

**MINUTES of the MANAGEMENT MEETING of
BOWLS CENTRAL COAST
17th January 2013 at the Bay Sports Club at 7.30 pm.**



Chairman: Max Le Guier

Present: 29 delegates (representing 19 clubs and 9 Executive and Permanent Committee Representatives)

Apologies: Bert Dodd (Everglades) & Wal. Rainbow (Umina)

Bereavements: Pat Spindlow Everglades

New Delegates: R. Keyes Mingara

Confirmation of the Minutes of Management Meeting of 15th November 2012: Confirmed

Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil

Correspondence: Secretary Doug Rose talked to the list of Correspondence circulated prior to the meeting. He singled out an email received from Greg Helm CEO RNSWBA on 21/12/12 (the day the RNSWBA office closed for Christmas). In the email Greg acknowledging that a notice of suspension of Jeff Keeghan was inadvertently not issued as a result of his 3 months suspension by Ourimbah/Lisarow. An email was issued by BCC to all Clubs that night (21/12/12) advising of Mr Keegan's suspension, but in reality he was only suspended for 14 days over the Christmas/New Year holidays. The RNSWBA has recently implemented new procedures for the notification to them of suspensions and we trust that future suspensions will be handled more efficiently than this one.

Reports:

These minutes are to be read in conjunction the document titled "Reports for Management Meeting to be held 17th January 2013" attached to these minutes.

Kevin Dring (State Councillor) re: a State Council meeting next Thursday 24th and he will be tabling a topic which represents you guys your concerns expressed at the last meeting about the untimely processing of pennant nominations. Kevin's topic is about the timing of the pennant nominations could be achieved in a calendar year instead of going on for so long. Also he will be tabling another topic about the State magazine. This was brought up before but we now have a new board of directors and we would like to know at what point the review is at and report on same at the next meeting.

Geoff Graham (Website Manager & IT Advisor) asked the delegates that when they return to their clubs to speak to their bowls coordinators and remind them that if they are using Scroll this year to send their Scroll file to Geoff so he can make a few adjustments to them.

Col Bray (Special Events) upgrades are being made to various events.

The following reports were not circulated prior to the meeting

David Cameron (Coaches) presented his report which was not previously circulated to Clubs , a copy of which has been included in the attached reports.

Richard Love (Selectors) presented his report which had been submitted but was inadvertently omitted from the reports circulated to Clubs prior to the meeting.

Garry MacFadyen (Under 18's Coordinator) tabled entry forms for U18's championships and advised on dates of events for U18's.

General Business: The President congratulated Geoff Graham (Bateau Bay), John Roberts (Ettalong), and Jim McCreadie (Wamberal) for the awards they received at the RNSWBA inaugural Volunteer Awards. Outstanding Individual Volunteer Innovation was won by Geoff Graham, Coach of the Year by John Roberts, and Volunteer Club Administrator of the year was jointly won by Jim McCreadie (Wamberal).

A Players and Officials agreement has been developed by Secretary, Doug Rose from the Zone 14 Agreement and our own Selection Protocol. The document has now been adopted by the Executive and will be published on the Web Site. The document has been given to all players selected in the 2013 Squads.

The procedure for notifying Clubs of their share of the cost of travel and accommodation for their players who are selected to represent BCC/Zone 15 has been changed. Instead of an estimate being provided

as soon as the team is announced and then the Club invoiced for the exact amount after the event, in future, Clubs will be invoiced prior to the event when the team is announced and the invoice will be expected to be paid before their player leaves for the event. These procedures will not apply to Under 18's attending the Junior 7 a side inter zone championship because of our dependency on the players parents to supervise them.

Secretary, Doug Rose announced that from now on "The Greens at the Entrance Bowling Club" will now be known as "The Entrance Bowling Club."

