



## NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION (ZONE 2) INC

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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, February 21, 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.**

**PRESENT:** **President:** J.T. Smith OAM (who occupied the Chair); **Vice-Presidents:** J.G. Bilby; B.O. Carling, K.C. Bucklee; D.A. Gilday, D Rowe; T Blow; W.E. Masson VP.  
**Treasurer:** D.G. Wells.

**Sub-Committee Chairman** – R Gardiner, Junior Committee,

**APOLOGIES:** *B.O. Carling VP, Sam Rees (Karuah RSL), T Antram (Soldiers Point), P Croucher / Stockton, C Coster (Adamstown), T Dean (Wallsend), J Bratby (Fingal Bay), P Stamford (Water Board)*

*President J.T. Smith OAM welcomed new delegates G Stirrat from (Jesmond Bowlo), G Horn (Lowlands)*

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** *Nil*

**CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED:** Alder Park, Belmont, Boolaroo, Carrington, Edgeworth, Hamilton North, Lambton, Kotara, Mayfield West, Rathmines Memorial, Warners Bay.

**OBITUARIES:** *Clement Pascoe (Kahibah), John Simpson (New Lambton), Eddie Baxter (Bar Beach), James Simpson (Belmont)*

**MINUTES:** *The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, January 17, 2019 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.*

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

- 1) David Saywell was added to Obituaries for January.*
- 2) Only 6 Clubs have responded to survey regarding timing of end of year presentation (3 for night time, 2 for daytime and 1 happy with either)*

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **It is recommended that:**

- 1) That Raymond Terrace be granted approval to host Australia day Fours On January 25, 26 and 27 2020*

#### **It is advised that:**

- 1) Neil Gibson (Hamilton North) coopted onto Match Committee.*
- 2) Wallsend Bowling Club is now to be known as Wallsend Diggers and that Heaton Birmingham Gardens Bowling Club is now to be known as Jesmond Bowlo.*

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

*Nil*

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Junior Committee:**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 saw the commencement of District Junior Paris at Cardiff Bowling Club. There were ( 2 ) First Round matches and a Quarter Final match brought forward from 12 February, 2019 due to unavailability of one participant. The match of the Round saw Jonah Threadgate (East Maitland) and Caleb McDermott (Charlestown) take on two Jets Players in Blair Soars and Cody Ross. The match proved to be a close knit affair, but at first Soars and Ross jumped to a 14 - 6 lead after 14 ends only to see Threadgate and McDermott winning the next 3 consecutive ends to draw within 1 shot 13-14. Soars and Ross then scored 2 Singles to advance to 16-13, however Threadgate and McDermott scored 3 on the 20<sup>th</sup> end to draw level. Soars and Ross then scored 2 shots on the Final End to be eventually winners, 18-16, to advance to the Quarter Finals. In other matches, in all Jets affair, Brendan Stokes and Jake Reid accounted for Drake brothers, Addison and Mackinnon 32-6 whilst Zac Nicholls and Connor Freeman from Raymond Terrace accounted for Jackson Brown (Raymond Terrace) and Matthew Webster (Kahibah) 32-8.

On Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 the remaining (3) Quarter Final matches were played. The match between Zac Nicholls/Connor Freeman (Raymond Terrace) and Blair Soars/Cody Ross (Raymond Terrace) proved to be a nail biter. Nicholls and Freeman jumped to an 18-8 lead after 14 ends, only to see Soars and Ross win the next (6) consecutive ends to lead 22-18 with one end remaining. Nicholls and Freeman could only manage 2 shots on the Final End to see Soars and Ross the victors 22-20 and advancing to the Semi-Finals. In other matches Ami Bromhead and Lachlan Evans from Raymond Terrace accounted for Kyle Anderson and Huxley Rowe (Raymond Terrace) 23-13 while Charlotte Hayman and Zoe Nicholls (Raymond Terrace) accounted for Ashlee Stuart (Raymond Terrace) and Emily Webster (Kahibah) 37-4.

Semi-Finals will be held at Cardiff Bowling club on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 where Charlotte Hayman and Zoe Nicholls will take on Ami Bromhead and Lachlan Evans whilst Blair Soars and Cody Ross will oppose Brendan Stokes and Jake Reid. Both games should prove close encounters with the winners advancing to the Final on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

Junior Singles and Fours nominations have now closed with play commencing for the Fours on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club whilst the Singles commence on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at Kahibah Bowling Club.

Next Junior session will be held at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 commencing at 5.30pm.

Ross Gardner

#### **Match Committee:**

The first of our District Championships for 2019, the District Major Triples, State President and Senior Triples have now been completed. The Final of the District Major Triples was played on Saturday, 9th February 2019. Congratulations to the team of Clinton Doust, Ian lean & Mathew Baus (Raymond Terrace) on defeating Brian Bateman, Brodie Pitham & Simon Mitchell (Soldiers Point) 27-20 in the Final. The Final of the District Senior Triples Championship was played on Saturday, 9th February 2019. Congratulations to the team of Neil Percival, John Jennings & Jack Littlewood (Valentine) defeating Les Pyke, George Dawes & Wayne Lambourne (Windale Gateshead) 30-17 in the Final. The Final of the State Presidents Triples Championship was played on Saturday, 9th February 2019. Congratulations to the team of Robert Hampton, William Van Dermey & Ken Morley (East Maitland) on defeating Ron Kemp, Paul Robertson & Rex Draper (Windale Gateshead) 25/19. A big thank you to the Clubs that hosted & sponsored the respective Championships, Soldiers Point the District Triples, Raymond Terrace the State Presidents Triples & Charlestown the Senior Triples. Also to all the other Clubs, who hosted the earlier Rounds please accept our gratitude and Thank-You

The next Championships are the District Pairs the State Presidents Pairs & State Senior Pairs Championship which all commenced last Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019. This will be followed by the Major Singles, the State Presidents & Senior Singles with the draws sent out to all Clubs on Circulars No. 26,27,28/2019 which has been scheduled to commence on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. This will be followed by the District Fours Championship, with entries closing on March 22, 2019.

