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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, March 13, 2023, commencing at 5.30pm.**

**PRESENT:** **President:** Mark Conway, **Vice-Presidents:** John. Bilby, Werner Dettelbacher, Greg Wright, Danny Rowe, Terry Blow

**Treasurer:** Don. Wells.

**Secretary:** Warren Shipley

**Sub-Committee Chairman** –J.T. Smith OAM Match Committee, Rr Gardner Junior Committee, Milton Rigby Advisory Committee,

**Zone 2 President introduced special guests Darryl Clout (World Bowls President), Dilys Kindleysides (Chair BNSW), Tim Rowe (CEO BNSW), Kyle Langley (BA Regional Bowls Manager)**

**APOLOGIES:** P Croucher (Stockton), M Hornby-Howell (Bar Beach), L Afflick (Merewether), J Roche (Belmont), J Spaans (Redhead), P Davis (Water Board)

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** David Gilday (Vice President and Fingal Bay), Kevin Bucklee (Vice President)

**CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED:** Adamstown, Alder Park, Bayway Village, Carrington, Hamilton North, Jesmond, Mayfield, Lemon Tree Passage, Redhead, Raymond Terrace, Tea Gardens, Warners Bay.

**OBITUARIES:** Robert Galley (Mayfield West), Denis Price (East Maitland), Larry Loades, Neil Kennedy (Lowlands), Robert Quinn (Lemon Tree Passage).

**NEW DELEGATES:** Peter Johnston (Valentine)

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday January 16, 2023, having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

- I.** Voting for Pennant season 2023/24 finalised with Zone events to be played from August 12 through to November. Open pennant to commence on February 17, 2024, Men's Pennant to be played Mid-Week from February 14.

**EXECUTIVE REPORT:**

**It is advised that.**

All clubs are now using Bowlslink to enter sides and results for open Pennant.

Several complaints have been received regarding foul and abusive language. Clubs are reminded that Umpires can impose the instantaneous Pennant rule which is maximum number of shots and then disqualification.

## **It is recommended:**

1. Clubs use how sides are listed on Bowlslink for Pennant matches. This will be part of the new COP for 2023/24

## **CORRESPONDENCE: W Shipley**

1. from BNSW Feb news letter forwarded to clubs
2. from Bowls Australia, Coaching new letter forwarded to clubs
3. from Bowls NSW Competition Boundaries and Zone & District Governance forwarded to clubs
4. from BNSW mid Feb news letter forwarded to clubs
5. from BNSW information regarding WEBINAR on March 22 forwarded to clubs
6. from BNSW information regarding Jake Ritchie Bowlslink Coordinator forwarded to clubs
7. from BNSW announcing partnership with P&O Cruises

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT: Mark Conway**

Last month saw our Newcastle Open and Seniors Representative Sides win the John Smith OAM Shield which was held at the Halekulani Bowling Club. I would like to sincerely thank this club for hosting the event at late notice. Many thanks to the cooking staff, greenkeepers and Management Team for your great hospitality over that weekend. Most of all Congratulations to both our Teams who performed exceptional and did our Zone proud again.

Unfortunately, our VP and Chairman of selectors Danny Rowe had a fall on the Sunday of the games which has now been confirmed that he had a mild stroke. Good news is his health is improving, he is home and will have to take good care of himself. Many thanks to Joel Field from the Charlestown Club who assisted with the wellbeing of Danny after his fall and also to Narelle from the Halekulani Club.

I attended the Final of the Minor District Singles at the Edgeworth Club and many thanks for them in hosting this event. I have spoken to many Bowlers in regard to the new Club Challenge Event and it appears that they give this Event the 'The Thumbs Up'.

We were honoured have the President of World Bowls Mr Darryl Clout and the new CEO of Bowls NSW Tim Rowe & Chairwoman of NSW Board Dilys Kindleysides attend this meeting. As President of this great Zone I thank you for taking the time to attend our meeting to address the Delegates. You are always Welcome. Hope you enjoy your visit.

Best wishes and Happy Bowling.

## **TREASURERS REPORT: Don Wells**

**Don reminded clubs that when paying invoices that a reference to club or invoice number is attached so the payee is able to be identified.**

**Total Income for period 01/04/2022 to 09/03/2023 = \$186,817**

**Total Expenses for period 01/04/2022 to 09/03/2023 = \$168,181**

**Excess of income over expenditure (Profit) for period 01/04/2022 to 09/03/2023 = 18,635**

**Working Cash Accounts as at 05/01/2023                      \$46,868**

**Term Deposits as at 05/01/2023                                \$230,149**

**TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE as at 05/01/2023                \$277,017**

## **World Bowls President,**

Darryl Clout spoke about the World Bowls Strategic Plan for 2023-25 which was distributed to attendees, he also thanked all in the room for their volunteer work and time they give to the game. He has plans to try and introduce Lawn Bowls as an Olympic sport in Brisbane 2032.