Secretary, Doug Rose made a short presentation on the recent changes to the law regarding smoking. The Tobacco Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 came into enforcement as from 7th January 2012. As from that date smoking is prohibited in a spectator area at a sports ground or other recreational area being used for an organised sporting event, and this applies to our bowling greens. The Bill does not mention the actual playing area. Clubs and Pubs have won a concession to implement other elements of the Bill over 3 years but the ban on spectators applies now. There is no requirement on the Club to post notices warning patrons that they cannot smoke in these areas.

Meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

Selectors Report - Dick Love

The selectors have named the squads for Open, Seniors and Emerging players after consultation with their clubs. Some additions and deletions have been made to the original lists for a variety of reasons such as ill health. 70% of the 154 players who were notified responded by E mail, telephone or by mail. The Selectors are disappointed that among the 30% who failed to respond are a few of our elite players. Our training for the Open squad begins at Terrigal on Tuesday 15th January at 6pm and Aaron Sherriff has been invited to address the group on his World Cup preparation and success.

We are planning an internal trial for the Seniors in February before the first Seniors fixture and the Emerging squad will have training at Terrigal in March and April and we are planning a game for this squad against an adjacent Zone. All of the activities planned are designed to improve individual and team performance and this will result in improvements in Club ,Zone and Inter Zone championship results. The response from those nominated has reflected pride and excitement and we believe we can create a culture where we can achieve success against any opposition.

Coaching Academy - David Cameron

Club Coach Course – as previously advised there will be a course conducted at **Diggers@theentrance on Saturday 9th February and Sunday 10th February, 2013**. While it's possible to get into this course, people would need to get paperwork to RNSWBA within the next few days. If your club has considered adding to the coaches at the club, but not sure whom to approach. May I suggest your new coach needs the following qualities:-

Patience

Relaxed easy manner, but able to assert themselves when needed

Adaptability – the same bowling technique does not suit everyone, nor does the same style of coaching.

Able to accept new ideas and adapt them to your club

Prepared to attend seminars etc run by the Zone Coaching Committee.

Academy Meeting dates for 2013

At the Academy meeting, in December, activities for the following year were determined.

<i>Monday 11th February -</i>	Talk on Communications - Ray Simpson
	Guide to Bowlers Arm Excellence – Allan Starrett
<i>Monday 8th April -</i>	48 Bowl Challenge
<i>Monday 10th June -</i>	Practice Drills
<i>Monday 12th August -</i>	AGM - Head Building
<i>Monday 14th October</i>	TBA
<i>Monday 9th December</i>	TBA

All Meetings to be held at Diggers At The Entrance.

Advance Coaching Course

Bowls NSW has asked for expressions of interest from coaches who are in a position to make appropriate use of this accreditation **note:** it is not an accreditation to be attempted by a coach wishing to further their own knowledge base without contributing to the pathway.

Cost : If the coach is recognised and recommended by RNSWBA - \$500 per coach
If the coach is not recognised and recommended by RNSWBA - \$1,000 per coach

Re-accreditation

There are many myths surrounding re-accreditation flowing around the traps. When I went to be reaccredited, last time, I had to:-

1. Advise the Zone Coaching Committee of my intention to re-accredit
2. Have maintained a journal of my coaching hours
3. complete a worksheet [series of questions] and then
4. do a greens test

Currently coaches wishing to re-accredit have to:-

1. advise the RNSWBA/NSWWBA of their intention to re-accredit by completing the appropriate form and send it with \$40.00 to Sydney.
2. Complete the worksheets sent to them
3. Obtain a letter from the Academy Coaching Committee stating that you have accrued 20 Personal Development Points [2013] from 2014 coaches will need to have accrued 60 Personal Development points.
4. Attend a workshop [generally a couple of hours] which includes doing a greens test.

Personal Development Points

If you attended the Cabramatta Seminar – there is your 20 points. Attended either the Selection or Competition Modules [25 points each], also the State Coaching Committee has six (6) BA approved clinics, workshops each worth 20 points. The Central Coast Coaching Academy has conducted 4 sessions accruing points for coaches.

