

**MINUTES of the MANAGEMENT MEETING of  
BOWLS CENTRAL COAST  
16<sup>st</sup> May 2013 at the Bay Sports Club at 7.30 pm.**



**Opening:** Meeting opened at 7.30 pm with President Max Le Guier in the chair.

**Attendance:** 37 (27 Delegates and 10 Committee)

**Apologies:** Peter Arnold (VP), Terry Condon and Russ Dunreath-Cooper (diggers), Garry Dowling and Mile Fletcher (Davistown). Geoff Graham (Technology Advisor and Web Site Manager). The Publicity Officer reported to the meeting on the health of Geoff who is still in hospital after major surgery. He reported that Geoff had some setbacks but was now keen to get home and is keen to be at the Pennant Finals providing his invaluable live update of the scores on the web site.

**Bereavements:** Mal Pemberton (Munmorah), William Fallon (Bateau Bay), Jack Silburn (Bateau Bay), Richard Hassler (The Entrance), Frank Martin (Wamberal).

**New Delegates:** Nil

**Confirmation of the Minutes** of Management Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 were confirmed

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

1. The President advised that the Bulldogs had declined our request for sponsorship this year and while they will consider further sponsorship in the future it would be for individual events and not for primary sponsorship as they have done for the past 8 years. This will mean that the Executive will have to do a thorough analysis of every item of our expenses and income to address this shortfall in our finances.
2. As the Bulldogs are no longer sponsors, the Secretary advised that up to the AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2013 we will be meeting at The Bay Sports however after that date we will be looking for another place to meet. Bowls Central Coast is seeking a centrally located Club to provide suitable venues for Executive and Management Meetings preferably hopefully at no cost to BCC.
3. The Secretary advised that as requested by the March Management meeting, the deadline for responses was extended to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013 but only a further 9 responses was received. Because a Forum is a high effort and high cost project the Executive has determined that it is not worth pursuing with only half of our Clubs interested.

**Correspondence:**

1. Tom Cain (Everglades) talked to a letter from Everglades recommending that teams that win a pennant be promoted to the next higher grade irrespective of if they already have a team in the higher grade. The Secretary advised that the Executive Committee had ruled that such a motion was unconstitutional in that it constrained the Match Committee's right to promote and relegate as it sees fit. After considerable discussion, Everglades moved that a Special General Meeting be held to make an amendment to the Constitution to allow their recommendation to be implemented. The motion was lost by show of hands.

**Reports:**

1. State Councillor - Kevin Dring talked to the State Council agenda items
  - a. That the State Seniors and President Reserve Championship finals which are played as a knockout competition is replaced with an open draw sectional format to reduce the cost of travel. (Zone 1) Supported by BCC to give competitors a guaranteed 3 games. Trialing the idea in these events appeared to be a practical approach.
  - b. In order to reduce administration costs of travel and overnight accommodation by Bowls NSW & BA that the local regional umpires committee be empowered to conduct accreditation and reaccreditation for level 2 umpires as opposed to the State Umpires Committee. (Zone 1) Opposed by BCC as requested by our Umpires Committee.
  - c. That District/Zone Match Committees be included in the Club Clearance and re-grading process COP 2.6.3. Currently the Zone Match Committees are by passed and they do not necessarily know what is in the system. (Zone 14) Strongly supported by BCC.
  - d. To abolish the Club Clearance fee of \$11. (Zone 14) Supported by BCC as it will eliminated the major reason why clearances go wrong, and will streamline their administration.
  - e. For the Board of Directors to review their decision on the Association Regulations (14.2 (b)) and consider reinstating the original regulation as passed in May 2012. Zone 14 Opposed by BCC.
  - f. To provide Council with an overview of the key Marketing issues identified by the Strategic Planning Meeting in Feb 2013. (Zone 15)
2. Secretaries Report
  - a. The Secretary expressed appreciation to Tony Hegyi for uploading the pennant results in the absence of Geoff Graham .

