



# 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, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 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; **Selection:** T. Blow. In attendance D.J. Broad OAM, Secretary.

**APOLOGIES:** C. Burns, Vice-President; B. Carling, Vice-President; A. Hextell, Vice-President; D. Johnson (G. Wright Proxy), Bar Beach; C. Coster (K. Harvey Proxy), Belmont Sporties; T. Hopkins, Carrington; J. McDonald, Hamilton; B. Jenkins, Heaton-Birmingham Gardens; L. Deverell, Kotara; M. Heslop, Lemon Tree Passage; L. Scott, Raymond Terrace; J. Wark, Swansea; S. Pritchard, Teralba; F. Haley, Toronto Workers; K. Bucklee, Wallsend.

**CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED:** Alder Park; Belmont; Carrington; Catherine Hill Bay; Hamilton; Heaton-Birmingham Gardens; Kotara; Lemon Tree Passage; Mayfield; Merewether; Morisset Hospital; Raymond Terrace; Soldiers Point; Stockton.

**OBITUARIES:** The President referred to the death of the following and a motion expressing sympathy with the relatives was carried in silence: Norman Barry (Valentine); Russell Hill (Windale/Gateshead); Ralph Campbell (NDBA Life Member / Raymond Terrace).

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 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 Wallsend Bowling Club to conduct the Super 12's (Triples) on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2010.
2. Leave of Absence be granted to A. Wright, Treasurer, from 28<sup>th</sup> May to 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

It was advised that:

1. A Mr. C. Burke has a new Heartstart Defibrillator available at a cost of \$1700 (normal unit price \$4000). Any club interested in purchasing the unit should contact the Association Office for further details.
2. Nominations for NDBA Office Bearers and Permanent Sub-Committees close at 4.00pm on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Anzac Day was marked in its usual respectful way by many bowling clubs in the NDBA. Our thanks to Kotara and Rathmines Memorial for their invitation to attend their special functions.

Lowlands maintained the tradition of the Newcastle City Master Singles and the postponed final saw the ever consistent Sam Laguzza (Swansea) as the victor over Ian MacRae (Valentine). Thank you to Lowlands for the invitation to attend and be a part of the large crowd that witnessed the final.

Congratulations are in order for Jason Stokes who attained the milestone of his 50<sup>th</sup> Test for NSW in the Alley Shield played recently in South Australia. Jason has been a consistent player at many levels since his junior days with Merewether and he has played 125 Representative Games for Newcastle (Zone 2) since first representing on 31/3/1996.

As well we congratulate Terry Antram for his selection in the Australian Team for the recent Trans-Tasman Series in Bundaberg and his excellent performances during the Series. We are hopeful that he may feature in the Australian Team for the up coming Commonwealth Games in India.

The Association was represented at the Presentation Nights for Newcastle District Cricket Association by myself and at the C. and S. Cricket Association by Treasurer Alec Wright. Both these organisations are regular users of the facilities of Wal Young House.

Secretary Denis attended the Newcastle Sporting Hall of Fame 2010 Induction Ceremony. At this function it was good to catch up with Life Member Alec McLagan who was on the original committee when this organisation was formed.

Finally tonight may I wish all the teams who will be taking part in Pennant Post-Sectional Play in the next few weeks, all the best in their endeavours to win a Zone 2 Pennant.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 which showed a balance at bank \$6,376.43.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Coaching Committee:**

There are over 30 Zone 2 coaches who require 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 may be the only opportunity available this year to maintain their position on the listing. Application forms have been sent out from the NDBA Office. The dates are:

<b>Course</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Re-Accreditation: 9.00am	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	Raymond Terrace
Club Coach 5.00pm	25 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> May & 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2010	Raymond Terrace

A reminder again that 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.
- and
- (b) Coaching Equipment & Aids Display to be organised for September at a west lakes Club.

The Zone 2 Coach of the Year criteria has been forwarded to all clubs. Nominations should be completed as soon as possible and forwarded through the NDBA office.

### **Junior Committee**

Just two items to report this month delegates.

The Junior Squad's Inter District fixture against Zone 6 on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Maitland Park Bowling Club resulted in a narrow win to our Juniors.

Playing two rinks against a strong Zone 6 squad, the morning went our way with two rink wins.

The teams skippered by Adrian Solomons from (Lemon Tree Passage) won 18 -16 and Matt Dow from (Redhead) won 21 – 13.

In the afternoon with a progressive master board in play, our Zone led until the second last end when Zone 6 took a two shot lead. With Matt Dow's team playing the last end of the day and holding five shots with one opposition bowl to play ... we held that margin to win overall 69 shots to 66 shots....an exciting conclusion to a great day at Maitland Park.

Finally delegates just a reminder to make sure Circular 57 / 2010 is attached to your Club's bowls noticeboard. This circular is a revised Year Programme for our Development Squad.

### **Match Committee:**

Round 9 of the Saturday Pennant Competition has now been completed with these games played on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010, with the washed-out games from Round 7 being played on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010. This only leaves the Round 5 No.1 Grade Saturday Pennant game between Raymond Terrace and Alder Park scheduled for Saturday, 7th April, 2010 which has been rescheduled to be played on Sunday 23rd May 2010 after Round 10, but only if required to determine the Section winner. The sectional play-offs are scheduled to start on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 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. Round 10 of the Mid-Week Pennant Competition was played on Wednesday 12th May 2010 and some Mid-Week Pennant Competition washed-out Sectional Matches were played yesterday Wednesday, 19th May, 2010. Unfortunately the matches scheduled for Fingal Bay & Soldiers Point were washed out. They have now been re-scheduled for next Wednesday. Circular No. 059/2010 in your mail tonight details all the Sectional and Post Sectional matches to be played next Wednesday.

