



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, 17th June, 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 – Junior:** W. Boyd; **Membership:** B. Cooke; In attendance D.J. Broad OAM, Secretary.

APOLOGIES: C. Burns, Vice-President; A. Hextell, Vice-President; D. Gilday, Match Committee Chairman; E. Duncan (K. Harvey Proxy), Belmont Sporties; N. Berry & B. Hoole, Cardiff; M. Abrook, Hamilton North; A. Wilson & I Hassett, Karuah RSL; D. Martin, Tea Gardens; E. Milton, Teralba; B. Gannon, Toronto Workers; E. Lamborn & B. Mahaffey, Warners Bay;

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: B. Carling, Vice-President; A. Starrett, Coaching Committee Chairman; T. Blow, Selection Committee Chairman.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Alder Park; Cardiff; Carrington; Catherine Hill Bay; Hamilton North; Karuah RSL; Mayfield West; Merewether; Morisset Hospital; Nelson Bay; Soldiers Point; Stockton; Teralba; Toronto Workers; Warners Bay

OBITUARIES: The President referred to the death of the following and a motion expressing sympathy with the relatives was carried in silence: *Doug Lane (Hamilton/Lemon Tree Passage), Allan Ball (Charlestown), Laddi Mlekus (Hamilton), James Hardie (Kahibah), Cliff Blackwall (Beresfield), Les Jackson (Marks Point), Robert Gills (Redhead).*

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:

Moved K. Rearden Seconded R. Brew Suspension of Standing Orders. CARRIED. J.T. Smith introduced Mr. Pat Thompson, U-Design Sportswear, sponsors of the Zone 2 (Newcastle) Representative Uniforms for the next 3 years. P. Thompson provided details of their clothing & requested clubs to consider their products when making future attire purchases. He advised that the quality of their clothing is first class & that pricing would not be a problem, they are very competitive, & he could make ordering easy and fun. There are no minimum numbers for re-orders & any problems would be fixed free of charge. B. Cooke, Rathmines Memorial, confirmed these facts with attire purchased by his club from U-Design Sportswear.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS:

Moved R. Brew Seconded J. Younghusband Resumption of Standing Orders – CARRIED.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 20th May, 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 Catherine Hill Bay BC to conduct the Mick Gibson Memorial Triples Fund Raising Tournament for the Australian Prostrate Cancer Foundation from 17th to 19th September, 2010.
2. Approval be granted to Lambton BC to conduct the 2010 Lambton Men's Classic 2 Bowl Triples on Saturday, 16th and Sunday, 17th October, 2010.
3. Approval be granted to Raymond Terrace BC to conduct the Jayco Newcastle Over 50's Triples on the 12th & 13th June, 2011.
4. Approval be granted to Lowlands BC to conduct:
 - a. Seed-Simpson Mens Triples from 12th to 14th January, 2011.
 - b. 59th Newcastle City Masters Singles from 25th to 29th April, 2011.
5. Leave of Absence be granted to:
 - a. B. Carling, Vice-President, for the June Management Committee Meeting.
 - b. T. Blow, Selection Committee Chairman, for the June Management Committee Meeting.

It was advised that:

1. Circular No.77/2010 forwarded to all clubs on the 12th June, 2010 details the 2010/11 Executive and Permanent Sub-Committee Nominations. A ballot is necessary for the Umpires Committee and ballot papers have been forwarded to all clubs.
2. Clubs are eligible to apply for a grant under the NSW Government 2010 Community Building Partnership. A total of \$35 Million is available for community projects, with \$300,000 available for each electoral district. Information for applicants is available from your local State Member of Parliament. A copy of the flyer providing details of the program is on the counter at the back of the room.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The conclusion of the 2010 Saturday and Mid-Week Pennant Season has been the major focus for the past month. Congratulations to all of the clubs who have achieved success and we look forward to a successful State pennant representation in the respective grades. May I also thank the members of our Umpires Committee who have acted as Level 2 Central Umpires at our various venues.

