



MINUTES of the Board of BOWLS WA

Meeting held on Friday 25th May 2018 at Bowls WA Headquarters commencing at 8.00am.

1. PRESENT

Kerry Andersen, Lisa Featherby, Ross Warburton, Larry Bandy, Marc Abonnel, Hendy Cowan, Debbie Capper, Vince Del Prete

1.1 In attendance:

Tony Sherwill (BA – COO), Ken Pride (CEO)

1.2 APOLOGIES

1.3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 23rd April 2018 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Ross Warburton

Seconded: Debbie Capper

Agreed

The President welcomed Tony Sherwill, Chief Operating Officer for Bowls Australia and noted the apology from Darryl Clout Bowls Australia President for family reasons.

2. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

2.1 Player Protection – General Condition 8

The CEO noted that since the April Board meeting the Murray and South West Leagues had voted at their respective AGMs to ignore General Condition Clause 8, which deals with ensuring Player Protection for those wishing to enter high performance events. A key requirement of affiliated clubs is to abide by such conditions placed on clubs and not to pick and choose those they saw as relevant to them. After discussion it was agreed to send a letter to the respective Leagues, requesting they recind the Motion and abide by their responsibilities as affiliated leagues. Any further action will be determined by the response of the Leagues.

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| Action: The CEO to write to Leagues as required. |
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3. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 SCB & CEO meetings – Darwin

The CEO had distributed a report on the meetings held in Darwin prior to the Australian Sides Series. Some of the major issues, which were later in the meeting expanded on by Tony Sherwill included:

- The changing of the BA High Performance calendar, such that major events will likely be grouped together in a festival of bowls that will aid in attracting commercial support and lessen the financial burden on BA. A tendering process will be set up that will seek a host club/region for an extended contract, removing the round robin format,
- A delay in the introduction of the *Bowls Link* whole of sport IT system, by up to nine months. This delay will force the transition of the *Bowls Connect to Bowls Link* system to mid year 2019 in WA. The transition would not be introduced mid pennant season, but several clubs or a League may be encouraged to trial the new system in preparation for a statewide roll-out,
- The outcomes from the Commonwealth Games and due diligence on facilities being carried out by the state government for major events in WA into the future,
- Opportunities for Shared Services with BA from the state s and territories, particularly in areas such as legal and human resources,
- Current trends in Participation which shows a continued climb of social/corporate bowls and a decline in full membership.

3.2 Metropolitan Presidents' Forum outcomes

The recently held Presidents' Forum was considered successful, with a general understanding of the Club Affiliation Fee seemingly reached. The Ladies Forum will be held on Tuesday 29th at the Stirling Bowling Club.

3.3 DSR Funding approval

The CEO was pleased to inform the Board that funding of \$5,000 had been approved by DSR for the development of Country Zone Officials and Coaches – Presenter and Assessors. This funding will allow the hosting of four regional (zone) training forums where a target of (16) new regional P&As would be appointed – (8) in coaching and (8) in officiating. A program for these training sessions will now be considered over the next several months.

4. OPERATIONAL ITEMS

4.1 REPORTS

4.1.1 President

The President noted that she had received written notification that Deputy President Tim Murray would not seek re-election at the AGM, due to work commitments and conflicting times with work and Board Meetings. All other Directors whose terms expired in July would offer themselves for re-election. **NOTED.**

The President tabled her written report and highlighted the following:

- Attendance at a number of events and forums including the BCiB forum at the Manning BC and the opening of the National MultiBowl Disability Championships held at the Kardinya BC,
- Further information on the SCB meeting held in Darwin,
- The performances of the WA teams at the Australian Sides Series in Darwin,
- The great interest and success of the State Mixed Pairs event held at the Stirling BC.

4.1.2 CEO

The CEO noted meetings he had with the WASF and Aurecon who had been commissioned by DSR to investigate the readiness or requirements of sports to host major events. No doubt further meetings and information will come from these initial discussions in due course.

4.1.3 Bowls Management

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th May were noted.

4.1.4 Club Development

Marc Abonnel had distributed the Minutes of the CDC meeting held on 14th May, noting that Aaron Delaporte would be providing a detailed presentation later in the meeting on a number of areas the committee was working on.

4.1.5 Accounts to 30/4/18 & Audit

The new Auditors had completed their work with a presentation to be given to the Board on 2nd July. Liz Rolt would provide a briefing to Audit, Risk & Finance committee members following this meeting. A number of non-cash items previously held in the Balance Sheet had been dealt with as per Accounting Standards, as a result a much inflated surplus will be reported upon at the AGM; clearly this will need to be explained to clubs in the interim. As part of the Audit the Auditors requested a formal Resolution from the Board in order to appropriately deal with a transfer from retained surplus to the General Reserve for future infrastructure requirements.

The Board RESOLVED to transfer \$55,000 from Retained Surplus to General Reserve for the purpose of expected future infrastructure requirements. Due to the decision being made subsequent to 30th April 2018, the Board ratified the decision.

Moved Hendy Cowan Seconded Larry Bandy Agreed

4.1.6 Affiliation Fee Review

Lisa Featherby noted the progress of the Committee and highlighted some areas where further work is required, such as a process of affiliation for non-pennant playing clubs. It was generally considered that clubs understood the process and direction being undertaken, although decisions may be influenced by specific affiliation charges once known. A further presentation will be made at the Ladies Forum and the AGM in late July.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Annual Dinner & Awards Night

The CEO briefed the Board on that evening's format, which would have a record number in attendance.

5.2 National MultiBowl Championships

The President and CEO noted the great work that Denise McMillan was doing at the Championships hosted by the Kardinya BC. This is the first time that WA had hosted the event in over 30 years and at the time of writing was an outstanding success. It was unfortunate that the final day of play would be moved to the Rossmoyne BC due to inclement weather.

5.3 Staff Presentation – Aaron Delaporte

Aaron Delaporte gave a detailed presentation on a number of areas that the Club Development Committee were working upon, including a program entitled *Winning Drive* which pulled together a number of club development programs into a single overarching direction. This would seek funding from DSR in the recently announced *Every Club Funding* program. The presentation included:

- Outcomes of recent resigned members and 1st year players,
- The Gotta love the Bowlo campaign and future opportunities,
- The *Winning Drive* program

5.4 BA Presentation – Tony Sherwill

The President invited Tony Sherwill, Chief Operating Officer for Bowls Australia to update the BWA Board on national issues. Areas touched upon included the key objectives of the Bowls in Australia strategic plan, that very much sought support from STAs in the successful attainment of those objectives. A detailed review of the BA High Performance events was noted, with further information to be communicated as it comes to hand.

The Board thanked Tony for attending the meeting and this evening's Awards Night.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 10.50am.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 2nd July at 9.00am