## **BNSW**

Both Tim and Dilys took questions and talked about a number of topics including Bowlslink, Boundaries and Governance, fee structures, 5 year plan, standardize approach to membership, Partnerships with other businesses such as P&O Cruises, Sydney and Victorian turf Clubs, Junior school engagement and the 40 to 60 age group.

Tim mentioned to the meeting that he is available to take enquiries on any issues clubs may have and he will take the feedback received from the meeting, add it to feedback from other zones and work through the issues raised.

### **SUB COMMITTEES:**

#### ***Advisory Committee. Milton Rigby***

The advisory Committee has produced three revised Advisory Documents as follows:

##### **001- Conducting an AGM**

##### **006 - Hosting: District Championship/Pennant Post-Section/Rep Game**

##### **007- Association Delegates**

These are available on Website

#### ***Coaching and Greens Committee John Bilby***

86 Greens were inspected (40 Synthetic and 46 Grass)

6 greens were in Fair condition

9 greens were good

40 were very good

13 were excellent

#### ***Junior Committee Ross Gardner***

At the end of 2022 most of our schools hold their Annual Awards Presentation at which some of our young talented players are rewarded for their efforts in Lawn Bowls throughout the year. 2022 once again didn't disappoint. Zoe "Seal" Nicholls from Hunter River High took out several honours in 2022, along with Cohen "Cuey" Ridd from Glendale Technology High and Huxley Rowe from Irrawang High. Although Combined High Schools (CHS) are not Association Events, Juniors who excel in Lawn Bowls deserve recognition, considering that the majority of CHS Events contain most of NSW's elite Junior Bowlers. Huxley Rowe deserves mention as he received a Hunter Blues Award from Irrawang High for his achievements in Lawn Bowls throughout 2022. A Hunter Blues Award is the Schools top award for Sporting achievements. Well done Huxley.

Zoe Nicholls awards are as follows: Australian All Schools Merit Team, NSWCHS Lawn Bowls Pairs Winner, Hunter Blue Award from Hunter River High, NSW All Schools Representative, Hunter Region Representative, Hunter River High Sportsperson of the Year

I feel that the final award Zoe was awarded requires special mention. Zoe was awarded the top honour for CHS competitors at an award ceremony in Sydney, where she was awarded NSWCHS Female Junior Bowler of the Year. What an excellent achievement Zoe. Hold your head high, Zone 2 are very proud of your achievements.

Cohen Ridds awards are as follows: Glendale Technology High Junior Sportsperson of the Year, NSWCHS Final 16, Hunter Lawn Bowls Award, NSWCHS Lawn Bowls Award, Lawn Bowls Sportsmanship Award, Glendale Tech High Hunter Blues Award. Congratulations Cohen, you have also done us proud. Keep up the good work.

Friday February 3 saw the commencement of our first U25 event for 2023. The Zone 2 U25 Singles started at the host club Beresfield. In the first night matches Kate Matthews (R/T) accounted for Thomas Webster (Kahibah), Aiden Parish (E/Mait) accounted for Charlotte Hayman (R/T) and Lachlan Freeman (R/T) got over the winners line against Caleb McDermott (Charlestown). On February 10 it was a Quarter Final berth as a reward to those winners. Chris Kent (R/T) accounted for Aaron Halse (T/Workers) 25-17, Andrew Hanlon (Valentine) proved too strong for Aden Parish 25-10, Connor Freeman (S/Workers) accounted for his old Raymond Terrace team mate Blair Soars 25-17. In a topsy turvy affair, Brady Anderson (Kahibah) left it to the last bowl to defeat Sean Broderick (Cardiff) 25-24.

Anderson lead 13-2, 16-7, 18-8 before Broderick put his foot down to draw within 2, 17-19. Anderson jumped to a 24-20 lead needing 1 to go out, however Broderick wasn't finished yet and hit back to draw level 24 all. Broderick held shot, with one bowl remaining, however Anderson sat Broderick's bowl through to claim victory. The final game there was bragging rights up for grabs. Lachlan Freeman took on Kate Matthews. What proved to be an up and down affair between the two, Freeman managed to hang on to claim victory, 25-17. Quarter Finals saw Connor Freeman account for Ami Bromhead, Chris Kent was too strong on the night for Cohen Ridd (Cardiff), Lachlan Freeman accounted for Andrew Hanlon 25-21 and in the final match, Brady Anderson showed that he quite familiar with cliff hanger games when he took on Joshua Sharpe (Kotara). Scores were levelled at 24 all, however it was not to be Anderson's night this time around, as Sharpe took the lollies 25-24 to advance to the semi finals.

