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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, 19th January, 2012 commencing at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: **President:** J.T. Smith (who occupied the Chair); **Vice-Presidents:** M. Conway; L.S. Coulton; J. Jordan; K. Rearden; **Sub-Committee Chairman – Coaching:** M. Abrook; **Junior:** G. Dow; **Match:** D. Gilday. In attendance D.J. Broad OAM, Secretary.

APOLOGIES: B. Carling, Vice-President; A. Hextell, Vice-President; J. Lyon, Alder Park; T. Undery, Beresfield; W. Williams (A. Wilson Proxy), Karuah RSL; J. Gallagher, Mayfield; A. Proud, New Lambton; J. Littlewood, Redhead; D. Martin (R. James Proxy) Tea Gardens CC; N. Davis, Teralba; E. Stocks, Tomago; K. Kennedy, Valentine.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: E. Milton, Vice-President; A. Wright, Treasurer; B. Cooke, Membership Committee Chairman; T. Blow, Selection Committee Chairman.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Bayway Village; Carrington; Catherine Hill Bay; Fingal Bay; Hamilton; Heaton-Birmingham Gardens; Lambton-New Lambton RSL; Mayfield; Mayfield West; Morisset Hospital; Rathmines Memorial; Raymond Terrace; Stockton; Teralba; Wangi.

OBITUARIES: The President referred to the death of the following and a motion expressing sympathy with the relatives was carried in silence:- *Leonard "Neil" Maher (Warners Bay); Keith "Billy" Anderson (Beresfield Life Member); Colin (Whiskey) Waters (Wallsend); William Hillier (Adamstown); Russell Naughton (Belmont); Ron Apthorpe (Kahibah); Paul Gilmore (Lowlands); James Reid (Charlestown); Ned O'Brien (Life Member New Lambton); Bruce Foster (Swansea); Dave Greedy (Karuah RSL).*

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 17th November, 2011 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- No reply has been received from the Royal in regards to:
 - A standard State-wide National Umpires shirt.
 - Bowlers that have an approval bowling aid having it recorded on their RNSWBA Membership Card.
- J.T. Smith read out a Memorandum dated 20th September, 2011 from Bowls Australia to all Manufacturers & Retailers in regards to Approved footwear. It specifically related to two shoes "Lightfeet" & "Ambak Aledge" which are no longer approved for use on bowling greens. "Lightfeet" has a grace period to 30th June, 2012.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

The following recommendations were approved:

- Approval be granted to Kahibah BC to conduct:
 - Darby Ross Singles from 18th to 21st June, 2012.
 - Alan Shaw Super 11 Pairs on 30th June & 1st July, 2012.
 - Open Mixed Pairs on 27th & 28th August, 2012.
 - Jim Bell Shield from 29th September to 1st October, 2012.
- Approval be granted to Cardiff BC to conduct:
 - George Russell Shield from 5th to 16th March, 2012.
 - Men's Prestige Triples on 6th & 7th October, 2012.
 - Father & Son K.O. Pairs from 5th to 21st November, 2012.
- Approval be granted to Beresfield BC to conduct:
 - No.1 Grade Pre-Season Competition commencing 18th January, 2012.
 - Border Pairs on 1st, 2nd & 4th May, 2012.
 - Spring Carnival on 28/9/2012 (Ladies) & 29 & 30/9/2012 (Mens).
- Approval be granted to Redhead BC to conduct:
 - Coulter Shield on 19th & 20th March, 2012.
 - Invitation Triples on 14th & 15th May, 2012.
 - Mixed Versatility Fours on Sunday, 26th August, 2012.
 - Jack Yates Triples on 29th & 30th September, 2012.
- Approval be granted to Nelson Bay BC to conduct:

