



MINUTES of the Board of BOWLS WA

Meeting held on Monday 23rd April 2018 at Bowls WA Headquarters commencing at 7.50am.

1. PRESENT

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

1.1 In attendance:

Ken Pride (CEO)

1.2 APOLOGIES

Tim Murray, Vince Del Prete

1.3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 26th March 2018 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Marc Abonnel

Seconded: Ross Warburton

Agreed

2. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

2.1 Premier League team limitations

The Board noted from the minutes of the BMC, that the paper relating to the limiting of Premier League clubs to (1) in each of the Tuesday Ladies and Saturday Men had been ratified. The Board discussed the ramifications of the decision and noted that the meeting had not discussed at any length the recommendation of the CEO in his paper, nor had the matter been raised with clubs in a Forum type setting. It was believed prudent for this to occur; notwithstanding the recommendation from the BMC and noting that this would affect only several clubs.

The CEO to include the paper relating to this matter with Presidents' and Ladies Forum information for consideration. The issue to be further included on the May Board agenda.

Action: The CEO as requested at the Forum(s) and inclusion on the May Board agenda.

3. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Strategic Plan ¼ update

The CEO had distributed the Reporting Table for the actions within the strategic plan to the end of April. The items shown in red as not completed were noted and discussed individually. With this being the final quarter for the year, several items were recommended to be updated for the following year, including:

- Investment into the professional development of all stakeholders, rather than just staff/BWA volunteers,
- Discussion at a Forum level as to the appetite for a secondary short form competition in 2019/20,
- Promotion of the role of coaches in seeking candidates for the Advanced Coaching course.

The CEO will now work towards the framing of a new set of strategies and performance targets for 2018/19. **NOTED.**

Action: The CEO to include on the Forum agenda's the issue of a secondary short form competition for 2019/20.

3.2 Notice(s) of Motion

Discussion on clubs, leagues, and zones raising Notice(s) of Motion against Bowls WA rules or general conditions governing play was considered at length. The ramifications of such moves were noted, with the CEO to further report outcomes of forthcoming league and zone meeting.

The CEO to add to the next Board Meeting agenda.

3.3 State Consultative Body (SCB) and CEO meetings

The CEO distributed the SCB and CEO agenda's for meetings to be held next week in Darwin.

4. OPERATIONAL ITEMS

Reports

4.1 President

The President tabled her written report and highlighted the following:

- Attendance at a number of events including Champion of Champion Singles, Over 60's Mixed Pairs and the farewell function for the retiring Governor,
- Some excellent results from the Commonwealth Games, with very good coverage,
- A great job led by Denise McMillan in the hosting of the National Multi Bowls Championships to be hosted by Kardinya in late May,
- Noted the Bowls Australia Board Minutes and some of the key issues from those, with a number of items on the agenda for next week's meetings in Darwin,
- The joint hosting of information forums by BA and BCiB next month at three clubs leading into the Annual Dinner and Awards Night.

The Board discussed the offer of Patronage by the new Governor for the Association. It was agreed that the CEO fulfil the requirements to seek that on-going patronage. **NOTED.**

Action: The CEO to write to the Governor's office as required.

4.2 CEO

The CEO's report was tabled and accepted.

4.3 Bowls Management

The Minutes of the April BMC meeting were distributed and noted.

4.4 Club Development

Marc Abonnel referred to the Minutes of the CDC and highlighted the various surveys that had been or were being undertaken; the results of which would be presented at the May Board Meeting. In addition and in conjunction with Clubs WA a series of club development forums would be hosted, with an objective of improving club governance and operations in various areas.

These sessions would be held in both metropolitan and country areas, with a subsidised cost for bowling club personnel.

4.5 Audit, Risk & Finance

Lisa Featherby as Director of Finance presented the accounts to the 31st March and noted any variations to budget and highlighted the major items of income and expenditure. As previously discussed there will be a deficit posted for 2017/18, brought about in part by a number of unbudgeted expenses, including the formal revaluation of 158 Main Street, loss on the sale of asset (van/partitioning), increased costs for internal travel for the Sides Series and expenditure incurred by the marketing campaign.

The CEO sought a Board Resolution that would permit the capital expenditure required for the replacement of the BWA van.

It was therefore **UNANIMOUSLY** RESOLVED to authorize the CEO to purchase a new BWA van on terms most beneficial to the Association.

There were no further queries on the accounts and they accepted for the period.

4.6 Affiliation Fee Review Committee

Lisa Featherby directed the Board to the enclosed Minutes of the Committee, noting that (10) clubs and (1) league had forwarded a submission in relation to the review – this was deemed rather disappointing given the importance of the matter.

The submissions had been considered by the committee and further work had been carried out on a proposed new affiliation model. Further work was envisaged; however several clubs had been briefed, with more meetings to come. So far each had accepted the basis of the new model, which sought equity and transparency as its basis.

The basis of the Model will be presented at the Presidents' Forum for comment and discussion.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Club suspensions – Provost and Butler

The Board noted communication from Morley BC that it had suspended members Anthony Provost and Rhett Butler for a period of 12 months.

5.2 Annual Dinner & Awards Night

Invitations had been distributed and the program for the evening was being worked upon.

The Hall of Fame Committee had received four nominations from clubs, which will be considered immediately following the Board Meeting. The Board acknowledged it would accept the recommendations of the committee and asked that it merely be informed of those deliberations. **NOTED.**

Further information on the Dinner will be provided to Board members in the following weeks.

5.3 Annual General Meeting

The Notices for the Annual General Meeting will be distributed to clubs shortly; including nomination forms for the Board and various Standing & Operational Committees. All of these positions are for a set two year term.

It was noted that of the Board members whose terms were expiring, Deputy President Tim Murray would not seek re-election due to work commitments.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.55am.

Next Meeting

Friday 25th May at 7.30am for 8.00am, with Bowls Australia President Daryl Clout and Chief Operating Officer Tony Sherwill as guests.