



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, November 28, 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.

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

Treasurer: D.G. Wells.

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

APOLOGIES: Warren Meek and Harry Bulmer (Windale) Brian Tredinnick (Wangi) Bob Boxall (Rathmines) John Fowler (New Lambton) Don McGregor (Fingal Bay), Mark Casey (Hamilton North), Bob Steele (Catherine Hill Bay),

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Belmont, Bay Way Village, Carrington, Lambton, Mayfield, Nelson Bay

OBITUARIES: Fergus Campbell (New Lambton), Allan "Poppy" Webster (Raymond Terrace) Wayne "Strawb" Hughson (Mayfield West) Michael Webster (Kahibah) Ian Quinn life member (Water Board), Carl Hoyle (Windale Gateshead) Norm Smith (Wangi).

Suspension of Standing Orders

Hamish Neal from Development Officer, Hunter | Sport and Recreation Services Group spoke to Delegates regarding Child Safe Sport workshop to be held at Raymond terrace Bowling Club on December 17.

Resumption of Standing Orders

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, October 17, 2019 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING:

A vote was taken regarding the Proposed Management meetings for 2020 would be February, April, June, (July AGM) August, October, November. Clubs in favour were 23 to 6 and the motion was declared Carried.

J Wolfe (Swansea Workers) voiced concern that meetings may take longer now being every 2 months.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

It is advised that:

- Pennant Information session will be held December 10 (NDBA Office) or a meeting can be arranged at your club (circular 147 sent today)
- Pennant submissions are due December 20
- RSVP for XMAS Function are due by December 5

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The middle of October to later in November saw many of our Executives attending many AGM'S, Finals of the Three Three's, Champion of Champion Fours Finals, Club Presentation Events and Pennant Unfurling Celebrations. The Executive Calendar was certainly shared amongst all of us at this busy time of the year. I would sincerely like to thank all clubs for your invitations and friendships during these important events and to our Executive a HUGE THANK YOU.

I attended Stockton's AGM, Rob Robards Shield at Beresfield where the shield was retained by ZONE 2. Thank you to all those players that played and to the supporters and especially to Bero for Hosting the event. I also attended to the Lets Play Bowls High School Finals at New Lambton B.C. Thank you to Belmont Golf Club for your invitation to witness the Grand Opening of the Bowls Facility. Warren and John Smith also were guests and what a remarkable venue.

I had the pleasure also of being the Official at the Pat Geary Shield at the Kurri Club last weekend where the shield was won by Zone 2 winning all 3 matches. Coming up in November and December not only myself but the Executive will again be flat out attending clubs Presentation Nights/Days. Coming up I have East Maitland/Raymond Terrace and Beresfield Bowling Clubs Presentation Nights which I am looking forward to. Don't forget our own Presentation and Christmas Night on the 12th December at Hexham Bowling Club. Warren/Louise and I met with the Secretary Manager Jennie and Club Director Alf Smith at the club to discuss final arrangements last week. This should be a grand night and hopefully everyone is securing their tickets.

Welcome back to Vice President Kevin Bucklee after his long travels throughout Australia.

As this is the last Delegates Meeting for 2019 I would like to THANK all the delegates who have supported this association. To the clubs that have sponsored events Thank You. To our Executive and the Sub Committee's a big Thank You for your total commitment and your valuable time to make this association one of the best.

I wish you all and your families a very Merry Christmas.

President M Conway.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

October Income = \$2,477
October Expenditure = \$16,828
October Balance = \$-14,351

Treasurer D Wells.

REPORTS:

Advisory Committee:

John Bilby reported that Advisory Pamphlets on Website have been reviewed regarding Gender. John also invested John Lindsey and Peter Kibble with their Badges as new members of the Advisory committee.

Coaching Committee:

Ted Masson informed Delegates of the next Club Coach Course will be run at Charlestown on February 19 and 20 and will be an evening course.

T Masson Chairman of Coaching

Greens Committee: Next Meeting February 2020

J Bilby Chairman of Greens

Junior Committee:

Sunday 20 October 2019 saw two rinks of our U25 Representatives take to the green at Beresfield Bowling Club for the Rodney Robards Shield between Zone 2 and Hunter. Playing alongside the U25's were two rinks of Zone 2 Open Side and two of Zone 2 Seniors, with the eventual winner of the Shield being a combined total of all six rinks. The Opens and Seniors side proved to be a hard fought battle, and in the end it was the mighty U25's who saved the day.