Competititon Module

This module runs for just over 4 hours and is open to players and coaches. It focuses on the mental aspects of competitive bowls. People who attend this workshop will gain knowledge on how to best prepare for competition, where to find the laws of the sport and conditions of play and understand how to focus on what they can control. The workshop contains practical on green elements where participants can discover what their own shot timeline is and how best to collect statistics.

No date has been set for this however I would like to conduct a session during the middle of February [minimum 5 people] if there is enough interest. I would recommend it for players who want to take their game to the next level.

Reports for Management Meeting to be held 17th January 2013.

President - Max Le Guier

Saturday 10th November 2012, I attended The Greens Flag Raising, accompanied by Doug Rose, Geoff Armstrong & Albert Heath. It was a good celebration with Two Flags raised.

Saturday 17th November, the State Chairman of Umpires Leo Finn, Geoff Armstrong and myself attended Doyalson –Wyee Presentation Night, it was a sad occasion. The closing of the Club in their 49th year, but the members were in good spirits. Awards were presented to G. Bulmer 20year Merit Badges. D. Dawson and P. Lysaught, 10 year Merit Badges. Name Badges were presented to Jim Turner and Clarrie Hale, a good night was had by all. Thanks Mark.

Saturday 24th November, I attended Diggers Presentation Day with State Councilor Kevin, Doug and Albert. As usual it was a good day with many awards earned through the year presented, thanks to Terry and his team for a good day.

To all members who have lost loved ones in the past year, please accept the condolences from all the Executive committee.

State Councillor - Kevin Dring

There was nothing of a contentious nature raised at the State Council meeting of Nov 29 2012. In summary, it was agreed that no changes would be made to the Rookies event without first surveying the players. A recommendation to re-instate the Bowls NSW Forum was rejected in favour of the Zones being encouraged to follow the lead of Zone 8 who conducted a most successful forum for its Clubs at Wagga Wagga late last year. The President and Directors gave a commitment that they would be available to attend any such forums along with the chairmen of the sub committees if requested. An on-line membership system is in the final stages of development by Bowls Australia and CEO Greg Helm

expects to be able to table the outcome early in 2013. Further details on these topics, Zone reports and general business appear on the Zone 15 Web Site.

The criticism and objections expressed by Clubs at the Nov 15 Management meeting re the untimely and long lead times involved in the processing of Pennant nominations will be tabled at the Jan 24 State Council in the form of an agenda item requesting the Board *"to explore how the processing of pennant nominations by Clubs, Zones and SMC can be totally achieved within a calendar year when player availability and transfers are known."*

Secretary - Doug Rose

The Royal NSW Bowling Association has held its inaugural Volunteer Awards, presenting six different awards to volunteers throughout NSW. Central Coast Bowlers won 3 of the 6 individual awards. Outstanding Individual Volunteer Innovation was won by Geoff Graham (Bateau Bay), Coach of the Year by John Roberts (Ettalong), and Volunteer Club Administrator of the year was jointly won by Jim McCreddie (Wamberal).

The Bowler of the Year ladder for 2012 is complete. After another standout year in Club and Zone Championships, Aron Sherriff has once again topped the ladder. Also for the second year in a row, the runner-up Bowler of the Year is Harley McDonald. My thanks to the 15 Clubs who submitted their Championship winners.

With the hot weather that has been happening lately and with more forecast to come, I have re circulated the Bowls Australia Extreme Weather Policy to all Clubs. However as the policy states the decision to suspend play is at the discretion of the Controlling Body. BCC advises Controlling Bodies in this Zone to adhere to the BA policy as a minimum standard. The Weather Bureau measures air temperature with the thermometer between 1.25m and 2m from the ground, shielded from the Sun and away from heat radiation from outside sources like brick walls. When you take the air temperature of the surrounds of your bowling greens, I suggest that you emulate these conditions.

