**MINUTES of the MANAGEMENT MEETING of BOWLS CENTRAL COAST**
**13th January 2014 at Orimbah-Lisarow RSL in the Wattle Room at 6.00pm**

**Chairman**: Max Le Guier

**Present**: 31 delegates (representing 20 clubs) and 11 Executive and Permanent Committee Representatives

**Apologies**: Tony Windley (The Entrance) & Robert Penson (Umina)

**Bereavements:** Tom Hobbs (Breakers Wamberal), Trevor Quinton (Wyong), Barry Bercli & Gary Sullivan (Morisset) & P. Kiddwell (Gwandalan).

**New Delegates:** Ray Vetter (Bateau Bay ) & Chris Jones (Davistown RSL)

**Appointments:** Jim Phillips has been appointed Secretary of the Selection Committee.

**Minutes of Management Meeting of 21st November 2013** were confirmed.

**Business Arising** from the Minutes:

1. **Newsletter and Demise of Grandstand**
   - **a.** It was moved Fred Trounce (Toukley Dist), seconded Peter Taylor (The Entrance) that the Newsletter continue. Carried. Jim Cook (Woy Woy) spoke on reducing the number or copies distributed to the clubs and the reduction in numbers to lower the cost of production. Publicity Officer Kevin Dring (KJD) advised that the reduction in cost would be marginal and asked that the Newsletter be circulated in clubs not just a pile on a cupboard in the Bowls Office. KJD asked all clubs to provide him with matters of interest to all.
   - **b.** KJD advised that Grandstand's last publication was just before Christmas. Publishers Ducks Crossing will still receive news items to appear in their 3 regional papers (Peninsula News, Coast Community News and Wyong Regional Chronicle). KJD is working with the Express Advocate and it is yet to be seen how much coverage they will give bowls.

2. **District Boundaries Discussion Paper**
   a. Secretary Doug Rose (DR) reminded the meeting that this Zone is not excessively impacted by the proposals, unlike Zone 2 (Newcastle) which has been decimated from 7000 bowlers to 2200 and in the words of the Zone 6 President "Zone 6 does not exist anymore".
   b. However, there are some important matters that need to be conveyed to the Consultant who prepared the Discussion Paper
      i. The document lists Mooney Mooney in the Hornsby Shire when it is in the Gosford LGA and the Club wishes to remain in BCC/Zone 15
      ii. Morisset is outside the Wyong Shire but has elected to stay with BCC/Zone 15.
      iii. There are some errors in the document related to Canton Beach.
   c. DR's main concern was that he had been instructed by the RNSWBA CEO to put in a response as Doug Rose, member Ettalong Memorial Club and not Doug Rose, Secretary BCC/Zone 15. He feared that his submission as an individual will be lumped in with the hundreds of other submissions and given scant credibility.
   d. DR is very proud of the confidence that Clubs display in BCC/Zone 15 in that Clubs rely on them to negotiate with the RNSWBA on behalf of Clubs. He deeply regretted that he has been prevented from helping Clubs on this occasion.
   e. Today DR has issued a circular to all Clubs advising them to respond as an individual members. of the their Club by 31st January 2014 on the attached official form.
   f. In summary, the Zone doesn't have the ability to speak on your behalf so you must if you so wish. Thankfully BCC/Zone 15 is not heavily impacted by the recommendations of the discussion paper.

3. **Quadrangular Series this weekend** DR suggested that if anybody had some spare time that they come to The Entrance BC this weekend to see the Quadrangular Series against Zones 2 (Newcastle) and 16 (Illawarra) as well as the ACT State Side. On his count there were 7 international bowlers competing including our own Aron Sherriff.

**Correspondence:**

1. **14 01 08 CEO's complaint re minutes** DR reminded the meeting that at the RNSWBA's request a copy of the minutes of this meeting are sent to the CEO. The CEO when he received the minutes of our November meeting advised by an email on 8th January 2014 that he had 2 concerns with them. The email from the CEO was displayed to the meeting and it was noted that:
   a. The CEO believed that point 2 of Business Arising from the Minutes was not an accurate reflection of the emails.

i. It was not correct to assume that he was not concerned that the document had factual errors simply because he was not willing to correct them. The identified errors needed to be submitted on the official feedback form which must be submitted by an individual because an individual member cannot provide objective feedback 'on behalf of 3600 other individuals'. It was also stated that a collective submission from the Zone 15 Committee would be welcome.

