



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, May 16, 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.

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

Treasurer: D.G. Wells.

Sub-Committee Chairman – R Gardner, Junior Committee,

APOLOGIES: B.O. Carling VP, A Perkins (Lemon Tree Passage), F Botham (Windale), J Fowler (New Lambton), T Antram (Soldiers Point), Sam Rees (Karuah RSL), P Croucher (Stockton)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Alder Park, Bar Beach, Belmont, Edgeworth, Hamilton North, Jesmond, Lambton, Mayfield, Mayfield West, Nelson Bay, Rathmines, Teralba, Warners Bay.

OBITUARIES: William Morgan (Fingal Bay), John (Jack) Daniels East Maitland, Edward (John) Hedley Wallsend.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

J Smith welcomed new delegates from Raymond Terrace A Solomons and Carrington T Perry.

MATTERS ARISING:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

It is recommended that:

It is advised that:

1) All Clubs have now received Circular 2019-064 PRELIMINARY NOTICE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2019, with nomination forms for election of officers.

2) Nominations forms have been distributed for the following PERMANENT SUB-COMMITTEES.

1. Advisory Committee (7 members)
2. Greens Committee (7 members)
3. Junior Committee (5 members)
4. Match Committee (8 members)
5. Selection Committee (5 members)
6. Umpires Committee (8 members)
7. Coaching Committee (5 members)

8. Membership Committee (minimum 1 member)
 9. Finance Committee (President, Treasurer, State Councillor and one other member of the Executive Committee)
- 3) The Match Committee requests that any suggestions for the 2020 SEASON'S PROGRAMME, RULES & REGULATIONS are to be submitted by no later than FRIDAY, 28th JUNE, 2019. See circular 2019-067 for more details

CORRESPONDENCE:

Email from Sport and Rec confirming Grant had been approved for Defibrillator.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This week has seen the playing of the State Senior Inter-Zone Championship at the Charlestown and Kahibah Bowling Clubs. We thank both clubs for their efforts in catering for the many visitors to our Zone from all around the State and especially to the many club members who volunteered their services at these two clubs.

The final was staged this afternoon with Zone 9 defeating Zone 2 by 2 shots.

Selection Committee Chairman Terry will give us a full report on the progress of Zone 2 throughout the tournament.

The Post Sectional Play has begun in our Mid-Week Pennants and we congratulate all Section winners and look forward to a very competitive and interesting series in each grade.

This Saturday sees our final round of No.2 to No.7 Grades Pennants with the following weekend deciding our various winners to represent at State level.

Thank you to all players who have played for their clubs in the 2019 Pennant Season. Your dedication to the game is greatly appreciated.

J.T. Smith OAM - President

TREASURER'S REPORT:

REPORTS:

Coaching Committee:

A reminder to all clubs regarding the Coaches Course to be held a Club Charlestown on the 3rd and 4th August. Registration forms can be obtained from the NDBA office or Bowls NSW website
Dates for Competition and Selection modules to be confirmed with D Cameron, D Ellis and Charlestown Bowling Club. More information next month.

T Masson - Chairman

Junior Committee:

On Sunday 5 May 2019 the first Junior Representative fixture was held at Wyong Bowling Club between Zones 2, 6 and 15. Two of our rinks, one skippered by Jake Reid, consisting of Zoe Nicholls, Cody Ross and Blair Soars, the other skippered by Connor Freeman, consisting of Zac Nicholls, Jonah Threadgate and Caleb McDermott played their 2 games against Zone 15 Central Coast sides. In a topsy turvy affair Reid's first game ended in an 18 all draw. While in his second game, it saw Reid up against NSW State Junior team mate Bailey Meti. Meti jumped out to a 13-6 lead, only to find Reid's side making a courageous fightback to be within a shot 14-15 with one end remaining. Reid's side showed their superiority by picking up five (5) shots on the final end to run out eventual winners 19-15. Freeman's side showed they were a force to be reckoned with, right from the start of play. In their first game, Freeman's quartet jumped out to a commanding 17-2 lead against Bailey Meti's side, to see Meti's side come home with a wet sail in the second half of the game to go down 19-14. Freeman and Meti are also NSW State Junior team mates. In Freeman's

second game they led right from the start and didn't look back running out eventual winners 29-8. This saw Zone 2 Newcastle win 3 and a half rinks to a half.