Invitations have been sent to 140 players inviting them to join the Open, Senior and Emerging Squads. The Open Squad commenced training on Tuesday 15/1/13 and will continue monthly through April. Squad members will be issued with a practice routines to be completed weekly which are designed to improve individual and team performance. A Players and Officials Agreement has been circulated to players and officials which they will be asked to sign prior to representing Bowls Central Coast. Two new trials have been negotiated. One with Zone 9 and the other a 4 way event with Zone 2, Zone 16 and the ACT state team. Further trials are planned. It is going to be an exciting year for our Representative Teams.

Delegates will be aware that when the Capitation fee for Bowls Central Coast was raised to \$14 an offset against that raise in fees was that BCC would not require Clubs to pay for members who join the Club during the year. (The exception being those members who missed the deadline to renew and had to re-join the next year). However I have had a number of Clubs attempt to pay BCC for members for part years. The payments have been returned to the Clubs.

While thankfully suspensions of players are rare, they do happen and in 2012 the RNSWBA changed its process for reporting suspensions which the RNSWBA itself has not handled very well in one of our cases. The Executive is looking into arranging some training on Member Protection and the RNSWBA procedure.

The draft new BCC Constitution and a document detailing the changes we want to make to the RNSWBA Model Constitution for Zones has been submitted to the RNSWBA CEO. We expect to have a meeting with him shortly to negotiate the changes we want.

Publicity Report – Bob Bourke

Congratulations to Aron Sherriff on becoming our new World Champion.

Aron won Gold at the World Championships at Lockleys, South Australia last December skipping the Australian Men's Fours. He also won a Silver Medal as runner-up in the Men's Pairs and a Gold Medal for being part of the most successful Mens Side that won the Leonard Trophy. In collaboration with our IT/Website Manager, Geoff Graham, we wrote an article about Geoff's Tournament Software Programs that are free for clubs to download from the Zone website www.bowlscentralcoast.org.au The article also appeared in Grandstand and is yet to appear in Bowls NSW magazine, but an amazing result followed its appearance in the on-line bowls magazine "Inside Bowls". Geoff reports that for the first six days after appearing in Inside Bowls the Zone website took 2,100 "hits" compared with 636 "hits" for the same

period last year. A very pleasing result for Geoff, the website and for Inside Bowls as the editor has asked for a follow-up article on Club Championships software programs for the next edition of Inside Bowls, which we are now working on.

Umpires Report – Leo Finn

Welcome to the 2013 Bowls season from the Zone 15 Umpires Panel.

It is now time for all Zone and Club Championships to begin and due to the new Conditions of Play it is important that the Umpires and Controlling Bodies for the Zone Clubs become conversant with what changes have been enacted.

Conditions that have been amended to affect the meaning or interpretation for the 2013-2014 Conditions of Play for NSW are:

Add new Condition 2.9.1 – Late Arrivals. Provides that the period of grace for late arrivals is 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, allowing that a late arriving player/team has a period of thirty five minutes from the start of trial ends to be in attendance for their match.

Condition 2.11 – Add “If practice is permitted” at beginning of second sentence.

Condition 2.28.3 amend to allow one replacement player per team in resumed Pennant matches.

Section 4 – Delete duplications of Penalties – referring all penalties to COP 4.24

Former Condition 4.18 – delete (covered under 4.3 and 4.16)

Former Condition 4.22 – determination District/Zone Winners – delete (covered under 4.2)

Condition 4.3 – Amend references to Grades permitted to be entered. Amend to include that Zones must be represented in Grades 2-7. Include provision that an additional side may be qualified to fill any vacancies should a Zone fail to find a winner in Grade 1

Condition 4.4.1 – Include reference that combined grade completion submission should include the method of allocation of points for sectional matches and method for qualification for Post-sectional play for each grade involved.

Condition 4.7.2 amend to read “...If practice is permitted, both Sides shall be given equal opportunity to practice. Players shall not practice on the rinks allocated to their match.”

Condition 4.15 – Various changes, reflecting new eligibility conditions in COP 4.16.

Condition 4.16.1 – Amend eligibility of players to reflect new eligibility for State and Zone Pennants Winners, incorporating amendments to eligibility of players changing declared Club.

