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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 6, 2023, commencing at 5.30pm.

PRESENT: **President:** Mark Conway, **Vice-Presidents:** Werner Dettelbacher, Terry Blow, Kevin Bucklee, Milton Rigby.
Treasurer: Don. Wells.
Secretary: Warren Shipley
Sub-Committee Chairman –J.T. Smith OAM Match Committee, Rr Gardner Junior Committee (Apology)

APOLOGIES: D Rowe (Vice President), John Bilby (Vice President), Jarrod Duncan (Teralba), G O'Connell (Mayfield West), Adrian Solomons (Junior Committee), Greg Mungoven (Karuah RSL), Joel Roche (Belmont),

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: D Gilday

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Alder Park, Carrington, Fingal Bay, Jesmond, Lemon Tree Passage, Mayfield, Merewether, Nelson Bay, Raymond Terrace, Redhead, Soldiers Point, Tea Gardens.

OBITUARIES: Kevin Abel (Lambton), Keith Rearden (Swansea Workers)

NEW DELEGATES: Frank Jackson (Windale), Alan Duncan (Adamstown), Ted Brozowski (Water Board), Dorothy Povey (Hexham)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday July 10, 2023, having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

It is advised that.

Nominations to participate in Grade 1 close Thursday November 16.

Nominations for Open Pennant grades 2 to 7 and Men's Pennant Divisions 1 to 4 close Monday November 4

It is recommended:

Clubs check their player grades on Bowlink in early December as the system should be updated by then and report any discrepancies.

CORRESPONDENCE: W Shipley

Letter from East Maitland thanking all who supported them in their quest to remain in the Zone 2 Newcastle playing area.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mark Conway

The month of October for me started off with being invited to the Teralba Club for their unfurling of their 3 Grade Pennant Zone Flag. Also, on that day they celebrated their 60yrs Anniversary of the Club plus the opening of the new green. I also had the pleasure of rolling a bowl on the green with President John and Steve Glasson. What a fantastic day was had and I would like to thank President John and his board for the kind invitation.

In the past few weeks, I was very busy as the Mattara Carnival had commenced at Host Clubs Beresfield Bowling Club and Club Charlestown. Many thanks to all the other clubs who supported this great Carnival. Beresfield Bowling Club were exceptional hosts for this event, and I thank President Col and his board for their professionalism. Thank you also to the Cooks, Greenkeepers, Bowls Committee, staff at the club and most of all the supporters. A wonderful morning tea made by some of the Beresfield Ladies Club Members. The Golden Bowls rolled by Joan Carey and Eddie Atkinson both great and long serving members of the Beresfield Club. It was a successful carnival, and we were very lucky with the weather.

A big thank you to David Lloyd Funerals for your continued support with your sponsorship with the Carnival and to Jenni and Tracy for attending. Along with Warren we will be attending the Bowls NSW Awards Night to support all our Zone 2 Nominees and hopefully there will be many winners. At the end of the month our Open Rep Side travels to Port Macquarie to play in the Pat Geary Shield and Congratulations to all those players who have been selected.

Best wishes and Happy Bowling.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Don Wells

Income for September/October = 73,200	Expenses = 71,000
Working Cash Accounts as at 05/01/2023	\$68,000
Term Deposits as at 05/01/2023	\$235,000

State Report. Warren Shipley

Lake Macquarie Council have been approached to support The Ladies State Carnival in May.

Unification Update,

BNSW will be announcing the names of the new areas shortly along with the Zones / Districts (+ / - any women's clubs movements) within each of these new regions

It is likely these new areas will be called Regions.

We will also be providing copies of template constitutions and seeking feedback on these – these may be a few weeks off still and will be required for the association.

