released.

The next selection will be 4 rinks with 4 rinks of Reserve side to play Zone 13 at Swansea on 4th July 2, rinks of Under 18's will also be playing.

Umpires Committee:

Last month a notice was included in the information sent out to every club asking for submissions regarding changes/alterations/additions to Domestic Regulations for the forthcoming four years, and giving a closing date. Subsequent to that information, the closing date has been brought forward by Bowls Australia, so if there are any changes you think would be appropriate, send them in A.S.A.P. to the Secretary, NDBA.

Also received from Bowls Australia information to the effect that no more Law Books will be printed before the introduction of the new/revised laws in October. So where does that leave us? No books in the District; no chance of purchasing more; Umpires Classes to be run; Umpire reaccreditations to be completed. Not a pretty picture. We are told that it is possible to download copies from the B.A. Net. Well.....

Disturbing information has been received that advice is being given to bowlers to make application for the use of the Mechanical Arm even though they are not disabled.

Law 38. Players with Disabilities, states:

“38.5. For domestic play, Member National Authorities can approve the use of artificial devices for delivering the jack or a bowl.”

This law surely is written for bowlers who would not otherwise be able to play i.e. DISABLED PLAYERS, and not for any other reason. It is projected that a new application form will appear in the very near future.

Mattara Committee

Seven clubs put forward nominations to host either/both the Singles and the Traditional Carnival. The Committee recommended to the Executive that Belmont be the host club for the Singles and Lambton the host club for the Traditional Carnival. We thank Bar Beach, Cardiff, Stockton, Teralba and Warners Bay for their nomination and we can assure them of using their facilities during the Carnival.

As well as the Greater Sponsorship, the Newcastle District Womens Bowling Association have agreed to sponsor the prizemoney for the Mattara Mixed Pairs (\$1300). We have accepted their offer and thank President Marjorie Adams and her Association for their generosity.

The Committee have recommended that there be no increase to Carnival entry fees or cost of advertising in the Mattara Book.

In my last report I mentioned the possibility of a finger food luncheon for Finals Day of the Traditional Carnival for past and current Mattara participants. The Committee have now decided that this idea is not practical in many ways and have replaced it with the following. We will purchase additional 50th Anniversary Badges and present a badge to any past winner of an event who is in attendance on Finals Day. This will be widely advertised through all possible outlets, such as circulars, entry forms, On The Green, Bowls NSW magazine and our website. Any previous winners participating in this year’s Carnival will receive their badge with their Mattara Booklet.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

T. Undery, Beresfield BC, enquired if the NDBA would be increasing their Capitation Fees. J.T. Smith advised that there would be no increase this year.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 20th May, 2010 commencing at 6.30pm.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 7.20pm

CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)
20.05.2010