



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, August 15, 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.

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

Treasurer: D.G. Wells.

Sub-Committee Chairman – R Gardner Junior Committee, J.T. Smith OAM Match Committee.

APOLOGIES: Gerry Gairns Kotara, Bob Boxall Rathmines, Pam Stamford Water Board, Neville Berry Cardiff, M Casey Hamilton North, J Hardy Dora Creek, J Wark Swansea Workers, Fingal Bay, Nelson Bay, New Lambton,

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: K Bucklee VP.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Adamstown, Bar Beach, Beresfield, Carrington, Kotara, Lambton, Wangi, Warners Bay.

President M Conway welcomed the new Delegates were in attendance from Edgeworth, Dora Creek, Karuah RSL, Teralba, Tomago, Toronto, Valentine

OBITUARIES: Terence White (East Maitland) Bernie McKinnon (Boolaroo) Phil Burke (Kotara) Sam Heaton (Kahibah) Kevin Doyle (past Sub Committee member) C Catalov (Stockton), D Lunn (Toronto), S Lill (Teralba) L Bigelow (Belmont) A Barnett.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

It is advised that:

- A Survey will be sent to all clubs regarding delegate meetings are held bi-monthly and the time they are to be held.
- Clubs who do not attend Management meetings will be billed for any postage required to forward them information not collected at meetings.
- Garry O'Connell (Mayfield West) has been certified as a Member Protection Officer for Zone 2 and Garry presented an outline of what his role will be and will forward more information to clubs.

It is recommended

CORRESPONDENCE:

Applications received from Robert Steele (Catherine Hill Bay) and Alfred Smith (Hexham) for Greens Committee. President M Conway presented Robert and Alf with Committee badges and thanked them for applying for committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Last month saw the 121st Annual General Meeting being conducted at our Headquarters where there were a great attendance of Delegates and Invited Special Guests. It is also saw me being Elected as President after John decided to call it a day. To John again thank you from everyone for your Loyal Service as President. Thank you to all those clubs that have shown faith in my leadership. I won't let you down. There are also some new officials in various positions in the association. Some long-standing dedicated Committee Members also retired from their roles after many years of Outstanding Service. Letters of Appreciation have been forwarded to them. Thank you also to David Gilday's partner Rose for the preparation of our supper after the meeting. We thank you all.

In July there were several Annual General Meetings that were attended to by Executive Members and to those clubs thank you for your invitations. The Pennant State Finals were conducted where clubs in this Zone showed plenty of character in their games. Well done to those clubs you are all winners by making it through. No State Flags won but no doubt plenty of friendships made. I attended to the Halekulani Club where the 5 Grade State Playoffs were. There staging of this event, the hospitality, surrounds of the green and dozens of volunteers was Outstanding. I have also been informed that the Nelson Bay Club hosting the 7 Grade Play offs was also outstanding. To Richard and your Team give yourself a Pat on the Back.

I witnessed the Final in an unofficial capacity of the Minor Singles that was won by Beresfield Player Troy Barry. From all reports a well run tournament by the Windale Club to President Frank take back to club and all your volunteers our sincere thanks.

Saturday will see the Official Opening of our Mattara Carnival at the Hamilton North Bowling Club. No doubt President Duncan Tait will have his club, the greens and surrounds looking superb with the Pairs, Fours and Triples Finals showcasing Friday 23rd August to conclude the Carnival.

Over the past month I have had many visits to our Headquarters touching base with Secretary Warren, Louise and Fiona being shown the workings of this great association. Thank you for your time and support. I also did a handover with John.

In closing a BIG Congratulations to John Collins from the Toronto Workers Club for being Proudly Awarded Life Membership. A well-deserved honour.

President M Conway.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

July Income = \$12,300
July Expenditure = \$18,622
July Balance = \$-6,321

Treasurer D Wells.

REPORTS:

Advisory Committee: Nil

Coaching Committee:

10 participants completed the club coaching course at Charlestown on August 3 and 4. Competition module will be held at Charlestown Bowling club on September 14. Selectors Module will be held in November. More information contact Zone office.

