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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, September 19, 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: J Lindsey (Vice President), J Lee (Lambton), J Smith (Bayway Village)

President Mark Conway welcomed new delegates J Storrie (Kotara), S Lee (Beresfield) W Wahlstedt (Cardiff), G Crump (Carrington) J Partridge (Fingal Bay), J Linabury (Tomago), W Meek (Windale) and thanked them for attending meeting and hoped to see them at future meetings.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: K Bucklee VP.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Warners Bay.

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

OBITUARIES: Dennis Godwin (Carrington BC), Cecil Cavanagh, Raymond Johnson, John Dixon (New Lambton), Jack McKim (Cardiff)

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, August 15, 2019 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

It is advised that:

- 25 clubs have responded to the Survey sent to all clubs regarding delegate meetings for 2020.
- Bowls NSW will hold an Introductory Coaches Course at Charlestown BC November 2.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been a busy last month with the successful running of the 59th Mattara Carnival where our Host Clubs Wallsend Diggers and Hamilton North Bowling Clubs did an outstanding job. We not only thank them but also the other clubs who staged games at their clubs. Personal Letters of appreciation have been forwarded to several people for their great support. A few points were raised from a review of the Carnival looking toward next year, them being

1. Look at sourcing Sponsorship for Mattara events
2. Investigate a diamond shaped Badge for Mattara 60th year 2020
3. Look at a night time event during Mattara such as Triples played Tuesday night, Wednesday night with semis and finals Thursday night.

4. Prize money structure to be looked at
5. Greens highly recommended from players in both Singles and Traditional Carnival.

I also attended the Soldiers Point Classic Representative fixture on Saturday August 24 at Soldiers Point Bowling Club and the association thanks their Management Team for your generous support over that weekend. Many of our executive committee members have attended to several AGM's where I also attended the Beresfield and Kotara AGM's. A special mention to Michael Brent from the Beresfield Club for being awarded Life Membership. A great achievement. We thank all those clubs for your invitations and keeping us in the loop on how your club is performing.

I also was invited to Des Skinner's Appreciation Luncheon where he was honoured for his services not only at his club but also this association and Bowls Australia. The President of Bowls Australia Darryl Clout also attended along with John Smith and his wife. Many funny stories were shared about the "The Black Duck".

The final of the Champion of Champion Clubs Pairs was also staged in windy/cyclonic conditions at the Hamilton North Club. The winners were Clint Doust and Matt Baus from Raymond Terrace in a nail bitter just defeating Sam Chapman and Matt Sargent from Edgeworth 18-17. This gave Matt Baus his 4th Champion of Champions Pairs Title and it was Clinton Doust's first.

I must give a special mention to the Happy Bowler who streamed the game in these terrible conditions. He certainly adds some character to the sport of Bowls. Thank you Happy.

Over the past months I have also been attempting to locate any living relatives of our 1st President Commander Frank Gardner. I have been recently sent a lot about his life and generosity to this City.

I have also tried to make contact with the Property Officer from the City of Newcastle to see if they can assist the association with the possibility of helping with renovations of this building.

Please remember if there is anything that you would like this association to help you with or you have any suggestions you are always welcome to discuss these with Warren/myself or any of our Executive Team. Warren, Louise and Fiona are happy to come to your club to assist your Treasurer and/or Bowls Coordinator guiding them through what is required by the association.

Finally I would like to wish all of the Zone 2 champions the very best of bowling at the State Championships next week. A good luck letter has been sent to each club whose members will be representing the Zone at Ettalong.

President M Conway.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

August Income = \$3,599
August Expenditure = \$27,747
August Balance = \$-24,147

Treasurer D Wells.

REPORTS:

Advisory Committee: Nil

Coaching Committee:

Introductory Coaches course at Charlestown Saturday November 2
Selection Module to be held at Charlestown Saturday November 30
Details and enrolment forms are on Bowls NSW website or contact NDBA Office.

T Masson Chairman of Coaching

Greens Committee:

During September, 90 greens were inspected, 52 were grass and 38 were synthetic.

2 of the Grass greens at Soldiers Point had just been sprayed and 3 grass Greens at Nelson Bay were out of play due to rain.

1 synthetic at Lowlands was being installed at the time of Inspection but is now back in operation.

Some synthetics starting to show signs of wear but overall most greens were reported by the committee to be in pretty good shape.

Tomago Is hopeful that their green will be renovated in the next few months.