We also had the pleasure of sending a letter of congratulations to Natasha Van Eldik on her selection in the Lawn Bowls Team for this year's Commonwealth Games. This is an outstanding achievement by Natasha, who at 19 years of age will become the youngest ever lawn bowler to represent Australia at a Commonwealth Games. Natasha has always shown great talent and has been a keen and dedicated member of our Junior Development Squad. Natasha has obviously derived great benefit from the early grounding she received in her developmental stages. I'm sure all members of the NDBA and its clubs would hope that she returns with a gold medal.

Many thanks to Lemon Tree Passage BC for continuing its tradition of hosting, together with the Lions Club, its annual fundraising day for Cystic Fibrosis. As is our custom the NDBA donated \$400 from its charity disbursements to this day.

On the 10th & 11th July we will be hosting the bi-annual visit of the Nepean District Bowling Association. Our two host clubs this year are Boolaroo (Saturday) and Charlestown (Sunday) and we thank them for offering their hospitality to our visitors. Any person who may wish to be involved in either day is asked to contact either club to put their name down.

On behalf of the Association may I thank all of those people who have nominated for our Executive and Permanent Sub-Committees for 2010-2011. There will be only one ballot required and that is for the Umpires Committee and ballot papers and return envelopes have been forwarded to all clubs. These are due for return by no later than Monday, 12th July, 2010.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 31st May, 2010 which showed a balance at bank \$9,185.17. Moved A. Wright Seconded R. Brew that the 2010/11 NDBA Budget as detailed in Circular No. 65/2010 be adopted. CARRIED.

REPORTS:

RNSWBA:

RNSWBA BOARD MEETING, 27th May, 2010

The Chief Executive Officer presented a Draft Report of the review of Junior Bowls in NSW. This review included participation from current bowlers, parents, coaches, selectors, past players and administrators. As well discussions were held or are to be held with other sports who have a large junior participation e.g. netball, golf, cricket, football, ARL, etc.

A list of 18 recommendations have come from the process and the Board will now move through the process of considering these recommendations. No final decision on any issue has yet been taken until the final report is presented.

Unification meetings are still continuing with the major focus on the preparation of a Constitution for the new body. The joint Committee is hopeful of resolving this issue in the near future and sending information to the Board members for their perusal.

There is to be a review of the Protocol and Procedure Booklet issued by the RNSWBA as a guide for the conduct of the different types of functions. It appears that many of the inclusions in the book are not relevant today. This reminded me of the process being undertaken by our own Advisory Committee in the last 2 years.

The issue of the number of sides/players to be selected for the State Inter-Zone Sides Championship, now that the Alley Shield has been reduced to 3 sides/12 players. Zones will be asked to discuss this at the meeting at the Inter-Zone Sides Championship in Wollongong in September.

There have been two charities nominated for this year's Charity of the Year, with 50% of donations to go to each. They are Kidney Health Australia and the Motor Neurone Disease Research.

The Board discussed the updating of the Club Clearance Procedures as with suspensions now being bowls or non-bowls related, the clearance form is no longer relevant in all cases. A new form has been produced that details the only two circumstances in which a Club Clearance Application is relevant. If a player has not been registered at a club affiliated with the RNSWBA in the last 12 months a clearance is not required. RNSWBA Circular 10/10, together with a copy of the new form has been issued to all clubs in NSW.

The RNSWBA has obtained a Grant from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation for an Indigenous Bowls Country Tour in December. This tour will involve the State Reserve Sides playing matches against selected indigenous sides. It is planned that the tour will cover Zones 3, 4 and 5.

Match Committee:

The 2010 Saturday Pennant competition is almost completed, with the respective grade winners competing in the upcoming State Pennant playoffs in August 2010. They being:

Grade 1: Toronto Workers
Grade 2: Raymond Terrace
Grade 3: Swansea Workers
Grade 4: Redhead
Grade 5: Wallsend
Grade 6: Valentine 1
Grade 7: Stockton 1

To all these Sides, we wish you good fortunes at the upcoming State Pennant playoffs.

