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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, March 25 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:** Nelson Bay, Rathmines, Soldiers Point, Fingal Bay, Redhead, Edgeworth, Lemon Tree Passage, Catherine Hill Bay, Tomago, Windale.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** T Masson, D Gilday (VP),

**CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED:** Adamstown, Bayway Village, Belmont, Jesmond, Kotara, Lambton, Lowlands, Mayfield, Warners Bay.

**OBITUARIES:** Hank Faber, Karuah RSL, John Collins (Soldiers Point), Allan Grant (Wangi), Kevin Tomkins (Tomago), Ray Taylor (East Maitland), Robert Charlton (Alder Park), Lawrence Carpenter, Joe Gibson (Valentine), Richard Cox (Lambton), Warren Mcintosh (Hexham).

**NEW DELEGATES:** Steven Richardson (Water Board), Greg Crump (Carrington)

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Nil

**EXECUTIVE REPORT:**

1. Members wishing to be added to the mailing list should email NDBA on [zone2@ndba.com.au](mailto:zone2@ndba.com.au) and they will be added.
2. Sunday sectional Pennant matches are to commence at 10.00am
3. Membership numbers January =s 4472 in March = 4541 an increase of 69 members

**IT IS RECOMMENDED:**

1. Clubs still need to follow the Covid safe food handling procedures if they are supplying food after matches which includes no handling of condiments and cutlery.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** NIL

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mark Conway**

It is great to see that the Midweek Pennants has commenced, and the Saturday Pennants are on track to commence in a few weeks. Our Zone has newly crowned Fours Champions from Beresfield, Charlestown and Fingal Bay for this year. Our Juniors have also new Fours Champions of Zoe Nicolls, Charlotte Hayman, Jonah Threadgate and Caleb McDermott. Well done. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all those clubs who Sponsored these events or supported the Zone with the early round games. The Pairs Championships have commenced and no doubt we will see some great tussles. To all those teams who represented our Zone in the State Championships although we didn't win a title at Ettalong well done for making it so far.

To all those clubs who have had a Bowling Member/Friend or relative pass way over the last few months our thoughts at the Zone are with you all. I attended John Collin's (Goose) funeral last week and it was a very sad but a good celebration of his life. Mick Brown and Chris Ramage done a lovely eulogy for John. Like many of you, you also have great memories of the ones you have lost.

To close off Congratulations to Warren, Terry and Matt from the Soldiers Point Bowling Club for making it through to the Final of the BPL Cup in Moama last week. They were beaten by the last Bowl by West Lakes and a gripping final. Warren was awarded the Most Valuable Player in the Final.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT: D Wells**

February Income = \$5910. February Expenditure = \$ 5,876. February Balance = \$ -34

Operating account = \$37,114.

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

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **Advisory Committee: J Bilby for B Carling – Nil**

A club of the year check list has been tabled for executives to review. This is not just based on results but how the club interacts with the community to promote the game.

##### **Coaching Committee: J Bilby for Ted Masson**

On February 8th -9th at Soldiers Point a Coaches Course was conducted by Bowls NSW.

Coaches Chairman David Cameron of the Central Coast conducted the course, 6 members participated. 3 ladies from Soldiers Point. John Spaans, Redhead & 2 men from Karuah RSL, Mark Wilkie and Greg Mungoven. Having had a long discussion with David, I will be available for Zone 2 for Bowls NSW to communicate with me about future Bowls Coaching and list of candidates for those Coaching Courses.

J Bilby advised that Coaches due for re-accreditation have had their Coaching license extended till July 2121.

##### **Greens Committee: J Bilby**

John Bilby gave summary of February inspection and advised that next inspection will be August 2121.

##### **Junior Committee: R Gardner Junior Chairman**

After a damp start to our Zone Championships our Zone 2 U25 Pairs commenced on Friday 5 February 2021 at Kahibah Bowling Club. First round matches saw Caleb McDermott (Charlestown) account for Sean Broderick (Cardiff) 31-15, whilst Jonah Threadgate (E/Maitland) accounted for Brady Anderson (Kahibah) 31-28 in a hard fought tussle, Lachlan Freeman (R/T) accounted for Charlotte Hayman (R/T) 31-17, after Charlotte had the experienced Freeman rattled early, and Matthew Webster (Kahibah) won on Forfeit. Second round matches played saw Zoe Nicholls (R/T) take on Cohen Ridd (Cardiff). In what was a close encounter early on, Zoe eventually skipped away to a 31-17 victory. In the final game it saw Zac Nicholls (R/T) comfortably account for Chris Kent (R/T) 31-17.

