



## 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, October 17, 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.**

**PRESENT:** **President:** M Conway (who occupied the Chair); **Vice-Presidents:** J.G. Bilby, 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:** D Gilday, D Rowe, W. Wahlsteadt (Cardiff), R Crawford (East Maitland), J Partridge (Fingal Bay), M Casey (Hamilton North), G Cairns (Kotara) R Girvan (Nelson Bay), T Antram (Soldiers Point), P Jackson (Teralba).

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** K Bucklee VP.

**CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED:** Bar Beach, Carrington, Catherine Hill Bay, Lambton, Lemon Tree Passage, Marks Point, Rathmines Memorial, Tomago, Water Board.

**OBITUARIES:** We would like to report there were no notified passing of friends or family members this month.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

Nil

### **EXECUTIVE REPORT:**

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

- A vote will take place at the November Management Meeting regarding Bi Monthly Management meetings for 2020. It is proposed that the meetings will be held February, April, June, July (AGM), August, October and December Xmas party.
- Circular has been sent to clubs calling for more members for the advisory committee.
- Fees for 2020 season will be \$15 per player for Zone events and \$25 per player for Champion of Champions
- That Mid-Week Pennants and Three Threes for 2020 will become open Gender events
- Xmas party venue has been awarded to Hexham Bowling Club for December 12.
- Because of the Super car event the Management meeting for November is postponed for a week and will now be held on November 28.
- A list of names is being prepared of people who would be worthy of potentially having a Zone event named in their honour.
- Bowls NSW are running information sessions in coming weeks. These will be held at Maitland City B.C. November 4 at 10am and Raymond Terrace B.C. Friday November 22 at 3:30pm. There is also Ourimbah B.C. at 10am November 22 same day as Raymond Terrace. All sessions cover the same topics and anyone is free to attend any session.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

List of sides for Bowls NSW Club Challenge was received for clubs to check entries.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I had the pleasure in witnessing Matt Baus from the Raymond Terrace Club winning in outstanding fashion the NSW State Singles Title at the Ettalong Bowling Club. A great honour and proud moment for Matt. Well deserved. On the next rink it was great to see Jack Littlewood from the Valentine Club winning the NSW State Senior Singles Title and wasn't he happy. To be

State Champs in events like these takes a lot of commitment and devotion. Zone 2 are very proud of both of you for your well-deserved victories.

To the boys from Beresfield Mick Brown and Michael Beesley you also were outstanding to make the Final of the State Senior Pairs. Although defeated you stood tall and were gallant. To all the other players that won their way through to the State Playoffs well done. There was also excellent coverage of many of these games on Face Book by Bowls NSW and our own Warren Shipley doing some great interviews and commentary.

On the home front we can now inform you that Hexham Bowling Club has been successful in hosting the Presentation Night on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets will sell fast so get in early. You can purchase as many tickets as you wish from the Office as there has been some rumours that numbers were limited to each club.

I would like to congratulate the East Maitland Bowling Club for your 100 years Anniversary. I am very disappointed that I cannot attend on the 26<sup>th</sup> October as I have had a Cruise Holiday that has been booked since April last year and I will be away. No doubt this will be a day to remember and I will make sure I catch up with the President on my return.

There are many AGM meetings/presentations/Unfurling's and the Final of the Champion of Champion Fours for me or nominated executives to attend to this month and early in November. Again, we thank all those clubs for your kind invitations. The Annual Rod Robards Shield will be contested at the Beresfield Club on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Best of luck to those players who have been selected to represent this Zone in the Veterans Inter – Zone Championships at The Entrance at the end of this month. Congratulations to you all.

President M Conway.

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

September Income	= \$2,354
September Expenditure	= \$16,399
September Balance	= <b>\$-14,044</b>

Treasurer D Wells.

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **Advisory Committee:**

Advisory Committee are reviewing all Advisory Committee Pamphlets as well as the Constitution and Bi-Laws to make them gender neutral. We are also calling for more people to be part of our Committee. Details have been sent to clubs are available on the NDBA Website.

##### **Coaching Committee:**

Introductory Coaches course at Charlestown Saturday November 2

Selection Module to be held at Charlestown Saturday November 30

A Club Coaches Course will be held at Maitland City on the weekend of December 7 & 8. Details and enrolment forms are on Bowls NSW website or contact NDBA Office.

T Masson Chairman of Coaching

##### **Greens Committee: Next Meeting February 2020**

J Bilby Chairman of Greens

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

The Australian Junior Championships took place from 2nd to the 4th of October at Victoria's Bendigo Bowling Club.

Raymond Terrace and Zone 2 star, Connor Freeman, was selected to represent NSW Junior Boys, competing in both the Triples and Fours disciplines. All states and Territories were represented and divided into two sections of four.

