

MINUTES of the BOWLS CENTRAL COAST MANAGEMENT MEETING of 18th September 2014 at Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL in the Bellbird Room commencing at 7.04 pm.

Chairman: President Col Bray

Present: 28 delegates (representing 19 clubs and CCPA, RSL & Bay Bowlers) and 11 Executive and Permanent Committee Representatives.

Apologies: B. Ward (Breakers), A. Cooper (Ettalong) and J. Wickham (Wyong RSL).

Bereavements: Bob. Foskett (Everglades).

New Delegates: Stan Rogerson (CC Past Presidents), Les Fitzgerald (Wyong), Dave Thomson and John Cardy (Avoca Beach), John Matson (Toukley Dist), Brian Emms & Max Lamb (Diggers @ The Entrance)

Appointments – CB informally announced the following appointments to BCC positions and sub-committees:

1. Peter Coombes-Assistant Secretary/Recruitment
2. Tony Pearce-Minutes Secretary
3. Kevin Dring – Publicity Officer
4. Geoff Graham, Pat Cummins, Albert Heath, Guy Robins and Reg Richardson – Match
5. Dick Love, David Cameron, Miro Perovic, Peter Taylor, Ray Vetter – Selection
6. David Cameron – Performance Coordinator
7. Albert Heath – Gear Steward
8. Norma Barry – Under 18 Coordinator
9. Brett George – Under 25 Coordinator
10. Geoff Graham – Website and IT Advisor
11. Torben Neilsen – Meeting Registrar
12. David Lyons – Business Development Manager

Confirmation of the Minutes of Management Meeting of 17th July 2014: Moved by Ray Wheatley, seconded & carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

Club Briefings

1. **Breakers of Wamberal** The Delegate apologised that he had not prepared anything to talk about his Club, so he was re scheduled to talk at the November meeting.
2. **Davistown.** Dick Love spoke for the club saying that he had only been with the Club for a few months after 9 years at Avoca, but spoke highly of the club and the attitude and enthusiasm of the whole club. The greens are in good condition. The club has a group called the Mudcrabs who bowl on a Wednesday night during daylight saving.

The Secretary said that the Clubs to speak at the next meeting will be Breakers and Diggers

Correspondence:

The Secretary drew the meetings attention to the list correspondence distributed with the agenda and mentioned:

1. The correspondence on a recent disciplinary issue that happened at the Pat Geary Series.
2. He commended Toukley RSL for its proposal for a Bowlers Arm tournament and asked that all delegates advised players of their Club that use a bowlers arm of the proposal.

A question was asked about the letter to Lee Trethowen re “ultimatum”. The Secretary responded that this related to Lee advising that he would have to forfeit if the BCC major singles final was played in the afternoon. In future if an event is being played at the time that it was initially published it will not be changed.



The President advised the meeting that all players that represent the Zone and all Officials who go away with them have to sign a Player and Officials Agreement form which does cover disciplinary issues. Norma Barry asked if copies of the Players and Officials Agreement could be provided to her for the Under 18's to sign.

Reports

1. State Councillor

State Councillor Kevin Dring advised that:

- i) The State Council meeting was held today at which the RNSWBA Board announced that the 2015 Inter Zone Sides (to be held at Ettalong and The Entrance) will start on Saturday Morning. The Board also announced that it had approved the recommendation of the meetings held at the 2013 and 2014 IZ Sides that Zones can select any player who is registered to play pennants in that Zone. This will allow certain international players to compete in the event.
- ii) Our Zone has 17 clubs registered for Aloha Bowls which is a great result and should mean that 2 winning pairs from the Central Coast will go to Hawaii. The President announced that the Zone will provide \$400.00 to the winning team or teams that go to Hawaii. The State Councillor said that the Royal were most impressed what our zone was doing with regard to recruitment.
- iii) The Royal is proposing to take action against certain Clubs that have implemented Social Membership which is against the Constitution.
- iv) The RNSWBA CEO advised that the Board was taking a keen interest in new financial membership model currently being trialled in Victoria. Such a change away from the current capitation method would require consensus across the State with Districts and Zones. It was agreed that work will continue towards the possible introduction of such a model in July 2015.

2 Publicity

Publicity Officer Kevin Dring said that it was time to evaluate the worth of the newsletter, it has now been going for 12 months and the commitments to advertisers have been met. Even with sponsorship there was still a cost of around \$450 per issue (\$2700 per annum). Clubs were asked to check how many copies they are using each month.

Clubs were asked to submit their Histories for the BCC website.

3 Secretary

Secretary Doug Rose congratulated Ettalong Memorial for the excellence of how they conducted the Grade 4 State Pennant Finals. He felt assured that the 2014 State Finals in October will be as well conducted.

