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Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee of the Newcastle District Bowling Association held at Association Headquarters, "Wal Young House", on Thursday, January 21 commencing at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: **President:** M Conway (who occupied the Chair); **Vice-Presidents:** J.G. Bilby, T Blow, J Lindsay, D Rowe, K Bucklee

Treasurer: D.G. Wells.

Secretary: W Shipley

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

APOLOGIES: D Gilday (VP), B Gainsford Nelson Bay, M Kedwell Belmont, J Partridge Fingal Bay, N Berry Cardiff, G O'Connell Mayfield West, P Stamford Water Board, T Antram Soldiers Point, B Steele Catherine Hill Bay, M Cummings Hexham, B Swan New Lambton, T Dean Wallsend.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: T Masson

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Alder Park, Carrington, Jesmond Bowlo, Jesmond Bowlo, Lambton, Mayfield, Teralba, Tomago, Warners Bay.

OBITUARIES: Owen Ireland (Toronto), Greg Jones (Dora Creek), Trevor Mander (Valentine), Ross Dennett, Alan Faraway (Swansea Workers), Bob Clement (Charlestown).

NEW DELEGATES: Brian McLeod (Kotara), Frank Jackson (Windale)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

1. All entries for Zone events are to be submitting online via the club link. Phone or fax will not be accepted.
2. The executives are currently reviewing the NDBA rules and regulations.
3. Pennant Home and Away draw will be available tomorrow.

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

No food be served after or during Pennant matches for 2021 season. Clubs may wish to do so under their own COVID food safe handling plan.

CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mark Conway

2020 is now done and dusted and we are all looking forward to 2021. I hope that everyone had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. All of our clubs throughout last year faced tough times through the Covid. We all still should remain conscious that this virus may still be around for some time. Please remain safe and adhere to the Government Regulations to not only protect ourselves and your families but also our bowlers and visitors to our clubs. Leading up to Christmas last year I attended a few AGM's and Presentation nights where it is always a pleasure to attend to. I also witnessed a few Zone Finals which there were great competition amongst the Finalists. To cap off the year our Executives/Delegates Appreciation Christmas Lunch was a tremendous success at the Adamstown Bowling Club. With 41 in attendance and seeing everyone in a social gathering chatting and sharing stories was certainly a day to remember. Perhaps one to add to our calendar. To Secretary Todd your staff and to the Chefs thank you for a great

meal and hospitality.

Last weekend I also attended to the John Smith OAM Shield which was hosted by Zone 6 and held at the East Cessnock Bowling Club.

I am certainly looking forward to 2021 and continuing working with our Executives/Sub Committees and our Zone 2 Clubs to make this year a Happy one.

TREASURER'S REPORT: D Wells

January Income = \$1,189. January Expenditure = \$ 5,067. January Balance = \$ -3,878

Operating account = \$69,066. Term deposits = \$22,9915

D Wells reported that the Association was still in a strong financial position.

REPORTS:

Advisory Committee: J Bilby for B Carling

Committee reviewing changes to the NDBA sub committee rules and regulations. Recommendations to reduce the number of committee members on some sub committee and the Executives to elect the sub committee members from nominations received with no voting from clubs to take place.

Coaching Committee: J Bilby for Ted Masson

Coaching course to be held at Soldiers Point on February 8 and 9 with enrolment closing on February 1.

Greens Committee: J Bilby

Greens inspections to take place at end of January with reports tabled at Meeting on February 4.

