

MINUTES of the BOWLS CENTRAL COAST MANAGEMENT

MEETING on 21st May 2015 held at Diggers @ The Entrance.

Commenced: 7.00 pm.

Chairman: President Col Bray

Present: 40 persons in attendance, representing 23 members of 28.

Not in Attendance. Mingara, Mooney Mooney (apology), Munmorah, Ourimbah (apology) and Central Coast Past Presidents Association.

Apologies: Brian Emms – diggers, Reg Richardson – Ettalong, Tom Cain – Everglades, Keith Geisler – Hali, Nicholas West - Mooney Mooney, Phil Warner - Norah Head, Albert Tracey – Ourimbah, Alex Cameron – Terrigal, Ian Jarrett – Umina, Les Fitzgerald – Wyong.

Bereavements: Jim Semmler (Avoca), Glen Kroschel (B Bay), Rod Baker (Gwandalan), Steven Studbberly (Toukley RSL), Alan Cable (Evergaldes), John Catchpool (Umina) and Carl Sternbeck (Wyong).

New Delegates: Roland Simpkin (Norah Head).

Confirmation of the Minutes of Management Meeting on 19th March 2015: Moved by Bob King (Umina), Seconded Ray Wheatley (Wyong). Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. **Quadrangular.** The Secretary advised that he had requested ACT, Zone 2 and Zone 16 that the date of the event be moved to after pennants. Zone 16 has indicated that they would like to play the event in late August. There has no decision as yet, however Zone 16 and BCC will not play it in January.
2. **Pennant Scoring.** The Secretary advised that we have until 29th May to respond to Bowls NSW Match Committee to request changes to the COP. The primary item of contention was should this Zone recommend a return to the 6 point rather than the current 2 point scoring system. Geoff Graham spoke on the two systems of point scoring advising that the end result from both systems is very similar. After some discussion, Guy Robbins moved that the Secretary advise Bowls NSW that Zone 15 would like to go back to the six point system. Seconded by Ian Richardson (Everglades). Before a vote was taken, Frank Simpson asked for an amendment to that motion to give 2 points for a team win and 1 point for winning the big board. This amendment was voted on and defeated. Then Guy Robbins' motion was voted on and carried.
3. **Capitation Fees.** The Executive is very much aware of the concern members have over the 30% increase to Bowls NSW capitation fees. Any written complaints have been passed onto Bowls NSW. To date, the extent of the Bowls NSW response to these questions and complaints has been by way of circular. The Secretary tabled a draft motion to send a letter to Bowls NSW asking for a detailed response as to why fees were increasing to the level that is being asked and why multi-membership had been dropped. The meeting added that the CEO be asked to answer all correspondence in future. After some more points were clarified, Fred Trounce (Toukley) proposed the motion and was Seconded by Frank Simpson (Morisset). The meeting voted on this motion and acceptance was unanimous. The Secretary will send the letter to Bowls NSW asking for a reply by 30th June 2015.
4. **Volunteers Day.** Col Bray spoke on the success of Volunteers Day which was held at The Greens The Entrance and thanked all members who supported the day.

Creightons Funeral Service. Both The Secretary and Kevin Dring gave an informative presentation talk on behalf of Creightons as their representative did not like to travel at night to conduct the presentation in person.

Club Briefings. Warren Smith spoke on behalf of Halekulani. They started in 1960 and now have over 300 bowlers. They are financially secure. He claimed that they have the best greens on the Central Coast and advised that they are about to put in a Tif green.



Guy Robbins spoke on behalf of Gosford City. The Club was formed in the 1930's and for many years was the biggest club on the Central Coast and they have a very proud record by winning No 1 Pennants for 19 years in a row.

Adrian Last spoke on behalf of the Bay Bowlers. The Club was formally known as Cencomas and started from members of the Central Coast Masons Club. Bowls was played at various clubs until 1986 when Wyong became their main playing club. In 2000 women were allowed to join. In 2003 the name changed to Bay Bowlers and the club is very active in raising money for Charities.