The Midweek Pennant winners so far for 2010 are No.2 Grade Kotara, with Wallsend runners-up and the No.5 Grade was decided yesterday with Swansea defeating Hamilton North 61/59 on extra end in an exciting final.

The Mid-Week Pennant Competition will be completed next Wednesday (given fine weather) with Raymond Terrace to play Charlestown in No.1 Grade at Mayfield West; Dora Creek Workers do battle with Swansea Workers in the No.3 Grade Final at Lemon Tree Passage and New Lambton confront Morpeth in the No.4 Grade decider at Beresfield.

The State Senior Pairs Championship for 2010 is scheduled to start next Saturday, 19th June, 2010.

The District Pairs along with the State Presidents Pairs Championships are scheduled to start the following day, Sunday, 20th June, 2010. Draws for each Championship were forwarded to clubs last week and are also on the NDBA website.

Nominations for the State President Singles Championship closed yesterday, Wednesday, 16th June 2010.

Nominations for the 2010 State Senior Singles Championship and District Major Singles Championship which is being sponsored by Kotara Bowling Club close next 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.

As I do not give a report at the July Annual General Meeting, a quick reminder that entries for the popular Three Threes Competition and the Champion of Club Champions Singles Championship close on Wednesday, 4th August, 2010. Entry Forms for these two events will be forwarded to clubs in the first week of July. This will be followed by the Champion of Club Champions Pairs Championship (entries close on August 11th) and the Champion of Club Champions Fours Championship (entries close on September 1st).

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:

Not much to report on for the last month. The next Representative game is on Sunday, 4th July, 2010 at Swansea BC V's Zone 13.

The State Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship will be played at Wagga from Tuesday, July 20th to Thursday, July 22nd, 2010.

On Saturday, 24th and Sunday, 25th July the Inter-Zone Series between Zones 2, 4, 9 & 16 will be played at Nelson Bay BC. The Side will be selected after the Representative fixture against Zone 13.

Mattara Committee:

Final preparations are well under way for the 50th Anniversary Carnival. Entry forms and posters have gone to each club with entry forms in the "On The Green" magazine. They have also been sent to those people who are regular visitors to our Carnival. Don't forget that entries close on Friday, 25th June, 2010.

The final proof for our special 50th Anniversary badge has been approved and I'm sure many people will be keen to have it as a memento. We also hope to present quite a number to previous Mattara winners on finals day.

In the near future clubs will be receiving 2 books of Mattara Raffle tickets and I remind you that our prizes again this year will be a \$500 and \$250 voucher redeemable at Charlestown Square.

Secretary Denis and myself will be visiting our two host clubs, Belmont and Lambton, in early August to finalise preparations for each section of the Carnival.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS:

RNSWBA

W. Shipley enquired if the recommendations from the review of Junior Bowls in NSW are available to look at. J.T. Smith advised that they currently were not available & were still to be considered by the Board.

Match Committee

W. Shipley advised that his Club members suggested that where there was only a small number of Second Round Matches to be played on a Sunday afternoon, that they be played in the morning with the other First Round Matches. J.T. Smith recommended that the Club submit the suggestion as a Rules & Regulations submission.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. R. Hopkins, Swansea B.C. spoke of the postponement of the No.5 Grade Mid-Week Pennant Final due to Tony Folds collapsing on the green at Lambton Bowling Club. He wished to thank all the Lambton B.C. people, the retired nurse, the paramedics, K. Aspery & the umpire of the day for all their assistance. Tony suffered a massive bleed behind the eyes & had a 5 hour operation, which he has come out of very well. He & the club also wished to congratulate Hamilton North B.C. players & officials on their sportsmanship. J.T. Smith endorsed the thoughts of R. Hopkins.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday, 15th July, 2010 commencing at 7.45pm. The next ordinary meeting will be held on Thursday, 19th August, 2010 commencing at 6.30pm

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 7.20pm

CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)
19.08.2010