4 Selectors –

Chairman of Selectors Dick Love reported on the BCC Open Sides performance at the Inter Zone Sides at Dubbo held last weekend. Due to a disastrous 39 point loss in the first match against Zone 1 we were knocked out in the sectional play. However the side never gave up they defeated Zone 6 by 24 points then played brilliantly to defeat Zone 12 with their 8 international and state players by 7 shots to finish 2nd in the section. Zone 1 was far more experienced with the very fast Tifdwarf greens and it was unfortunate that we played Zone 1 first. Dick advised that he was happy with the other aspects. Player dress and behaviours was impeccable. The motel was comfortable and enjoyed by the players and their partners. Dick was particularly pleased that almost all of the players travelled on the Thursday to ensure that they were well rested and had a chance to have a practice on the greens.

5 Match

Chairman of Match Geoff Graham advised that the date for commencement of Pennants is 28th February 2015. He also advised that the Match Committee envisaged that there will be 8 teams in Grade 1 in 2015 with Wyong and Gosford City joining the existing Grade 1 Clubs..

7 Financial

Frank Simpson (Morisset) asked about the high cost of sending players to the Pat Geary at Coffs Harbour. Treasurer Albert Heath advised that the game is only at Zone 14 every 4th year and costs are a lot less when playing at the other Zones..

The Secretary commented that 75% of the players costs are paid for by the players Club.

General Business

- 1 Payment of Entry Fees.** Geoff Graham explained that in future, payment of entry fees to Championships will be invoiced to Clubs once the draw has been done. This will allow entries to be faxed or emailed to Geoff.
- 2 Clearance Forms** In future Clubs are asked to email or fax a copy of all Clearance Forms to the Match Committee together with some proof of payment of the fee.
- 3 Pennants Structure** The meeting discussed the possible structure for Pennants next year with the Delegates giving feedback to the Match Committee.
- 4 Midweek Triples** the secretary advised that a Questionnaire will be sent to Clubs within the next two weeks to assess what the Clubs would prefer for the Midweek Triples comp for next year.
- 5 CCPA** The President announced that tonight's meeting was the first time we have had someone from The Past Presidents Association at our meetings and welcomed Stan Rogerson. He asked Stan if he would give a five minute talk next meeting about his association, along with the other two Delegates from Breakers and the Diggers.
- 6 Flag Unfurling** Ray Wheatley (Wyong) asked if there was any specific date allocated within the zone for Flag Unfurling. He was advised that "the Zone does not normally attend a flag unfurling however if you would like a Zone Representative to attend, let us know the date and someone will be there".

Next meeting will be on 20th November starting at 7.00 pm at Ourimbah – Lisarow RSL Club.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Confirmed as Correct

Col Bray
20th November 2014

Reports for Executive and Management Meetings to be held 16th and 18th Sept 2014.

President – Col Bray

AGM 21st August. – As this is my Inaugural Report, it is timely that my sincere appreciation be extended to Members of the Executive and to Delegates for their support and encouragement to not only me but to all Office Bearers who pledge their services to Zone 15 for the next two years. It will remain a memorable evening for me and I'm sure all those who take office for the first time.

Sub-Committee's 22nd August. – The newly-elected Executive met at Ourimbah to discuss and appoint the Match and Selection Committee's for 2014-2016. My Congratulations to all those appointees who will now take responsibility for their respective positions within Bowls Central Coast.

Champion of Champion Singles – 30th August. – With an overcast Saturday and rain threatening, the Finalists in this championship, Bruce Jewel and Mark Wheatley, provided the enthusiastic crowd with some fine bowls. Bruce led the scoring but allowed Mark to make ground in the mid- section of the match before these fine bowlers greeted each other with Bruce emerging as "Winner". Congrats Bruce Jewel – the second time I believe !

State Councillors Report – Kevin Dring

Aloha Bowls: - Clubs are to be congratulated on their positive response in adopting Aloha Bowls as a promotional vehicle for recruitment. 17 of our 24 clubs will participate in this year's Bowls NSW promotion with at least one (may be two) trips to Hawaii being dedicated to our regional winners. Clubs are requested to keep a record of entries and participants so as they can follow up reactions to the overall promotion and subsequent conversions to the sport.

Bowls NSW Volunteer Awards: - Don't take your valued volunteer workers for granted. Take the opportunity of saying "Thank You" by nominating them for an appropriate Bowls NSW Volunteer's Award. Details of the Award categories can be found on the Bowls NSW web site or on Page 37 of the current July-August edition of Bowls NSW Magazine. **Entries close 10th October 2014.** It's important that your valued volunteer workers are recognized!

Publicity Officer – Kevin Dring

Newsletter :- "Around the Clubs on the Central Coast" Six bi-monthly editions = 12 months = Happy 1st Birthday. It's therefore timely to review the role of the newsletter as it costs the Zone money to produce. Is it a valued communication source of Central Coast Bowls News? Is it being read and appreciated by our members? Or does it fall within the category of 'a nice thing to do but we could do without it!' Would members be prepared to pay \$1.00 per year towards its continuation?