- b. On Monday (20/5/2013) nominations will be called for State Councillor.
  - c. The Meeting was reminded that the P.O. Box has been changed. The Secretary is now aware of one or two items have been returned to sender or gone astray, but overall the amount of mail now received clearly does not justify the expense of a P.O. box. He extended his thanks to Clubs most of whom use the preferred email or fax to communicate with the Secretary.
3. Selectors
- a. Chairman of selectors Dick Love advised the meeting that the Selectors have selected a strong side for Ballina with 5 players who have played for NSW or Victoria. Today they played a trial at diggers to get more experience playing together and they defeated a Zone Selection of open and emerging players.
  - b. Last week the Selectors had an address to 60 bowlers by Graham Arnold about development of the individual athlete. We have had some discipline issues during training with a 30% compliance to the training exercises. Thanks to David Cameron for his help and to the other Selectors who have been present at all the training sessions.
4. Under 18's
- a. Co-ordinator Garry Macfadyen explained to the meeting the circumstances that led to the Under 18 Fours championship being rerun. The entry form was confusing in that it required entrants to be under 18 as at the "completion date of the competition" which was taken by all in BCC to mean the end of the BCC Under 18 Championships. However under the RNSWBA COP "completion date of the competition" means the end of the State Finals at Warilla. Unfortunately one member of the winning team of the fours turned 18 twelve days before the end of the State Finals. Accordingly he and his team was disqualified by the RNSWBA from our BCC Under 18 fours. BCC appealed this decision as it unfairly penalised players for what was essentially our mistake. The State Match Committee ruled that the event had to be played again. This will be happening on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2013. There was no need for a rerun of the pairs because the player was defeated in the first round and while he had won 2 matches in the singles against Ettalong players, the Ettalong Club had not complained or protested. Garry tabled a letter documenting the circumstances around this matter.
  - b. Garry moved that the winning team of the initial event be recognised as the winners of the BCC Under 18 Fours or joint winners if a different team wins the rerun event. This was carried unanimously.
  - c. When Garry was advising the under 18 players and their parents of the need to rerun the event, Team Manager of our representative teams and a coach for the Central Coast Academy of Sport (CCAS), Miro Perovic, joined the meeting. Garry advised that Miro stated to the meeting that "It's time that the Zone worked with the Academy (being the CCAS) and not the Academy verses Zone and Ettalong". Garry claimed further that Miro implied in front of the players and parents that the draw for the Under 18's had not above board. These claims are untrue as Garry works closely with Kristy Flaxman of the CCAS with implementation of Under 18 hubs and Gala Days and the draw was done under the supervision of the BCC Match Committee. Garry called on Miro to retract and apologise for his remarks.
5. Coaching Academy – David Cameron advised that the next meeting of the Academy is on June 12<sup>th</sup> and they will be looking at "Purposeful Practice".

### **General Business**

1. The meeting was advised that arrangements for the Pennant Finals at Bateau Bay on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June were under control. The Match Committee and the Executive Committee had met with Bateau Bay to review arrangements.
2. The President advised that as part of the BCC's need to review all items of expenditure the \$500 payment to winning teams of the 2013 Pennant Competition had been cancelled.
3. Volunteers Day was a great success despite the rain forcing the awarding of certificated to happen before bowls. The Entrance Club was thanked for its sponsorship and the excellence of the facilities it provided on the day. RNSWBA Board Member Bob Moran had commented that the RNSWBA would like to see all Zones conduct a similar day. Peter Arnold was thanked for arranging the event in the absence on holidays of the Secretary.
4. The Secretary advised that the meeting with the RNSWBA CEO was very successful with only a few minor issues to be resolved.

5. David Lyon (Gwandalan) asked that a notice be issued advising that BCC Officials can only be contacted through official channels. Correspondence must be signed by the Secretary or the President.
6. David Lyon (Gwandalan) asked if Mid Week triples could have a north and south format and Tom Cain (Everglades) asked that Mid Week Triples start later to avoid school and business traffic. After some discussion Tony Hegyi (Bateau Bay) moved that "Mid week triples start at 10.30am and B and C grade have a North and South format using the Shire boundaries, with the 2 winners from each shire to play for the BCC title. A grade to be 2 bowl triples and 25 ends." The motion was carried.

**Closure:** Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

**Next meeting:** Thursday 18th July 2013 at 7.30 pm

**Reports for Executive and Management Meetings to be held 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May.**

### ***President – Max Le Guier***

**Mon.18<sup>th</sup> Mar.** Bob Bourke and I visited the Veteran & Super Veterans Day, Starting at The Diggers which was well attended. A game of Bowls was played, old and new friendships were made and renewed. We then proceeded to Munmorah United in the North which was the other Venue where two greens were used, both Clubs supplied a snack after the game. Badges were presented. Thanks to Presidents Terry and Ray, and thanks also the members of the Executive who all helped make this day for our senior bowlers. Thanks also to our co Sponsors Creighton's and their representatives who came along to both venues.

**Sun. 14 April,** Colin Bray & I visited Wyong B/C and were treated to a fine display of bowling by our Maddison Fennell V Ellen Ryan from Goulburn Bowling Club, both players played exceedingly well. It was a pleasure to visit Wyong B/C to see these players in action, they both have a good future ahead of them.