Clubs to speak at the next meeting will be Gwandalan and Mingara.

Correspondence.

1. The Secretary advised they Wyong had responded to BCC on the state of their Greens. They have declined for the moment the offer of the BCC Consultant Phil Flippence to advise them what needs to be done to the greens, but are working with their greenkeeper and the Wyong Rugby League Club to improve the greens. Geoff Graham advised that due to the condition of the greens the Club suggested that the Singles Championship matches be moved from Wyong and this has been done.
2. The Secretary advised that following the success of the Metropolitan Grade 1 competition, Bowls NSW is considering a similar approach in Country areas. This could mean that some of our better performing grade 1 sides would play in a competition across neighbouring Zones. Dick Love (Chair of Selectors) recommended that BCC lobby to retain our current locally based Grade 1 competition. DR confirmed that his discussions with Grade 1 Clubs and players overwhelmingly supported this view.

Reports.

1. Special Events - The Secretary added that despite the bad weather leading up to the 2nd May the Reserves and U18 v Zones 2 and 6 event at Halekulani went ahead and he complimented the Hali greens. Unfortunately rain washed out the afternoon game.
2. Geoff Graham advised that he had received 15 replies regarding the mid-week questionnaire and 11 Clubs were in favour of having 2 teams a side instead of 3 teams.
3. Dick Love gave an update on the excellent results at the Seniors Inter Zone Championships. The BCC team won their section which included the very strong Illawarra (Zone 16) side. In the semi-finals they were defeated by the eventual winners Newcastle (Zone 2) in a very close game. Dick also spoke about next Monday's presentation to BCC rep players by Sports Psychologist Fiona Mc Carthy.

General Business.

1. The Secretary advised that BCC Execs had met with hosts The Entrance and are very satisfied that all is in readiness for the Pennant Finals. Publicity has been arranged in the Wyong Chronicle (15th May), Coast News (20th May), Express Advocate (Fri 22nd May), Peninsula News (25th May), Express Advocate (27th May).
2. Kevin Dring advised that a BCC Promotional Plan had been developed and presented to Bowls NSW
3. All Directors of BCC will receive the same governance training that is required by law to be given to Directors of Bowling Clubs.
4. The Secretary advised that an Under18 Selection Committee of 3 people had been appointed with Norma Barry as the chairperson and Peter Coombes and David Cameron as members.
5. The Secretary advised that in future all Sub Committees would be required to submit a budget for the coming year after each AGM.

The President thanked Delegates for attending and closed the meeting.

The next Management meeting will be on 16th July starting at 7.00 pm at Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Club.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Confirmed as Correct

Col Bray
16th July 2015

Reports for Management Meetings held 21st May 2015.

President – Col Bray

From attending the Zone 15 v's Zone 10 at Ettalong and the Reserves games from Zones 2, 6 and 15 at Halekulani, it is delightfully obvious that the interest and quest to be a squad member continues to run at a high level. Sure, we had some heavy rain at Hale but it just shows how devoted you have to be to retain a spot as a Zone 15 Rep Player. Well Done Guys.

The 2015 Pennants are down to the wire and we look forward to some 'hot' competition at The Entrance on May 30th.

Good Luck to the Seniors at Harbord Interzone. See you there.

State Councillors Report – Kevin Dring

State Council Meeting of 26 March 2015 covered the following topics:-

Region Bowls Manager - Zones encouraged to establish a closer working relationship with their respective RBM's in order to better understand the scope of their work within their Zones.

Membership Increase- BCC- Z 15 delegates' grievances as expressed at 19th March Management Meeting were tabled and minuted. The membership fee for a full bowling member of \$60 and \$30 for juniors was justified against an estimated 10% decline in membership, discontinuation of multi-membership and Club affiliation fees, 10% increase in BA capitation, partial recoup of previous trading loss and a desire to implement a proactive marketing programme. A flyer "What does Bowls NSW Do for me" was handed out and subsequently emailed to all Clubs.