The quartet of Kaleb Austin, Michael Bressington, Caleb Threadgate and Lachlan Freeman accounted for Jayden Robinson's Hunter side 20-11, while the big winners of the day were NSW and Raymond Terrace's Representative, Kate Matthews and her trio of Zac Griffiths, Andrew Hanlon and James Broderick, whitewashing their opponents 34-7. Congratulations are extended to all those involved, and for claiming of the Rodney Robards Shield for Zone 2.

A special mention goes to Zone 2's Thomas Webster (Kahibah) for representing Hunter District at short notice and from all reports played extremely well. Well done Thomas, Hunter District and Zone 2 really appreciate your assistance on the day.

There was to be a Training Day with the Zone 11 Juniors at Forster Bowling on 23 November 2019 and a fixture against Zone 10 Juniors/U25's at East Maitland Bowling Club on 2 December 2019. However, Forster and Zone 10 are unable to provide the numbers required, therefore these two events have been postponed and will endeavour to organise for 2020.

To all Junior and U25 players, the entries are out for all Zone 2 Junior and U25 Championships. Whilst the closing date for all events is not until, January being the first, might I suggest to start planning your respective sides now for team events. Please let either the Chairman, or other Junior Committee member know of your intended entries.

In final, on behalf of the Zone 2 Junior Committee, I would just like to wish all Juniors/U25's, and their respective family members, a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you all for the start of all Junior events in the 2020 Season.

R Gardner Junior Chairman

Match Committee:

The 2019 Champion of Club Champions Fours went to the Valentine Quartet of Ross Lawrence, Anthony Ellercamp, Dean and David Govan giving the club its second success in this event with the previous victory being in 2002. In the Final they defeated the Raymond Terrace quartet of John Ziller, Brad Parker, Jamie Minter and Matthew Baus by 28-18. We thank Wallsend Diggers for the hosting of the event.

The Zone 2 Representatives for the 2020 State Rookies Singles and Pairs have been determined. In the Singles Josh Reynolds (Merewether) defeated Stephen Coutts (East Maitland) in the Final. At the State Finals Josh came close to giving Newcastle another State Singles Title for the year when he made it to Final but unfortunately went down to his Zone 6 opponent. The Pairs went to Andrew Davis and David Hern (Lowlands) overcoming Lachlan and Hayden Bent (Wallsend). They won two out of three Sectional Games in the State Finals Sectional Play but their loss to a Bowral pair gave the Bowral team their section. Congratulations to our representatives on their fine performances. An interesting feature of the Pairs was current Bowls Australia President Daryl Clout with partner Richard Simmer (Marks Point) making it through to the Semi-finals.

The new State Over 40's Pairs Finals were completed at Maitland City BC on the first weekend of November. Zone 2 had 3 teams take part and the Nelson Bay combination of Chris Edmonds and Shannon Gittoes made it to the Final of this Inaugural event. They took on the Merrylands duo of Jeremy Roach and Michael Clarke and in a tight contest prevailed with an 18-12 scoreline scoring a decisive 4 on the 17th end to give Zone 2 another State Title for the year.

The 2019 Three Threes Competition came to its conclusion on Wednesday 30th October in both the No 2 and 3 Grades. In the last game of the No 2 Grade Round-Robin Raymond Terrace defeated Wallsend 60-51 and claimed the title as the only undefeated side in the Series with Adamstown finishing Runner-Up with one win. The No 3 Grade Final saw a convincing 65-39 victory to Nelson Bay No 1 over Dora Creek Workers No 1. This reversed the result from the previous week and gave Nelson Bay its first No 3 Grade title since the inception of the No 3 Grade in 1990.

Clubs were issued on 1st November with all the material required for the submission of entries in the 2020 Saturday and Midweek Pennant Competitions with entries to close on Friday 20th December 2019. As well each Club has a spread sheet for player participation containing your current player listing with Bowls NSW .The accompanying email provides a set of instructions as to how to fill in the details required on the spreadsheet which must be forwarded with your entries .Any queries on this process should be directed to Secretary Warren for clarification . Entries will be forwarded to the State Match Committee for ratification of the gradings for each club and this process will be finalised by 13th January 2020. Any appeals will be dealt with by the SMC after this date. After appeals the Match Committee will meet to formulate the Sectional draw for each Grade and complete the process by organizing the Home and Away draw.

Added to this Circular 143/2019 was sent this week detailing 4 options that are available for the submission of Pennant Results in the 2020 Season to assist Clubs to have them returned to the Association by the required time.

Many of our Clubs were able to attend the Pennant Information Sessions conducted by Bowls NSW in the past month. For those who were unable to attend the NDBA will be conducting a session on the 2020 Pennants on Tuesday 10th December at 10.000 am at Wal Young House . Circular No 147/2019 has been forwarded to clubs with all the details.