**Tue. 16 April,** I was at Ettalong B/C to watch the Junior pairs being played, it was also good to watch. Again accompanied by Col Bray.

**Wed 17. April.** I was again at Ettalong B/C to watch the finals of the Junior Singles which was eventually won by Mitchell Mc Donnell from Halekulani B/C, credit must go to Garry MacFadyen & John Roberts. Thank to both of you and to Ettalong B/C volunteers and staff.

**Mon 22 April** I attended Legacy/Anzac Day at Gosford B/C, a good day was had by all.

**Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> May.** Most of the Executive were at Warners Bay B/C to watch our Zone players win both Marches, the under 18s also performed well.

### ***State Councillor - Kevin Dring***

There has not been a State Council Meeting since my March report. The next meeting is May 22 2013 at Ballina held in conjunction with the NSW Seniors Inter-Zone Championships. The agenda topics as circulated are as follows:-

- That the State Seniors and President Reserve Championship finals which are played as a knockout competition is replaced with an open draw sectional format to reduce the cost of travel. Zone 1
- In order to reduce administration costs of travel and overnight accommodation by Bowls NSW & BA that the local regional umpires committee be empowered to conduct accreditation and reaccreditation for level 2 umpires as opposed to the State Umpires Committee. Zone 1
- That District/Zone Match Committees be included in the Club Clearance and re-grading process COP 2.6.3. Currently the Zone Match Committees are by passed and they do not necessarily know what is in the system. Zone 14
- To abolish the Club Clearance fee of \$11. Zone 14
- For the Board of Directors to review their decision on the Association Regulations (14.2 (b)) and consider reinstating the original regulation as passed in May 2012. Zone 14
- To provide Council with an overview of the key Marketing issues identified by the Strategic Planning Meeting in Feb 2013. Zone 15

### ***Secretary - Doug Rose***

**The Forum Survey deadline** was extended to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Nine more Clubs submitted responses. The Forum is an opportunity to hear directly from the people who make the decisions as to how Bowls is

administered in NSW. As only half of our Clubs are interested in a Forum, the high cost and work involved to conduct a Forum would not appear to be justified.

**Volunteers Day** has just been held and was an enormous success with 26 nominees from 21 Clubs, 3 sub-committees and the Executive receiving special awards. Also the opportunity was taken to thank our 3 Registrars who have been assisting with the collection of pennants results for the past 5 years. My thanks to Assistant Secretary Peter Arnold for his work while I was on holidays to ensure that this day was a success.

**A "Zone 15 Notice Board"** has been created on the web site under the menu "Club Pages". This new page has links to all the Zone 15 notices that have been issued and should be on every Club's Notice Board. This action was foreshadowed at the last Management meeting because too many Clubs did not display the notice for Veterans Day with the result that their veteran's missed out on a most enjoyable day. All Club officials and committee members are encouraged to check the "Zone 15 Notice Board" against their Clubs Notice Board.

**Finally, a reminder that P.O. Box 221 Ettalong Beach has been closed.** To date this appears to be working well. The mail I have received is not of sufficient quantity to justify a P.O. Box and I am not aware of any correspondence being returned to sender before being resent to my home address.

### ***Publicity Officer - Bob Bourke***

Since my last report I have attended and reported on;

**March 18** - Veterans and Super Veterans Day at Diggers and Munmorah United BCs.

**April 14** – (At the request of Wyong Bowling Club) the Maddison Fennell & Ellen Ryan Under 18 Exhibition Match at Wyong BC.

**April 15/17** – BCC Under 18 Championships at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club.

**May 7** – The Graham Arnold address to our Open, Emerging and Seniors Squads at Terrigal Bowling Club.

**"Points score table" as at round 5-** In addition, I did a "points score table" for the first three placed clubs in all the Pennants Sections as at Round 5 for journalist Lauren Nicholls at the Express/Advocate Newspaper which resulted in a third of a page in April 19<sup>th</sup> edition. I will do a similar article at the completion of the Sectional Rounds.

**Pennants Results** – Each week I re-format the Pennants Results and email them to the Express/Advocate. Unfortunately the paper has only printed the results on three of the last eight weeks. The reason given by the paper is that when they have a large number of Classified ads then the Sports Results column is not printed for that issue.

### ***Umpires Report – Leo Finn***

**No change to Umpires roles and assessment practices** - In the last couple of months there have been numerous rumors circulating about how the Umpires are having changes to the way they perform their roles and assessment processes. I would like people to stop circulating rumors as there has been no changes in the way we do our work implemented by either Bowls Australia or Bowls New South Wales, the umpires will continue to run accreditation and re-accreditation courses as they have always done. Should any club wish to have an accreditation or re-accreditation course run they only have to contact the Secretary, Tony Hegyi and he will arrange for suitable instructors to run the course. Business for Umpires in the Zone will be the same as always unless otherwise informed by me.