Establishing your committee now to discuss sport related matters and calendar planning is a good idea BNSW is waiting feedback re. Incorporation of Lake Macquarie District if Zone 2 and Newcastle District can amalgamate it would make more sense for Lake Macquarie to simply transfer assets to the new entity and wind-up via simple resolution vs going down the path of incorporation and then amalgamation.... These steps would purely be for optic and not really practical – but BNSW will come back once lawyers provide me with this advice

Advisory Committee. Milton Rigby

The Advisory Committee have been busy working through information supplied by BNSW in preparation for the Unification of the Newcastle Region which should happen before January.

Greens Committee John Bilby

No Report

Junior Committee Ross Gardner

The Executives have decided to postpone the Junior Training sessions until the new year. A training program will be arranged using a number of different clubs inviting some guest Coaches to run the session or speak to the Juniors.

Match Committee John Smith

State Mixed Pairs qualifying Sections 3-10 at Raymond Terrace on 4-5/11/23
Rookies Pairs qualifying at Raymond Terrace 13-14/10/23
State Over 40 Pairs winners W.Shipley and T.Antram

Lee Schraner – 4th Aust COCC Singles title

Zone Singles Entries- Open 56, Senior 66 and Reserves 108.

In an all East Maitland Open Final Hayden Bojkowski defeated Miichael Abel 25-14 at East Maitland. The Seniors went to Warren Shipley (Soldiers Point) defeating Peter Conlon (Hamilton North) 25-11 at Valentine and Tony Pearson (Soldiers Point) defeated Glenn Baxter (Cardiff) 25-20 at Mayfield West in the Presidents Reserves. The Zone Minor Singles has 54 entries and will be played in Sections of 3 commencing on 11th of November with the final Sunday 18th November .

Three Threes Competition on 1st November 2023

- No 1 grade final series After Round 2 Beresfield and Raymond Terrace (better Margin) to play the final Raymond terrace won

-No 2-Grade has a Round Robin with East Maitland, Edgeworth and Belmont

-No3/1Grade has 4 teams left with a Semi and Final and in No 3/2 Rathmines Memorial are unbeaten with Lemon Tree Passage and Karuah RSL to play a semi-final to decide who will meet them .

Pennants

EOI State Open No 1 Pennant close 16-11-23

NDBA Open and Mens Single Gender Pennants close on December 3rd.Full details were sent to clubs by email on 26th November.

Dates for NDBA Representative fixtures are-

Pat Geary Shield Port Macquarie 25-26/11/23

John Smith Shield at Zone 10 18-19/02/23

Australian Indoor Qualifying entries are now open and close on 5th December 202 .Playing dates are 19th-22nd January 2024 and local venues will be at East Maitland, East Cessnock Charlestown and Soldiers Point.

Selection Committee. Danny Rowe.

The side for the Pat Geary Shield on November 25 and 26 has been selected. John Smith OAM Shield will be contested in February, Rod Robards Shield in April and Veteran Interzone also in April.

Umpires Committee Kevin Bucklee.

Reaccreditations have been taking place as required and if your club has any Umpires that need to complete reaccreditation, please contact Zone Administrator or member of the Umpires committee.

The following clubs have outstanding reaccreditations to complete, Hamilton North, Nelson Bay, Karuah RSL, Dora Creek and Beresfield.

Umpires course is currently being completed at Lowlands.

General Business

1. W Shipley discussed with delegates the proposed change to the season Calendar for the January to July period and it was agreed to and voted that the Open Pennant will play matches on the 2 weekends while the State Championships are being contested and any club that has players involved in the Sate Championships can apply to have that round postponed for the grade in which the player/s are involved while all other grades and matches will be played. These postponed matches will be played the next Sunday following the State Championships.
2. Clubs were reminded that the Open Pennant grades for clubs would be the same as they were in 2022/23 unless they won a flag or were last in a grade. Clubs that wanted different grades to last season would need to show good reason as to why, such as player transfer or the gaining of players.
3. Clubs were reminded that there are a number of players on the transfer list on Bowlink that are incomplete and club should be aware that they may have unregistered players on their list.

Meeting closed at 6:10pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday January 15 at Lambton BC at 5:30pm

