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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, November 28, 2022 commencing at 5.30pm.

PRESENT: **President:** M Conway, **Vice-Presidents:** J. Bilby, G Wright, W Dettelbacher, K Bucklee.

Treasurer: D.G. Wells.

Secretary: W Shipley

Sub-Committee Chairman –J.T. Smith OAM Match Committee, Rr Gardner Junior Committee,

APOLOGIES: Milton Rigby (Advisory Committee & Charlestown), Danny Rowe (Selection Chair and Vice President) David Gilday (Vice President and Fingal Bay) Dean Nicholson and Colleen Mannis (On the Green), Greg Hern (Lowlands), Ray Clarke (New Lambton), Bob Boxall (Rathmines), Kevin Gibbons (Kahibah), Steve Lee (Beresfield), Harry Lee (Hexham), Joel Roche (Belmont), Kane Coulls (Nelson Bay)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Alder Park, Hamilton North, Jesmond, Mayfield, Warners Bay.

OBITUARIES: Walter Stefanzyn (Merewether), Robert (Bob) Oliver (Kahibah), Don Hopwood (Lemon Tree Passage), Joseph Clarke (Dora Creek)

NEW DELEGATES: Peter Nicholson (Boolaroo), Kelvin Wilson (Valentine), Mark Hornby Howell (Bar Beach)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday September 19, 2022 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Winners of Men's Pennant Division 1 Raymond Terrace, Div 2 Hamilton North, Div 3 and 4 Tea Gardens.
2. All 10 Zone 2 Grade 1 Clubs have nominated for the 2023 Pennant Competition with 4 Double Headers.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

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It is advised that.

1. Clubs have until December 9 to complete Open Pennant submission for the 2023 competition
2. Clubs have until December 23 to submit entries for Zone 2 Club Challenge.
3. Australian Indoor Singles Qualifying entries are Open, played on January 20 to 22 with 3 Clubs, Soldiers Point, East Maitland and East Cessnock to choose from, Entries close December 18.
4. The 2022/23 Minor Singles will be contested on Sunday February 12 and February 18 and 19. This event will be played in sections of 3 with entries closing Friday January 20, 2023.
5. The 2022/23 Champion of Champions Fours will be contested on June 24 and 25 with entries closing Friday May 26.
6. The Zone 2 Singles, Senior Singles and Reserve Singles will be contested as straight knockout events, providing that enough clubs volunteer to host and provide markers where required for these events. If not enough clubs volunteer, these events will also be played in sections of 3.

It is recommended:

1. That clubs that wish to change their Open Pennant grades, submit as much information as they can to support their application to change.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Mark Conway

As this is our last Delegates Meeting for 2022, I would like to extend my utmost gratitude to you all and your clubs for continuing to support this great Association. Your hard work within the Zone and your own clubs does not go unnoticed.

This year has certainly flown, and it has been fantastic to see all our Zone 2 Championships Games, Mattara and Pennant games all being completed.

To all our hardworking Executives and Committee Members who always take pride in their duties – Thank You. We are also very lucky to have Warren, Don and Fiona steering the ship who do an outstanding job.

Throughout the year many of us no doubt has lost loved ones where we always keep their beautiful memories in our hearts.

I would like to wish Billy Moore from Wallsend Diggers a very happy 100th birthday for November 27.

I would like to wish you and your family a Safe & Merry Christmas and looking forward to your continued friendship in 2023.

TREASURERS REPORT: Don Wells

Income from April 2022 to date = \$170,600, Expenses = \$147,600 Balance = \$23,000. Fix Term deposits = \$296,565

SUB COMMITTEES:

Advisory Committee: Milton Rigby

The Chairman reported that the Fingal Bay Updated Constitution had been forwarded to the club for discussion by their committee.

A proposed Constitution for Lambton Bowling Club was reviewed and it was resolved that subject to minor changes it should be forwarded to Lambton as they wish to submit the revised Constitution to their AGM in December.

A discussion was held on the “Implementing Energy Cost savings” Advisory Pamphlet proposed by John Norris. The Chairman congratulated John on his foresight and the manner in which it was presented – other members endorsed these comments. It was resolved that this document be forwarded to the Sports Administrator for submission to the executive for approval and implementation.

John Norris provided members with documents relating to “Attention Bowls Coordinator, Pennant Manager” and “Avoiding Selection Pain”. Members were requested to review these documents for discussion at the December meeting.

Greens and Coaching Committee: J Bilby

The Greens will be inspected in February 2023 before the 2022/23 open Pennant season. Coaching courses can be arranged at any time through BNSW with a minimum of 8 attendees

Junior Committee: Ross Gardner:

Since the last meeting it's fair to say that the Juniors/U25s have had a bit going on, before the down time over the Christmas/New Year Period. We have a new Club Minor Singles Champion in our midst. Joshua Sharpe from Kotara BC claimed the title after defeating Justin Etheridge in the final. From all reports, Josh got off to a cracking start and led 14-2 before claiming the crown 25-13. I understand that in the second round of the Minor singles it was son vs father, David Sharpe, for bragging rights for the household. Commiserations David, better luck next year.