ii. DR advised that he had replied to the CEO pointing out that the CEO's email did state: *"On the matter of the form, given that we are seeking 'objective' feedback we would be expecting you to respond as an individual member of Ettalong Memorial BC. Regardless of the position you may hold with the Zone"* and therefore DR contended that no submission could be collective.

b. The CEO was dismayed at the apathy towards BowlsBox from Zone 15 delegates and suggested that training be organised. It was agreed that the CEO be invited to visit BCC/Zone 15 to address delegates for a question and answer session on a range of issues .and for some IT training on bowls box but also other items like the web site and membership records.

2. **14 01 14 EOI to host a Section or the Semi's and Final of 2015 IZ Sides**. DR issued a circular today that in 2015 we are going to be hosting the inter zone sides championship. The EOI is looking for clubs interested in hosting elements of the event. Eight greens will be needed to host it so we will need more than one club. A two green club could host a section. The final and semi-final requires a three green club. The EOI closes on 30th April 2014.

**Reports:** *(These minutes are to be read in conjunction with the document titled "reports for January 2014 which form part of these minutes)* The following additional comments were made:

1. **Publicity** KJD advised that since he had been on the BCC committee he had felt that BCC history has been a missing link in our records. In recent months thanks to people like Allan Pollock and Albert Heath we have a draft zone history on the web site. It sets out our 75 years. Comment on its accuracy, omissions, additions and so on are welcome. So please take an opportunity of reading it and if you can contribute it would be greatly appreciated.

2. **Coaches** A courses is listed to be held at Ourimbah/Lisarow on Monday & Tuesday 3rd and 4th due to the unavailability of the green that course will not go ahead so will be held later in the year.

**General Business:**

1. **Bowler of the Year.** DR advised that in 2014 there will be four Bowlers of the Year. We will still have the Wal Rainbow shield for bowlers who participate in open events. Then we will also have 3 other bowlers of the year. A category for seniors, another for Rookies to encourage new bowlers under 30 months and another for under 18's. The concept will be that the points will be much the same except that there will be no points from Club events. Points towards the Bowler of the Year will be gathered from the Zone Championships in the relevant category or Open and C of C events. Prize money will be $500 for Open, $200 for Seniors and $100 order on Comfit Bowls Shop for Under 18 winner. There will be no runners up.

2. **RNSWBA COP –** delegates were reminded that submissions to modify the RNSWBA Conditions of Play close 31/1/2014.

3. **North V South Format for Pennants –** after considerable discussion it was decided that Delegates should consult their Club Committees if they agree that Grades 5 to 7 of Pennants be played in a North v South format. The pro's being that players will not travel from say Umina Beach to Gwandalan. The con's being that players from say Mingara will not play at diggers. A motion to be put to the March meeting and voted upon to apply from 2015.

4. **Peter Freestone** was congratulated for qualifying for the Australian Open Singles to be played at Darebin Victoria from 16th - 22nd February 2014.

5. **sporties@ woywoy** - Jim Cook assured everybody that the club will continue to trade. A development plan is being drawn up which will include 2 bowling greens and the Clubhouse

6. **Next meeting at Ourimbah/Lisarow RSL 20th March at 7.30 pm.**

**The meeting closed at 6.50 pm.**

**The Meeting was followed by the 2013 Presentation Evening**

**Next Meeting: 20th March 2014 at 7.30 pm.**

**Confirmed as Correct**

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**M. Le Guier**
**20th March 2014**

**Reports for January 2014**

***President Max Le Guier***

Saturday 23/10. I attended Diggers Presentation Day, accompanied by Councillor Kevin,. Senior V.P. Colin and V.P. David.

President Terry had many Awards to be presented, all Awards are hard to achieve and fought for playing against Club mates. After the Awards were presented, we had a wonderful lunch then we had a great game of bowls.

Monday 9/12. I attended The Bay Bowlers Xmas Party and Presentations at Wyong Leagues Club. A wonderful day was had by all. Bay Bowlers is at present 240 members strong and happy to be in Zone 15.

To all Bowlers – Happy New Year and a Good and Healthy 2014.

