



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, February 20, 2020 commencing at 6.30pm.

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

Treasurer: D.G. Wells.

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

APOLOGIES: B Tredinnick (Wangi) G Gairns (Kotara) M Kedwell (Belmont), T Dean (Wallsend), C Coster (Adamstown)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: K Bucklee, D Gilday

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Boolaroo, Lambton, Warners Bay

OBITUARIES: Shane "Camel" Kelly (Mayfield West), Errol Tinson, Ellis Fry (Kahibah), Kel Brown (Cardiff Green Keeper), Ron Brew (Lowlands/Alder Park), Doug Mogan, Bill Lawson, Graham Edmunds (East Maitland), Geoff Young (Stockton), John Breadner, Grahame Hughes (Dora Creek Workers), Jack Edwards (Charlestown), Peter McIlligott, Robert Ninness (Lemon Tree Passage).

NEW DELEGATES: Eric Duncan (Adamstown), Bill Gainsford & Ray Prisk (Nelson Bay).

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, November 28, 2019 having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING:

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

It is advised that:

All females playing in the Zone 2 Pennant competition must complete a Pennant declaration form signed by the Madam President or Secretary of your club and forwarded to WBNSW.

Pennant results are not to be phoned to the office as there will be no one in attendance to take the results. If possible, the result sheets should be emailed to zone2@ndba.com.au straight after game. If this is not possible a message can be left on 0448803590. Results can also be posted via the link sent to clubs.

The office will not be open Friday February 21 due to Ausgrid shutting off power. Emails will still be answered.

Ted Masson has been appointed to the NDBA finance committee.

It is recommended:

All clubs check that their players are registered and are on the Pennant Participation list to avoid loss of points

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to everyone to our First Delegates Meeting for 2020. I hope everyone had a Joyous Christmas but as we all witnessed so much devastation with the fires which saw many lives and property lost no doubt gave all of us sadness. On a brighter note our Bowler of the Year/Christmas night at the Hexham Bowling Club in December was a huge success and Congratulations to all the Award Winners. To Jenny Secretary Manager/your Chef and to your Staff you did an amazing job. The meal was sensational.

Congratulations to Matty Baus on winning the Prestigious Australian Singles Bowls Title. A great achievement. Our Rep Teams have been busy. The Open Team winning the Pat Geary Shield in November and then winning the John Smith OAM shield at Halekulani. This day also saw our own Jason Pietraszek from Soldiers Point breaking John's Rep Game record with 268 games. A touching ceremony took place on the Sunday with a surprise visit from Jason's family and best friend Andrew Smith and his wife. Jason who is well respected and a great Team Player deserved every accolade. Our Senior Rep Team were also successful in winning the Senior Quad Series in February. After all these games were completed the selectors had a hard task in selecting the Associations Rep Team to compete at the Open/Senior Inter Zone Championships at Grandview's this coming March. We wish them all the best and hope they bring back the winning Shields.

Your Executive attended to over 15 Functions and Presentation Nights or lunches over the November and December period and we all thank you for your kind invitations. Warren, John and I also attended to the Opening of the New Green at the Belmont Club what a great venue.

Last week at the NSW Bowls Awards Night saw our Zone Players winning the following awards: Jack Littlewood Senior Bowler of the Year, Phil Garry Volunteer of the Year, Mick Kedwell Disability of the Year Award. Raymond Terrace Country Club of The Year. Special mention also to Matty Baus for his great achievements throughout the season and to Nathan Dawson from the Kurri Club well done on being the NSW Bowler of the Year. Must had been a great battle on the point score between this pair. Terry Blow had the honour in representing our Zone at the Awards Night.

In relation to our Zone Championships the heat certainly played a major part in the disruption of many games. No doubt John may touch further on this matter in his Match Committee report. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our Secretary Warren who in the middle of these Championships was on annual leave with his family but continued to perform his duties whilst on leave in a professional manner. I offered to take any calls for him, but he declined, thank goodness for that. No doubt Warren and John Smith must had had some worrying days chopping and changing days/clubs to stage these Championship games. A big thank you to all those clubs who assisted in these late notice changes.

On Tuesday Night I attended to Raymond Terrace where I saw the Finals of the Junior and Under 25 Pairs Finals.

With the Pennant Season fast approaching I wish every player and clubs all the best and let's hope that this year we can bring home a State Title.