J Bilby Chairman of Greens

Junior Committee:

The weekend of 17/18 August saw our Juniors take to the greens at Club Dubbo in their quest for Gold at the Annual State 7 aside Championship. Zac Nicholls who played the Singles discipline just fell short by being narrowly defeated in sectional play therefore missing out on a semi-final berth. Our Pairs combination of Brendan Stokes and Connor Freeman (Raymond Terrace) advanced to the Gold medal match but were narrowly defeated by Zone 4s James Robinson and Jordan Thompson to take the Silver medal. Our Fours combination of Blair Soars, Cody Ross, Caleb McDermott and Jake Reid were also narrowly defeated in the Gold medal also by Zone 4. Zone 2 therefore finishing their quest with 2 Silver medals and an overall ranking of third.

Soldiers Point Classic was held on 24/25 August where it saw Zone 2s composite side of Juniors/U25s take on Zone 2s Open and Over 40s side with Zone 11 Open Side rounding out the section. Our Junior/U25 sides first opponent was a formidable Zone 2 Open Side. Zone 2 Opens accounted for J/U25s 69-42. J/U25s then took on Zone 11. Zone 11 winning 61-49. J/U25s final game was against Zone 2 Over 40s. Youth proved too strong on the day seeing Sean Cairns rink of Blair Soars, Zac Griffiths and Caleb Threadgate playing an 18 all draw with Martin Ball's rink of Scott Davis, David Collins and Dean Govan. Lachlan Freeman's outfit of Zac Nicholls, Jake Reid and Jesse Herbert accounting for Tony Atcheson, Dave Wayland, Brad Unsted and Billy Ahoy 19-15. Rounding out the team, Kate Matthews quartet of Caleb McDermott, Brendan Stokes and Connor Freeman accounted for Alan Miller, Mick Kedwell, Corey Kamine and Shannon Rowe 17-12.

The 7/8 September saw the start of U25 Challenge at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. Each of the 8 Zones competing consisted of a team of 6, with disciplines in Singles, Pairs and Triples, playing 7 rounds of sets play, with the winners being first past the post on wins and margins. After the smoke cleared it was our mighty Zone 2 Junior side who stood aloft, proudly holding the Trophy. Zac Nicholls was the best performed singles player over the weekend only losing 3 sets all told, also accounting for NSW Representative Mason Lewis from the fancied Zone 13 side in straight sets. Blair Soars, Brendan Stokes and Jake Reid also ended their campaign as best performed triples, whilst our Pairs duo of Caleb McDermott and Connor Freeman came in a valiant second overall. Zone 2 U25 side consisting of Kate Matthews, Lachlan Freeman, Jesse Herbert, Caleb Threadgate, Zac Griffiths and James Broderick also making a courageous effort coming in Third behind the Zone 13s A side.

In addition to the above, special acknowledgement needs to be made to those Zone 2 players who volunteered their time and effort in representing other Zones due to player shortages. Thank you to Chris Kent (Raymond Terrace) and Jonah Threadgate (East Maitland) for representing Zone 10 at short notice and then to Andrew Hanlon (Raymond Terrace), Zoe Nicholls (Raymond Terrace), Kaleb Austin (Soldiers Point) and Michael Bressington (Charlestown) for representing Zone 6. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Zone 15 (Central Coast) agreed to a trial between its Juniors and those from Zone 2 to be held on Sunday 13 October at Lake Munmorah Bowling Club. The object of this trial is to team our up and comers with more experienced Juniors enabling our less experienced to gain much needed match practice. The team selected is as follows: Team 1, Ami Bromhead, Mia Brown, Addison Drake and Zac Nicholls. Team 2, Mackenzie Wicks, Matthew Webster, Zoe Nicholls and Caleb McDermott. Team 3, Kyle Anderson, Charlotte Hayman, Jonah Threadgate and Cody Ross.

In final, it gives me great pleasure to advise, at the recent Annual Hunter Academy Sports Awards, Raymond Terrace and NSW Representative, Kate Matthews, was awarded the Outstanding Female in an Individual Sport and Best and Fairest Player for Lawn Bowls. Congratulations Kate, you are a credit to Zone 2 and so very worthy of this achievement. We are all proud of you, well done!

Due to the first Monday in October being a public holiday, Zone Junior training will be on Monday 14 October commencing at 5.30pm.

R Gardner Junior Chairman

Match Committee:

The Australian Indoor Men's Singles featured a number of Zone 2 bowlers and we congratulate Daniel Hill (Charlestown) on his great effort in reaching the semi-finals and bowing out with a very narrow loss to Aaron Teys.

