



## 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, April 18, 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.**

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

**Treasurer:** D.G. Wells.

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

**APOLOGIES:** B.O. Carling VP, A Perkins (Lemon Tree Passage), R Simmer (Marks Point), D Rose (Toronto), N Berry (Cardiff), T Antram (Soldiers Point), Sam Rees (Karuah RSL),

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** D Gilday (Match Chair)

**CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED:** Bar Beach, Belmont, Carrington, Catherine Hill Bay, Edgeworth, Hexham, Jesmond, Kotara, Lambton, Mayfield, Mayfield West, Nelson Bay, Rathmines, Teralba, Warners Bay.

**OBITUARIES:** James Parry (Boolaroo), Brian Bambach (Soldiers Point)

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

B Todd was in attendance from Valentine (who were listed as not attending)

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

Club view Information regarding various grants available to clubs which was forwarded via email on April That Raymond Terrace be granted approval to conduct the Over 50's Triples on September 30 2019 and Mixed Versatility Fours February 17 2020.

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

2018/19 donations to charity be Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service \$300; Cystic Fibrosis \$300: Weeroona Association (Wheeling & Able) \$300: Hunter Melanoma Foundation \$250: Newcastle Legacy \$200: Newcastle Mater Palliative Care Unit \$200; Autistic Association of NSW \$200 & The Salvation Army \$200.

Quotes for painting the inside and outside of the building to be obtained.

Circular to be sent to clubs for expression of interest for anyone wishing to complete the Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO).

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Nil

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The highlight of this month was the great achievement of the Zone 2 Hunter Academy side in claiming the 2019 Brett Duprez Development Series Trophy at Taren Point. Junior Committee Chairman Ross Gardner will provide you with all the details in his report. Congratulations to all involved and it once reflects the effort of this Zone in helping to maintain a strong presence of Juniors in Bowls at State Level.

Most of the month has been taken up with our Pennant and Championship Programme with keen interest now in who will qualify for the play-offs in our various Grades in both the Saturday and Mid-Week Programmes.

J.T. Smith OAM - President

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **Junior Committee:**

On 31 March 2019 saw the Quarter Finals and Semi Finals of the District Junior Singles take place at Kahibah Bowling Club. In Quarter Final matches saw Connor Freeman account for Blair Soars 31-11, Jake Reid accounted for Jonah Threadgate 31-13 and Caleb McDermott also won through to the Semi Finals after winning 31-13 against Addison Drake whilst Cody Ross rounded out the 4. Both Semi -Finals proved to be tough encounters. Semi Final 1 saw Freeman, 2018's Singles Champion, take on Charlestown's new recruit, Caleb McDermott. Freeman jumped out to an 8-2 lead after 7 ends, then 17-7 after 15 ends, before McDermott persisted and clawed his way back to level scores at 22-22 after 28 ends. Freeman then won the next 4 ends to lead 29-22 before running out the eventual winner 31-25. Semi Final 2 saw Jake Reid against Cody Ross up to end 16 the game proved to be a topsy turvey affair with Ross leading 12-11. Reid then won the next 6 ends to lead 19-12, by end 29 scores were level at 20 all. Ross proved too strong in the latter part of the game to progress to the Final 31-24.

The Final, played under lights at Kahibah Bowling Club, showed that both Freeman and Ross were not going down without a fight. At the half way point, Freeman lead 17-12 after 16 ends. However Ross fought back strongly by winning the next 5 ends to lead 22-17. Scores were then level at 22 all, 25 all and 27 all before Freeman accounted for Ross 31-27 to claim back to back Singles crowns. All Juniors should be commended on their performances and the way in which they conducted themselves. A special thankyou is extended to Kahibah Bowling Club for their ongoing support and hospitality for Junior events.

Kahibah also played host to the Under 25 Singles final, where it saw Raymond Terrace's Lachlan Freeman and Haydn Bojkowski go head to head. The game was a keenly contested affair, but it was Bojkowski, when leading 23-22, who lifted a gear and ran away to take the match 31-22.

Juniors have their first Zone fixture on Sunday 5 May 2019 at Wyong Bowling Club against Zones 6 (Hunter) and 15 (Central Coast). The three (3) rinks of 4 players that have been selected for this are as follows:

1. Zac Nicholls, Jonah Threadgate, Caleb McDermott, Connor Freeman, 2. Zoe Nicholls, Cody Ross, Blair Soars, Jake Reid, 3. Ami Bromhead, Charlotte Hayman, Matthew Webster, Addison Drake.