The qualifying rounds for the State Mixed Pairs were recently held at Valentine BC. The format was 3 bowl pairs, 9 sections of 3 teams, with the winners of each section to return, to play in 3 sections of 3 with the 3 section winners advancing to State Level in 2023. There were several Zone 2 Juniors/U25 players who took part. Cohen Ridd played with Annette Hodge from Toronto Workers Club, Chris Kent played with Sharon McReynolds from Raymond Terrace, Charlotte Hayman with her father Corey, Brendan Stokes paired with Zoe Nicholls and Caleb McDermott paired with Kate Limond from Charlestown. A few of the teams that contained Junior/U25 players proved a handful for some of the high flyers, showing the Zone 2 Juniors/U25s were a force to be reckoned with. On the Sunday afternoon the 3 progressing teams to State had been finalised. Soldiers Point, Adamstown and low and behold, our own Zoe "Seal" Nicholls and Brendan "Choppy" Stokes were the third and final team. Congratulations to those 3 teams who qualified and well done to all those who played outstanding bowls to reach the finals qualifying day.

The Zone 2 U25 fours kicked off at East Maitland BC on Friday 4th November. It saw one Q/final between Huxley Rowe's quartet of Jordan Lean, Kyle Anderson and Joshua Sharpe against Chris Kent's team of Ami Bromhead, Aaron Halse and Lachlan Bent. A prearranged Semi final between Sean Broderick, Charlotte Hayman, Cohen Ridd and James Broderick against Zac Nicholls, Jonah Threadgate, Brendan Stokes and Caleb McDermott also took place. Rowe accounted for Kent, 28-14 to progress to the Semi Final and while McDermott got home in what ended in being a close encounter over Broderick 20-15 to advance McDermott to the final awaiting their opponent. In the second semi final it saw Rowe against the experience of Zoe Nicholls, Blair Soars, Connor Freeman and Lachlan Freeman. Freeman proved too strong on the night cruising to victory booking a place in the final against McDermott's squad. The final proved to be a closely run game between the two heavyweights of the competition. At the half way mark Freeman had jumped to a 12-5 lead showing that he had his eye on the prize and completing the Grand Slam of all Zone 2 U25 Events, having already claimed the Singles, Pairs and Triples crowns. McDermott got back to trail 12=15 after 12 and 13-16 after 14. But it was to be Freeman's night, despite McDermott's late charge, taking the title and Grand Slam, 19-17. Congratulations to all players involved, you've shown that Zone 2 have loads of talent. Thankyou to Clay Parker and Easts BC for once again showing their continued support for Junior/U25 events.

Mayfield West were the hosts for the recent Zone 2 Reserve Triples. Our very own Cohen "Cuey" Ridd from Cardiff had teamed with Neil Smith as lead and John Mackenzie at skip to progress to the pointy end of the competition and reach the Semi finals. But the challenges for Ridd were just beginning even prior to the semi final taking place. Neil Smith unfortunately contracted COVID and was quite unwell, and John Mackenzie was away, which he had made clear prior to the commencement of the competition, in case they made it to finals. Which left Cuey the only remaining player of the side, left standing. However, showing plenty of POSITIVITY, and soldiering on, he was able to gain 2 replacements in Paul Jones as skip, Cuey remaining in the middle, and Rob Peattie as lead. In the semi final they cruised to a 28-16 victory over the Beresfield side to book a place in the final against the Soldiers Point Boys. Despite the hiccup earlier in the week, the Cardiff Connection went in with the "take no prisoners" attitude. Cardiff led 12-10 after 10 ends before Soldiers claimed a 3 to lead 13-12. Cardiff lead 17-13 after 13, before really putting the foot down to lead 28-14 after 18 and finishing off strongly to claim the Zone title 33-16. Hats off to the Cardiff crew for reaching the final, then claiming the crown after such a topsy turvy start to the week. Cuey, you've done great, we're all very proud of you, and a special thanks must go to Paul Jones and Rob Peattie who came to Cohen's rescue, you're absolute champions of the highest order.