- Bluewater Men's Pairs on 28th, 29th & 30th May, 2012.
 - Mixed Winter Carnival from 22nd to 27th July, 2012.
6. Approval be granted to Dora Creek Workers BC to change Club/Pennant Shirt colour from white to light blue. The word "Devils" to be replaced by "Dora Creek Workers".
 7. Approval be granted to Swansea BC to conduct:
 - Swansea 16's Mens Triples Super 11's on Tuesday, 19th & Thursday, 21st June, 2012.
 - Swansea 16's 14th Annual Edgar Fox Memorial Triples on Saturday, 13th & Sunday, 14th October, 2012.
 8. Approval be granted to Stockton BC to conduct:
 - Mid-Summer Triples -4th to 6th January, 2012 (5.30pm start).
 - Eddie Jack Griffiths roll-up on Monday, 11th June, 2012.
 - Versatility Mens Fours on Sunday, 15th June, 2012.
 - Seaside Variety Mixed Fours on Sunday, 21st July, 2012.
 - Bill Arthur Memorial Mixed Fours Versatility on Saturday, 22nd & Sunday, 23rd September, 2012.
 9. Approval be granted to Beresfield BC to register Coloured Shirt of Main Colour primarily blue fading to white, with blue yoke, sleeves, sleeve trim, collar and dark blue pocket trim.
 10. Leave of Absence be granted to:
 - a. E. Milton, Vice-President, from 27/12/2011 to 20/1/2012.
 - b. A. Hextell, Vice-President, from 29/1/2012 to 12/2/2012.
 - c. B. Cooke, Membership Committee Chairman, from 2/1/2012 to 6/2/2012.
 - d. T. Blow, Selection Committee Chairman, January Management Committee Meeting.
 - e. A. Wright, Treasurer, January Management Committee Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The RNSWBA Presentation Night brought another honour for Zone 2 with the induction of Sam Laguzza into the Bowls NSW Hall of Fame, as the 10th inductee. Sam's long career has highlights too numerous to mention but his 322 games for NSW, 52 games for Australia and 2 Australian titles were certainly enough to warrant this great award. It is interesting to note that 5 of the 10 inductees to this Hall of Fame belonged to the NDBA.

A party of 23 people travelled to Pennant Hills B.C. for the Annual NDBA v RNSWBA Executive and Sub-Committees Fixture. We were unable to wrest the Les Parrott Memorial Shield from the Royal, but the hospitality of Pennant Hills and our opponents made this a very pleasant day. Many thanks to those who took the time to represent the NDBA on this occasion.

Presentation Nights have dominated our weekends over the last 2 months. The Association has attended 29 such events since our last meeting and we thank all the Clubs for their invitation to be a part of their celebrations for their 2011 champions. Water Board celebrated its 40th Anniversary together with its Presentation and President John McDonald and his committee left no stone unturned to mark the occasion and we congratulate the club on achieving this milestone.

My thanks to Vice-President Keith Rearden for representing the Association at the Raymond Terrace B.C. unfurling of the No.2 Grade Zone 2 Saturday Pennant, the No.2 Grade State Runners-up Pennant & the Nos.1 & 3 Grade Mid-Week Pennants. President Col O'Brien once again was a great host as the Club celebrated another excellent year on the bowling greens.

The 2011 NDBA Bowler for the Year Night was successfully staged at Windale/Gateshead B.C. We congratulate the major prize winners i.e.:

- Matthew Baus – Bowler of the Year
- Ryan Steel – Encouragement Award
- Sean Cairns – Junior Bowler of the Year
- Allen Starrett – Coach of the Year

We thank our special guests for the evening Bowls NSW President Ian McKnight and Member for Lake Macquarie and Mayor of Lake Macquarie Cr Greg Piper for their attendance and for being part of the presentations. The number in attendance was 162 which was slightly down on the previous year.

In December we had the induction ceremony for the BA Hall of Fame in Adelaide. Zone 2 had two inductees with the late Charlie McNeill for his bowling exploits and Charlie Frost for his great work in administration. We are indeed proud of the fine recognition of both gentlemen.

At our February Meeting we will have a presentation from Steve Govard and Robert Lavell from the Greater Building Society. They have requested the opportunity to talk to the Delegates to update Clubs on the latest financial arrangements that Clubs can consider through the Greater. We are still in negotiations with the Greater regarding Mattara Sponsorship and that will be finalised after the February Meeting.