T Masson Chairman of Coaching

Junior Committee:

The weekend of 17/18 August will see our elite Juniors take to the greens at Club Dubbo for the State Junior 7aside Championship. On Monday 12 August 2019 they had their final hit out where they competed against a handpicked Raymond Terrace squad at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. Sincere thanks is extended to those Raymond Terrace players who willingly gave of their time in providing our Juniors with their final training session before the big event. We all wish our Juniors the best of luck in their quest for the Gold Medal.

The Soldiers Point Classic takes place on the weekend of 24/25 August. A combined Zone 2 Junior/U25 Representative side has been selected to take part against Zone 2 Open and Over 40s Representative Side and Zone 11 Open Representative Side. The squad contains 12 players, being 3 rinks of 4 players. The squad selected is as follows:

Lead:	Blair Soars	Zac Nicholls	Caleb McDermott
Sec:	Zac Griffiths	Jake Reid	Brendan Stokes
Third:	Caleb Threadgate	Jesse Herbert	Connor Freeman
Skip:	Sean Cairns	Lachlan Freeman	Kate Matthews

On the weekend of 7/8 September 2019 the Annual U25 Challenge will take place at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. The Zones competing are Zone 2 Juniors, Zone 2 U25s, Zone 4, Zone 6, Zone 10, Zone 13 providing 2 teams and Zone 15 rounding out the eight. Each Zone consists of 6 players, with the disciplines being singles, pairs and triples. The following players from Zone 2 have been selected:

Juniors:

Singles: Zac Nicholls (R/T)
Pairs: Brendan Stokes (R/T) and Connor Freeman (R/T)
Triples: Blair Soars (R/T), Caleb McDermott (Charlestown) and Jake Reid (R/T)

U25's:

Singles: Kate Matthews (R/T)
Pairs: Jesse Herbert (R/T) and Lachlan Freeman (R/T)
Triples: Zac Griffiths (Charlestown), Caleb Threadgate (East Maitland) and Sean Cairns (R/T)

In closing a special mention should be made to one of our Juniors, Brendan Stokes. Brendan recently took out the title of the minor singles at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. In addition to this he is paired with Jake Reid (also a Raymond Terrace Junior) advancing to the final of Raymond Terrace's minor pairs. We wish both players the best of luck in taking out the title.

R Gardner Junior Chairman

Match Committee:

Since our last meeting we have had the following events occur:

State Pennant Finals

Our Representatives in all Grades gave a good account of themselves and we thank them for their efforts on behalf of both their Club and Zone 2. While we did not win a State Pennant we had two Clubs East Maitland No. 2 Grade and Karuah No. 4 Grade and Nelson Bay No. 7 Grade eliminated at Raymond Terrace No.1 and No. 3 Grades, Cardiff No. 6 Grade and Nelson Bay No. 7 Grade eliminated at the Quarter-Final stage.

Champion of Club Champions Singles

This event was finalised at Host Club Water Board with David Govan (Valentine) creating history by becoming the first player to win 4 Champion of Champions Singles since the events inception. David defeated Warren Shipley (Charlestown) 31-20 in the Final. David has achieved this feat by winning all four titles since 2012.

Minor Singles

This event was completed at Host Club Windale/Gateshead with victory going to Troy Barry (Beresfield) with a 31-16 scoreline over Adam Chaffey (Merewether).

Champion of Club Champions Pairs

This is now down to the Final with Clinton Doust / Matthew Baus (Raymond Terrace) to meet Sam Chapman / Matthew Sergeant (Edgeworth) in the decider. This is scheduled for Saturday Morning 31st August at Host Club Hamilton North.

Many thanks to all the Clubs who have staged the various Rounds of these Events.