Also remember that in June I have been trying to organise a Bowls weekend to Gulgong. This is not a trip for making any monies for a charity it is a trip being organised to get away with friends or family to a great country club to play bowls and enjoy each other's company and friendship. There are flyers up the back explaining the costs etc, but we need 48 to go to keep the cost at the minimum. The major cost is the \$3,000 for a Coach which we need to travel in comfort. I can assure you of a great trip if you decide to come. We have 20 names so far.

At the end of this month will see me having major shoulder surgery which I am not looking forward to as my operation has been brought forward due to the severity of it. If you see me in a sling you know what has happened.

That is my report and I formally move for its adoption.

President M Conway.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

January Income = \$43,347
January Expenditure = \$19,119
January Balance = \$24,228

Treasurer D Wells.

REPORTS:

Advisory Committee:

J Bilby gave a verbal report on behalf of Chairman B Carling and informed Delegates that the Committee was in the process of reviewing information for a Club of the Year Award that was obtained by Zone 15 to submit to the Executive Committee for Awards Night.

Coaching Committee:

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the Coaching Course being held at Charlestown BC and advised clubs that anyone who registers for a future coaching course should also inform the NDBA.

T Masson Chairman of Coaching

Greens Committee:

The Chairman gave a verbal report stating that at time of inspection there were 16 greens under renovations with all clubs indicating that these will be playable by the commencement of Pennants. All other greens were reported to be in suitable playing condition.

J Bilby Chairman of Greens

Junior Committee:

Tuesday 4 February 2020 saw the start of the Zone 2 Junior and U25 Pairs held at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club. In the Junior Pairs winning Quarter Finalists were Mackenzie Wicks and Crystal Lean (Raymond Terrace), Jonah Threadgate and Caleb McDermott (East Maitland/ Charlestown), Zac Nicholls and Connor Freeman (Raymond Terrace) and Ashlee Stuart and Kyle Anderson (Raymond Terrace).

In the Semi-Finals, Threadgate /McDermott accounted for Wicks/Lean, whilst Nicholls/Freeman accounted for Stuart /Anderson therefore setting up what to be a tough and had fought Final between Threadgate /McDermott and the duo of Nicholls/Freeman. The Game was so worthy of a Final it proved to be a topsy turvy affair. McDermott jumped out to 6-1 lead after 3 before Freeman won the next 3 ends to lead 11-6. By End 9 McDermott had drawn within 1, to trail 10-11 only to see Freeman jump out to 1 16-10 led after 12. McDermott obviously wasn't done yet as he won the next 8 consecutive Ends to take the lead 19-16 after 20, with 1 End remaining. In the last End, Freeman just fell short by centimetres from drawing another shot and claimed 3 shots and once gain gridlock the game at 19-19 to force an extra end. The Final End saw the shot change with every bowl but it was to be Threadgate /McDermott's year emerging the

victors taking the Title 20-19 in what was an exceptional Final. All players should be congratulated on not only the way they played but also in the manner they conducted themselves, good sportsmanship all round. Threadgate /McDermott now proceed to Junior State Championships in July 2020. Zone 2 wish you all the best in your endeavours to bring home a State Title.

In the U25 Pairs it saw Sean and James Broderick (Cardiff) and Tom Crockford (Toronto Workers) with subbing for Lachlan Freeman) and Kate Matthews both proceed to Semi-Finals. In the Semi-Finals, Kaleb Austin (Soldiers Point) and Chris Kent (Raymond Terrace) accounted for Matthew and Thomas Webster (Kahibah) whilst Matthews and Freeman were to be the other Finalist. In Final Freeman lead 7-0 after 4 Ends, however Kent drew within 1 to trail 9-8 after 11. However, it was to e plain sailing for Mathews and Freeman from there running out eventual winners 25-9.

All Juniors are reminded that the Zone Singles draw is available and the first games are drawn for Friday 6th March 2020 at Kahibah Bowling Club with roll up ends commencing at 5:40Pm. Due to the large amount of entries there is only 1 Game of Junior Singles and 3 Games of U25's on the first night. Please ensure you check the Draw. On the second night of games being Friday 13th March 2020, Juniors will remain at Kahibah Bowling Club whilst the U25's will play their matches at Charlestown Bowling Club due to the amount of entries., with all Juniors/U25's returning to Kahibah Bowling Club for the Finals.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome 4 new Junior Members who have entered in our Championships for 2020. Haydn Ellison (Swansea Workers), Joshua Sharpe (Kotara), Cohen Ridd and Lenny Dorsett both from Cardiff. The Juniors hope to see a lot more of you,

I would firstly like to say Welcome back and trust you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and are ready for an even better year in 2020. At our last session in December 2019 a program for Junior events was handed out for the 2020 Season. Those Juniors that did not receive one, please ask at our next training session on Monday 3 February 2020.