Lastly, this is the last issue before the Christmas/New Year break with the next issue I believe hitting the shelves in February 2023. I would just like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Junior Committee and myself to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and prosperous New Year. Enjoy family time and celebrations and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

Match Committee: John Smith OAM

The Single Gender Zone Pennants were successfully completed with the following results:

Division 1 Winner- Raymond Terrace Runner-up Soldiers Point

Division 2 Winner -Hamilton North Runner-up Teralba

Division 3 Winner- Tea Gardens Runner-up – Windale-Gateshead

Division 4 Winner - Tea Gardens Runner-up- Adamstown

The State Finals on 18th -20th November saw Raymond Terrace win the Division 1 title with a 61-60 victory over Warilla . Hamilton North in Division 2 won 2 sectional games and were defeated in the Quarter Finals. Tea Gardens Division 3 missed out on the Quarter finals finishing 3rd in the section and Tea Gardens Division 4 won through to the Final and were defeated by Miller Park 67-46 . All in all a very successful weekend for Zone 2

Nominations for the 2022-2023 Open Gender Pennants will close on Friday 9th December. Clubs were advised on 6th October of the Grades they have been allocated by Bowls NSW for 2022-2023 as well as all the relevant information they are required to forward with their nomination. The Open Gender Pennant is due to commence on the 25th of February 2023 . Nominations for NDBA Club Challenge close on 23rd December 2022.

Results of the Zone Triples Championships were as follows:

Open – J. Minter, I. Lean and S. Gittoes (Raymond Terrace) def T. Atcheson, K. Roberts and D. Wayland(Beresfield) 32-11

Senior M. Shepherd, W. Ahoy and M. Beesley (Soldiers Point)) def S. Laguzza, K. Jaques and E. Ryan (Charlestown)) 25-17

Presidents, C. Ridd, P. Jones and N. Smith(Cardiff) def J. Carr, S. Cruickshank and G. Woods (Soldiers Point) 28-16

The Rookies Singles and Rookie Pairs qualifying draws have been advised through NDBA and are available through Bowlslink. The Pairs are being played at Belmont and Toronto Workers on the 26th and 27th of November and the Singles at Rathmines Memorial ,Belmont and Toronto Workers on the 10th and 11th of December

The State Mixed Pairs qualifying was successfully conducted at Valentine BC and qualifiers will now move to Post-Sectional play to be conducted in July 2023 .

The Conditions of Play for the proposed Club Challenge to replace the Midweek Pennant in 2023 have been circulated and will be discussed at this Meeting

Nominations for The 2023 Australian Indoor Singles are now open and will close on 18th December. Qualifying venues available in our area are at East Cessnock ,East Maitland and Soldiers Point .

Selection Committee: Greg Wright reporting for Danny Rowe

The Zone 2 side Contested the Pat Geary Shield on the Weekend of November 26 and 27. The results were a victory over Zone 11 in match 1 winning all 4 rinks, A loss to Zone 14 in game 2 winning 2 of the 4 rinks and a win over Zone 6 in match 3 again winning all 4 rinks. The loss to Zone 14 proved costly and they claimed the shield which had been held by Zone 2 for the last 3 years.

Umpires Committee: Kevin Bucklee.

A umpires course was commenced at Adamstown Bowling club on the 12th November, there were 12 members at the course which will be finalised on 3rd December. Still need to do some reaccreditation that are outstanding.

Contacted Rathmines and requested that they have a word with their umpires on the right equipment to be used for determining a result.

Milton advised that he had been overlooked for a position on the state umpires committee, the new committee has been reduced to 6 people, pays not to rock the boat.

You are now able to do markers, measures and umpires courses on line, once you buy an umpires manual and law book from bowls Australia the courses are free, but then you pay \$22 dollars to have an on green assessment for

Measurers and \$22 for a markers or \$50 for an umpire's assessment which covers the other two. After discussions with Bowls NSW. It is still ok to do the course as we have been doing it.

GENERAL BUSINESS

W Shipley presented a draft Calendar for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 seasons. He did stress to all in attendance that the Calendar was a draft and subject to change but wished to highlight the difficulties the Zone 2 Match Committee face in planning Zone events and Pennant seasons.

The main points from the presentation were as follows,

1. The 1st month of the 2023/24 season (July) is taken up with completing State events from 2022/23.
2. The plan, going forward, is to have zone events played the 1st half of the season (July to December) and Pennants the 2nd half of the season (February to May).
3. There will be no Men's or Women's Pennant competitions commencing August 2023, these have been shifted to mid week 2024 commencing February
4. Commencing in the 2023/24 season the State Championships will be played the 1st 2 weeks of March each year and Zone winners MUST be known by January 15, 2024
5. State Pennant Finals will be planned for the last weekend in June each season and will be the last event of each season.
6. With the nomination dates for State Pennant finals being mid April for Men's Pennant and end of May for Open Pennant, this also creates some planning problems.
 - (A) Unless Open Pennant commences at the beginning of February, there will be a need for 1 or 2 Double headers as State Championships, Easter and maybe ANZAC weekend take up 3 maybe 4 Saturdays.
 - (B) Finishing Zone Pennant finals the week before nominations are due to State only allows 1 month for winning Zone clubs to plan their trip to the State Finals and book suitable accommodation.
7. Zone events for 23/24 season will be played from August through to end of October, however in 24/25 season they will be played from mid July and finished by end of September.
8. Information will be forwarded to clubs and discussions will take place at the next Delegate meeting which date is below.

NEXT MEETING: Monday January 16 at Lambton BC at 5:30pm