



Meeting of the Bowls Management Committee held on Friday 13th April 2018.

1. Open Meeting and Welcome

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Tim Murray at 10.00am.

2. Present

Tim Murray, Tony Hockey, Kevin Murphy, Ross Warburton, Mike Goble-Garratt, Brian Burton, Jim Powell, Ron Mance, Bev Bradshaw, Leigh Salter (proxy)

In attendance:

Ken Pride, Pieter Harris

3. Apologies

Anne Lilley, Valerie Hulbert, Carol Lee, John Bridge

4. Conflict of Interest

Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 16th March 2018 were confirmed.

Moved: Mike Goble-Garratt

Seconded: Brian Burton

Agreed

6. Business Arising

6.1 Premier League – team limitations 2018/19

As per the Minutes of the March meeting, the issue of limiting the number of club sides in Premier League to one (Saturday Men & Tuesday Ladies) was further discussed. The meeting noted that the matter had been considered by the Fixtures & Events Committee at its recent meeting and the paper presented on the form of promotions and demotions was endorsed.

Queries from the Committee were answered with Leigh Salter on behalf of the F&E Committee reading the proposal to all members.

With no further queries the Chairman sought a committee vote on the proposal as it stood, as endorsed by the F&E Committee. For – 9 Against – 1

The proposal was carried.

Action: The CEO would add the item to the Board Meeting agenda for April.
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6.2 Country Week complaint

The Fixtures & Events had dealt with a Country Week complaint in relation to the standard of greens and process of play during the knockout rounds. Pieter Harris and Leigh Salter noted the committee had received a written response from the club in question and that this response was accepted.

The F&E Committee would write to the complainant with the response accordingly. **NOTED.**

7. Information Items

7.1 Calendar 2018/19

The initial calendar of events for the 2018/19 season was tabled and discussed. It was noted that there would not be a need for any double-headers in the coming season and that there was good break either side of the Christmas period. There were some issues in relation to the timing of the State Singles, with the final to be played on the Australia Day holiday; however this was not seen to be a major issue.

The calendar would be taken to the various Forums for information later in May.

8. Discussion Items

Nil

9. Decision Items

9.1 Fines – failure to play pennant finals

Leigh Salter on behalf of Fixtures & Events sought support for the introduction of a fine for clubs that did not fulfil their required commitment to play pennant finals for no appropriate reason.

There was an instance this year where a club forfeited three pennant finals citing an inability to play two pennant matches on the day. Although this was an issue for the lowest division if withdrawals occurred, it was queried that the club could not find enough participants for one side from those willing to play.

A recommended fine of \$250.00 were forfeiting side was recommended and after discussion accepted by the Committee.

Action: Pieter Harris to include in the list of fines for the 2018/19 pennant season and to be communicated to clubs in the changes to the Conditions of Play in due course.

Action: A letter is to be forwarded to the club in question noting the introduction of a fine for the 2018/19 season.

10. Reports

10.1 Deputy President

Tim Murray noted issues emanating from the March Board Meeting, including the ratifying of the Over 60's selectors for the next two series.

10.2 Fixtures & Events

Nothing further.

10.3 Greens & Infrastructure

Nothing to report.

10.4 Umpires

Mike Goble-Garratt reported on the NOAG meeting held in Melbourne and confirmed that future accreditation courses would be undertaken as a closed book examination. There was some concern as to how this may affect nominations for Umpires as well as the "pass rate" for those seeking accreditation.

The trial for the WBGT mode of heat stress has been completed with a report being written by Peter Barnett. This will be considered by the Umpires Committee with a recommendation to be brought forward to the BMC in due course. It was a likely recommendation that clubs be encouraged to purchase the instrument for the coming season, with possible implementation for the 2019/20 pennant season.

Five additional ITO's have successfully be appointed which will assist in the improved standards of Umpiring across the board. Well done.

10.5 Country

The process of the CCES was underway, with no issues as yet identified.

10.6 High Performance & Coaching

Tony Hockey brought the committee up to speed on the state team preparations for Darwin, with all on track. The Coaching group met this past week to map out a program of courses for 2018/19, which will be communicated via the BWA website in due course.

Tim Murray queried if the state team had any KPI's for the coming series, with Tony noting it is the doubling of wins for the men to four and for the ladies to win the series. **NOTED.**

11. General Business

Nil

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.05am

NEXT MEETING

Friday 11th May at 10.00am