### ***Match Report – Reg. Richardson***

**2013 Pennants** - With 9 rounds completed the finals are fast approaching with Rounds 1 and 2 of Grade 4 and 5 Round Robin to be played at Ettalong on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Semi Finals for Grades 1, 3, 6, 7 and Round 3 (FINAL) of Grades 4 and 5 Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at Bateau Bay. FINALS of Grades 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 at 12noon on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Venue: Bateau Bay.

**2013 Zone 15 Under 18 (Junior) Championships** - Due to a misunderstanding of the RNSWBA C. O. P. an ineligible player was allowed to play. After an appeal to State Match Committee the Junior Fours Championship is to be replayed at Ettalong Memorial on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

**Zone 15 State Singles Championship** - Entry Forms for Major, Senior and Presidents Reserve Singles Championships have been Emailed to all Clubs. With entries closing with the Zone Chairman of Match on the 21<sup>st</sup> May with First Round scheduled for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Zone 15 Veterans Singles and Pairs Championship** - This Championship is not a State Event. Entry Forms will be Emailed to all clubs on 21<sup>st</sup> May with:

**Singles** closing on 18<sup>th</sup> June with First Round scheduled for 10.00am Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

**Pairs** closing on 25<sup>th</sup> June with First Round scheduled for 10.00am Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Duration of Matches and further playing days as per the Entry Form.

### ***Selectors Report - Richard Love***

The selectors have been busy coordinating the training, coaching and selection of squads and teams for Open, Seniors and Emerging Bowlers. The business time of the season is approaching with form in pennants and championships closely monitored.

**Our Seniors side** of 3 rinks travel to Ballina on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to contest the NSW Inter zone championships. We have selected a strong experienced side and we wish them every success.

**Our initial training and coaching program concluded** with an excellent address by Graham Arnold, Coach of the Central Coast Mariners and premiers of the A league with a great win over the Western Sydney Wanderers in the Grand Final. This was attended by 60 players from the three squads and the feedback has been very positive. One or two key points of Graham's address were -----

1. We play for the team not ourselves.
2. Leadership lies within the playing group. All codes in team sports have a leadership group.
3. Personal discipline is not up for debate eg. mobile phones

**The most encouraging aspect** of the program we have run is the enthusiasm and attitude of the emerging players and this was on display last Sunday at Warners Bay when we had 2 wins against strong Newcastle opposition. Our players bonded as a team, looked the part and knew each other from their training nights.

**We are now preparing for the Open events** leading to the Pat Geary Shield and the State Inter Zone series in September. A trial for 6 rinks against Zone 6 at East Cessnock has been arranged and the Selected team includes a number from our emerging squad.

### ***Under 18's Report – Garry MacFadyen***

**The U18, Zone 15 Championships** were held at Ettalong BC on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The singles event was a great game between Mitchell McDonnell (Halekulani) and Brad McIntyre (Avoca Beach). These two boys came out of the pack somewhat unexpectedly and produced a quality game of draw bowls that kept the crowd engaged throughout. Mitch won the game 31-28 and deserved to be crowned singles champion for 2013. The pairs was a repeat of 2012 with Luke McBeatty (Ettalong) and team mate Jacob Casswell (Ettalong), showing that 2012 was no fluke with a close win over Maddison Fennell (Gwandalan) and Jayden Moody (Terrigal). This game went down to the wire with the last end deciding the result. Unfortunately the Fours event will be replayed due to a player from the winning team being deemed ineligible. We were of the view that this player could participate as he was under 18 years of age at the time of our event but the Royal defines 'the event' as the NSW Junior Championships which conclude 13/7/13 and the player turns 18 just prior to that date. Our entry form could be misinterpreted to suggest that a player must be under 18 before the conclusion of our zone 15 event and herein lies the confusion. The NSW Match Committee acknowledges the possible misinterpretation and has granted permission to replay the event. Amended entry forms are now on the website and clubs have been informed of the reason why this event is to be re-run. Ettalong BC will host this contest on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.

**Our U18s acquitted themselves very well** in the Zone15 v Zones 2 and 6 at Warners Bay BC on Sunday 5/5/13. Luke McBeatty's team of James Burns / Bailey Meti (shared games), Caileb Peck and Jacob Casswell had two outstanding wins by big margins while Maddison Fennell's team of Jacob Burns, Mitch McDonnell and Jayden Moody went down by very narrow margins against strong opposition. All players were delighted to wear their new, neatly fitted, zone attire and it must be said that finally, they were able to represent their zone in a manner befitting proud, zone representatives.

