

MINUTES of the BOWLS CENTRAL COAST MANAGEMENT MEETING on 19th March 2015 at Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Club.



Commenced: 7.00 pm.

Chairman: President Col Bray

Present: 49 persons in attendance, representing 26 clubs out of 28 .

Not in Attendance. Terrigal and Wyong RSL.

Apologies: John Barnwell (Wamberal), Reg Richardson (Ettalong), Nicholas West (Mooney Mooney), James Cook (The Entrance), Ian Jarrot (Umina), John Wickham (Wyong RSL), Leo Finn (Umpires) and Dick Love (Selectors)

Bereavements: Roy Gable (Everglades) and Graham Goldsmith (Mingara)

New Delegates: Ted Hayes (Gwandalan, Ken O'Neill (Canton Beach), Fred Trounce (Toukley Dist) and Bill Smith (Mingara).

Confirmation of the Minutes of Management Meeting on 15th January 2015:
Moved by Ray Wheatley (Wyong). Seconded Bob King (Umina). Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. **Quadranglar.** Doug Rose advised that the event was poorly hosted. The greens were in very poor condition. Lunch took 2 hours during which time they played barefoot bowls on the green. BCC has advised ACT and Zones 2 and 6 that we no longer want to play the event if it is in January and proposed 6 other weekends in June/July/August.
2. **Pennant Scoring.** Chairman of Match Geoff Graham has been keeping records using both scoring methods and he feels that the end result will show very little difference between the two systems. Players seem to become disheartened when they lose a game by only one or two shots and receive no points for their efforts. Secretary Doug Rose asked Clubs to advise him of incidences where the 2 points system was either good or bad.
3. **David Neilsen.** President Col Bray advised that David Nielsen has now paid his outstanding invoice and is now financial with BCC and can play association events like pennants.
4. **Umpire Training.** Tony Hegyi spoke on behalf of Leo Finn and advised that training will start tomorrow with several new people. The cost is \$22.00 for markers and \$44.00 for Umpires and \$11.00 for re-accreditation of Umpires. The cost should be another \$11.00 except that Bowls NSW is subsidising the cost of the extra \$11.00. The zone has 185 accredited Umpires at present. Tony advised that he has applied for a Grant of \$5,000 for training Umpires and hopes that it will be approved.
5. **Veteran's Day.** Doug Rose advised that this was a great day and was sponsored by Creighton's who appeared very pleased with the event. However only 12 of our 24 Clubs were represented. Reports had been received that the information about the day was not always being displayed in Clubs.
6. **Club Briefings.**

Ettalong Director Rob Powell spoke for Ettalong advising that the Club remains very financially successful. Aron Sherriff is a big drawcard for the Club. The beer is cheap at \$3.20 a schooner for both members and visitors, and they are looking at extending the Club.

Everglades Ian Richardson spoke on behalf of Everglades Country Club , it opened in 1957 as a Golf and Bowling club, there are about 65 regular bowlers and their beer is also low cost.

Brian Williams advised the meeting that Zone 5 RSL was formed in 1962, Members have to be an RSL Sub Branch member. It was first known as Brisbane Waters Division before becoming Central Coast Division and Zone 5 in the State. Brian believes that Zone 5 is the most successful RSL Zone in the State.

Col Bray asked Halekulani, Gosford City and Bay Bowlers to speak at the May Management meeting.

Correspondence.

1. **Presentation Night** Doug Rose advised that the 2015 Championship badges and cheques will be presented at the Presentation Night at Ettalong Memorial Club on Saturday 9th January 2016. The cost will be \$20 a person and a notice will be sent out to Clubs later in the year. Winners, Runners up and their partners will be invited free of charge. The Under 18's will not be required to attend the Presentation Night. They will be issued with their badges at the completion of their game.
2. **Fee Increases.** Clubs have been notified of the 30% increase in fees, which will be \$14 per member. Multi Membership will no longer exist. Royal fees will be \$60 for full membership and \$30 for under 18's. In addition to the Royal fees, there will still be fees paid to the Zone. Hopefully we will find out more after the State Council meeting next week.
Tom Kane from Everglades asked what do we get for the \$60 each from our 2,400 members which equates to \$144,000 going to the Royal from our Zone. He was advised that a response to this will be sought from Bowls NSW.
3. **Clothing Donation.** A request from Carl Collins asking for donations of clothing that will be sent to the Eratap Village in Vanuatu who were devastated by Cyclone. Clothes in good condition can be taken to Jackies Bowls Shop at the Entrance and they will then be sent to the villagers.

Reports.

1. Kevin Dring advised that we are getting more exposure from the Express Advocate. Ducks Crossing are now printing the newsletter and we are saving \$500 a year to publish it. Kevin has started a new segment called Beyond the Green, which will feature the hobbies of members of the Zone and these stories will appear in the publications.
2. The Badges from Millers are expected to be delivered next week.
3. Geoff Graham advised that Clubs must allow players to wear whites (Creams) with the Bowls Logo when playing association events, given that all members of the team must be similarly dressed. Clubs have the right to ban smoking on the green.
4. Chairman of Coaches, David Cameron gave a verbal report. From 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 the requirement is being phased in that all Coaches must have a "Working with Children" clearance. This is done by registering on-line then visiting the RMS with proof of identity. He will also be running a Coaching Course towards the end of the year.

General Business.

1. **Pennant Books.** As there were no appeals delaying the publication of the draw, the pennant book was issued on time. Left over Pennant Books were made available for Clubs who needed them.
2. **Volunteer's Day.** Will be conducted during Volunteer's week on 12th May at The Entrance. Club's were asked to nominate a member to the Zone Secretary by 23rd April for the "Outstanding Bowls Administration" award together with a 30 word (no more) summary.
3. **Prostate Cancer.** Ian Jarratt has asked if he can approach Clubs with the view of holding a fund raising day for the Cancer Clinic at Gosford Hospital for research and treatment of prostate cancer. Peninsula Clubs have raised \$30,000 in recent years for the charity. BCC endorses this initiative.
4. **Terrigal Bowling Club** Brian Williams advised that the Club is not for sale despite rumours.

The next Management meeting will be on 21st May 2015 starting at 7.00 pm at a yet to be decided venue.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Confirmed as Correct

Col Bray
21st May 2015