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Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee of the Newcastle District Bowling Association held at Association Headquarters, Lambton Bowling Club, on Monday, September 19 commencing at 5.30pm.

PRESENT: **President:** M Conway, **Vice-Presidents:** J. Bilby, D Rowe, G Wright, W Dettelbacher, D Gilday, K Bucklee.
Treasurer: D.G. Wells.
Secretary: W Shipley
Sub-Committee Chairman –J.T. Smith OAM Match Committee, Rr Gardner Junior Committee,

APOLOGIES: M Rigby (Advisory Committee & Charlestown), A Solomons (Raymond Terrace), T Wilson (Lambton), J Wark (Swansea Workers), S Bent (Toronto), B Boxall (Rathmines), P Davis (Water Board), A Perkins (Lemon Tree Passage)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Alder Park, Bar Beach, Belmont, Carrington, Jesmond, Lowlands, Mayfield, Mayfield West, Nelson Bay, Valentine, Warners Bay.

OBITUARIES: Ron Beavan (Life Member New Lambton), David Hume (Wallsend Diggers Sports) Ken McKeown (Karuah RSL), Wally Ott (Cardiff), Vince Mifsud (Bar Beach), Bob Nagel (East Maitland), Graham Booth (Hexham)

NEW DELEGATES: David Sharpe (Kotara), Jarrod Duncan, Tony Randall (Teralba), Harry Lee (Hexham)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday May 30, 2022 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Single gender Men's Pennant competition attracted 12 sides in Division 1, 26 sides in Division 2, 40 in Division 3 and 44 teams in Division 4 totaling 122. This compares with 80 sides we received for Mid week in 2021 and 158 for Saturday Open Gender.
2. Mattara entries totalled 681 this compares to 818 in 2019.
3. John Norris has filled vacancy on the Advisory committee and Daniel Hill has filled vacancy on Match Committee.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

It is advised that.

1. Conditions of play for the Zone 2 Club Challenge have been circulated to all clubs and entries will close on December 23. Any questions or queries should be forwarded to NDBA Office or raised at the November Delegates meeting on November 10.
2. That host clubs for Men's Pennant Playoffs will be decided on Tuesday September 20
3. Rookie entries are now open and must be registered through the Bowlink system using the players National Identity number.
4. Clubs should be able to do bulk entries and payments via Bowlink by December 2022.

It is recommended:

1. That clubs who have qualified for Men's Pennant playoffs make sure that their player participation list is forwarded to the NDBA Office within a week of their last match so these can be checked off and forwarded to BNSW. (hopefully no one has infringed during the competition with player gradings)

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Mark Conway

It was fantastic to see the Mattara Carnival run smoothly and at last being conducted. Thank you to the Host Clubs Club Charlestown and Hamilton North Bowling Clubs. How good was it to see 99 year old Bill Moore rolling the Golden Bowl from Wallsend and Joan Palmer 99 year old from East Maitland roll the Kitty. A big thank you to East Maitland's Chairman Bill Hopkins OAM for your support and care to Joan on this day. I have been told by a good source that Joan is still talking about the day. Congratulations to all the winners. Thank you to Aaron Bessant from David Lloyds for your generous sponsorship and looking forward to our friendship continuing.

Last Friday night at Hexham Bowling Club our 2021 Awards night was a one to remember. I personally would like to "Thank" all those Delegates, Bowlers and Friends for attending. Thank you to Secretary Manager Jenny and to your board for hosting the night where over 90 attendees were treated with a wonderful meal, entertainment and refreshments. Congratulations to Bowler of the Year Jarrod Duncan, Junior Bowler Caleb McDermott, Rep Players Warren Shipley and David Govan, Snr Bowler of the Year Eric Ryan. The Late Mark Hayne won the President's Award where it was an honour to present this award to Marks father Bob. Thank you to Bob and your wife Rita for attending. As usual Warren Shipley (MC) did an amazing job especially with his interviews of the winners and stats.

Let's hope that next year many more club representatives and Bowlers come along to this wonderful night.

TREASURERS REPORT: Don Wells

Income = \$137,000 Expenses = \$99,374 Profit = \$36,636. Don also reported that the income was contributed to affiliation fees and income will be much slower in coming months.

SUB COMMITTEES:

Advisory Committee: Milton Rigby

- 1 The Advisory Committee's suggestions on the new Constitution for Fingal Bay Bowling Club have been provided and are being dealt with by the Club. An offer has been made for the Committee to review their final document if required.
- 2 Following a request from Bowls NSW for comments on its Template for a Zone Constitution and any suggestions for improvements the Committee agreed that when we used it as a basis for our new Constitution, we found it to be clear, concise, and lent itself to being modified to suit our requirements and as such is considered to be a useful guide in its present state for any Zone wishing to adopt it.
- 3 Following a meeting held on the Central Coast between Zone 15 and the Central Coast District Women's Bowling Association to discuss whether an amalgamation should be considered in line with the State Unification, the Secretary sought the Committee's views on whether a similar approach should be considered between the Women and Men in our areas. The Committee endorses such an approach however it considers that an impediment at this stage would be the difference in boundaries between Zone 2, Lake Macquarie Region, Newcastle Region and Hunter Region and the relationship between lake Macquarie Women's Association and the Central Coast Region. No doubt some rationalisation of boundaries is on Bowls NSW agenda so the Committee's view is that we should wait until some clarification is received in this regard.
- 4 The committee has placed the following matters on our agenda for future meetings:
 - (a) Energy Audits
 - (b) PKI's
 - (c) Pennants for new players and Managers
 - (d) Selectors document.