Working with Children Check (WWC):- NSW Govt "Office of the Children's Guardian" Fact Sheet 2 was circulated indicating the phase-in period. It is mandatory for Clubs and other bodies providing services to children (including sporting bodies), to gain checks on paid or volunteer workers as from 1st April 2015 -31 March 2016. Should clubs have any doubts or queries about their obligations it is suggested they contact the Zone Secretary Doug Rose.

Boundary Reviews: - Zones 11 & 13 are evaluating a possible merger and Zone 5 has formed a steering committee to explore new boundaries. No proposed action in Zone 15

Membership Cards: - New members only are currently being issued with a membership card and once stock has been depleted, card issue will cease.

Conditions of Play: - Any suggestions re amending Conditions of Play for 2016 need to be submitted by the end of May 2015. Z 12 commented that they thought State Match Committee were too lenient with re-grade applications and put the meeting on notice that they would be circulating a paper on the subject.

Publicity Officer – Kevin Dring

What it Means to be a Member of Bowls NSW - Veiled threats to withdraw from Bowls NSW or introduce Social Membership, prompted me to present in laymen terms what it means to be a member of Bowls NSW for circulation to Clubs and the BCC-Z15 Web Site. **Any Club contemplating social membership is putting at risk its affiliation with Bowls NSW.**

Promotion/Advertising Plan 2015:- A seven (7) point Promotional Plan was presented to Bowls NSW seeking in part, their financial support against certain activities. They were most complimentary about the initiatives and have given a basic approval subject to further discussions closer to the time of some events.

Pennant Finals: - As part of the Promotional Plan, Bowls NSW was requested to develop a print advertisement promoting attendance at the Pennant finals for inclusion in the Express Advocate Fri 22nd & Wed 27th May, CC Newspapers of Wyong Chronicle 15th May, Coast News 20th May & Peninsula News 25th May 2015. A copy of the ad has been circulated to Clubs

Newsletter: - The April/May edition (No10) to be handed out at the Management Meeting. The news that the Bowls NSW Magazine will become a quarterly publication heightens the importance of our Newsletter as the communication link with our bowlers.

Secretary- Doug Rose

Multi-Members - I do appreciate that this matter is a huge problem for Clubs and the silence of Bowls NSW is not a help. They are still implying that a bowler can be a bowls member of multiple clubs but have not advised how this can be done under the current RNSWBA Constitution. BCC has passed on all your objections that we have received from Clubs to the CEO of Bowls NSW and we trust that a further announcement will be made by the CEO shortly.

Badges – Pennant badges have just been delivered and none too soon. The bars to go under our other badges had to be returned to Millers as they were not to specification.

Bowls NSW COP – Now is the time for Clubs to take action to urge a return to the 6 point system for pennants by responding to this call for contributions by 29th May 2015.

Under 18 Selection Committee – This committee has been created with Norma Barry as Chairperson and David Cameron and Peter Coombes as members.

Merit Badges – One of the major roles of Bowls Central Coast is to facilitate Clubs to say “thank you” to their hardest working Volunteers. We have merit badges that Club Presidents can award to their Club members. They are normally presented by a member of the BCC Executive when visiting your Club, but it can be done at the BCC Presentation evening. These badges are definitely not intended just for BCC officials.

Special Events - Doug Rose

BCC Seniors v's Zone 10 was played on Thursday 16th April 2015. Zone 10 has won the last two Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championships and proved too strong for our Senior IZ Side.

The Quadrangular – BCC will no longer be contesting this event.

Reserves and U18 v Zones 2 and 6 was held on Sunday 3rd May at Halekulani. Unfortunately we only got one game in before the rain was too heavy.

Volunteer's Day was held Tuesday 12th March 2015 during Volunteer's week. It was an outstanding success. The Entrance once again hosted the day brilliantly. Nineteen Clubs and our 4 Affiliates attended the day. A total of 26 Certificates for “Outstanding Bowls Administration” were handed out by RNSWBA Director Bob Moran. Thanks to all those who provided me with the nominations and 30 word summaries.