Condition 4.16.1.5(i) reword, indicating that clubs may apply for additional players to the four permitted to play more than one grade below their previous season grading where clubs have non-consecutive grades.

Condition 4.16.2 – Amend to include a table of threshold matches for players to be graded in the current season.

Condition 4.16.2 – Amend to clarify that ‘end of current season’ gradings are for the purpose of eligibility in the following season.

Condition 4.21 – incorporate table of threshold number of matches to be played to be eligible for post-sectional play.

Condition 4.24 – Include method for determination of scores for penalties in sectional play.

Condition 4.25 – incorporate all details of State Finals, include reference to relevant COPs

Conditions 4.26 and 4.27 delete

Condition 4.27.4 – amend eligibility for requirements for post sectional play, reflecting 4.21

Section 5 – Include that NSW Players at Australian Sides Championship shall be granted dispensation for Pennants matches.

Section 13 – Preferred Procedure for Organisation of State Pennants – amend

Section 14 – Duties of the Controlling Body – reformat

I am aware that this is a lot of reading but to understand our laws and conditions of play makes for a better game for both players and administrators.

On the 7th February 2013 the Zone 15 Umpires Panel will be holding their Annual General Meeting and Elections. This meeting will be held at Diggers@ the entrance at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

Website Manager and IT Advisor – Geoff Graham

Website – The traffic on the Zone 15 Website continues to grow with November and December showing an extra 4144 hits over the same period last year. We recorded a very pleasing 13,362 hits for the two month period this year.

Championship Software – Since the last Management meeting I have developed a range of spreadsheet files to assist with the running of your Club Championships. These new files (20 in total) are available on the Zone 15 Website by going to the *Club Pages/Championship Software Downloads* tab. Basically once you have typed the entrants names in the relevant file all the paperwork including the draw is done automatically. I'm fairly confident you will find them a big time saver.

2013 “Scroll” score cards – Hopefully the score cards will arrive from Carrolls in time for them to be distributed to the clubs with the Pennant Books.

Tournaments – Please don't forget to send me details of your upcoming Tournaments so they can be advertised on the Zone Website.

Match Report – Reg. Richardson

2013 Pennants.

Sides in the 2013 Zone 15 Pennant Season are:

Grade 1 Six Sides, Grade 2 Twelve Sides, Grade 3 Six Sides, Grade 4 Eighteen Sides, Grade 5 Eighteen Sides, Grade 6 Twenty four Sides and Grade 7 Twenty One Sides.

Making a total of 105 Sides (same as in 2012)

The State Match Committee has approved the Draw in Principle and requested a change for 1 Club this has been complied with and forwarded to State for approval. On receipt of approval the Draw will be emailed to all clubs and published on the Zone web site. The Match Committee recommends Clubs requiring Pennant Player Regrades forward them to the Zone Chairman of Match as soon as possible for State approval.

2013 Zone Major and Presidents Reserve Fours Championships:

First Round scheduled for Saturday 12th January and the Final 12noon 20th January 2013 Venue: The Greens The Entrance.

2013 Zone 15 Triples

The Zone Triples Closed on Tuesday 8th January with 63 teams entered (in 2012 we had entries of 56 teams). The draw has been emailed to all clubs and is on the Zone Web site.

First Round scheduled for 2nd February 2013 and Final on 10th February 2013.

2013 Programme

The 2013 Programme of Events has been emailed to all Clubs and is on the Zone web site.

Events Report 2013 – Col Bray

Following are Events which have been presented to Clubs within the Zone where “Approvals” have been received :-

4th March 2013. Seniors Trial Zones 2-6-9-and 15. Venue: Ettalong.

18th March 2013. Veteran & Super Veterans - North. Venue : Munmorah.

10th & 11th Aug.2013. Pat Geary Trophy. Zones 2-6-14 and 15. Venue : Halekulani.

Events awaiting Presentation and Approval :-

18th March 2013. Vets & Super Vets – South.