Junior Committee: R Gardner Junior Chairman

Sunday 17 January 2021 saw our U25 squad travel to Wyong Bowling Club to compete in the Annual U25 Metropolitan Cup. Zone 2 would compete against Zones 5, 10 and 15. The format for this fixture is a squad of 9 players, divided into disciplines of pairs, triples and fours. Three bowl pairs over 12 ends, two bowl triples over 12 ends and 2 bowl fours over 8 ends. In Round 1 we began our campaign against Zone 5. Our pairs combination of Zac Nicholls and Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace) were never headed in their whitewash of their opponents 21-4. Our triples team of Blair Soars (R/T), Caleb McDermott (Charlestown) and former Junior NSW Representative Connor Freeman (R/T) accounted for their trio 13-9, whilst our quartet skippered by current NSW U25 State Representative Kate Matthews (R/T) consisting of Zoe Nicholls (R/T), current NSW State Junior Representative and Zone 2's new recruit Chelsea McKay (R/T) and James Broderick (Cardiff) won 14-6. Round 2 saw Zone 2 take on Zone 10. In the pairs Freeman got over the line 12-8 against former NSW State Junior Representative Michael Phillips. In the Triples, Freeman found it tough going and was accounted for by his opponents 17-7, whilst Matthews quartet snuck over the line 9-3. In round 3, Zone 15 proved too strong for our outfit, defeating Zone 2 on all three rinks. Current Junior NSW Representative Bailey Meti (Ettalong) and his lead, Zone 15's new recruit Brendan Stokes (Ettalong) accounted for Freeman and Nicholls 17-6. Mitch McDonnell fell over the line against Connor Freeman's trio, and Kate Matthews quartet were accounted for 9-3. Zone 15 Central Coast were winners of the day. All Zone 2 players should be congratulated on their efforts and in the spirit they played. Zone 2 Juniors and U25 players are reminded that nominations for Zone Championships are currently being called for. Zone U25 Singles nominations have closed, and First round matches commence at Kahibah Bowling Club on Friday 29 January 2021. Junior fours have also closed and are due to commence on the weekend of 13/14 February 2021 at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club.

Match Committee: J.T. Smith OAM- CHAIRMAN

The Champion of Club Champions Pairs was finalised with victory going to the Soldiers Point duo of Matthew Johnstone and Warren Shipley over the East Maitland pairing of Clay Parker and Paul Cousins. Many thanks to Hamilton North for their hosting of the event.

Entries for the 2021 Saturday and Midweek Pennant Competitions closed in December and the Match Committee recommendations for Saturday Grades were forwarded to the SMC for its meeting on 14th January. This resulted in the following numbers in each grade in the Saturday Competition:

No 1 Grade – 12, No 2 Grade – 12, No 3 Grade – 20, No 4 Grade – 18, No 5 Grade – 33,
No 6 Grade – 36, No 7 Grade – 28

The Match Committee met on 19th January and did the draw for sections in Saturday Grades 2-7 and the Midweek Grades 1-5 and these were forwarded to clubs yesterday.

The Home and Away draw is due to be done tomorrow and will be circularised to clubs as soon as it is completed.

The Side Managers Information Sessions will be done on the same basis as last year with several sessions on the one day. Details will be forwarded to clubs when the timetable has been finalised.

The Committee has put forward a rule change for the Three-Threes competition to divide a grade the Competition into two sections if entries in a grade are too large to allow the grade to be completed in a reasonable timeframe. It would result in playing the winners of each section in a final at a neutral venue.

The rule in relation to markers for Zone Singles events has been amended to require entrants in the competition to mark morning games if required if they have been drawn in the afternoon matches on that day. This change is allowable under the current State COP.

The SMC has forwarded two further changes to the 2021 State Conditions of Play. These were forwarded to clubs on Bowls NSW Circular CO1/2021 and relate to Restriction on Player Movement and to the use of Players Changing Clubs and the number allowed to play in certain grades in the Pennant Competition. Umpires Committee Chairman Kevin will explain the Restriction of Player Movement in his report,

The Annual Veterans and Super Veterans Day will be conducted on Thursday March 2021 with the details will be in your club shortly when final organization is complete.

Entries for the Zone Fours events will close on 29th January with 20th February start date and Zone Pairs events closing on 5th February with a 28th February start. Host Clubs for the for the Fours are Open – Charlestown, Senior-Soldiers Point and State Presidents – Hamilton North. Host club for the Open Pairs is Nelson Bay with the Senior and State Presidents yet to be decided.