Round 2 games were completed on Friday 12 February. NSW State U25 Representative and newly crowned NSW State Triples Champion, Kate Matthews (R/T), saw her account for Blair Soars (R/T) in what proved to be a topsy turvy affair 31-20, whilst Lachlan Freeman proved too strong for Matthew Webster 31-5. Other round 2 games saw Connor Freeman (R/T) steamroll Andrew Hanlon 31-10, whilst Lachlan Bent (C/town) accounted for Thomas Webster (Kahibah) 31-13. Caleb McDermott fought hard to claim victory over Jonah Threadgate 31-19, whilst Zone 2's new recruit Chelsea McKay rounded out the final Quarter Final spot by accounting for James Broderick in what was a see sawing game 31-25.

Quarter Final games are scheduled for Friday 19 February where we will see some cracking games, entering into the business end of the competition. Newly crowned Zone 2 Junior Fours Champion, Caleb McDermott will oppose Lachlan Freeman, NSW State U25 Representative Kate Matthews will go head to head with Former NSW State Junior Representative, Connor Freeman, Chelsea McKay will oppose Lachlan Bent, and in the final game it will be bragging rights up for grabs when Zac Nicholls takes on his sister, Zoe, for a place in the semi finals.

Zone 2 Junior Fours was finalised on Saturday 13 February 2021 at Raymond Terrace under a new format. Instead of running the competition on a knock out basis, it was decided to play on a round robin format so as Juniors played 3 games, instead of perhaps only 1, and the winner was crowned on a wins plus margin basis. Caleb McDermott and his outfit of Zoe Nicholls, Charlotte Hayman and Jonah Threadgate were clear winners on the day, winning all 3 games. They now proceed to Championships in June. The runners up was another kettle of fish. Going into game 3, it was Mackenzie Wicks' (R/T) quartet of Jordyn Osland, Ami Bromhead and Ruby Threadgate, with a 1 win -7 margin and Joshua Sharpe's (Kotara) clan of Crystal Lean (R/T), Huxley Rowe (R/T) and Cohen Ridd with a 1 win +7 margin, who were eyeing off second place. Sharpe's crew were defeated by Caleb McDermott's side 16-9, which meant that he ended with 1 win and scratch. Mackenzie Wicks' side only had to win to take the runners up position, however, Hayden Ellison's (Swansea Workers) outfit of Kyle Anderson (R/T). Paul Dougherty (R/T) and Aaron Halse (Toronto

Workers) had other ideas. Wicks lead by two with 1 end remaining. The shot changed practically with every bowl. Dougherty trailed to jack to hold 3 and game, however Threadgate was not done and drew second shot. Ellison although holding shot, needed to score three to give him his first win of the day. He played weight, putting the jack in the ditch and held 3. Mackenzie had one bowl remaining and drew to the lip of the ditch, where the bowl sat momentarily, but then rolled in, giving Ellison his first win of the day, and costing Wicks' second place which was then rewarded to Sharpe's outfit. ALL Juniors should be congratulated on how they played, it was exceptional to watch.

We have recently welcomed 2 new Juniors to our Zone 2 outfit. Joshua Sharpe (Kotara) and Cohen Ridd (Cardiff) have joined our ranks and we look forward to seeing a lot more of you both in the future.

Lastly, it is with regret that I announce that former Chairman and Junior Committee member Jason Stokes has decided to step down from his duties on the Junior Committee. Jason has given many years to our Juniors, and we thank him graciously for not only his time, but his knowledge and expertise which have been of benefit to so many Juniors.

**Match Committee:** J.T. Smith OAM- CHAIRMAN

Entries for the Zone Fours events saw the following totals:

Open Fours 37, Senior Fours 29 and State Presidents Fours 41

All the events were completed on Sunday 28th February.

The Open Fours at Host Club Charlestown saw victory go to the host club side of David King, David Collins, Daniel Hill and Jarrod Duncan over the Raymond Terrace quartet of Ian Lean, Jason Stokes, Lennon Scott and Matthew Baus. This is Charlestown's 2nd title in 3 years with Hill and Collins being a part of the 2019 winning side.

The Senior Fours hosted by Soldiers Point went to the Beresfield team of F. Leslie, G. Soper, T. Stephenson and E. Ryan who defeated the Adamstown combination of P. Martin, K. Ryan, P. Richards and R. Ball 23-16. This is the second successive victory for Beresfield in this event with 4 different players from last year's combination.

The State Presidents Fours at Hamilton North was won by the Fingal Bay quartet of C. Warmesley, S. Sanders, R. Young and J. Kinsella who gave the club their initial Zone Championship with a 22-19 victory over the Nelson Bay team of J. Carron, K. Kilbride, D. Morgan and P. Mentis.

Thank you to all our Host clubs and those who also assisted in staging the early rounds of the competitions.

The Zone Pairs events entries began on 28th February and entries were as follows;

Open 64, Senior 56 and State Presidents 64.

These events were finalised on Sunday 7th March.

The Open Pairs Hosted by Nelson Bay saw victory go to the Raymond Terrace pair of Ian Lean and Clinton Doust from Raymond Terrace with a 22-20 win over the Soldiers Point duo of Warren Shipley and Terry Antram. This victory gives Ian Lean the unique honour of having won every major title in Zone 2 at Major and Champion of Club Champions level.