May 2013. Volunteers. TBA.

Representative Events.

5th May 2013. Reserves . 2-6-and 15. Venue TBA

16th May 2013. Reserves/Open v's Zone 15 Seniors Inter-Zone. Venue :Diggers

21st May 2013. Senior Inter-Zone Sides . Venue : Ballina.

16th June 2013. Open Trial. Zones 6 and 15. Venue TBA.

28th July 2013. Annual Trial Zones 9 and 15. Venue : ASQUITH.

To be firmed :-

Nov.2013. State RSL v's Zone 15.

With Dick Love and his Team of Selectors now in the process of observing and training both the Open and the Emerging squads, we look forward to some rather spectacular bowls coming from Zone 15. Good Bowling to all !

Financial Report

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION - ZONE 15 INC.			
<i>Financial Report for</i>		<i>Nov-Dec 2012</i>	
No 2 Account - Opening Balance	\$33,247.84	Zone Championships	
Nov-Dec 2012		Major Fours	\$1,536.00
Capitation Fees	\$387.00	Presidents Fours	\$1,152.00
Affiliation Fees	\$0.00	Major Triples	\$0.00
Web Site	\$0.00	Major Pairs	\$0.00
RIS/WBA	\$0.00	Senior Pairs	\$0.00
Sponsorship & Donators	\$0.00	President's Pairs	\$0.00
Sundry Income	\$0.00	Veteran's Pairs	\$0.00
Bank Interest	\$0.00	Major Singles	\$0.00
Pennants	\$6,020.00	Senior Singles	\$0.00
Mid Week Triples	-\$420.00	President's Singles	\$0.00
Mixed Pennants	\$0.00	Veteran's Singles	\$0.00
Zone Championships	\$2,688.00	CoC Singles	\$0.00
Events	\$493.25	CoC Pairs	\$0.00
Administration	-\$3,802.92	Fines	\$0.00
Juniors	\$0.00	Total	\$2,688.00
Clothing	-\$2,150.00	Events	
Honoraria	\$0.00	Volunteer's Day	\$0.00
Misc	\$0.00	Seniors vs Zone 2 & 6	\$0.00
Recruitment	-\$363.32	Veteran's Day	\$0.00
No 2 Account - Closing Balance	\$26,399.85	May/Res vs Zone 2 & 6	\$0.00
Less Commitments and Reserves		Seniors v Zone 9	\$0.00
2013 Recruitment Fund	\$2,370.00	V Hunter District	\$0.00
2013 Badges	\$1,200.00	Seniors Inter Zone	\$161.25
2013 Zone Presentation	\$3,750.00	Pat Geary Shield	\$332.00
2013 Zone 4s Prize Money	\$2,800.00	May/Res vs Zone 10	\$0.00
2013 Zone 3s Prize Money	\$1,200.00	Inter Zone Sides	\$0.00
		Delegates Day	\$0.00
	\$11,320.00	Under 25 Inter Zone	\$0.00
Total Available Operating Funds	\$24,779.85	Reserves Inter Zone	\$0.00
		Creightons Challenge	\$0.00
No 1 Account Term Deposit	\$28,059.80	Presentation Day	\$0.00
		Total	\$493.25
Recruitment Funds		Administration	
brought from 2011/2012 Financial Year	\$3,902.97	Postage	-\$6.00
Income 2012/2013	\$6,003.00	Stationery	-\$364.76
Expenditure 2012/2013	-\$2,775.16	Phone Fax	-\$1,423.08
less Commitments and Reserves	\$2,370.00	Promotions	\$0.00
Funds Available	\$4,760.81	Bank fees	-\$10.00
		Maint. and New Equipment	\$0.00
		Zone Exec Meetings	-\$341.50
		Insurance	\$0.00
		Audit Fee	\$0.00
		Travelling Allowance	-\$1,440.00
		Badges	-\$126.63
Albert Heath		Sundry Items	-\$90.95
Treasurer		Total	-\$3,802.92