Congratulations are extended to Hunter Academy of Sport who took out the Brett Duprez Development Series at Taren Point Bowling Club on Sunday 7 April 2019. The format saw three Sectional Games and then a Final, 7 players per side, and three disciplines, Singles, Pairs and Fours. Sectional play saw Hunter Academy take on Boys Junior NSW Side, Zone 10 (Sydney North West) and Zone 5 (Greater Western Sydney), then finding themselves progressing to the Final, by the narrowest of margins, against Zone 12 (Sydney South West), and continuing to show their class by taking the title 2 rinks to 1. The side consisted of Juniors, Zac

Nicholls, Zoe Nicholls, Blair Soars, Chloe Appleby, Caleb McDermott and U25 representatives Kate Matthews, Lachlan Freeman and Michael Bressington. A word of acknowledgement should also be given to their Mentor and Coach, Jason Stokes.

District Junior Triples nominations close on Friday 19 April 2019 with first match commencing on Tuesday 7 May 2019 at Valentine Bowling Club.

Next Zone Junior training session at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club is on Monday 6 May 2019 commencing at 5.30pm.

Ross Gardner – Chairman

### **Match Committee:**

The Sixth Round of the 2019 Saturday Pennant Competition was completed on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. The Seventh Round of the Mid-Week Pennant Competition was completed yesterday, Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. Any Clubs having concerns or questions regarding player gradings and eligibility are urged to contact the NDBA office or their club Match Committee Representative for advice to avoid any penalties.

With the play-offs for Saturday and Midweek Pennants fast approaching all Clubs should be aware of the eligibility requirements. To be eligible for post Sectional Play a player must have been graded in the current season in that Grade or in a lower Grade. A player who has not been graded in the current season may be approved to play post sectional play (if the Club's new grade is also in playoffs) by Application to the State Match Committee, with the recommendation of the District and Zone and approval of the State Match Committee. Applications to be submitted on 2019 Condition of Play 3.6.31 Form – application to Waive Eligibility Requirement for Post Section Play – available under Forms on the NDBA website. A reminder to Clubs that qualify for Saturday Pennant Post Sectional Games about notification of their selected teams. NDBA Pennant Competition Rule 16 states: Notification of Teams Selected for Saturday & Mid-Week Post Sectional Games: Clubs participating in Post Sectional Games should have their team(s) selected with spares by Wednesday if playing on a Saturday or Friday for Mid-Week. Clubs to email their nominated team(s) to the NDBA Match Committee for acceptance on the correct forms. Circular 2019/57 for Saturday and 2019/58 for Mid-Week.

The Championships commenced on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 with Rounds 1 and 2 in the Major and President's and only Round 1 in the Senior due to rain. All 3 events will continue on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

D. Gilday - Chairman

### **Selection Committee:**

The annual Reserve game played between Zones 2, 6 & 15 will be played at Wyong BC, on Sunday 5<sup>TH</sup> May. With Zone 15 being the host this year, they will have 2 sides with 4 rinks each & Zones 2 & 15 sides, will play with 4 rinks each.

This game is for players who have not played for their respective Zones in the "Pat Geary Shield" (Zones 2, 6, 14 & 15) & the State Inter-Zone Sides Championships for seasons 2017/18.

2 rinks of U25's from Zone 2 will be playing as well.

Zone 2 will host the State Seniors Inter-Zone Sides Championships at Charlestown & Kahibah BC commencing on Tuesday 14<sup>TH</sup> May.

This consists of 4 sections & the section winner & runner-up from each section will qualify to play a quarter final on Wednesday afternoon at each club.

The Semi-Finals & the Final will be played on Thursday 16<sup>TH</sup> May at Charlestown BC.

All 16 Zones of NSW contest this championship.

Zone 2 will be playing to regain their title from 2017.

In my February report, I mentioned NDBA circular 167/2018 (Selection for Representatives Matches), which is circulated every year to all clubs.

This is for Club Selectors to nominate their players, who they feel are worthy for consideration for Newcastle Representative sides.

There are 6 categories for Representative sides for Zone 2.

They are the Open side, Seniors 60+, Seniors 70+, U18's, U25's & this year a new category of 40 to 60 year olds.

Each year the response is very poor, & to date only a hand full of clubs have responded.

Soldiers Pt BC are holding the "Soldiers Pt Classic" on 24th & 25th August.

It will consist of teams of RNSWBA over 40's, over 60's, a NSW side & an Australian emerging side.

Zone 2 Open side will be playing there as well in a quadrangular series against a combined Zone 2 U18 & U25's, Zone 2 aged 40 to 60 years, & Zone 11 (Manning).

Due to the different categories in the representative selections, this is the one reason why clubs should forward all their players who they believe should be considered for selection for Newcastle Representative sides regardless of their age & Pennant grading.

T. Blow - Chairman

**General Business:**

J Fowler enquired about update of Heat Policy from BA. M Rigby (Umpires) replied that BA was still working on new policy.

J Fowler raised the issue of Mobile Phones on the green, reminding clubs of the rules in Conditions of Play regarding having mobile phones in possession while on the green.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.

**CLOSED:** The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

**CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)  
(16.05.2019)**