Selection Committee T Blow

The first Open representative game for 2021 was played at East Cessnock, Zone 6 on Saturday 16TH & Sunday 17TH January.

Competing Zones were 2, 6, 11 & 15.

In Game 1, Zone 2 lost to Zone 6, with a score of 76-78 with Zone 2 losing 1 ½ to Zone 6's 9 ½, & Zone 15 defeated Zone 11. In Game 2, Zone 2 had a draw with Zone 15, 77 all, with Zone 2 losing 4 ½ to Zone 15's 6 ½. Zone 6 defeated Zone 11. In Game 3, Zone 2 defeated Zone 11, 88-75 & 10 points to 1. Zone 15 defeated Zone 6, not sure what the points were. Zone 15 won the series & John Smith OAM presented the "John Smith OAM Shield" to David Cameron the manager of Zone 15.

The annual NDBA Intra-Zone trial game for the Seniors will be played on Monday 22ND February at Hamilton North.

On Monday 22ND March at Hamilton North, bowlers from Zone 2, 6 & 15, will play 2 Seniors trial game.

There is no presentation for this series, as it is used as a selection process for the BNSW State Seniors Sides Championships at Zone 3 (Tamworth) in May. Each side will have 4 rinks in March & then select 3 rinks for Tamworth.

State Councilor Report T Blow

On Thursday 19TH November, there was BNSW State Councilors meeting followed by the 2020 AGM.

I never reported who was the new BNSW President, as BNSW exec meet after AGM, & results issued next day.

President Vince Beard never stood for re-election, as he has retired.

Matt Goodwin from Zone 4, was elected as President & Brett Duprez as Deputy President.

2021 INTER-ZONE

Draw for 2021 BNSW Inter-Zones was completed. NDBA Seniors & Open, both drew sections at South Tamworth.

UNIFICATION

If you go to BNSW/News, a joint update was released by BNSW & WBNSW on Monday 18TH January.

It is in regard to a joint Q & A roadshow will be held around the state & if you wish to attend you must log onto the following link: <https://nswroadshowregistration.question.com>

Locally it will be held at: Maitland City BC on Thursday 18TH February 2021 at 6:30pm. Charlestown BC on Wednesday 10TH March 2021 & Halekulani BC on Tuesday 16TH March 2021.

COMMUNICATION

BNSW asked all State Councilors to contact all clubs in their Zone, to find out how clubs were travelling due to COVID.

I emailed a survey with 7 questions to the 46 clubs in Zone 2. There were at least 2 contacts per club, & some had more. I sent over 100 emails, & 15 clubs responded. Very disappointing. How can NDBA & BNSW help fix any problems, with no feedback from clubs.

Next BNSW State Councilors is a Zoom meeting on Thursday 28TH January 2021.

Umpires Committee: M Rigby for K Bucklee.

Just a short report, as not much has happened since Christmas, completed course at Rathmines before Christmas.

There have been changes to the conditions of play regrades movement of players, in the conditions of play Rules 2.23 needs to be read and pointed out to players. I have had a lot of questions regarding thirds not getting up to the head before the Jack is delivered by the lead, please use some common sense and sportsmanship in this matter.

If and umpire feels that a player is deliberately trying to slow up play then Rule 2.22 in the conditions of play could apply.

General Business:

1. Discussion took place regarding Sub Committee reports being forwarded to Delegates before meetings. This was met favorably by Delegates and will be put into practice for the March meeting.
2. Discussion took place on the movement of players in the Umpires report. K Bucklee explained that whether you like it or not, the rule is in the Conditions of Play and must be abided by. Players risk disqualification if they do not follow the conditions.
3. Secretary W Shipley informed the delegates that the office will be closed on Wednesdays and Fridays until mid-February

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting Thursday March 18 2021.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)(18.3.2021)