Three Threes

Entries for the Three Threes Competition have now been finalised and the Draw for the 1st Round on Wednesday 28th August has been circulated. This year we have had a slight increase in the nominations with 14 teams in No. 1 Grade, 20 teams in No. 2 Grade and 55 teams in No. 3 Grade which gives us 5 more teams than 2018. We welcome a new Club from Zone 6 with Abermain B.C. entering for the first time.

State Events

Entries are now open for the Bowls NSW Rookie Singles and Pairs and the newly instituted Over 40 Pairs. Clubs should have received details of these Events from Bowls NSW and entries for both go direct to that body and the closing date for both events is 23rd August 2019. Many thanks to Secretary Warren Shipley for forwarding to each Club a list of those members who meet the Rookies qualifications for 2019.

Pennants

Clubs who participated in the No. 1 Grade Newcastle / Hunter Conference should have received an Expression of Interest for the 2019 No. 1 Grade State Pennant from Bowls NSW. Any Club who did not participate in 2019 and wishes to apply a form is available for the Club to do so.

Presidents / Secretaries / Delegates Day

A reminder that Circular 2019 -089 for this day was sent to Clubs on the 18th July. The venue for this year is Bar Beach Bowling Club and the date is Saturday, 21st September at 1:00pm. Responses are due to the Association by 10th September to help with the preparation of the event. I would encourage all Clubs to be represented on the day.

2020 Season's Programme and Rules and Regulations were discussed and voting on these items will take place at our September Management Committee Meeting.. Please note that the 2020 State Conditions of play have now been finalised by Bowls NSW and are available on the Bowls NSW website for downloading,

J.T. Smith OAM Match Committee Chairman

Selection Committee:

By now, usually there has been 3 quadrangular Inter-Zone series played, followed by the State Inter-Zone Sides Championships.

The 2019 State Inter-Zone Sides Championships has been cancelled.

There has only been 1 quadrangle competition played since my June Report.

It was played on Saturday 13TH & Sunday 14TH July & played at Wallsend Diggers & played between Zones 2, 6, 15 & 16.

Zone 4, were to play, they withdrew & Zone 6 played.

In game 1, Zone 2 lost to Zone 15, 79-88 winning 2 rinks each.

In game 2, Zone 2 defeated Zone 6, 90-72 winning 3 rinks to 1.

In game 3 Zone 2 defeated Zone 16, 92-75 winning 2 rinks each.

Zones 2, 6 & 15 all won 2 games each.

Final margins were, Zone 2 + 26, with Zone 6 + 14, & Zone 15 + 9.

Zone 2 won the series on margins.

The next quadrangular series is Saturday 24TH & Sunday 25TH August at Soldiers Point BC.

The contestants are Zone 2 Open side, Zone 2 40-60's side, a Zone 2 combination of U18's & U25's & Zone 11 Open side (Manning).

Also on that same weekend, the "Soldiers Point Classic" will be played.

This consists of BNSW Reserves, BNSW Over 40-60's, BNSW Over 60's & a Bowls Australia Emerging Side. All sides consist of 3 rinks.

Congratulations to the following Zone 2 players for their selection in the "Soldiers Point Classic".

Brody Pitham (Soldiers Pt) BNSW Reserves, Ian Lean & Jason Stokes (Raymond Tce) & Terry Antram (Soldiers Pt) BNSW Over 40-60's & Kim Jaques (Valentine) & Sam Laguzza (Charlestown) BNSW Seniors side.

The "Pat Geary Shield" played between Zones 2, 6 (Hunter), Zone 14 (North Coast) & Zone 15 (Central Coast). Was to be played on Saturday 11TH & Sunday 12TH August. Zone 14 withdrew, & the series was cancelled.

The "Pat Geary Shield" is now back on the agenda. This will now be played on Saturday 23RD & Sunday 24TH November in Zone 6.

The venue has not been decided as yet.

T Blow Chairman of Selectors.

Umpires Committee:

Any member wishing to complete the Umpires course are asked to complete enrolment form ASAP as a course will be planned in the not too distant future.

General Business:

Nil

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 8.22pm.

**CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)
(19.09.2019)**