In November 2019, the NSW Women had their presentation night. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Kate Matthews, Raymond Terrace, Zone 2 and NSW Representative was awarded the honour of being crowned NSW U25 Female Bowler of the Year. Congratulations Kate, you are an inspiration to us all and so worthy of this award, we are all very proud of you.

On 30 November 2019, the U25 Singles State Qualifying Event was held at Maitland City Bowling with 2 available positions up for grabs to proceed to the State Titles. The day was made up of 2 sections of 8 players, with the winner of each section progressing to State. In Section 1, after quarterfinals and semi-finals, Andrew Hanlon (Raymond Terrace) battled it out with Reece Oliver (Halekulani) in the final. After a hard-fought affair, Reece being the eventual winner, 21-12. Section 2 was eventually won by Callum Murray from Engadine.

From 13-17 January 2020, the annual South Pacific Junior Singles and Pairs were contested at Warilla Bowling Club. Zone 2 had a great representation with the following players participating: Ami Bromhead, Zoe Nicholls, Zac Nicholls, Brendan Stokes, Connor Freeman, Caleb McDermott and Jake Reid. All players performed extremely well, and it was Connor Freeman (Raymond Terrace) who emerged as Pairs Champion, alongside fellow teammate Toby Peters (Warilla). However, in the Singles final, in a turn of events, it was the Pairs Champions lining up against one another, with Toby Peters being the eventual winner and taking home the crown.

The Junior/U25 District Pairs nominations have now closed with the first round commencing on Tuesday 4 February 2020 at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club with trial ends commencing at 5.40pm. Zone Junior

Singles, Triples and Fours, and U25 Singles and Triples nominations still remain open, so if you wish to enter your name please advise a member of the Junior Committee.

Lastly, I would just like to extend an invitation to ANY Junior bowler, who either wishes to start playing, or wants to come to our Junior Sessions for further development, they are very welcome to attend. To any parents, grandparents or relatives of Juniors you feel may be interested in taking up Lawn Bowls as a sport, please don't hesitate to contact Warren Shipley, Secretary of Newcastle District Bowling Association on 49 293441.

R Gardner Junior Chairman

Match Committee:

1. A copy of NDBA 2020 Rules and Regulations was sent to clubs in December is now on the website. A Control copy of Club Executives is now on NDBA Website and will be updated as any changes occur.
2. Pennant Entries Saturday -168 as Tea Gardens have entered 2nd No 7 Grade
Midweek – 85

The SMC decision after appeals on Saturday No 2 Grade following a submission from Zone 6 was that 3 sections of 5 with one Zone 6 team in each section Singleton and Swansea Workers not to be in same section. Two best performed teams from post-sectional to represent at State Finals and Lambton to be promoted to Grade 5

Sections were done on 16th January on non-geographical basis as per the decision at the September Management Committee Meeting. Home and Away Draw was sent out on Circular 2020-007. Venues for 2020 Pennant Post-Sectional were determined at the February Match Committee Meeting, the following are the venues:

Saturday: No 1 Grade – Kahibah No2 Grade- Belmont No 3 Grade –Charlestown
No 4 Grade – Hamilton North No 5 Grade -East Maitland No 6 Grade –Soldiers Point
No7 Grade – Raymond Terrace

Midweek: No 1 Grade – Redhead No 2 and 3 Grades –Hamilton North
No 4 Grade – Edgeworth No 5 Grade -Water Board

There will be some clubs affected by selection of players in the State Open and Senior Interzone Sides in March. Affected clubs have been notified and provided with three options they may consider working around this situation.

The system of Recording of Pennant results was discussed at February Match Committee with a view to changing the present structure. This was circulated to clubs on circular 2020-17 on 14th February. Also, your club has been sent a copy of the result sheets required for the Saturday Grade 1-7 and Midweek Competitions and additional material is available for collection this evening especially the 2020 NDBA "Instructions for Side Managers" pamphlet

There may be clubs affected by their entry in the State 5-a-Side Competition and any options of an alternate playing of affected fixtures must have games completed before Round 10.

Bowls NSW has issued three further items in relation to Open Gender.

Circular C01/20 is a "Clarification of Eligibility for Championships and Pennants", a reminder to all clubs regarding exemptions to the Bowls NSW Attire Policy and an update on the postponement of a meeting with Women's Bowls NSW that was scheduled for 14/02/14.