NSW's opposing trio were Northern Territory, WA and Victoria in both disciplines. Freeman's trio, in which he played second, of Bailey Meti and Toby Peters successfully won through their sectional games and then lined up in the Gold Medal match against SA, taking the match 22-19. The quartet, in which Freeman played third, of Jordan Thompson, Bailey Meti and Michael Phillips also won through sectional play and contested the Gold Medal match against QLD. Freeman's squad took out the Gold medal match 16-13, giving Freeman 2 gold medals, and an overall Silver Medal for the team as a whole, to add to his already impressive Junior achievements.

On Sunday 13 October, Zone 2 Juniors took to the greens at Lake Munmorah Bowling Club for a fixture against Zone 15. The side consisted of 12 players, being 3 rinks of 4. Two games were played. In the morning game, Zone 2 won 2 rinks to 1. While in the afternoon Zone 15 came out firing and won on all three rinks. Zone 15 taking the fixture overall, 4 rinks to 2. All players should be extremely proud of their performance and how they conducted themselves on the day.

Sunday 20 October will see two U25 rinks of 4 players, take part in the Rodney Robards Shield at Beresfield Bowling Club against Zone 6. U25s will compete alongside Zone 2 Open and Seniors Side. The result will depend on the overall combined masterboard. The U25 squad selected is, Team 1: Zac Griffiths (Charlestown), Andrew Hanlon (Raymond Terrace), James Broderick (Cardiff) and Raymond Terraces Kate Mathews. Team 2: Kaleb Austin (Soldiers Point), Michael Bressington (Charlestown), Caleb Threadgate (East Maitland) and Lachlan Freeman (Raymond Terrace) rounding out the 8. A special mention needs to be made for Thomas Webster (Kahibah) who has gladly given of his time agreeing to play for and represent Zone 6, due to being short on numbers. Thanks Thomas, we greatly appreciate your assistance.

Next Zone Junior training session is Monday 4 November commencing at 5.30pm.

R Gardner Junior Chairman

### **Match Committee:**

The Champion of Club Champions Fours has now been rescheduled to begin on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at Host Club Wallsend Diggers Sports Club with the final now scheduled for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

The Three Threes Competition is in the final stages. The No.1 Grade Competition was finalised last week and we congratulate Raymond Terrace who defeated Windale Gateshead 73-58 to take the title and continue their dominance in this grade having now won the event for the last five years. The No.2 Grade has 3 teams remaining each with one loss and they are now competing in a Round Robin to establish the final result. Yesterday, Adamstown defeated Wallsend and next week will see Wallsend play Raymond Terrace in the second game. The order of play in the Round Robin was altered due to an Adamstown player's selection in the Zone 2 over 70's Representative Side in Zone 15 on 30<sup>th</sup> October. The No.3 Grade has now been reduced to 4 sides all with one loss and the winners in next week's game will play the final the following week.

Many thanks to the Bar Beach Bowling Club for its staging of the Annual President's, Secretaries and Delegates Day last month. 44 players were in attendance to enjoy an afternoon on the green and the hospitality of the club with an opportunity to renew old friendships and create new ones during this relaxed and pleasant event.

After our September Management Committee Meeting, we have now been able to circulate information about the 2020 Pennant Season. Entries in Saturday Grades 2-7 and Mid-Week Grades 1-5 are due at Association Headquarters no later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. In the near future clubs will receive information on the forms to be submitted with your pennant entries. A copy of the 2020 Season's Programme was also sent to clubs at the same time. The Match Committee schedule after that time will be determined at its November Meeting.

The State Match Committee has also released the draw for the Newcastle/Zone 6 Conference also with a starting date of 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 with a total of 16 clubs divided into 4 sections of 4 and playing 2 Rounds of Home and Away fixtures and this has been forwarded to clubs. The top two in each section will proceed to a qualifying post sectional on 18-19<sup>th</sup> April with 4 teams from the Conference to qualify for the State Pennant Play-offs.

The Annual fixture between the NDBA and Bowls NSW Executive and Sub-Committees has been rescheduled from 24<sup>th</sup> November to the 8<sup>th</sup> December due to a clash with the changed date of the Pat Geary Shield Representative fixture.

The entry list for the 2019 Bowls NSW Rookies Singles and Pairs. Zone 2 has 46 in the Singles and 15 in the Pairs. The Zone 2 Singles qualifying will be played at Raymond Terrace BC and Redhead BC on 19-20<sup>th</sup> October and the Pairs at Raymond Terrace on 26-27<sup>th</sup> October.