Congratulations are extended to Kotara on yesterday winning the No.2 Grade Mid-Week Pennant title. In an exciting finish to the No.2 Grade, 5 of the 6 teams were still in contention due to washed-out matches. Kotara scored the maximum 6 points in both its washed-out matches to claim the flag by 1 point. The runner-up is yet to be determined, with the two contenders being Wallsend and Soldiers Point.

Another 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.

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.

Nominations for the State President Singles close on Wednesday, 16th June 2010. Nominations for the 2010 State Senior Singles and District Major Singles which are being sponsored by Kotara Bowling Club close the following Wednesday, 23rd June 2010. All the Singles Championships are scheduled to commence on Saturday, 10th July 2010.

The closing date for this year's District Minor Singles Championship is Wednesday, 7th July 2010 with the first round expected to commence on Saturday 24th July, 2010. Entry Forms for this Championship will be forwarded to clubs in the first week of June.

Clubs are also reminded of the option of applying this year for the regrading for 2011 for any players who may have played only 1 or 2 games in a higher grade in 2010, when filling in as a replacement and now having a higher grade than they usually would have. There is a specific form for this application and the State Match Committee will only deal with applications submitted on this form.

Any clubs wishing to submit suggestions or changes to the 2011 NDBA Season's Program or Rules & Regulations are urged to do so as per NDBA Circular No. 52/2010 and be in the hands of the NDBA Secretary by Wednesday 30th June 2010. The Association's Programme, Rules & Regulations for 2011 will be discussed at the August Meeting of the Management Committee and finalised at the September Meeting.

#### **Selection Committee:**

On Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May the annual Reserves match between Zones 2, 15 & 6 was played at Maitland Park Bowling Club

As Zone 6 being the host zone, they selected 2 sides of 4 teams & Zones 2 & 15 selected 1 side of 4 teams each.

The morning game, Zone 2 played Zone 6 (3 rinks from Hunter & 1 rink from Upper Hunter) & won 66 to 60 with 3-1 rink wins & a plus margin of 6 shots.

The afternoon game Zone 2 played Zone 6 (3 rinks from Manning & 1 rink from Upper Hunter) & won 83 to 52 with 3.5-0.5 rink wins & a plus margin of 31 shots.

Zone 2 won the annual challenge & were the only Zone to be undefeated.

The next representative game is against Zone 13, with 2 rinks of Juniors. It will be played at Swansea on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2010.

This will be followed by the seniors playing at Wagga in the Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship commencing on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, and then the Inter-Zone Series between Zones 2, 4, 9 & 16 at Nelson Bay BC on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2010.

#### **Umpires Committee:**

It is with some sadness that I report the Umpire's Register shows an alarming decline in numbers. There are fifty fewer umpires, as of May 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 as there were in December 2009, and I suspect there will be further losses before the end of this year. AND there are more and more tournaments, championships and games being applied for in our calendar year. How do we make up the shortfall? Pay them? That'll be the day!! Make the courses and exams easier? How do you do that? Any bowler from the age of 16 years to infinity is entitled to take part in classes, so age is no barrier. Don't charge them for the privilege of donating their time and energy so others may play? – Cost nothing at this stage, and the \$11 charge made for every application to Bowls Australia is paid for by the State Umpires budget.

Zone pennant play-offs are here, and every side is expecting to have efficient, conscientious umpires looking after their interests. This Umpires Panel can only do so much, as some of the members could very well be in the play-offs. Should your club not be able to provide an official umpire for any of the fixtures you run, ask yourself WHY? I repeat: Anybody can be an umpire.

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS:**

##### **Match Committee**

W. Shipley, Edgeworth BC, enquired if pennant matches were washed-out this Saturday what would occur the following weekend. D. Gilday advised that only those matches required to be played to determine the Section winners would be played on the Saturday afternoon and that Post Sectional Play would then commence on the Sunday morning.

##### **Umpires Committee**

B. Mannix advised that Redhead BC were hosting the No.6 Grade Saturday Pennant play-offs and they could have a shortage of umpires due to their umpires playing in the play-offs. L. Coulton advised that the NDBA Umpires Panel would attempt to have a Level 2 Central Umpire in attendance at all play-off venues. K. Doyle, New Lambton BC, reported that his Club use lady umpires, if male umpires are unavailable. L. Coulton advised that the use of lady umpires was acceptable. P. Long advised that Redhead BC had made suitable arrangements to have sufficient umpires for the No.6 Grade play-offs.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Delegates in your mail tonight is a Mattara Poster and some entry forms. Would you please ensure that the Mattara Poster is placed in a prominent position on your noticeboard. J.T. Smith also advised that the final proof for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mattara Badge had been approved.
2. W. Baldwin, Hexham BC, congratulated Mayfield BC on the two very conscientious lady umpires they had appointed for their pennant fixture.
3. W. Shipley, Edgeworth BC, enquired about the correct procedure to make a submission in regards to the Rules for the Grading of Pennant Players. J.T. Smith advised that a submission should be made through the NDBA to the State Match Committee. He suggested the submission should be made by September, as the State Match Committee will discuss the 2012/13 State Conditions of Play in October/November, 2010.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 commencing at 6.30pm.

**CLOSED:** The meeting closed at 7.15pm

**CONFIRMED**.....(PRESIDENT)  
17.06.2010