Any club having difficulty providing any of their sides with the same playing uniform is asked to report this to the Association and seek approval for any variation required.

3. Zone Pairs entries were as follows;

Open – 66, President's Reserve 60, Senior 67

The playing programme was altered for the weekend of 1st/2nd February to allow for the anticipated heat wave conditions on those two days. Only the State Presidents Pairs was able to be played on the 8th/9th February. We congratulate Milton Rigby and Geoff Wallis (Charlestown) on their success on an extra end over the Catherine Hill Bay duo of and Kevin Forsyth and Glenn Mellare and thank

Raymond Terrace for their hosting as well as the other clubs who hosted earlier rounds. The Open and Senior Pairs have been rescheduled to be completed on the Sundays of 8th and 15th March .

We thank all our Host Clubs and those who hosted early rounds for both their patience and assistance in staging these events and especially the entrants for their understanding.

The Zone Triples entries were:

Open – 38 Senior-34 State President's Reserves-35

These events are due to be finalised at Host Clubs Soldiers Point, Hamilton North and Mayfield West on 22nd February .It is interesting to note that Mayfield West has secured sponsorship from Dowling Real Estate to support their hosting .

Zone Championship Fours entries have been extended close on 24/02/20

Nominations are still required for Host Clubs for the Zone Champion of Club Champion Pairs, the Zone State Presidents Singles and the Zone Minor Singles .

4 2020 Vets and Super Vets venue will be Kotara BC on Thursday 5th March. The circular for this has been sent to all clubs and we look forward to a good response .We once again thank David Lloyd Funerals and their Manager Aaron Bessant for the sponsorship of the event

5 The fixture between the NDBA and Bowls NSW Executive has been rescheduled from 22nd November to 29th November 2020 and will be played in Zone 2.

J Smith Chairman of Match

Selection Committee

The first Open representative game for 2020 was at Halekulani (Zone 15) on Saturday 18TH & Sunday 19TH January. Competing Zones were 2, 6, 11 & 15.

In Game 1, Zone 6 defeated Zone 2, 9 points to 2 with a score of 67-82 & 2 rinks each. Zone 15 defeated Zone 11, 10 points to 1.

In Game 2, Zone 2 defeated Zone 11, 10.5 points to 0.5 with a score of 96-64 & 3.5 to 0.5 rinks. Zone 15 defeated Zone 6, 10 points to 1.

Prior to Game 3, a presentation was made by John Smith to Jason Pietraszek on becoming the most capped player to represent NDBA/Zone2 with 268 games.

Unknown to Jason, his family (wife Megan & sons Liam, Ryan, Sean & great mate Andrew "Hollywood" Smith & his wife Felicity & their son AJ) were in attendance sitting in the dark.

John Smith was the previous most capped player with 267. Congratulations Jason.

In Game 3, Zone 2 defeated Zone 15, 11 points to 0 with a score of 72-64 & 4 rinks to 0. Zone 6 defeated Zone 11, not sure what the points were.

Zone 2 won the series & John Smith OAM presented the inaugural "John Smith OAM Shield" to Jason Pietraszek. One Zone 2 Champion to another Zone 2 Champion.

The annual game for the Seniors from Zone 2, 6 & 15, was played on Monday 10TH February. It was to be played at Charlestown, but due to all the inclement weather in the week prior, a decision was made to transfer to Belmont Golf/Bowling Club & play under cover.

Competitors were Zone 2 side A & B, Zone 6 & 15. Each side had 4 rinks.

There is no presentation for this series, as it is used as a selection process for the BNSW State Seniors Sides Championships.

The BNSW State Seniors & Open Sides Championships will be played at Grandviews & Olds Park Bowling Clubs.

The Senior & Open sides play at Grandviews BC, from sectional play thru to the Final.

The Seniors will play from Tuesday 10TH thru to Thursday 12TH March.

The Open side will play from Friday 13TH thru to Sunday 15TH March.

T Blow Chairman

State Councilor Report

BNSW COUNCILS REPORT FEBRUARY 2020

Good evening Delegates,

There has been no BNSW State Councilors meeting since September 2019. The November meeting was cancelled due to the NSW bush fires.

David Ellis (Head of Sport & Operation Report Dec 2019)

Membership

1ST January 2019, 36616 registered members.

20TH December 2019, 36870 registered members.

491 affiliated clubs with BNSW.

20TH December 2019, 1456 women registered with BNSW. BNSW & WBNSW were to meet in mid-January. Postponed by WBNSW due to issue of "dual registrations for members". See circular C4/2020.