Entries will close for the Champion of Club Champions Fours tomorrow 20th September, 2019 with over 20 teams nominated so far to contest this event hosted by Wallsend Diggers Bowling Club. Round 1 and 2 are scheduled for 12th October.

The Three Threes Competition Round 3 was partially completed yesterday and matches that were deferred will now be completed next Wednesday. No.1 Grade was unaffected with games being played by arrangement on covered greens. In No.3 Grade teams who played yesterday and remained with one life have been drawn to play each other next week to help the continuity of the competition rather than prolonging it be one week.

The Bowls NSW State Championships will be conducted at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club from the 20th to 29th September. We wish all of our representatives in the various events good fortune in the efforts to bring a State Title back to Zone 2. Bowls NSW have announced that live streaming will take place for one morning and afternoon match during the championships and the programme includes the Triples game featuring Matthew Baus's Raymond Terrace team on Friday 20th in the afternoon and the Fours game with Warren Shipley's Charlestown team on Friday 27th also in the afternoon hopefully we may see more Zone 2 teams in semi-finals and finals play.

The Annual Presidents, Secretaries and Delegates Day will be held this coming Saturday 21st September at Bar Beach Bowling Club. Any club that has not yet notified of their attendance can do so tonight or at the latest tomorrow so that final organization can be made. At this stage we have 40 attending.

The popular Bowls NSW Club Challenge will again be conducted in 2019 with entries due to close on 5th October. The Sectional play is due to be conducted on the weekend of the 9th -10th November and Post Sectional play on 16th -17th November with the finals weekend at Warilla Bowling Club on 7th -8th December.

The Zone 2 qualifying play for the initial Over 40's State Championship took place last weekend at East Maitland BC with 28 teams from the Zone participating. Qualifiers to progress to the State finals at Host Club Maitland City on 2nd - 3rd November were: Chris Edmonds/Shannon Gittoes (Nelson Bay), Damian Robb/Daniel Collaros (Cardiff) and Rod Lawton/Tony Wicks (East Maitland). Good luck to all in the State Finals.

Results of Voting related season programme 2020

At the Management Meeting on September 19 the following suggestions were voted on with the results in Red.

1) Saturday Pennants Grades 2 to 7

- A) 10 rounds played over 5 weekends (5 double headers) **Defeated 2-38**
- B) Sectional Play to start on March 7 and conclude on May 9 (2 or 3 double headers) **N/A**
- C) Sectional play to start on February 29 and have 1 double header during the season **Carried 35 to 5**
 - 2) Wet weather matches to be played at end of season only if required. **Carried 37 to 3**
 - 3) If wet weather matches are to continue the following Sunday, clubs with bye on following Saturday do not play washout matches the day after having a bye. **N/A**
 - 4) No geographic draw open draw for all grades. **Carried 22 to 18**
 - **Saturday Pennant Playoffs**
 - 5) Grades with 3 sections have winner and runner up go to playoffs. (6 sides in playoffs) **Carried 37 to 3**

6) Finals draw remains same regardless of a club having 2 teams qualified in same grade (providing that the sides from same club play each other first) **Carried 37-3**

7) Pennant Playoffs with only 1 game on Sunday to start at 11am. **Carried 26 to 14**

8) Mid-Week Pennants

A) The players' grades in each team (rink) in a mid-week side (3 rinks) shall total more than or equal to or four times the grade number that the side is entered. **Defeated 11 to 29**

B) No players permitted to drop any grade in Mid-week pennants. **N/A**

C) 2 players only permitted to drop a grade in mid-week pennants and no more can be applied for. **Carried 33 to 7**

9) Three Threes

1 grade to revert back to 3 bowl triples. **Carried 28 to 12**

2020 SEASONS PROGRAMME

Will be compiled and approved by Zone match committee at meeting on October 3. State match meets on October 8 and the 1 grade competition will be finalised at this meeting with the season Calendar to be released soon after.

J Smith Chairman of Match

Umpires Committee:

Umpires Courses to commence at Marks Point Wednesday September 25 and Warners Bay Saturday September 28.

M Rigby Chairman of Umpires

General Business:

T Stocks (Alder Park) inquired if the points score for Pennant matches could be changed back to 6 points? Chairman of Match J Smith OAM commented that it would require a change to the State Conditions of Play and would not happen for 2020 but a submission could be made for 2021 when the State calls for recommendations.

B Tredinnick (Wangi) Asked J Smith to explain again the section of the Match report about clubs backing up and playing again after a rain affected round.

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)**