Match Report – Geoff Graham

BCC Z15 Major Triples: Entries are now open and they close 9th June with the first Round on 27th June.

Mid Week Triples: At the time of writing the vote is 85% in favour of reducing the number of teams in Mid Week Triples Sides to 2. A number of Clubs that have not played in the competition recently are thinking of entering Teams.

Pennant Finals: The draw for rinks and the toss for the mat for all Matches in the 2015 Z15 Pennant Finals will be conducted at The Greens The Entrance at 2 pm on Thursday 28th May 2015. Anyone who wishes to attend will be most welcome. The Semi Final Matches will commence at 9.00 am and 1.00 pm on Saturday 23rd May and the Finals at 12 noon on Saturday 30th May with 20 minutes allowed for trial ends previous to these times.

Under 18's Report – Norma Barry

On the 13th April, the Junior Under 18's Fours Championships were played. Winners were Lachlan McCarthy, Michael Bressington, Bailey Meti and Jacob Casswell. The Pairs were played on 14th April and were won by Mitchell McDonald and Jayden Moody. The Singles were played on 15th April and won by Jason Moody and the Runner Up was Mitchell McDonald.

I witnessed some really good bowls played by all concerned.

The winners of each Championship will now be going to Warilla on the 6th July for the State Junior Championships.

Umpires Report – Leo Finn

I am pleased to announce that the following members of the Zone Umpires Panel are qualified as presenters and assessors for the new umpires course they are Tony Hegyi, Fred Trounce, Ray Wheatley, Keith Geisler, Albert Tracey and myself.

The new courses will hopefully start in July and they will be New Umpires Course \$44, Markers & Measurers Course \$22 (if done separately) and Re-accreditation of Umpire \$11.00.

The workbooks for these courses are \$25 each and the cost for them will be met by the Royal.

Controlling Bodies are reminded that they have responsibility for enforcing the Weather Policy and handling stoppages to games as set out in law 32 on page 43 of the Current Law Book.

All persons using the current Law Book should be aware that the index in the rear of the Law book has many errors and should be cautious about using it.

Selectors Report - Richard Love

We have now entered the business part of the season. On May 3rd we fielded 2 x reserve 4 rink sides against Zone 2 Newcastle and Zone 6 Hunter / Upper Hunter at Halekulani. The Under 18's also fielded two rinks of players who had just completed their Zone Championships.

Our top 4 rinks had a convincing 29 shot win over old rivals Newcastle. Our players included 7 ex rookies and showed the benefit of the regular training they have completed on Monday nights.

Our second group of 4 rinks included several players who are from the lower grades and it was a great opportunity for them to gain experience of representative play. We lost by 28 shots but were not disgraced. The Under 18's found the opposition too strong on the day. In the afternoon games, we were washed out after 5 ends and we led both games comfortably at this time.

On May 25th members of the Open, Emerging and Under 18's squads have been invited to a Seminar with Fiona McCarthy, a leading Sports Psychologist. Fiona will talk on MENTAL STRENGTH and PREPARING FOR SUCCESS. Fiona has worked with the Newcastle Knights, James Nitties and several elite sporting teams and was previously a National Middle Distance Athlete

Our big events for 2015 are the Pat Geary (Holders) and the State Inter-Zone Championships at Ettalong in September.

On June 1st at Bateau Bay, the Selectors and Aron Sherriff will develop a game plan and strategy for these events with the players. The squad will also practice a number of game like situations.

We thank Bateau Bay and The Diggers for the use of their facilities.

The Seniors will have completed their State Inter-Zone Championships at Harbord earlier this week and we hope there is good news to report.

BA Regional Bowls Manager Central Coast – Mark Whiteman

Update on my activity around the coast, started the year with a visit to talk all things coaching with David Cameron. David provided me with a list of clubs in my region that currently have no coaches. This provides me with a conversation topic when visiting those clubs and I can promote the benefits of having coaches both Introductory and Club Coaches. Clubs I have visited, Davistown, Bateau Bay, Morisset, Ettalong, Umina and Woy Woy, visits involved updating contact information for clubs and general discussions about club matters, continued relationship building and promotion of Bowls Australia programs and resources such as the Australian Open, Junior Jack Attack, Jack Attack, other recruitment/retention initiatives and the Bowls Census.