2019 pennant 1275 nominations -1.4% down from 2018.

6486 entries in all State Championships (Singles, Pairs, Triples & Fours) [Open, Senior & Reserve]. Up 13.19% on entries 2018.

State Rookie Singles up 27.10% on 2018 (from 380 to 483).

State Rookie Pairs up 16.21% (185 to 215).

U25 Singles up 21.66% on 2018.

Club Challenge down -7.16% on 2018.

Overall 2019 up 29.05% on 2018 entries, this includes inaugural State Over 40's for 2019 with 205 entries.

BNSW BOWLER OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION

The 2019 BNSW Bowler of the Year Presentation was held on Thursday 13TH February 2020 at Club Kirribilli.

Zone 2 winners on the night for 2019 were:

Volunteer of the Year: Phil Garry (Charlestown).

Disability Bowler of the Year: Mick Kedwell (Belmont).

Senior Bowler of the Year: Jack Littlewood (Valentine).

Country Club of the Year: Raymond Terrace.

Zone 6 winner on the night,

Bowler of The Year: Nathan Dawson (Kurri Kurri)

Congratulations to all, you have done Zone 2 & Zone 6 proud.

CIRCULARS

The following circulars are on BNSW Bowls Box.

Your Club Secretary, Bowls Co-Ordinator or Bowls Secretary should have seen the following.

EOI 9 TH January 2020	EOI Australian Indoor Singles NSW Men's Qualifying. Playing dates 26 TH to 29 TH June 2020. Entries close Friday 14 TH February 2020.
C1/2020 24 TH January 2020	Clarification of Eligibility for Championships & Pennants. This includes InterState Clearances as well as InterState Pennant Declaration forms.
C2/2020 24 TH January 2020	EOI Governance in Sport & Working in Sport. EOI by 3 RD February 2020.
C3/2020 24 TH January 2020	EOI for BNSW Over 40's side. Anybody can nominate, as long that they 40 at the day of the event. NDBA Selectors will nominate players who fill that criteria. Closes 28 TH February 2020. Event for City/Country trials is 16 TH & 17 TH May 2020.
C4/2020 3 RD February 2020	Unification Discussion January meeting cancelled as mentioned in HoSo report.
10 TH February 2020	5 A-Side entries close Monday 24 TH February
C5/2020 14 TH February 2020	Pending STA (State & Territorial Association) Clearances for dual registered members

Next BNSW State Councilors meeting is Thursday 12TH March 2020 at Olds Park Bowling Club while the Seniors Semi-Final is being played.

Sorry to say, but I will miss Zone 2 Seniors winning their Semi-Final.

Umpires Committee:

Since our last Management committee meeting we have completed courses at Marks Point, Lemon Tree Passage, Charlestown and Merewether and we thank all those clubs for the use of their facilities. We now have 7 new male and 6 Female umpires all of who are members of Bowls NSW.

It has come to the notice of the umpires committee that the handling of the heat polices of some clubs and association Heat Policies by umpires and controlling bodies to allow play to continue in the recent hot days was not in the best interest of the game. We have reasonability to all bowlers and if the conditions become excessive then it is the responsibility of the officials that all club and Association policies be upheld. We would not like to see someone in court being sued.

With the changes in bowls that now allows Female Bowls to play in pennants as long as they are members of Bowls NSW, umpires and officials must be aware that there are rules that cover harassment which also includes interference, or distractions in any way by other players (Male or Female). The laws that cover such actions are on Page 29 law 13, Law 36 on Page 45 and if these are breached the umpire or controlling can use the Instantaneous Penalties police on Page 126.

Let's hope none of this is needed and the game can be played in a fair and sportsperson like manner We have been advised that Bowls Australia have approved another Laser measure call the "Crackajack" which is going to be available in mid-February at a cost of \$99 compared to the "Bowlsline" at \$350. Jackie's Bowls will be one of the first to get them.

Regarding DR 2.4.5. Substitutes must play in the same position as the player being substituted, except if it is the skip.

Bowls NSW have informed us that- there is nothing on the COP or that requires teams to play in same order in each round. Laws are also silent on this issue, so there is no barrier to teams being reordered. As

such, at the start of each game a team may reorder and therefore a sub in place at the start of a match may play in any position except skip. If the player that has been substituted rejoins, they must then play in the position the sub was playing in. if after a match has started a sub is used they must play in the place of the absent player- except skip.

K Bucklee Chairman

General Business:

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2020 commencing at 6.30pm.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

**CONFIRMED.....(PRESIDENT)
(16.4.2020)**