Accompanied by Vice-President Eddie Milton we attended the Newcastle City Council Mayor Christmas Function at City Hall. This function is attended by the representatives of Organisations of whom with the Lord Mayor or Lady Mayoress are Patrons. Our Annual Fixture against the Hunter DBA Executive and Sub-Committees will be held at Charlestown BC on Wednesday, 29th February, 2012 commencing at 6.00pm. Any Delegate who may be available to play is asked to leave your name with us this evening, so that we may include you if required.

Finally the fantastic news this week of Matthew Baus' selection in the 2012 Australian Squad and for the Australian U25 Team in the Trans Tasman Series to be held in March. It is becoming difficult to find superlatives to describe the ongoing achievements of this fine young bowler, as we congratulate him on his selection and wish him the very best in this milestone of his career.

CORRESPONDENCE:

From:

1. Redhead BC Re: Applying to host the 2012 No.2 Grade Mid-Week Pennant Final Series for a sponsored amount of \$500. Moved C. Pascoe Seconded R. Brew that the offer be accepted. CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Secretary on behalf of the Treasurer submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending, 31st December, 2011 which showed a balance at bank \$40,201.21.

REPORTS:

RNSWBA:

I am pleased to report on the following items of interest from the November Board Meeting.

Bowls NSW passed on to Major Peter Sutcliffe representing the Salvation Army, a cheque for \$25,000 as its charitable donation for the year. In his response Major Sutcliffe outlined that this money would be used in the continuing assistance for the victims of the Queensland floods.

The Board supported a State Match Committee proposal that a Circular be sent to all Districts/Zones & Clubs seeking submissions in relation to the Structure and Organisation of State Pennants in NSW. Responses are due back by 28th February, 2012 and the State Match Committee will consider the information presented on its preparation of the 2013 Conditions of Play. The Circular Number is 24/2011 which was distributed to all clubs in the Royal mail-out on the 16th December, 2011.

At the Special General Meeting of the Association held on the 15th December, 2011, the long awaited New Constitution was voted on and was adopted with 86% in favour of the Special Resolution. I now refer to the CEO's update information dated January 11th, 2012.

During the transitional phase of the new Bowls NSW Constitution, it is our intention to try keep all Clubs, Districts and Zones up to date as much as possible with regular communications.

As such, I will be preparing a series of 'information sheets' to be distributed to Clubs/Districts/Zones and placed online to provide clear explanations on the procedures, implications and affects of the new Bowls NSW Constitution.

I would like to ask each of the Districts and Zones to forward any queries or questions that you may have regarding the new Constitution, and this will form the basis of a Q & A style information sheet on relevant issues.

Currently the legal process of transferring to a Company Limited by guarantee is being undertaken and it is anticipated that updated Club application forms etc will be made available shortly to reflect any changes in the structures as well as information regarding the first State Council Meeting to be held in March.

This process has taken over 18 months to date, and I thank you for your input and patience during this time. Needless to say, no changes will happen over-night and no doubt there will some 'bumps along the way' during the transitional phase, however I hope that with your patience and cooperation, together we will be able to fully adopt and implement the new Constitution so that the whole sport can benefit well into the future.

Match Committee

- Thursday 12th January 2012 was put aside for any Club wishing to appeal any of the grading decisions that clubs may not have been happy with, as per the Match Committee's grading process. To which two appeals were heard both appeals were upheld with Edgeworth and Marks Point being granted permission to play in the Number Four (4) Grade Pennant Competition.
- The Match Committee completed the 2012 pennant sectional draw on Tuesday, 17th January 2012 for both the Saturday and Mid-Week Pennant Competitions, with the home and away draw scheduled to be carried out on Friday 20th January, 2012. It will be distributed to all clubs on its completion. The Sectional draw was forwarded to all Clubs on Tuesday afternoon in Circular No. 005/2012.
- Nominations for the 2012 Saturday and Mid-Week Pennant competitions are as follows:
 - Saturday Pennant 2012
 - Grade Entries
 - 1. 24 teams
 - 2. 22 teams
 - 3. 15 teams
 - 4. 30 teams
 - 5. 28 teams
 - 6. 48 teams
 - 7. 38 teamsTotal 205 TEAMS = 5 teams less than 2011