Our third rink skippered by Addison Drake, and consisting of Ami Bromhead, Charlotte Hayman and Matthew Webster went up against two Zone 6 Hunter sides. The Hunter sides proved too strong for Newcastle on the day winning both encounters, their first encounter, skippered by the experienced Kurri Kurri representative, Chloe Appleby. Drakes quartet going down 8-19 and 12-23. Drake's side, should be commended on the way in which they played and the effort they displayed, making Newcastle Zone 2 extremely proud on the way they conducted themselves and the good spirit shown, both on and off the green.

Tuesday 7 May 2019 saw the first round of the District Junior Triples take place at Valentine Bowling Club. It saw Addison Drake's team of Kyle Anderson and Huxley Rowe account for Emily Webster's team of Mackenzie Wicks and Ami Bromhead. In the second match Connor Freeman's team of Zac Nicholls and Blair Soars accounted for Matthew Webster's team of Jackson Brown and Mackinnon Drake, and in the third match Caleb McDermott and his team of Jonah Threadgate and Cody Ross accounted for Jake Reid's team of Charlotte Hayman and Zoe Nicholls. All winners advancing to the Semi Finals.

Semi Finals held on Tuesday 14 May 2019 saw Connor Freeman's side advance to the Final accounting for Mia Brown's side of Ruby Threadgate and Ashlee Stuart while Caleb McDermott accounted for Addison Drake to proceed to the final. This should prove to be a hard fought encounter between NSW Junior State Representative Connor Freeman's trio and Charlestown's new recruit and talent Caleb McDermott's outfit. The final of the Junior Triples, as predicted, was a true, hard fought encounter. McDermott's outfit led 5-1 after 4 ends before Freeman's trio accelerated out to a 13-5 lead after 8. By end 19, Freeman's crew led 24-14, with only 6 ends remaining. McDermott's side showed they were not going down without a fight, by winning the next three (3) ends to trail 24-20 with three (3) to play. Freeman winning two (2) of the last three (3) ends to advance to the winners circle and back to back Triples titles, 27-21. The final was a fine exhibition of the talent of Juniors we have representing Zone 2, and all should be congratulated in the way they performed and in the spirit in which it was played.

In final, a special thankyou is extended to Valentine Bowling Club for their continued support of our Junior Events.

Next Zone Junior training session is on Monday 3 June 2019 commencing at 5.30pm.

Ross Gardner – Chairman

Match Committee:

- Clubs have until next Wednesday to submit their sides to contest the Saturday Pennants playoffs for grades 2 to 7 scheduled for Saturday 25th May and Sunday 26th May 2019 and 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 by Application to the State Match Committee, with the recommendation of the District and Zone and approval of the State Match Committee but only if the club's next lowest grade is also in the playoffs. Applications to be submitted on 2018 Condition of Play 4.21 Form – application to Waive Eligibility Requirement for Post Section Play – available under Forms on the NDBA website and emailed to clubs.
- The midweek pennant playoff commenced yesterday and will continue next Wednesday we thank the host clubs Water Board, Hamilton North, Marks Point, Windale Gateshead and Raymond Terrace for their support in staging these events
- The final of the Senior Fours was played on Sunday 5th May 2019 congratulations to Mark Sheppard, Reg Smith John Cole and Neville Downes (Soldiers Point) on defeating Robert Riddell,

Paul Wilson, Michael Harris Gary Randal (Raymond Terrace) 24-17. The final of the State President Fours was played on Sunday the 5th May 2019 congratulations to Bill Blake, Robert Galley, Ben Eick and Shane Anderson (Mayfield West) on defeating Troy Barry, Graham Melville, Scott Gardiner and John Neild (Beresfield) 20-13 in the final. The Semi Finals of the Major Fours will recommence this Sunday the 19th May 2019 at Wallsend Diggers at 8.55am with final to follow in the afternoon.