Please note that in 2020 the NDBA will not be producing the individual Pennant Pamphlets with the Sectional and Post-Sectional draws with this information to be placed on the NDBA website for downloading

Entries for all aspects of our 2020 Pairs Championships have been forwarded to Clubs with a closing date of 10th January 2020, the 2020 District Triples Championships closing on 24th January 2020 and the 2020 Fours Championships closing on 14th February 2020 .

Expressions of Interest are being called for from Clubs interested in hosting the Over 70's Zone Championship which will be held in Zone 2 on 29-30th October 2020 . Nominations are due back to the Association by the end of February 2020.

Congratulations and good fortune to the following Clubs who have qualified for the State Finals of the 2019 Bowls NSW Club Challenge to be played in Wollongong on the 7th- 8th December.

Mens Gold – Raymond Terrace and Soldiers Point Mens Silver – Adamstown Mens Blue Valentine and Beresfield
Women's Gold – Charlestown Women's Pink- Nelson Bay Mixed Gold - Valentine

J Smith Chairman of Match

Selection Committee

Zone 15 (Central Coast) held the 2019 Veterans 70+ at The Greens The Entrance BC on Thursday 31st October & Friday 1st November.

In Section 1, Zones 2, 3, 9 & 13, whilst in Section 2, Zones 4, 6, 10, & 15 competed. In Zone 2's first Game, they lost 37-56 to Zone 13 (Sydney Central & Southern) 10-0. Game 2 won 82-43 against Zone 3 (North West NSW) 9-1 & Game 3 lost 55-61 to Zone 9 (Sydney Northern) 9-1.

Zone 15 won the Final 59-44 against Zone 9 (Sydney Northern).

In 2020, the Veteran 70+ will be played in Newcastle.

The annual "Rodney Robards Memorial Shield" played between NDBA & Hunter District was played at Beresfield on Sunday morning 21st October.

This consists of 2 rinks each of Open, Seniors & U 25's.

NDBA won by 36 shots winning 4 rinks to 2, with the score being 113 -77.

The Chairman of the Junior Committee had much pleasure in reminding me on several occasions, that the U25's won by 36 shots with their 2 rinks.

Due to BNSW 2020 program, the "Rodney Robards Memorial" will now be used as trials for future BNSW Inter-Zone Sides Championships with 3 rinks each of Open & Seniors.

The "Pat Geary Shield" played between Zones 2, 6 (Hunter Valley), 14 (Mid North Coast, & 15 (Central Coast) was played on the weekend of 23RD & 24TH November at Kurri BC.

In Game 1, Zone 2 played Zone 6 & won 80-58 winning 3 rinks to 1.

Game 2, Zone 2 played Zone 15 & won 93-55 winning 3 rinks to 1.

Game 3, Zone 2 played Zone 14 & won 117-59 winning 3 rinks to 1.

The "Pat Geary Memorial" has been played for 21 years, with Zone 2 being successful 13 times.

The next Open representative game is at Zone 15 (Halekulani) on Saturday 18TH & Sunday 19TH January 2020.

Competing Zones are 2, 6, 11 & 15.

After this series the 2020, the Open Inter-Zone side will be selected.

Zone selectors are now in the process in selecting 8 rinks for the Seniors 60+ for games on 10TH February against Zones 6 & 15. The venue is unknown at this time.

After this series, the 2020 Senior Inter-Zone side will be selected.

That is my report, & I ask for its adoption.

T Blow Chairman

State Councilor Report

(No Meeting as State Councillors Meeting Cancelled Due to Bush Fires)

Umpires Committee:

The umpires Committee has finalised 2 Umpires Courses at Marks Point and Lemon Tree Passage and we welcome those new to our Zone.

There will be another course starting on 4th December 2019 this was moved from the 27th November and will be held at NDBA Headquarters starting at 5.30pm.

The condition of play for 2020 are now on the NDBA website so you can go through our website and download them as each club should have at least one in their bowls office and one in their umpires kit, also for those club that haven't updated their umpires books they are available from our office for a cost of 12 Dollars.

The umpires wish all Clubs and their member a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

K Bucklee Chairman of Umpires

General Business:

1. John Linabury reported that Tomago Green is now back in action and they were hoping to retrieve some of their members to enter a Pennant side.
2. President Mark Conway wished all a Merry and Safe Xmas and thanked the Delegates for their time throughout 2019 and looked forward to seeing them again in 2020.

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2020 commencing at 6.30pm.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

**CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)
(19.2.2020)**