



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, June 20, 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.

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

Treasurer: D.G. Wells.

Sub-Committee Chairman – R Gardner, Junior Committee,

APOLOGIES: B.O. Carling VP, D Rowe, A Perkins (Lemon Tree Passage), J Lyddiard (Rathmines), C Coster (Adamstown), M Cummings (Hexham), T Antram (Soldiers Point), S Rees (Karuah RSL) J Bratby (Fingal Bay)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: K Bucklee VP.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Belmont, Carrington, Edgeworth, Kotara, Lambton, Mayfield, Mayfield West, Nelson Bay, Teralba and Warners Bay.

OBITUARIES: Joseph Smith (Bay Way Village), Joe Curzi Life Member (New Lambton), John Passfield (Bay Way Village/New Lambton), Tom Basset (ex Hamilton), Peter Hill (Cardiff), Ernie Jones, life member and Brian Wiebe (Alder Park, South Side Railway). Alexander (Bob) Markham (Jesmond Bowlo), Charles (Lance) Williams (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 Jesmond Bowlo G Horton and K Hamilton, and from New Lambton B Swan.

MATTERS ARISING:

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

It is advised that:

- An Amendment has been made to the Rules and Regulations, Permanent sub committees, Rule 2, Number 3, Junior Committee to read 6 members. This was ratified by Executive in August 2017 but was not updated on circular for election of Officers 2019. Please note that in 2018/19 six Junior committee members were elected.
- Following receipt of Painting quotes, the executive have been advised that the roof and guttering should be inspected for leaks and damage before any painting is commenced, which we are now investigating.
- Garry O'Connell (Mayfield West) has indicated that he would be prepared to act MPIO for zone 2 which was agreed at executive meeting to accept his nomination.
- A Survey relating to the use of NDBA Pennant fixture cards has been forwarded to all clubs to ascertain the number of cards that remain unused at each club to see further production is warranted.
- Circular 2019-074 regarding list of nominations for Executive Officers and Permanent Sub-Committees of the Association has been mailed to all clubs. This includes a ballot paper for the position of President and must be returned to Association officer on or before July 15

It is recommended

That leave of Absence is granted to:

K Bucklee June 8 to November 24

T Blow July 12 to 19

R Gardner July 15 to 19

CORRESPONDENCE:

Email from Bowls NSW regarding information about the postponement of the 2019 Inter Zone.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Great news this month with Sam Laguzza (Charlestown) partnered by Rowan Brassey (Maitland City) taking out the 2019 Australian Open Seniors Pairs thus completing back to back titles in this prestigious event. Our congratulations to them on this fantastic achievement. Well done to all our Zone 2 Bowlers who participated in the 2019 Open on your efforts and keeping Zone 2 in the forefront of the game.

Congratulations to all of the Clubs who were successful in the recent Saturday Pennant Finals. We look forward to your representation at State Finals in July and the bringing back of a State Pennant for both your Club and Zone 2.

Sam Laguzza together with Kim Jacques and John Collins were successful in being named in the State Seniors Trial Squad following the recent State Seniors Inter-Zone Sides Championship. We wish them all the best in their quest to achieve State Representation for the Australian Seniors Sides Championship.

The cycle of 2019 Annual General Meetings has begun with two already attended. Once again we thank the Clubs for their invitations to be present at these functions as it enables the Association to better understand the current situation of the Club.

We thank all of the people who have volunteered to serve the NDBA at either Executive or Sub-Committee level for the upcoming year. Your interest in the Association is greatly appreciated.

This is my 120th and final report to you and my thanks to all your assistance and friendship in my time in this position.

J.T. Smith OAM - President

TREASURER'S REPORT:

D Wells reported that the Financial Accounts had been audited & the profit for the year was \$8,461. The Budget for 2019/20 was tabled and accepted by the members and can be viewed on the NDBA website as circular 2019-083.

REPORTS:

Advisory Committee:

M Rigby gave a verbal report that the committee had been working with members of Catherine Hill Bay to review their constitution with suggestions for changes required with the Club's move to Mark Point as their home base.

Coaching Committee:

T Masson gave a verbal report reminding members of the Coaching Course to be held on August 3 and 4 2019 at Charlestown Bowling club. He also highlighted that a Selectors Module will be held in September and a Competition module in November.

Junior Committee:

Since the completion of the District Junior Triples, things have quietened down a touch, so I'll take this opportunity to outline the upcoming events in the Junior calendar. With the Junior State 7 aside almost upon us, 17-18 August, our only trial match for selection will be held on Thursday 27 June 2019 at Valentine Bowling Club commencing at 5.40pm. Valentine are a continual support of Junior events, and have once again been kind enough to put together a side to oppose our Juniors. From this trial the 7 aside will be selected. Those 7 players selected will then take part in a final challenge on Monday 12 August, commencing at 5.30pm, against a selected Raymond Terrace 1 grade side.

The trial side comprises the following Juniors:

Singles: Connor Freeman and Zac Nicholls

Pairs: Jonah Threadgate and Cody Ross
Brendan Stokes and Jake Reid

Fours: Charlotte Hayman, Zoe Nicholls, Blair Soars and Caleb McDermott

The Junior State Championships are also just around the corner, 15th to 19th July, with many of our talented Juniors on display. The champions representing Zone 2 are as follows:

Singles: Connor Freeman

Pairs: Brendan Stokes and Jake Reid

Fours: Zac Nicholls, Brendan Stokes, Caleb Mc Dermott and Connor Freeman

We wish them all the best and know that they will represent and make Zone 2 proud of their performances.