The 2019 State Champions of Club Champions Singles and Pairs were conducted at South Tamworth Bowling Club during this week. Our Pairs representatives Clinton Doust and Matthew Baus won their section and played the Kurri Kurri duo of Tailor Appleby and Nathan Dawson in the semi-final and recorded a 21-14 victory. This put them into the

final against Rodney McCabe and Peter Taylor (Zone 1). After a close hard fought battle they were defeated 19-14. Well done to both players on coming so close to a State Title. David Govan in the Singles went through sectional play undefeated and moved on to play Corey Wedlock (Zone 16) in the semi-final. Corey proved strong with a 31-20 win but David should feel proud of his excellent performance.

J Smith Chairman of Match

### **Selection Committee**

This Sunday, 20TH October the "Rodney Robards Memorial Shield" will be contested between Zone 2 & Hunter District at Beresfield BC.

This consists of 2 rinks each of Open, Seniors & U25's.

The next quadrangular series is the "Pat Geary Shield" on Saturday 23RD & Sunday 24TH November at Kurri BC. The "Pat Geary Shield" is played between Zones 2, Zone 6 (Hunter), Zone 14 (North Coast) & Zone 15 (Central Coast).

All sides will consist of 4 rinks.

On Thursday 31ST October & Friday 1ST November, Zone 2 Seniors Over 70's will defend their title in the Seniors Inter-Zone, at "The Greens, The Entrance". They won the Seniors Inter-Zone Over 70's at Grandviews BC in 2018.

T Blow Chairman

### **State Councilor Report**

Last Councilors meeting was the 19TH September, followed by the AGM.

There was a discussion on the survival of small clubs with small member numbers & proposed a need to assist such clubs in recruitment.

The figures for the 45 clubs in Zone 2 from 2019 Pennants are:

A total of 4,678 members, with 2,014 playing 5 or more pennant games, 544 played 4 games or less & 2120 members did not play pennants.

4 clubs with 200 to 250 members, 5 clubs with 150 to 200 members, 9 clubs with 100 to 150 members, 22 clubs less than 100 members.

There are 3 clubs with 25 to 50 members, & 2 clubs have less than 25 members.

Further discussions will be held at the November Councilors meeting.

Head of Sport & Operation Report (David Ellis)

Pitt Street offices are completed.

A full internal review of operations completed with measures to be put in place. Staff from BNSW, are to be trained & to be conducted for more efficient communication & process, as well as promotion/marketing space.

A specialist company has been engaged to review marketing & communication practices.

Bowls Australia Bowlslink not suited to BNSW needs in current format & are talking to BA to rectify.

Coaching courses timetable for all Zones are now active on BNSW website & social media.

State Match 2020 CoP released in August.

Over 40's Pairs Championships had 205 entries (bit down on what was expected). Maitland City have a 3 year deal arranged for the finals.

The Finals commence on weekend of Saturday 2ND November.

Admin forms have been modified (user friendly).

EOI's hosting 2020 association events by 29TH November, host notified mid December.

CEO

Open Gender effective 1ST October. This to advance & promote inclusive practices for best interest of the sport. To increase females (working women & junior girls) for regular competitions on weekends, & to allow clubs, particularly smaller regional clubs to increase participation in State Pennants.

General Business

BNSW pay BA \$500K – operating cost.

A "Local Sport Grant Program" supported by the NSW Government is now open.

More information, on "Gender & the Sports Grant" go to BNSW web site.

T Blow

### **Umpires Committee: Nil**

K Bucklee Chairman of Umpires

### **General Business:**

1. During the State Councillors Report, questions were taken from the floor regarding the Bowls NSW Open Gender. The Executive Committee answered the enquiries to the best of their ability and it was decided that the information regarding Open Gender on the Bowls NSW Website should be forwarded to ALL Clubs once again.

2. A Swan (New Lambton) enquired as to why a Bowling Arm tournament required a non bowling arm member to be lead. Response from the Executive was that because it was a club tournament and not an Association event, the club can set their own condition of play.
3. M Ball (Windale) enquired as to why there is 4 sections of 4 in the 2020 Saturday Pennants, and if clubs were asked for input to the decision. W Shipley explained that both the Zone 2 & Zone 6 Match Committee met to discuss recommendations to be forwarded to the State Match Committee regarding the Grade 1 Pennant Season. Recommendations included 4 sections of 4 playing 2 Rounds Home and Away (6 Games) OR 3 Rounds (9 Games). 2 Sections of 8 playing 1 Round (7 Games) OR reducing the number of teams to 12 and playing 2 Sections of 6 Home and Away. The most favoured recommendation from the above was - *4 sections of 4 playing 2 Rounds Home and Away (6 Games)*.as this seemed the most fair for clubs involved. It is hoped that in 2021 Grade 1 will revert back to a 10 Game Competition.
4. M Dettelbacher (Beresfield) enquired if a practice time had been arranged for the Veteran Inter-Zone Side. W Shipley has been able to confirm a practice time of 2.30pm -4.00pm on Wednesday October 30.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 28, 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.

**CLOSED:** The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

**CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)  
(28.11.2019)**