Mid-Week Pennant 2012

Grade Entries

1. 16 teams
2. 8 teams
3. 18 teams
4. 29 teams
5. 25 teams

Total 96 teams = same teams as 2011

- Zone 6 once again have entered the Mid-Week Pennant competition for 2012 with 5 teams in the following grades
Kurri Kurri grades 1, 3,
Maitland City grades 3, 5
Lorn Park grade 4
- The No.2 Grade Mid-Week Pennant Competition for the first time will be played in two Sections of 4, with 3 rounds and 1st & 2nd in each section advancing to the semi-finals.

In your club envelope tonight is the majority of your 2012 Pennant information.

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

- Clubs are requested to fax, email or post their NDBA Pennants Players Summary Forms for the 2012 season no later than Friday, 24th February 2012. Before returning the completed sheets to the Association the club contact person is to make contact with the Association office or the Chairman of the Match Committee to check the Gradings being submitted are correct in relation to the Associations Pennant Records. This will ensure a saving of time for both the club & the Match Committee. An important reminder to include the contact person's name at the top of the Pennant Players Summary Form.
- Nominations have now closed for the first of our District Championships for 2012 being the District Triples, which is scheduled to commence on Saturday, 28th January 2012. The draw was forwarded to clubs on Tuesday, with 104 entries, an increase from last year. This Championship is being sponsored by Beresfield Bowling Club.
- Entries for the District Fours Championship close on WEDNESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 2012 and the commencement date is Sunday, 26th February 2012. This Championship is being sponsored by Soldiers Point Bowling Club.
- The all important Annual Side Captains and Selectors Seminar has been scheduled for Thursday, 9th February 2012 commencing at 6.30pm here at Association Headquarters. All clubs should have representatives in attendance to ensure they fully understand the new Pennant Grading rule.
- Application Forms are now available for Friday or Saturday night and Sunday afternoon or any other Pennant fixtures clubs maybe wishing to change for the 2012 season.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. J.T Smith advised that J. Baggs (Hamilton North) was the only nomination for the Coaching Committee vacancy and M. Abel (Swansea) & D. Crockford (Toronto Workers) were the two nominations received for the two vacancies on the Junior Committee. J.T. Smith declared these gentlemen elected and invested them with their badge of office.
2. J.T. Smith presented certificates to the various club representatives for the 2011 Championships and Pennant winners and runners-up.
3. L. Coulton advised that Umpires Seminars would be held on Sunday, 12th February, 2012 at Charlestown and Wallsend Bowling Clubs from 9.00am to 12 noon. Full details are contained in NDBA Circular No.007/2012.
4. J.T. Smith reminded Delegates that Circular No. 163/2011 in connection with the introduction of a Mattara Restricted Mens Pairs event was due to be returned to Association Headquarters by Tuesday, 31st January, 2012.
5. R. Everson (Tomago) enquired about qualifications for Post Sectional Pennant Play-Offs. D. Broad referred to District Pennant Competition Rule 16 on page 10 which states "To be eligible for post sectional play a player must have a current season grading in that grade or lower and be eligible for the grade to be contested. A player who has played 50% of matches scheduled in a grade or 4 matches in a grade (whichever occurs first) shall be graded in that grade for the current season.
6. J. Fowler (New Lambton) confirmed that whilst their new greens are being constructed they will be playing at Lambton B.C. They have developed a very good relationship with the Lambton B.C. officials and members.
7. B. Kappler (Dora Creek Workers) expressed his disappointment at the main meal at the Xmas function. J.T. Smith advised that the Executive was looking to change to a two course meal in 2012 which would address this problem.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 16th February, 2012 commencing at 6.30pm

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 7.25pm

CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)
16.02.2012