***State Councillor Kevin Dring***

The following is a brief overview of the outcome of the Agenda topics discussed at the Nov 28 State Council Meeting; -

**1. Motion to rescind the Start of State Inter-Zone Sides Championship on the Saturday and Revert to a Friday (PM) Start (Zones 10) or Friday (AM) Start (Zone 14):-** Endorsed despite the level of discussion giving the impression it would be defeated. The 2014 Dubbo State Inter-Zone will now commence Friday (PM), meaning Thursday become ours travel day and we will have to book accommodation accordingly.

**2. Change Open Draw Format of State Inter-Zone sides Championship to give weaker Zones a Better Chance of Winning a Section (Zone 14):-** The Board had already made an executive decision that it would remain as an open draw.

**3. Status Report by the Marketing Sub-Committee of the Board: -** Director Peter Rake provided a brief overview of the Marketing Sub Committee activities. He introduced Paul Dunn from 360 Degree Marketing who spoke on the importance of using the correct media in communicating with particular target market groups. Young audience -30 yrs more likely to respond to electronic, 45 + Magazine /Newsletter/Local Newspapers etc This observation was an endorsement of our new newsletter which had been circulated to the meeting. He was not in a position to talk specifically about the marketing of bowls as a sport. I made the point that the electronic media was not the magic answer to our communications and asked how many in the meeting were aware of the BA Survey re the motivations of why people play bowls. Only two in a meeting of around 25. My case rests!

**Bowls Magazine** – It is expected that there will be a progressive improvement in content.

**Membership Card** – Peter Rake advised the meeting not to expect cards before the end of January and reassured everyone that it will be a unique and outstanding card when it arrives.

**4. To Resist BA Proposed Changes to Umpires Accreditation Procedure (Zone5**):- This motion was based on speculation and no one should get their knickers in a knot until the situation has been resolved and announced. In the meantime it is business as usual.

**5. Bowls NSW to Focus on Email as the Primary Form of Communication to Clubs / Districts / Zones (Zone 15):-** Accepted and endorsed that Bowls Box had not been embraced by Zones and Clubs and it still had many shortcomings. Despite a general consensus that email was the easiest and most acceptable way to communicate with Clubs a couple of Councilors kept saying we had to be seen to be moving with the times. This led to the conclusion that the challenge confronting Bowls NSW was really one of re-education of Bowls Box as opposed to concentrating upon emails. We beg to disagree!

***Publicity Officer Kevin Dring***

**Local Newspaper GRANDSTAND Ceases Publication –** The free community newspaper known as "GRANDSTAND" published by Ducks Crossing Publications ceased publication just before Christmas. It was the primary print medium for the Zone and Bowling Clubs to promote our sport. Its demise basically leaves bowls on the Central Coast with no print media coverage and no means of reaching non bowlers on a regular basis.

**Feature stories -** The JR story of him stepping down from the Zone representative side after 17 years was published in the Dec/Jan edition of the Bowls NSW magazine. The Albert Heath story in recognition of 25 years continuous service as a Zone administrator was published in the last edition of Grandstand.

**Zone Newsletter Jan/Feb 2014 -** The 2nd edition will be handed out at the Management Meeting

***Secretary- Doug Rose***

**Quadrangular –** There will be some great bowls to watch this weekend at The Entrance. Illawarra will be fielding internationals Eric Johannes, Jeremy Henry and Shane Garvey. Newcastle has Matthew Baus, Richard Girvan and Terry Antram. Aron Sherriff will be captaining the BCC team which welcomes back Halekulani's Michael Stead and Lindsay Willding.

**Boundaries –** Two Clubs (Mooney Mooney and Morisset) are impacted. Morisset because it is outside the LGA boundaries and Mooney Mooney which is in the Gosford LGA but close to the boarder with Hornsby, so close that the discussion paper has recorded it in the Hornsby LGA and therefore Zone 9. I am pleased to

advise that both clubs have considered their options and have advised me that they wish to stay as part of Bowls Central Coast.

**Funerals –** Immediately after Christmas I attended two funerals for Morisset's President Frank (Barry) Bercli and Wyong's Secretary Trevor (Straw) Quinton. Both funerals were massively attended with not even standing room left in the chapel. Barry died Christmas day and Trevor the Friday before.

**Secretary of Selectors –** Umina Beach's Jim Phillips has been appointed as Secretary of the Selection Committee. Jim will not be a Selector. He will be using his exceptional computer skills to facilitate communication between the Selection Committee and representative players and Clubs. Jim will also be gathering and presenting information to the Selectors to assist them to increase the objectivity of their decision making.