Constitution - Doug Rose

We have a new constitution and all Clubs have submitted a consent to become deemed as a Member under the new constitution. The new constitution has been submitted to the Department of Fair Trading and acknowledged by that Department as being operative from 28th July 2014..

Disciplinary Provisions. The Constitution and the Regulations were only one week old when its disciplinary provisions were utilised with an incident at Coff's Harbour with the BCC Representative Team. The old constitution was silent on discipline. Under it we would have been guessing what to do.

Directives to the Match Committee. Another feature of the new constitution that was immediately used was the relationship between the Executive Committee and the Match Committee. On the night of the AGM delegates raised concern over the 10 week draw for the Mid Week Triples. It could be agreed at the meeting that a pole would be held and the Match Committee would amend the draw as decided by the pole. Under the old Constitution the Match Committee could have only been asked to reconsider their earlier decision. Given that our current and previous Match Committee were always responsive to concerns of Clubs, the differences in what happened and what would have happened under the old constitution may appear slight but such matters are not now totally dependent on the good will of members of the match committee.

Secretary- Doug Rose

Its been a busy two months with a new constitution being implemented, the work now begins to establish the precedents for how it is administered. That started with the AGM on 21st August 2104. Match and Selection Committees have been appointed and portfolio's have been allocated amongst the Executive Committee and appointments of other individual Office Bearers have been made. A list of the new Office Bearers has been emailed to Clubs and placed on the web site.

We have also had **six presentation days** including two 50th Anniversary's (Bateau Bay and Ettalong Memorial). The BCC Pairs, Veteran's Singles, Veterans Pairs Championships, C of Club Champions Singles Championships and the Zone elimination rounds of the Rookies Singles and Pairs. We have implemented a new procedure for the purchase of badges and name bars for these events that minimises cost and ensures flexibility to meet the sometimes late requirements of Club Presidents.

Congratulations to Ettalong on the excellence of how they conducted the Grade 4 State Pennant Final (the MC did a brilliant job). John Roberts may have been elsewhere but his supervision was still very apparent. It was a great demonstration of what the 2014 State Championship Finals will also be a success.

2015 Inter Zone Sides – BCC will be hosting this event and will be introducing some exciting initiatives. Firstly we will be using 8 greens rather than the 6 greens normally used by other host Zones. This will mean that no match will be played over 2 greens and no ditch rinks will be used. We will be hosting the event at two 4 green clubs in The Entrance and Ettalong Memorial. This will share the accommodation load over 2 population centres. All 8 Greens have lights. Additionally, the two Clubs have agreed to provide free BBQ breakfasts and lunches to players and officials. This will

completely eliminate a massive amount of administration and for visiting zones. These plans have been endorsed by John Smith the State Chairman of Match.

Website Report – Geoff Graham

Club Tournaments –

I'm pleased to report that many clubs are now using the Club Tournaments page to advertise their events. We have Listed 24 tournaments on the web over the past nine months which is a big improvement.

Zone 15 Notices –

Regular users of our website would have noticed that I have been recording short reminders of all upcoming events and closing dates for championships etc. in the block down the side of the website. I recommend that you all have a look at it from time to time.

Recording of received Championship entries. –

The page set up under the "Championships" tab to record all entries received by the Match Committee is up and running and has been a big success. Please remember to go to this page a day or so after you submit Championship entries to make sure the Match Committee has received them.

Zone & State Pennant Finals at Ettalong –

A live score service was provided on our website during the running of the Zone and State Pennant Finals. It was very popular as we received over 3500 hits.

Selectors Report - Richard Love

There is little to report that was not covered at the Annual meeting last month.

The Zone Open side will travel to Dubbo on 12th Sept to play in the State Interzone and we plan to continue the pattern of success established this year.

In November we will select 5 rinks to play against the NSW RSL side at Davistown .

Geoff Fenton has stepped down from Selection due to family reasons and has been replaced by David Cameron, who has been actively involved with the squads in a coaching role.

We will be communicating with and visiting all Clubs prior to Christmas to formulate new squads which will then complete training between January and April 2015

Match Report – Geoff Graham

2014 Mid Week Triples – We received 37 entries for this event including 5 sides in "A" division which resulted in the event being drawn to run over 10 weeks. Unfortunately a majority of the clubs involved were not happy with the draw so it was reduced to 5 Sectional Rounds and 2 weeks of Semi and Final Rounds. The Match committee will insure this event is conducted over a total of 8 weeks in the future.

2015 Pennant Final and Championships EOI's – Expression of Interest forms to host the 2015 Pennant Finals and or the Zone 15 Championship events have been emailed to all clubs. These forms should be returned by 21st October 2014.