The Home & Away Draw - for the Saturday and Midweek Pennant competition for 2019 has now been completed Refer Circular No. 21/2019. This Pennant Season the Association will be using a Result Form similar to Bowls NSW for both Saturday and Mid-Week Pennant Competitions. A sample was provided to Clubs at the Side Captains & Selectors Seminar. Additional copies are on the table tonight & are also on the main page of the NDBA website and also under Pennants & Forms.

A reminder that Circular No.10/2019 provides full details of Veterans & Super Veterans Day which will be held on Thursday, 7th March, 2019 at Lambton Bowling Club. Please ensure that all your bowlers over 70 are made aware of this free day, which is sponsored by David Lloyd Funerals.

The following clubs were allocated Pennant Playoffs

- Saturday: Grade 1 Wallsend (2 Grass Greens), Grade 2 Edgeworth (1 Grass Green), Grade 3 Swansea Workers (1 Green), Grade 4 Raymond Terrace (2 Greens), Grade 5 Charlestown (2 Grass Greens), Grade 6 East Maitland (2 Grass Greens) Grade 7 Nelson Bay (2 Greens).

Mid-Week Grade 1 Water Board (1 Green), Grade 2 Hamilton North (1 Green), Grade 3 Marks Point (1 Green), Grade 4 Windale (1 Green) Grade 5 Raymond Terrace (2 Greens 1st Wednesday of playoffs).

### **Coaching Committee**

Clubs have been sent a list of their Coaches and information regarding reaccreditation.

The next Coaching Course will be held on August 3 and 4 at Club Charlestown

P Martin and T Rizzoli (Adamstown) completed Coaching Course at Bateau Bay mid February

### **Selection Committee:**

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 24 players played in a Seniors trial at Charlestown Bowling Club, with 2 games played & positional changes were made for the 2<sup>nd</sup> game. Zone 2, as host, have selected 2 sides of 16 players to play 2 games to be played on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at Charlestown Bowling Club in this annual series. This is played between Zone 2, Zone 6 (Hunter & Upper Hunter), & Zone 15 (Central Coast). Zones 6 & 15 have selected 1 side each of 16 players.

After this series, selectors will select 12 players for Zone 2 to win back their 2017 State Seniors Inter-Zone Championship from Zone 15, who won in the championship in 2018. The Seniors Inter-Zone, will be played in May at Charlestown & Kahibah Bowling Club.

NDBA Selectors are disappointed that the majority of NDBA Bowling Clubs are not submitting the Circular (Selection for Representatives Matches) that is circulated every year. Each year the response from clubs has been very poor.

This NDBA Circular 167/2018 (Selection for Representatives Matches) has been sent to all Clubs for Club Secretaries or Selectors to return to NDBA for whom Club Selectors feel are worthy of consideration for Newcastle Representative sides.

NDBA Selectors can only observe so many players during the year.

If the top players from a Club (regardless of that Clubs top Grade), whose names are not submitted by their Selectors/Secretary & miss out from selection, it's that players club officials who are at fault, not the NDBA Selectors.

Please ensure that your Selectors do respond & return these forms, for the Open, Seniors & Under 25's, & please put their Date Of Birth & best playing position on sheets.

That is my report, & I ask for its adoption.

T. BLOW - CHAIRMAN

#### **Umpires Committee:**

- World Bowls have made some changes to the current Rules and any new books will be Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Third Edition Revision 1.
- Law D2 has changed deleting the words (The non-bias side is identified by the large side of grooved rings surrounding its centre)
- Law 52.1.3 has been changed and now consist of Laws 52.1.3.1 to 52.2.3.5. All these rules are to do with the design of bowls.
- Law 52.1.8.4 this rule is changed to allow both small rings and dots to be used in a team as long as distinguishing marks are not covered.
- The main change is in the sizing of bowls laws 52.1.6.1 has been changed to measure between 112 millimetres and 134 ml across there wides points for wooden bowls and law 52.1.7.1 to measure between 112 ml and 131ml across there wides points for bowls made of rubber or plastic resin.

With these changes there is no need to race out and buy new books, Bowls Australia are looking at some changes to any new books that are printed and when this happens Club will be informed through us.

With Pennants starting and the heat still around it is advised that clubs have some type of heat policies, but always remember players safety comes first.

Kevin Bucklee

#### **General Business:**

- 1) *President J.T. Smith OAM warned all about scan emails that have been circulating and both T Blow V.P (Cardiff) and W Robertson (Redhead) commented that they have been targeted as well.*
- 2) *J Fowler (New Lambton) commented regarding Zone 2 having a heat policy so that it is uniform throughout the Zone. Umpire chair K Bucklee commented that Bowls Australia are working on a policy and President J Smith also commented that players are to abide by any Club heat policy that may be in place and clubs should also make their policy requirements clear before start of play.*
- 3) *M Rigby (Club Charlestown) Commented that Charlestown Bowling Club is now known as Club Charlestown. He also commented that the new laws mentioned in the Umpires report will be in the March edition of On the Green.*

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.

**CLOSED:** The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

**CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)**  
**(21.03.2019)**