It has also come to my attention that one of Raymond Terrace's finest, Charlotte Hayman, was a part of Raymond Terrace's Women's winning Triples side. Charlotte teamed with Pat Skinner and Lynn Thompson to bring home the bacon. Well done girls, and thankyou to Pat and Lynn for taking on one our talented Juniors to play in the event.

Next issue will be the finals update of the U25 Singles and the early rounds of the U25 Pairs with host club East Maitland.

### ***Match Committee John Smith***

The 2022-2023 Open Gender Pennants in Grades 2-7 began on Saturday 25th February with Round 3. Scheduled for 11th March. All materials and information was sent to clubs regarding draws and importing teams and results through Bowlslink.

Similarly all materials for the Mid week Club Challenge have been circularised and that event began on Wednesday 1st March with Round 2 scheduled for 8th March .

In both competitions it is important that all clubs are aware of both the gradings of selected players and the maintaining of accurate Player Participation Records. Any issues that are doubtful should be clarified with the Association to avoid penalties being applied.

Bowls NSW have also advised of the following:

- The 2022-2023 State Championships will be played in the Wollongong area from 20/0723-1/08/23
- A draft calendar for Bowls NSW Events 2023-2024 has been sent to all clubs together with a letter of explanation.
- Entries for the 2022/2023 State Champion of Champion Singles and Pairs are now open with venues in Zone 12 .Pairs will be from 1st-4th June and the Singles from 5th-8th June. Entries will close on 26th April with Bowls NSW
- Members are invited to register for a webinar to be held on 22/03/23 when various personnel from Bowls NSW will be presenting updates on important aspects of our game. These will include Bowls NSW CEO Tim Rowe Bowls Australia CEO Matthew Kennedy and the current Chairpersons of Bowls NSW Sub-Committees .The current Bowls Newsletter emailed to clubs has details of registration .

At a local level:

- Australian Indoor Qualifiers were Mick Beesley (Soldiers Point), Barry Mungoven (East Maitland),Damian Robb (Cardiff) and Shane Evans (Raymond Terrace)

The Minor Singles was completed with M. Brown (Beresfield) having a 25-24 victory over Ibbett (Marks Point) on Sunday 5th March at Edgeworth BC . There were 84 entries in this event.

Copies of the 2023-2024 Season Programme have been sent to clubs In a number of formats to enable them to be put on club noticeboards for the information of members

Zone Singles were; -Open-55, Senior- 72, Reserve- 101 with Play to begin on Sunday 19th March

Fours – Entries were: Open 24 Senior 25 and Reserve 30 , Play began on Sunday 26th February and finals were played on Sunday 8th March . The Open will have the teams of D. Collaros (Beresfield) defeated by L. Schraner (Raymond Terrace) , the Senior J. Gregory (Belmont) defeated by J. Gibson (Nelson Bay) and the Reserves P. Mentis (Nelson Bay) won against A. Brown (Marks Point) .

Host clubs are still being sought for the 2023-2024 BPL Cup with the qualifying to be played at different times during the year with finals scheduled for November 2023.The host clubs are paid a \$10 hosting fee for each team that participates at their venue .An expression of interest form is available on the NDBA email circulated on 6th January 2023.

### ***Selection Committee. Danny Rowe.***

The next Representative match will be the Rod Robards Shield at Beresfield on Friday March 24 at 6pm involving 3 rinks of Open and 3 rinks of Seniors. Following this match the Inter Zones sides will be named for the State Sides Championships played at Maitland City and Lorn Park on May 23 to 29

### ***Umpires Committee Kevin Bucklee.***

At our last meeting it was noted that we still had some pending umpires that needed to do the marker and measures course, Milton to chase them up.

it was also discussed that our Zone 2 member that hold presenter and assessors tickets are overdue for reaccreditation only one of our members has had an email enquiring if he is still interested in renewing is this Bowls New South Wales of having less people in Zone 2 to train umpires.

A discussion was held regarding a situation where leads A and B had both delivered a bowl when it was realised that Lead B should have bowled first. It was agreed that Law 9.6 covers this situation. It was also agreed that Law 29.1 – playing out of turn only comes into play if players play out of turn during an end. A discussion was held on the attitude of some bowlers and their lack of etiquette toward others. A lot of time is being spent putting out fires because of these attitudes. Sad to say but this is something that has become part of our game.

### **General Business**

There was no general business from the floor.

Meeting closed at 7:00pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday May 15 at Lambton BC at 5:30pm**