**Financial Report – Albert Heath**

<b>CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION - ZONE 15 INC.</b>			
<i>Financial Report for</i>		<i>Mar-Apr 2013</i>	
<b>No 2 Account - Opening Balance</b>		\$30,856.67	<b><u>Zone Championships</u></b>
Mar-Apr 2013			Major Fours \$0.00
Capitation Fees	\$12.00		Presidents Fours \$0.00
Affiliation Fees	\$0.00		Major Triples \$0.00
Web Site	\$500.00		Major Pairs \$0.00
RNSWBA	\$0.00		Senior Pairs \$0.00
Sponsorship & Donations	\$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	<b>-\$3,177.00</b>		Senior Singles \$0.00
Mid Week Triples	\$0.00		President's Singles \$0.00
Mixed Pennants	\$0.00		Veteran's Singles \$0.00
Zone Championships	\$0.00		CoC Singles \$0.00
Events	\$318.03		CoC Pairs \$0.00
Administration	<b>-\$1,534.83</b>		Fines \$0.00
Juniors	\$0.00		<b>Total</b> \$0.00
Clothing	\$0.00		<b><u>Events</u></b>
Honoraria	\$0.00		Volunteer's Day \$0.00
Misc.	\$0.00		Seniors vs Zone 2 & 6 \$0.00
Recruitment	<b>-\$876.90</b>	<b>-\$4,758.70</b>	Veteran's Day \$344.03
<b>No 2 Account - Closing Balance</b>		\$26,097.97	Maj/Res vs Zone 2 & 6 \$0.00
<b><u>Less Commitments and Reserves</u></b>			Seniors v Zone 9 <b>-\$26.00</b>
2013 Recruitment Fund	\$2,370.00		V Hunter District \$0.00
2013 Badges	\$1,600.00		Seniors Inter Zone \$0.00
2013 Senior Inter/Zone	\$3,000.00		Pat Geary Shield \$0.00
2013 Pennant Prize Money	\$3,500.00		Maj/Res vs Zone 10 \$0.00
2013 Pennant Presentation	\$1,500.00		Inter Zone Sides \$0.00
		\$11,970.00	Delegates Day \$0.00
<b>Total Available Operating Funds</b>		<b>\$14,127.97</b>	Under 25 Inter Zone \$0.00
			Reserves Inter Zone \$0.00
<b>No 1 Account Term Deposit</b>		\$28,059.80	Creightons Challenge \$0.00
			Presentation Day \$0.00
			<b>Total</b> \$318.03
<b><u>Recruitment Funds</u></b>			<b><u>Administration</u></b>
b/f from 2011/2012 Financial Year	\$3,902.97		Postage \$0.00
Income 2012/2013	\$6,605.00		Stationery <b>-\$287.03</b>
Expenditure 2012/2013	<b>-\$4,075.38</b>		Phone Fax <b>-\$1,207.30</b>
<b>less Commitments and Reserves</b>	<b>\$2,370.00</b>		Promotions \$0.00
<b>Funds Available</b>		<b>\$4,062.59</b>	Bank fees <b>-\$10.50</b>
			Maint. and New Equipment \$0.00
			Zone Exec Meetings <b>-\$30.00</b>
			Insurance \$0.00
			Audit Fee \$0.00
			Travelling Allowance \$0.00
			Badges \$0.00
<b>Albert Heath</b>			Sundry Items \$0.00
<b>Treasurer</b>			<b>Total</b> <b>-\$1,534.83</b>

## ***Coaching Academy– David Cameron***

**Benchmarking Drill** - 23 coaches attended the meeting at Diggers on Monday 8th April where they participated in the 48 Bowl Challenge – this is a benchmarking drill to determine strengths and weaknesses of players. It gives players, and coaches, specific aspects of a player’s drawing ability which the coach can then work with them on.

**Selection Module** – the end of pennants for the majority of clubs is one game away and it would be useful for clubs looking to next year for them to have prospective selectors attend this program.

The Selection Module is designed for club coaches, selectors and others who are keen to ensure their club has best practice selection standards. Coaches should attend this workshop to learn more about the benchmarking players which can assist with selection. Selectors and committee members should attend this workshop to learn how to create a selection policy and a healthy philosophy for their club.

**The end of pennants is generally a time to reflect on “what might have been”**, it is also an opportunity for Clubs and Coaches to formulate a plan for the coming year, to assess the skills of their players and determine drills to make them and the club more competitive.

**The next Academy meeting** will be at Diggers on Wednesday 12th June at 9:30am – Topic is Purposeful Practice Drills