- This will be followed by the 2019 District Champion of Champion Singles with the closing dates for entries extended to now close on Wednesday 12th June 2019 with no further extensions after this date. The Competition is scheduled to commence at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, 22nd June, 2019.
- This will be followed by District Minor Singles with entries to close on the 21st June 2019 this is restricted to players who have never won a District Major Singles Championship, a District Minor Singles Championship, a Club Major Singles Championship. Further, any player who has played a full season in No. 1, No. 2 or No. 3 Grade Saturday Pennant Competitions within the last five (5) years, including the current season, is also ineligible. A full season is classified as 50% plus 1 of the number of games played during the season. The winning of Club Minor Singles District Minor Singles Championship.

2020 Season's Programme, Rules & Regulations

- The Association's Programme, Rules & Regulations for 2020 will be discussed at the August Meeting of the Management Committee and finalised at the September Meeting, Refer. The Match Committee requests that any suggestions for the programme or rule changes be submitted by no later than Friday, 28th June, 2019.

D. Gilday - Chairman

Selection Committee:

The annual Reserve game played between Zones 2, 6 & 15 was played at Wyong BC on Sunday 5TH May. The Reserves are for players who have not played for Zone 2 for seasons 2017 & 2018 in the "Pat Geary Shield" (Zones 2, 6, 14 & 15) & the State Inter-Zone Sides Championships.

The host Zone selects 8 rinks & 4 rinks of U18's, & visiting Zones 4 rinks & 2 rinks of U18's.

In the morning game, Zone 2 defeated Zone 15A, 80 shots to 69, winning 2 rinks & drawing 2, & in the afternoon game Zone 2 defeated Zone 15B, 68 shots to 53 winning 3 rinks to 1.

The State Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship commenced on Tuesday 14TH May with all 16 Zones playing at Charlestown & Kahibah BC's.

Sections 1 & 2 play at Charlestown with sections 3 & 4 at Kahibah.

Zone 2 play at Kahibah BC

Sectional play was played all day Tuesday & Wednesday morning & quarter-final on Wednesday afternoon.

Semi-final & Final will be played at Charlestown on Thursday.

Game 1 of the Sectional play, Zone 2 played Zone 16 (Illawarra) & lost 44 to 61 & 0.5 to 9.5.

In game 2, played Zone 6 (Hunter) & won 66 to 53 & won rinks 9 to 1, & won 9 to 1.

Game 3, played Zone 3 (North West NSW) & won 67 to 53 & won 9 to 1.

Zone 16 won the section with Zone 2 runners up.

In the quarter-final yesterday afternoon Zone 2 played Zone 14 (North Coast) & won 73 to 57, while Zone 16 defeated Zone 10 & won 49 to 46.

The Semi-finals were played this morning.

Zone 9 (Sydney Northern) won Semi-Final 1, by defeating Zone 16 (Illawarra).
Zone 2 (Newcastle) won Semi-Final 2, by defeating Zone 11 (Manning) 67-44.
This afternoon, Zone 9 (Sydney Northern) won the final, by defeating Zone 2 (Newcastle) 53-51, in one of the best finals I have witnessed.

The State Selectors then select 16 players, which will be cut back to 12 players to play for NSW against all States & Territories, to be played later in the year.

The regular representative commences on the weekend of Saturday 13TH July at Wallsend BC, against Zones 4, 15 & 16.

T. Blow - Chairman

Umpires Committee:

With pennants in the final stages our committee would like to thank our district umpires both male and female for the efforts during the pennant season.

The Australian side's championships were held at Ettalong Beach Bowling club and their umpires allow it was and an official Bowls Australia event used the orbital measure with no complaints maybe there is still hope in top level events to use the best available equipment to get results instead of making fools of players.

As this will be my last meeting before the AGM it would be nice to see all committees full of people willing to put something back into our game next year.

Kevin Bucklee – Chairman

General Business:

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 7.02pm.

**CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)
(20.06.2019)**