Greens and Coaching Committee: J Bilby

Coaching courses can be arranged through BNSW at any time, these require a minimum of 6 attendees

Junior Committee: Ross Gardner:

Zoe "The Seal" Nicholls had been selected in not only the NSW Juniors but also the NSW U25 sides. Zoe since then has competed in both events, the NSW Juniors at Chermside BC in QLD against QLD and the NSW U25s at Taren Point BC. In both events it has been reported that Zoe performed extremely well, so much so that Zoe has now been selected to represent NSW Junior Girls side to take part in the National Titles at Broadbeach BC in early October 2022. From all in Zone 2, we wish you all the best Zoe and are very proud of your achievements and hope you do well in your endeavours to be crowned National Champions.

4 of Hunter's talented Juniors had been selected to represent NSW at the National Combined High Schools (CHS) Titles at Club Sunbury in Victoria from 15-16 September 2022. Those four Juniors were Cohen Ridd (Cardiff), Zoe Nicholls and Huxley Rowe both from Raymond Terrace and Koby Kattau (Greta Workers). There were 15 Juniors selected from across the State. The format for Nationals was the 15 players that took part were grouped into three teams of five players, NSW Blue, Green and Red sections, whereby the five players in each of the six games completed would split into Pairs and Triples and Singles and Fours respectively. Singles was the first to 21 shots, Pairs was three bowls and 15 ends, Triples was two bowl and 15 ends and Fours was 12 ends. Cohen Ridd, Zoe Nicholls and Koby Kattau were in the Green Section along with Sam Rich from Mudgee and Tim Thorning from Gunnedah. Huxley Rowe played in Blue Section. In Green, it was Ridd and Kattau who combined with Sam Rich in the Triples whilst Nicholls teamed with Thorning in the Pairs. Then it was Kattau, Ridd, Nicholls and Rich combining in the Fours whilst Thorning took the Singles discipline. Huxley took part in Blue Teams Triples and Fours. After the completion of all six games it was NSW who had taken the Championship and crowned National CHS Champions presented each with a Gold Medal. Final results were NSW Green came out on top with 20 points plus 41, followed by NSW Red on 19 points plus 55, and NSW Blue on 10.5 points minus 12. All players should be congratulated on their performance and the way in which they played the game. There was one final task that was to be announced. As an added bonus CHS Selectors acknowledged those players who performed above and beyond expectations by naming a 10 player All Australian Bowls Merit Team. The 10 selected came from a playing squad of 30 players. I am pleased to advise that there were 8 players selected from NSW and 2 from Victoria. From the 8 NSW players selected it was an honour to see that three Hunter players had been selected, Zoe "Seal" Nicholls, Cohen "Cuey" Ridd and Koby Kattau. Sensational work, your hard work has been rewarded. Each player selected in the Australian Merit Team were awarded by receiving a plaque in acknowledgements of this achievement.

Lastly, the number of Zone 2 U25 Registered Players has increased over the last couple of years due to players leaving Junior Ranks and moving into the next age bracket. Because of this, Zone 2 and the Junior/U25 Committee have taken the added step of introducing the Zone 2 2022 U25 Fours Championship for the very first time. East Maitland BC have continued their ongoing support by agreeing to host the event, for which we say thank you. The event commences on Friday 4th November 2022 starting with rollup ends at 5.40pm. The event is open to any player 18-24, U25 as of 4th November 2022, and any Junior player who wishes to compete. Entries close on Friday 21st October 2022.

Match Committee: John Smith OAM

As mentioned above the Conditions of play for the new Zone 2 Club Challenge event has been sent to clubs to review and forward any questions to NDBA office if any explanation is required. Clubs are reminded that their player participation list must be forwarded to NDBA office ASAP specially if the club has qualified for Zone playoffs. Already a number of clubs have breached the Conditions of Play and the Zone match committee does not want to see any clubs be ruled out of playoffs for breaches.

Clubs are reminded that Open Gender Pennant entries will close on December 9. Clubs will be forwarded their side allocation in the near future and if they do not agree with the sides allocated, they will need to provide information that supports them in what sides they believe they should have. Allocation will be based on what sides each club had

in 2021 with promotion and regression being used for winners and last place in each grade. Should a club not be able to field the same number of sides in 2022/23 it will be the lowest grade that is dropped.

Selection Committee: Danny Rowe

The next representative fixture will be the Pat Geary Shield to be played at Forster on November 26 and 27 this will be followed by the John Smith OAM Shield to be played at Wyong on January 28 and 29

Umpires Committee: Kevin Bucklee.

An umpires course commenced on Monday 5th September and will complete sometime in October.

Discussion about the rules on players not being back behind the mat when their bowls comes to rest, and interfering with the players of the other team and holding up play.

Law 13 covers the fact that of what team has position of the mat and the penalties that occur,

In the general condition of play law 32 covers Delaying Play where if a player in deliberately holding up or unnecessarily delaying play.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. W Shipley reported that the Grade 1 Open Gender Competition may commence a month later than Grades 2 to 7 and be played with double headers over a shorter period of 5 to 6 weeks.
2. Wallsend reported that their member Bill Moore was honoured to be selected to open the Mattara Carnival
3. Question from the floor regarding gradings for Open Gender Pennant and W Shipley explained that the players grades will be the same as they were at the end of the 2021 Open Gender season and the Men's Pennant competition had no bearing on players grades unless a regrade was applied for and granted and there is a list of these on the BNSW Website and these counted toward the club's regrade applications for the 2022/23 Open Gender season.
4. Question from the floor asking if women members had to join Zone 2 to be able to play Open Gender Pennant? It was explained that any female member of any club was intitled to play Open Gender Pennant and did not need to join Zone 2 provided she was a member of her club and district.

NEXT MEETING: will be the AGM at Lambton Bowling Club on Monday November 21 at 5:30pm

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 6.20pm.