On 24-25 August the Soldiers Point Classic will once again take place. The Zone 2 Junior/U25 Committee have been invited to enter a composite Junior/U25 Squad consisting of 12 players to play against Zone 2 Open Side, Zone 2 Over 40's, and Zone 11 Open Side. We are privileged to receive this invitation and know that it will be great experience for our Junior and U25 representatives. Those players selected will be advised in coming months.

Ross Gardner – Chairman

Match Committee:

The Saturday Pennant winners for 2019 are listed as follows:

Newcastle Hunter Conference: Raymond Terrace, Soldiers Point, East Maitland and Kurri

Grade 1: Raymond Terrace

Grade 2: East Maitland

Grade 3: Raymond Terrace

Grade 4: Karuah RSL

Grade 5: Beresfield

Grade 6: Cardiff 1

Grade 7: Nelson Bay

We wish all these clubs the best of luck at the State play offs on the weekend of the 26 -28th July 2019.

Congratulations are extended for the following Mid-Week Pennant Competition for 2019

Winners

Grade 1: Soldiers Point

Grade 2: East Maitland

Grade 3: Merewether

Grade 4: East Maitland

Grade 5: Wangi

Runners up

Raymond Terrace

Dora Creek

New Lambton (This was a repeat of last year's 4 grade)

Adamstown

Valentine

- Our next championship for 2019 the District Champion of Champion Singles, The Competition is scheduled to commence at 9.30 a.m. this Saturday, 22nd June, 2019.
- This will be followed by District Minor Singles with entries to close tomorrow 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. . Circular No. 90/2019 provides full details with Windale/Gateshead being the Host Club.

- **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 Circular 2019-067. The Match Committee requests that any suggestions for the programme or rule changes be submitted by no later than Friday, 28th June, 2019.

- As I do not give a report at the July 2019 Annual General Meeting, a quick reminder that entries for the Champion of Club Champions Pairs Championship close on Friday, 19th July 2019. The always Popular Three Threes Competition and the entries close on Friday 2nd August 2019. Entry forms for these two events have been forwarded to all clubs.
- This will be followed by the Champion of Club Championship Fours (entries close on September 20th, 2019)
- Entries for Bowls NSW 2019 State Rookies Singles & Pairs Championships will be called for soon. To be eligible to enter & play Rookies, players must be registered as a member of a Club affiliated with Bowls NSW & have been a bowling member of any Club for less than 30 months.
- Singles – Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 October 2019
- Pairs – Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 October 2019
- Zone Finals (if required) – Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 November 2019

D. Gilday - Chairman

Selection Committee:

The BNSW Seniors Inter-Zones Sides Championship Final was held at Charlestown BC in mid May. Zone 9 defeated Zone 2 in the final.

The State Selectors then selected 16 players for a trial, & 12 players will represent BNSW to play against all States & Territories at Ettalong BC in October.

Congratulations to Sam Laguzza of Charlestown, John Collins of Soldiers Point & Kim Jaques of Valentine on their selections.

The 2019 seasons representative program has been totally disrupted. BNSW have cancelled the Inter-Zone Sides Championships, which was to commence on 14TH September in Zone 13 at Grandviews & Olds Park BC.

Due to this decision, Zone 4 (Western NSW) have withdrawn from the quadrangular series at Wallsend on 13TH July. Zone 6 (Hunter/Upper Hunter) have taken Zone 4's place, & will play against Zones 2, 15 (Central Coast) & 16 (Illawarra).

The "Pat Geary Shield" between Zones 2, 6, Zone 14 (North Coast) & Zone 15 has been cancelled due to Zone 14 withdrawing.

The "Soldiers Point Classic", commences on Saturday 24TH August.

I believe it is still to be played. That's if BNSW do not cancel it.

T. Blow - Chairman

Umpires Committee:

It is good to see that Zone 2 umpires have had an influence on other states as one of our recent members that left and went to South Australia (Ray Ashworth) has introduced the orbital measure to his area and several clubs down there are using it.

We have done some test on the laser measure and have found that there is up to 2mm difference in the way bowls are measured between leaning bowls and flat bowls.

New law books will be available from the first of June with up to date rulings in it.

An incident happened in a Pennant playoff where the umpire used a piece of equipment and could not get a result after 3 exempts could not come up with a result then removed this equipment and went and got a other piece of equipment then after 2 goes made a decision, this is bad umpiring as if they didn't have confidence in the first bit of gear then why use it or if they cannot split the bowls with the gear chosen the declare it tied don't make one team feel that they have been had.

As this is my last report before the AGM the Umpires committee would like to wish all those team best of luck at state playoff as it is about time that a flag come back to Zone 2

Kevin Bucklee – Chairman

General Business:

T Lamond questioned the smoking policies of clubs and was informed by members in attendance that it is covered by the NSW Sport and Recreation Smoking Policy. However the Bowls NSW policy states "It is at the discretion of individual Clubs to implement smoke-free policies incorporating their own facilities or greens when conducting their own events, or otherwise in partnership with a District or Zone Association when hosting Association Events below state level or other events which may be conducted by the District or Zone".

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 7.02pm.

**CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)
(15.08.2019)**