### *Constitution Sub Committee - Doug Rose*

The Executive Committee met on 2nd December 2013 and identified some additional changes to the Regulations. My thanks are extended to Frank Simpson for his critiques of the documents that were presented to the Executive on 2nd December. As soon as the changes have been completed to the satisfaction of the Executive, arrangements will be made to present the documents to Club representatives with up to three seminars to be held across the Central Coast.

### *Coaches Report – David Cameron*

Bowls Central Coast currently has 63 male and 17 female coaches operating in 20 clubs. Clubs without a male coach are Gwandalan, Mooney Mooney, Norah Head and Wyong RSL.
Club Coach Course is scheduled to be conducted at Ourimbah on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th February commencing at 9am.
Next meeting of the Academy will be held at Diggers on Monday 17th February at 9:30am– guest speaker will be John Roberts – topic is "Talent Identification and how to foster it"

### *Match Committee – Reg Richardson*

**2014 Pennants:**
The Pennant Draw for 2014 Pennants and the Competition has now been approved by State Match Committee and has been issued to all Zone 15 Clubs and is now on the Zone Web Site. Grade 1 has 6 Sides, Grade 2 has 12 Sides, Grade 3 has 6 Sides, Grade 4 has 12 Sides, Grade 5 has 18 Sides, Grade 6 has 24 Sides and Grade 7 has 22 Sides making a total of 100 Sides in 2014 (2013 we had 105 Sides).

**2014 Zone Programme of Events**
The 2014 Programme of Events has been emailed to all Zone 15 Clubs and is on the Zone web site.

**2014 Zone 15 Conditions of Play**
The 2014 Conditions of Play have been emailed to all clubs and is on the Zone web site
Please Note: Dress code will be enforced and late arrival is now 15 minutes after starting time for all associating events. Also any changes to any association event MUST be notified to the Chairman of Match.

**2014 Zone Fours Championships**
Number of teams entered: Major Fours 44 President's Reserve Fours 27. In 2013 there were Major Fours 52 President's Reserve Fours 33.
The draw will be conducted on Tuesday 14th January and will be published on the Zone web site and emailed to all clubs by Friday 17th January with the first round scheduled to be played Saturday 1st February 2014.

### *Website Manager and IT Advisor – Geoff Graham*

**Scroll –** The following clubs have not returned their "Scroll" files for adjustment as outlined in my report for the November meeting:- Davistown RSL, Gosford City, Ourimbah/Lisarow, Terrigal, Toukley RSL, Umina Beach, Wamberal and Wyong. Could the delegates from these clubs please follow this request up with the relevant person at their club.

A new heading entitled "Profiles" has been added to the Zone Website. If you feel you have a member at your club worthy of an entry under this heading please contact our Publicity Officer Kevin Dring with details.

Please don't hesitate to give me a call if you need assistance with your "Scroll" file on 4389 1062.

### *Umpires – Leo Finn*

The fate of the umpires has now had some light shed on what is going to happen through circular 13/2013 from the Royal. The changes to the ground level umpires role are really unchanged, with the exception of Level 2 Umpires who will no longer exist. There role at this stage will be filled by and Umpire Educator (assessor and presenter).

The accreditation process is where the changes will impact on umpires as there will in future be three levels, Marker, Measurer and Umpire. The Marker and Measurer Course has to be completed prior to sitting the Umpires accreditation.

There has been no costing indicated at this time but we expect there to be some.

The accreditation process will be managed by Bowls New South Wales and we will be recognized as State Umpires. For a clearer picture I encourage everyone to read Circular 13/2013 dated the 10th October 2013. (See the Royal Web Page under Circulars).

**All umpires are advised that no changes will be implemented prior to early 2015** and therefore business will continue in this Zone as it has. Courses, accreditations and re-accreditations will still be performed by the Zone Umpires Panel as needed but accreditations will only last till 2015 when every umpire will require re-accreditation under the new proposed system.

