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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 21, 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.

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

Treasurer: D.G. Wells.

Sub-Committee Chairman – R Gardner, Junior Committee,

APOLOGIES: B.O. Carling VP, D Rowe V.P. Sam Rees (Karuah RSL), P Croucher / Stockton, M Casey (Hamilton North), D Bell (Bar Beach), R Girvan (Nelson Bay) J Hardy (Dora Creek), M Hellier (Toronto), W Lyddiard (Toronto)

President J.T. Smith OAM welcomed new delegate W Dettelbacher (Beresfield)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nil

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Alder Park, Bay Way Village, Belmont, Boolaroo, Carrington, Edgeworth, Jesmond, Lambton, Mayfield West, Teralba, Valentine, Warners Bay and Windale.

OBITUARIES: Tim Lucas (Raymond Terrace), Leslie Ell (Charlestown), C Spinks (Lemon Tree Passage)

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) Zone waiting to get update regarding heat policy, M Rigby NSW Chairman of Umpires commented that he was attending a meeting in Melbourne next week and the policy was on agenda.
- 2) John Wark (Swansea Workers) commented that players believe there is no use nominating for representative selection as they never get picked and it is too expensive.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

It is recommended that:

It is advised that:

- 1) Letter from "Let's Play Bowls" seeking sponsorship to continue to develop the Primary Schools competition has been sent to all clubs.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This month has been dominated by the start of our 2019 Pennant Season and the completion of a number of our Championships and congratulations to all of our Champions. The Junior and Match Committee Reports will provide you with all the details.

Our thanks go to Lambton Bowling Club for their hospitality and assistance in staging the 2019 Veteran's and Super Veterans events. 38 Bowlers took the opportunity to attend and enjoy the camaraderie of the day. Our sponsor David Lloyd Funerals was represented by the new manager at Adamstown, Aaron Bessant who presented badges to the recipients in each category and mingled very well with all present. We are grateful to David Lloyd Funerals for their announcement of the continuation of the sponsorship for 2020.

J.T. Smith OAM - President

TREASURER'S REPORT:

REPORTS:

Junior Committee:

Tuesday 26th February 2019 saw the conclusion of the District Junior Pairs at Cardiff Bowling Club. The Final saw Charlotte Hayman and Zoe Nicholls (Raymond Terrace) take on Brendan Stokes and Jake Reid (Raymond Terrace). Although Stokes and Reid ran out eventual winners 29-12, the match was played in good spirit and both Charlotte and Zoe showed they will be a force to be reckoned with in the not too distant future.

First Round Match of the District Junior Fours was held on 5th March 2019 at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. It saw the team of Zac Nicholls, Brendan Stokes, Caleb McDermott and Connor Freeman account for Ami Bromhead, Jackson Brown, Emily Webster and Mackinnon Drake to proceed to the Semi Finals to be played on Tuesday 12th March. Semi Final 1 saw Connor Freeman's team of Zac Nicholls, Brendan Stokes and Caleb McDermott account for Mia Brown, Kyle Anderson, Ashlee Stuart and Matthew Webster whilst Semi-final 2 saw Zoe Nicholls, Cody Ross, Blair Soars and Jake Reid (Raymond Terrace) account for Charlotte Hayman, Huxley Rowe, Addison Drake and Jonah Threadgate 26-9.

The Junior Fours Final was played at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club on Tuesday 19 March 2019. Connor Freeman's side of were up against Jake Reid's side. Freeman's side jumped out to a 14-4 lead after 14 ends. By end 18 Freeman's side lead 17-8 before running out eventual winners 22-8. All players should be congratulated on the spirit in which the game was not only played but each players performance.

Freeman's side now progresses to the State Finals in mid July at Warilla Bowling Club where we wish them the very best on bringing home a State title.

District Junior Singles kicked off on Sunday 5 March 2019 at Kahibah Bowling Club. First Round winners advancing were Charlotte Hayman, Connor Freeman, Blair Soars and Brendan Stokes all from Raymond Terrace. Second Round winners advancing to the Quarter finals were Connor Freeman, Blair Soars, Addison Drake, Jake Reid and Cody Ross all from Raymond Terrace, whilst Caleb McDermott (Charlestown), Jonah Threadgate (East Maitland) and Emily Webster (Kahibah) rounded out the 8. Quarter finals and Semi-finals were to be played on Sunday 17 March 2019, but have been postponed to Sunday 31 March 2019 due to weather.

Congratulations are extended to Connor Freeman and Jake Reid from Raymond Terrace who have been selected in the Boys Junior NSW Side. Well done boys and we wish you luck on your first outing on Sunday 7 April 2019 at Taren Point Bowling for the Brett Duprez Series. Other Zone 2 Juniors representing Hunter Academy of Sports are Brendan Stokes, Caleb McDermott, Zac Nicholls and Zoe Nicholls along with U25 representatives Lachlan Freeman and Kate Matthews. We wish you all good luck, play well and enjoy.

Next Zone Junior session at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club will be on Monday 1 April at 5.30pm.

