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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, May 15, 2023, commencing at 5.30pm.

PRESENT: **President:** Mark Conway, **Vice-Presidents:** John. Bilby, Werner Dettelbacher, Greg Wright, Terry Blow, Kevin Bucklee, David Gilday.

Treasurer: Don. Wells.

Secretary: Warren Shipley

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

APOLOGIES: D Rowe (Vice President), G Hern (Lowlands), G Mungoven (Karuah RSL), M Casey (Hamilton North)J Roche (Belmont), K Coulls (Nelson Bay)N Berry (Cardiff), H Lee (Hexham) L Affleck (Merewether)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Alder Park, Carrington, Jesmond, Lemon Tree Passage, Mayfield, Raymond Terrace, Redhead, Stockton, Toronto, Warners Bay.

OBITUARIES: Wal Eather (Life Member NDBA), David Davis (New Lambton), Greg Moore (Cardiff), Warren Corky Caldwell (Lowlands), George Fuller (Toronto Workers), Reg Long (Dora Creek), Gordon Walker (Rathmines), Alan Shakespeare (Hexham)

NEW DELEGATES: Sam Eddie (Bayway Village), Cliff Bennett (Wangi)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday March 13, 2023, having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

It is advised that.

All Clubs involved in Pennant playoffs this weekend must submit their side/s to confirm players are eligible.

Pennant Finals results will be listed on Bowlink.

It is recommended:

That either Threes Threes or Club Challenge be played during the September/November period of the Season Calendar. Clubs will be asked to submit their preference.

Clubs submit ideas for condition of play changes for Club Challenge

CORRESPONDENCE: W Shipley

1. from BNSW Lee Stinson has commenced with BNSW in the head of sport role

Please see all full reports on separate document. Below contains anything added during the Delegates meeting

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Mark Conway thanked all clubs who have or will be hosting events.

TREASURERS REPORT: Don Wells reminded all that the financial year will be a 15 month period for this year. This will align the NDBA with BNSW financial year.

Working Cash Accounts as at 05/01/2023	\$30,200
Term Deposits as at 05/01/2023	\$236,000
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE as at 05/01/2023	\$266,200

SUB COMMITTEES:

State Report. Warren Shipley informed all that a "Boundaries committee had been formed but no new information was available.

Clubs will be receiving their affiliation fees by end of June.

Kane Coulls and Warren Shipley had been elected on the State Match Committee

Advisory Committee. Milton Rigby

Umpires and coaching reaccreditation can be partly completed online via the Bowls Australia website

Coaching and Greens Committee John Bilby

Greens inspections will take place in May/June.

There is a list of dates for Coaching Courses to be held over the next 12 months on the BNSW web site

Junior Committee Ross Gardner

Nil to add to report

Match Committee John Smith

John thanked Max Dettelbacher for his assistance with the Vets and Sup Vets day at Lambton and also commented on how accommodating Club Lambton was toward this event.

Selection Committee. Danny Rowe.

Nil to add to report

Umpires Committee Kevin Bucklee.

Kevin informed delegates that umpires courses would be held at Hexham, Marks Point and Rathmines during June and July. Kevin also thanked Brian Tredennick and John Bilby for their time on the Umpires committee as they are not standing for the 2023/25 period.

General Business

1. On the Green books are now delivered to Club Lambton for pick up each month.
2. NDBA Committee nominations have been extended to August due to AGM now being held in September.
3. 6 clubs have applied for platinum Pennant in the Hunter/ Newcastle area
4. A Proud (Boolaroo) commented on playing times on Bowlslink being different to when matches were played. W Shipley explained that some matches were changed through agreement with both clubs and the start times were adjusted on Bowlslink but this may be only a few days before the event depending on when clubs make arrangements.

5. J Wolfe (Swansea Workers) commented on length of games for club challenge suggesting they were too short. W Shipley explained that this was on purpose to beat afternoon traffic and feedback that members wanted a shorter different form of match to play.
6. John Smith gave an update on the health of Brian Carling
7. A Solomons (Soldiers Point) commented on the blind draw for Pennant matches and using bowlslink as the draw. W Shipley explained that it is hoped that clubs use bowlslink for the draw as this saves time for managers and cards can be prepared prior to arrival at matches, however the laws of the game are that a blind draw can be completed if both clubs do not agree to use the bowlslink draw. Note: suggestions have been put forward to the bowlslink administrators regarding a system to do a random draw.
8. T Deans (Wallsend Diggers) spoke about the Wallsend Sports Club mine subsidence and no members gaining access to their property. President Mark suggested he would ring the CEO to see if he could arrange something.

Meeting closed at 6:10pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday July 10 at Lambton BC at 5:30pm

Note: The AGM will now be held September 18 at 5:30pm