## *Selectors – Dick Love*

There is very little to report since the November meeting. Initial squads have been posted on the website. The selectors await replies from several clubs to the request for nominations sent on 2/12/2013.a few clubs remain to be visited by selectors and these will be completed by end of January. We look forward to the quadrangular series with Zones2, Zone 16 and the ACT at the Entrance on February 18th and 19th..We have 4 strong rinks, a seniors and under 25 rink. Notable Internationals Aron Sherriff, Jeremy Henry and Eric Johannes and many Interstate reps will be on display so please come along and support Zone 15.

## *Financial Report – Albert Heath*

**CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION - ZONE 15 INC.**

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| | | ***Financial Report for*** | | ***Nov-Dec 2013*** | |
| **No 2 Account - Opening Balance** | | $40,856.78 | | **Zone Championships** | |
| Nov-Dec 2013 | | | | Singles Majors | $0.00 |
| Championships | ***-$150.00*** | | | Singles Seniors | $0.00 |
| Special Events | $1,170.75 | | | Singles President's | $0.00 |
| Pennants | $6,370.00 | | | Veteran'sSingles | $0.00 |
| Mid-WeekTriples | ***-$375.00*** | | | CoC Singles | $0.00 |
| Recruitment | ***-$2,642.33*** | | | RookiesSingles | $0.00 |
| Under 18 | $0.00 | | | Pairs Majors | $0.00 |
| Under 25 | $0.00 | | | Pairs Seniors | $0.00 |
| Mixed Pennants | $0.00 | | | Pairs President's | $0.00 |
| WebSite | $0.00 | | | Veteran'sPairs | $0.00 |
| Clothing | ***-$5,000.00*** | | | CoC Pairs | ***-$150.00*** |
| Capitation | $0.00 | | | RookiesPairs | $0.00 |
| AffiliationFees | $50.00 | | | Triples Majors | $0.00 |
| Interest | $0.00 | | | Fours Majors | $0.00 |
| Sponsorship | $1,500.00 | | | Total | ***-$150.00*** |
| RNSWBA | $200.00 | | | **Special Events** | |
| Sundry Income | $0.00 | | | Seniors vs 2, 6 & 9 | $0.00 |
| Administration | ***-$1,950.12*** | | | Maj/Res vs Zone 2 & 6 | $0.00 |
| Honoraria | $0.00 | | | Open vs Zone 9 | $0.00 |
| Donations | ***-$400.00*** | ***-$1,226.70*** | | Open vs Zone 6 | $0.00 |
| **No 2 Account - Closing Balance** | | $39,630.08 | | Quad v 2,16 & ACT | $0.00 |
| Less Commitments and Reserves | | | | OtherGames | $0.00 |
| 2013 Recruitment Fund | $3,112.26 | | | Seniors Inter Zone | $0.00 |
| Zone Presentation Evening | $1,000.00 | | | Inter Zone Sides | $2,610.75 |
| Badges For 2014 | $2,800.00 | | | Under 25 Inter Zone | $0.00 |
| Flags For 2014 Pennants | $3,000.00 | | | Pat Geary Shield | ***-$1,440.00*** |
| | | | | Volunteer's Day | $0.00 |
| | | $9,912.26 | | Delegates Day | $0.00 |
| **Total Available Operating Funds** | | **$29,717.82** | | Veteran's Day | $0.00 |
| | | | | Presentation Day | $0.00 |
| **No 1 Account Term Deposit** | | $30,036.33 | | OtherEvents | $0.00 |
| | | | | Total | $1,170.75 |
| **Recruitment Funds** | | | | **Administration** | |
| b/f from 2012/2013 Financial Year | | $3,210.09 | | Postage | ***-$6.00*** |
| Income 2013/2014 | | $6,138.00 | | Stationery | ***-$335.53*** |
| Expenditure 2013/2014 | | -$3,835.83 | | Internet | ***-$340.00*** |
| **less** Commitments and Reserves | | -$2,400.00 | | Phone/Fax | ***-$350.24*** |
| Funds Available | | $3,112.26 | | BankFees | ***-$8.00*** |
| | | | | Mtce & New Equip | $0.00 |
| | | | | Zone ExecMeetings | ***-$211.25*** |
| | | | | Insurance | $0.00 |
| | | | | Audit Fee | $0.00 |
| | | | | Travelling Allowance | ***-$105.00*** |
| | | | | Badges | ***-$30.00*** |
| **Albert Heath** | | | | Sundry Items | ***-$564.10*** |
| **Treasurer** | | | | Total | ***-$1,950.12*** |