Ross Gardner

Match Committee:

- The next Championships finished are the District Pairs the State Presidents Pairs & State Senior Pairs Championship and congratulations are extended to the following winners. The Final of Major Pairs was played on Sunday 24th February 2019 congratulations to Mark Watt & Blake Signal (Nelson Bay) on defeating Ian Lean & Clinton Doust (Raymond Terrace) 24-14. The Final of the State Presidents Pairs was played on Saturday 23rd February 2019 congratulations to Kevin Kilbride & Damian Kroek (Nelson Bay) on defeating the 2018 Champions Brian Mordue & Paul Jenkins (Cardiff) 16-15 in a nail biter. The final of the State Senior Pairs Championship was also played Saturday the 23rd February 2019 congratulations to Michael Brown & Michael Beesley (Beresfield) on defeating Paul Martin & Ross Ball (Adamstown) 17-16 in another close game. A big thank you to the Clubs that hosted & sponsored the respective Championships, namely Nelson Bay the District Pairs, Windale/Gateshead the State Presidents Pairs & Beresfield the Senior Pairs. Also to all the other Clubs, who hosted the earlier Rounds please accept our gratitude. Thank-You
- This was followed by the Major Singles, the State Presidents & Senior Singles. Congratulations are extended to the following winners. The Final of Major Singles was played on Sunday 17th March 2019 congratulations to Mathew Baus (Raymond Terrace) on defeating David Govan (Valentine) 31-25 in the Final. The Final of the State Senior Singles Championship was also played Saturday the 17th March 2019 congratulations to Jack Littlewood (Valentine) on defeating Wayne Marsh (Charlestown) 31 - 23 in the Final. The Final of the State Presidents Singles was washed out on Sunday 17th March 2019 between Alan Doe (Lowlands) & Peter Stephenson (Dora Creek) to be replayed Sunday 31st March 2019 or earlier if both players can come to an agreement. A big thank you to the Clubs that hosted & sponsored the respective Championships, namely Raymond Terrace the District Singles, Water Board the Senior Singles. Also to all the other Clubs, who hosted the earlier rounds please accept our gratitude. Hosts are very hard to find for Singles events so the Match Committee thank the Clubs for their support
- The second Round of the 2019 Saturday Pennant Competition was disrupted by wet weather on Saturday 16th March, 2019 with the incomplete games to be replayed this Sunday 24th March 2019 at 9.40am roll up. The Third Round of the Mid-Week Pennant Competition was completed yesterday, Wednesday, 20th March, 2019. Any Clubs having concerns or questions regarding grades or eligibility, are urged to contact the NDBA office or their Club Match Committee Representative for advice to avoid any penalties.

Coaching Committee:

Re accreditations are now slowly being received from those due this year as well as advice of those not intending to renew.

David Cameron advised that 2 Zone Bowlers had been accredited at a course he held at Bateau Bay in February.

Bowls NSW have confirmed the intended Coaches Course to be held a Club Charlestown on the 3rd and 4th August.

Bowls NSW have advised that the Working with Children Certificate is not required by them to register a Club Coach. This Certification responsibility rests with the employer or individual coach.

More recently Secretary Warren Shipley has notified all Clubs who we know have expired Coaches offering the opportunity to re-apply.

Next Coaching Committee Meeting 4th April, 2019.

Selection Committee:

On Monday 4th March, the annual match between Zones 2, 6 (Hunter), & 15 (Central Coast) in the Seniors (over 60) was played at Charlestown BC.

Zone 2 (the host Zone) select 8 Rinks, while the visiting Zones 6 & 15 selected 4 Rinks each.

In the morning game, Zone 2A played Zone 6 & won 96-47 winning 3 Rinks to 1.

Zone 2B played Z15 & lost 63-67 winning 1½ Rinks to 2½ Rinks.

In the afternoon game, Zone 2A played Zone 15 & won 73-65 winning 3½ Rinks to ½,

Zone 2B played Z6 & won 91-36 winning 4 Rinks to zero.

After these games, the 3 Zones select 3 rinks to play in State Inter-Zone Sides Championships with all Zones playing at Charlestown & Kahibah BC commencing on Tuesday 14th May.

Zone 2 will try to regain their 2017 title from Zone 15.

Zone 2, are playing at Kahibah, with the Semi-Final & Final to be played at Charlestown.

Prior to the Seniors Inter-Zone, on Sunday 5th May, a Reserve game will be played in Zone 15 at Wyong BC. Zone 15 will have 8 rinks of Reserves & 4 Rinks of U18's. Zone 2 & 6 will each have 4 Rinks of Reserves & 2 Rinks of U18's

T. BLOW - CHAIRMAN

Umpires Committee:

Not much to Report this month will be holding an Umpires Course starting on the 1st April here at Headquarters at 6pm. Any Club wishing to put umpires through this course get the forms into NDBA Headquarters with a cheque made out to Bowls NSW, this way it makes it easier for our Committee to know how many are going to be there as well as getting books out to people before the class begins. We had a question asked at the recent umpires information night about putting marks on the running surface of bowls to line up bowling arms, we have been informed that this is a no no, so I would like you to report this back to your Clubs.

Bowls Australia have informed Bowls NSW that as of the 1st May 2019 that people wishing to use Bowling Arm will not need permission from Bowls NSW or a Doctors Certificate to use an arm, so it is open now to any player to carry and use a Bowling Arm.

Kevin Bucklee

General Business:

- 1) J. Wolfe (Swansea Workers) inquired about fixed term deposits and if it would be worth approaching the Newcastle Permanent regarding sponsorship
- 2) J. Wark (Swansea Workers) commented on a weather incident regarding lightning at Maitland City and was concerned that players did not want to leave the green and no official could be found at the time. The Chairman suggested that this be put in writing so the NDBA can investigate the incident further.
- 3) R Crawford (East Maitland) inquired if Certificates were still required for player in the NSW Bowling Arm side once May 1 has past as no Doctor's certificate is required after this date to use the Bowling Arm. It was pointed out that neither Zone 2 or the NDBA have any affiliation with the NSW Bowling arm team and they set their own rules.
- 4) D Reid, delegate for Beresfield announced his retirement from the position and was thanked by the Chairman for his contribution to the NDBA

5) T Dean, delegate for Wallsend announced his retirement from the position and was thanked by the Chairman for his contribution to the NDBA

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

**CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)
(18.04.2019)**