Morisset Bowling Club have purchased a Junior Jack Attack kit. Another club on the Central Coast that has a Junior Jack Attack kit is The Greens The Entrance, since purchasing the kit they have regularly used it with The Entrance Public School, the school has since purchased their own kit. In regards to Jack Attack programs The Greens is also registered as a host club but have yet to run a program. I have provided regular information to the club from other RBM's in relation to successful programs, the club is confident they can make it work. At the request of ParaQuad NSW I facilitated a come and try bowls session at Adcock Park West Gosford as part of a multi sport event involving 4 other sports, I used a Junior Jack Attack kit.

For further information about anything discussed please give me a call or email, 0418641192 or mwhiteman@bowlsaustralia.com.au

Financial Report – Albert Heath

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION - ZONE 15 INC.			
<i>Financial Report for</i>		<i>Mar-Apr 2015</i>	
No 2 Account - Opening Balance	23,930.53	<u>Zone Championships</u>	
Mar-Apr 2015		Singles Majors	\$0.00
Championships	\$256.00	Singles Seniors	\$0.00
Special Events	\$569.94	Singles President's	\$0.00
Pennants	-\$2,317.00	Veteran'sSingles	\$0.00
Mid-WeekTriples	\$0.00	CoC Singles	\$0.00
Recruitment	-\$1,852.86	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	-\$940.00	CoC Pairs	\$0.00
Capitation	\$2,758.00	RookiesPairs	\$0.00
AffiliationFees	\$0.00	Triples Majors	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00	Fours Majors	\$160.00
Sponsorship	\$2,300.00	Fours President's	\$96.00
RNSWBA	\$0.00	Total	\$256.00
Sundry Income	\$0.00	<u>Special Events</u>	
Administration	-\$2,944.86	Seniors vs 2, 6 & 9	-\$396.00
Honoraria	\$0.00	Maj/Res vs Zone 2 & 6	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00	Open vs Zone 9	\$0.00
No 2 Account - Closing Balance	\$21,759.75	Open vs Zone 6	\$0.00
		Quad v 2,16 & ACT	\$1,589.44
<u>Less Commitments and Reserves</u>		OtherGames	\$0.00
2013/14 Recruitment Fund	\$3,322.60	Seniors Inter Zone	\$0.00
Seniors Inter Zone	\$3,000.00	Inter Zone Sides	\$0.00
Pennant Badges	\$2,500.00	Under 25 Inter Zone	\$0.00
Badges For Visitations	\$1,000.00	Pat Geary Shield	\$0.00
Ads for Pennant Finals	\$1,390.35	Volunteer's Day	\$0.00
	\$11,212.95	Delegates Day	\$0.00
Total Available Operating Funds	<u>\$10,546.80</u>	Veteran's Day	-\$623.50
		Presentation Day	\$0.00
No 1 Account Term Deposit	\$31,057.50	OtherEvents	\$0.00
		Total	\$569.94
<u>Recruitment Funds</u>		<u>Administration</u>	
b/f from 2013/2014 Financial Year	\$2,964.26	Postage	\$0.00
Income 2014/2015	\$6,245.00	Stationery	-\$166.32
Expenditure 2014/2015	-\$7,431.86	Internet	-\$255.00
less Commitments and Reserves	-\$2,550.00	Phone/Fax	-\$359.64
Funds Available	<u>-\$772.60</u>	BankFees	-\$7.00
		Mtce & New Equip	\$0.00
		Zone ExecMeetings	-\$84.70
		Insurance	\$0.00
		Audit Fee	\$0.00
		Travelling Allowance	-\$117.50
		Badges	-\$1,954.70
Albert Heath		Sundry Items	\$0.00
Treasurer		Total	-\$2,944.86