Triples Championships –.

Winners – Ian Tyerman, Karl Foster & Danny McNeilly, Ettalong. R/Up – Peter Wiblen, Graham Maier & Peter Freestone, Ettalong.

Veterans Pairs –

Winners – Alan Gregor sub for Brian Williams & Jack Fernance, Terrigal, R/Up – Don Pavior/Smith & Noel Murphy, Davistown.

Veterans Singles –

Winner – Norm Whitten, Davistown, R/Up – Tom Cain, Everglades.

Major Pairs Championships –

Winners – Michael Stead & Patrick Reynolds, Halekulani, R/Up – Duncan Moore & Lee Trethowan, Ettalong

Senior Pairs Championships –

Winners - Alan Rogers & Colin Passfield, Avoca. R/Up – Brian Pandelis & Neil Dell, Diggers.

Presidents Reserve Pairs Championships –

Winners - Jack Burnes & Colin Sowter, The Entrance. R/Up - Terry Hughes & Peter Hughes, Woy Woy.

Major Singles Championships –

Winner – Aron Sherriff, Ettalong. R/Up Lee Trethowan, Ettalong.

Senior Singles Championships –

Winner – Phil Flippence, The Entrance. R/Up – Peter Redman, Wyong.

Presidents Reserve Singles Championships –

Winner – Paul Hannagan, Bateau Bay. R/Up A Fillbrook, Terrigal.

Champion of Club Champions Singles –

Winner – Bruce Jewell, Terrigal. R/Up – Mark Wheatley, Wyong.

Rookies Singles Qualifying –

Winner – Garry Frost, The Entrance. R/Up – Tom Nailard, Avoca.

Financial Report – Albert Heath

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION - ZONE 15 INC.			
<i>Financial Report for</i>		<i>July - Aug 2014</i>	
No 2 Account - Opening Balance	20,162.05	Zone Championships	
July - Aug 2014		Singles Majors	-\$750.00
Championships	-\$2,203.00	Singles Seniors	-\$300.00
Special Events	-\$4,834.50	Singles President's	-\$300.00
Pennants	\$0.00	Veteran'sSingles	-\$123.00
Mid-WeekTriples	\$3,150.00	CoC Singles	-\$206.00
Recruitment	\$4,612.00	RookiesSingles	-\$200.00
Under 18	-\$1,940.00	Pairs Majors	-\$240.00
Under 25	\$0.00	Pairs Seniors	-\$232.00
Mixed Pennants	\$0.00	Pairs President's	\$8.00
WebSite	\$0.00	Veteran'sPairs	-\$84.00
Clothing	\$170.00	CoC Pairs	\$224.00
Capitation	\$34,317.00	RookiesPairs	\$0.00
AffiliationFees	\$1,300.00	Triples Majors	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00	Fours Majors	\$0.00
Sponsorship	\$10,300.00	Fours President's	\$0.00
RNSWBA	\$0.00	Total	-\$2,203.00
Sundry Income	\$0.00	Special Events	
Administration	-\$7,384.58	Seniors vs 2, 6 & 9	\$0.00
Honoraria	-\$21,000.00	Maj/Res vs Zone 2 & 6	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00	Open vs Zone 9	\$0.00
No 2 Account - Closing Balance	\$36,648.97	Open vs Zone 6	\$0.00
		Quad v 2,16 & ACT	\$0.00
Less Commitments and Reserves		OtherGames	\$0.00
2013/14 Recruitment Fund	\$7,576.26	Seniors Inter Zone	\$1,526.50
State Zones Open Dubbo	\$3,500.00	Inter Zone Sides	-\$2,745.00
		Under 25 Inter Zone	\$0.00
		Pat Geary Shield	-\$3,616.00
		Volunteer's Day	\$0.00
	\$11,076.26	Delegates Day	\$0.00
Total Available Operating Funds	\$25,572.71	Veteran's Day	\$0.00
		Presentation Day	\$0.00
No 1 Account Term Deposit	\$31,057.50	OtherEvents	\$0.00
		Total	-\$4,834.50
Recruitment Funds		Administration	
b/f from 2013/2014 Financial Year	\$2,964.26	Postage	-\$7.00
Income 2014/2015	\$5,587.00	Stationery	-\$239.07
Expenditure 2014/2015	-\$975.00	Internet	-\$454.10
less Commitments and Reserves	-\$2,550.00	Phone/Fax	-\$613.37
Funds Available	\$5,026.26	BankFees	-\$26.50
		Mtce & New Equip	\$0.00
		Zone ExecMeetings	-\$932.54
		Insurance	\$0.00
		Audit Fee	-\$880.00
		Travelling Allowance	-\$4,170.00
		Badges	\$0.00
Albert Heath		Sundry Items	-\$62.00
Treasurer		Total	-\$7,384.58