The Senior Pairs at Host club Hamilton North saw Beresfield's Frank Leslie and Eric Ryan follow up on their Senior Fours success with a 25-16 victory over Stockton's Richard Hadley and Brian Hitchcock.

The State Presidents Pairs hosted by Marks Point and Kevin Kilbride of Nelson Bay followed being runner-up in the State Presidents Fours when he teamed with Damien Kroek to defeat the Bar Beach father and son combination of Eddie and Brad Warren 25-10 in the final.

Entries for the Zones Singles events closed on the 26th February with the events due to commence on Sunday 21st March.

The 2021 Vets and Super Veterans will be held at Kahibah Bowling Club on Thursday 11th March at 1.00 p.m and the circular has been distributed to all clubs. We are grateful for the continuing sponsorship of the event by David Lloyd Funerals and are hopeful that their representative Aaron Bessant can be present on the day.

The Midweek Pennant Competition began on Wednesday 24th February and has had 3 rounds completed. For the Saturday Pennant competition due to begin on Saturday 13th March all clubs should have completed their organization of players in correct grades. Circular No 2021-012 details the processes required for pre-match preparation and the submission of results. The submission of results is a new process and if clubs are in any doubt they should contact Secretary Warren for any assistance that they require.

Finally, we offer our congratulations to the Soldiers Point trio of Matthew Johnstone, Warren Shipley and Terry Antram for their great performance in finishing Runner-up in the B.A. BPL cup at Moama suffering only one defeat in the whole competition and that was after holding game until the very last bowl,

Entries for the Australian Indoor Singles Qualifying are now open and will close with Bowls NSW on 12th April 2021. Play is scheduled on either 2nd, 3rd or 4th May and there are two local venues at either Belmont or East Cessnock. Entry forms are on the Bowls NSW website

John Smith also advised that the Singles events will now commence on April 11.

**Mattara Committee M Conway - Nil**

President Mark Conway reported on a potential sponsorship deal for the Mattara Carnival with David Lloyd Funerals.

**Selection Committee T Blow -**

There's not much to report on for the last 2 months.

The annual NDBA Intra-Zone trial game for the Zone 2 Seniors was to be played on Monday 22ND February at Hamilton North. Due the inclement weather & the forecast for that weekend & Monday, it was deferred to 1ST March.

John "Goose" Collins (Soldiers Point) was selected to trial & during that deferred week, sadly he passed away.

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

Each side will have 4 rinks & is used as selection trials & then select 12 players for the BNSW State Seniors Sides Championships at Zone 3 (Tamworth) in May.

The "Rodney Robards Memorial Shield" will be played 16 April.

This is between Zone 2 & 6's Senior & Open Inter-Zone Sides prior to May Inter-Zone at Tamworth.

**State Councilor Report T Blow**

State Councillor meeting 9:30am Thursday 28TH January 2021.

President Matt Goodwin welcomed all to meeting, & this was his first State Councillors meeting as BNSW President.

CEO Greg Helm travelled to country regions for the member information sessions to inform members on unification and why the two Associations think unification is the way forward for the administration of the sport.

Early registration numbers indicate a huge interest.

Charlestown BC held a meeting on 10TH March, & an extra Unification sessions has been added for Raymond Tce BC on 16TH March.

Greg Helm encouraging members to look at Unification News on BNSW website and most recent update for dates/times/venues for member information sessions.

Registration is mandatory to comply with Public Health Orders.

Terry also gave an update on Unification and voting.

**Umpires Committee: M Rigby for K Bucklee.**

With pennants starting I hope all clubs have their umpire's equipment up to date and a copy of the 2021 Condition of Play as well as their rule books in their umpire's box.

I would like to remind all umpires and controlling bodies that to read the domestic regulation when deciding on substitutes and playing one short in pennants as these are different to those in the Laws of Bowls.

An umpires course was held at Charlestown starting on the 8th March concluding on the 9th March at Cardiff.

Kevin also advised that any Umpires umpiring WB NSW events be advised that they have no restrictions of player movement in their conditions of play, however female umpires umpiring Bowls NSW events MUST be aware that there are restrictions of player movement in the conditions of play.

**General Business:**

1. The endorsement of the updated regulations was moved and seconded and carried unanimously.
2. Garry O'Connell from Mayfield West enquired about recording gradings for the washed out game. W Shipley explained that it was not necessary as games are recorded by date not round
3. Discussion regarding unification was held with some querying the voting process. The Zone has since been informed that 51% of clubs that vote will determine the outcome.
4. Several clubs mentioned that they attended the Bowls NSW Unification roadshow meetings that were held at both Charlestown and Club Maitland City.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting Thursday May 13 2021. This was brought forward a week as this clashed with Inter-Zone Championships.

**CLOSED:** The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

**CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)(13.5.2021)**