



Meeting of the Bowls Management Committee held on Friday 11th May 2018.

1. Open Meeting and Welcome

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Tim Murray at 10.10am.

2. Present

Tim Murray, Tony Hockey, Kevin Murphy, Ross Warburton, Mike Goble-Garratt, Jim Powell, Bev Bradshaw, Leigh Salter (proxy), Anne Lilley

In attendance:

Ken Pride, Pieter Harris

3. Apologies

Brian Burton, Valerie Hulbert, Carol Lee, John Bridge, Ron Mance

4. Conflict of Interest

Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 13th April 2018 were confirmed.

Moved: Mike Goble-Garratt

Seconded: Tony Hockey

Agreed

6. Business Arising

6.1 Premier League – team limitations 2018/19

The Board had requested the matter be raised and discussed at the forthcoming Forums. This was not a reflection on the committee(s) position but a belief that it was an important club based issue and their input would be valued; notwithstanding it only refers to several clubs at this time.

6.2 Australian Sides Series (Darwin)

Tony Hockey gave a detailed summation of the Sides Series performance, noting that although a target of four wins from seven matches was not attained the standard of play and competitiveness of the men's side had improved significantly over the past 3-5 years. The only match that WA was not a realistic chance was the Tasmanian game, with all others winnable at some stage. The finished in 6th place.

The ladies team were perhaps a little disappointed in their carnival; given they were one of the main chances prior to the event; they finished in 5th place with four wins from seven games.

It was noted that Bowls Australia had reviewed all its events and that a change in timing of the Sides Series, along with a number of other events, will likely occur in 2019. BA continued to formulate their schedule, which would likely see an end to the Round-Robin nature of this event. Further information will be communicated as it comes to hand.

7. Information Items

7.1 Presidents' and Ladies Forums

The CEO tabled the agenda's for the two forums later in the month, with discussion on several of the items. One of the items to be raised will be the work thus far on the Affiliation Fee Review. The proposed model was discussed in depth with a number of questions answered. In general there appeared to be satisfaction with the transparency and simplicity of the model, noting that further work was to be undertaken.

The response from the club executives will be important to the finalisation of the model, for further presentation at the July Annual General Meeting.

7.2 DSR funding approval

The CEO was pleased to report that an application for funding the training of regional P&As had been successful, with \$5,000 made available. This program will have an objective of funding four sessions in the Zones, with a goal of appointing eight Coaches and eight Umpires (two of each for each Zone) – thereby improving the self-sufficiency of the Leagues/Zones

in training coaches and officials. A program will be worked upon in coming months with country representatives and metropolitan trainers.

8. Discussion Items

8.1 CEO and SCB meetings (Darwin)

The CEO tabled a report on the issues that were discussed in meetings over the recent Sides Series. One of the major items affecting WA will be the proposal to play the majority of BA events over a two week series, including the Under 18s, Over 60s, Sides Series, Champion of Champions, Australian Championships etc. This follows a review of the BA run events, which showed a number to fall short of key criteria such as economic benefit, spectator appeal and possible commercialisation of the event.

The grouping together of these events in the first two weeks of October as *The Nationals* would see an end to the traditional Round Robin format, with a 3-5 year contract offered to the successful bidder for the event. In due course when further details are available the Board will consider whether WA would have any interest in bidding for the event in association with local and state government assistance.

Other issues included the delay of the introduction of *Bowls Link* for at least 6 months and the formation of a number of working parties that will work towards the completion of the key targets drawn from the BA strategic plan.

8.1.1 The CEO then took the meeting through the work thus far of the ***Affiliation Fee Review Committee*** and the proposed model. The new model is aligned to the number of rinks that are used during the course of the pennant season and becomes a very much *user pays* system. A key outcome sought is simplicity and transparency and the meeting agreed that this model provided each, once detailed.

Further work will be carried out following impressions gained by the presentation to the two Forums later in the month.

9. Decision Items

Nil

10. Reports

10.1 Deputy President

Noted the Board's discussions on the limitations of club's in Premier League.

10.2 Fixtures & Events

Leigh Salter noted the distribution of the 2018/19 calendar will occur following presentation to the Forums, most likely on or about the 1st June.

10.3 Greens & Infrastructure

Jim Powell noted that the committee would look to utilise IT far more in the coming season, with clubs requested to pre-test their greens before inspectors attendance. Inspectors would then use tablets to formally record the inspection, including the filing of photographs etc.

10.4 Umpires

Mike Goble-Garratt tabled a very thorough report on the WGBT trials used at several clubs over the past pennant season, in addition to the Darwin Sides Series. Some further analysis needed to be undertaken, but it appeared if this measurement was to be used a reading of approx. 29 would appear sufficient to delay play.

It will be recommended that clubs look to purchase the WGBT instrument for further trial in 2018/19, with possible mandatory introduction for the 2019/20 pennant season.

10.5 Country

Ross Warburton noted that the SW and Murray League had chosen through a Notice of Motion at their AGMs to ignore the Player Protection clause in the General Conditions of Play, which was a disturbing position for a League to take. This would be further discussed at the Board Meeting later this month for any further action.

Action: To be raised at the Board and Country meetings of 25th May by Ross Warburton – CEO to add to agenda's as required.
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10.6 High Performance & Coaching

Tony Hockey had provided his summation of the Sides Series and further noted coaching courses coming up later in the year.

11. General Business

11.1 Gotta love the Bowlo campaign

Aaron Delaporte gave a detailed presentation on the campaign, including the approximated reach of the television commercials and social media campaign. Discussions at the Sides Series meetings suggested there were possible opportunities for this campaign to go national and further discussions with BA and the STAs will no doubt follow. The presentation will form part of a wider ranging presentation to the Board and BA at the Board Meeting of the 25th May.

11.2 Representation on the BMC

Anne Lilley questioned the basis of reducing the club representation on the BMC from four per gender to two per gender for the next period of office. To her knowledge little consultation had taken place with the committee as to change and the reasons for any requirement to change. The CEO noted that the Board had considered a number of its committees and their role, seeking to make them more effective and efficient; it was believed that there was little need to have eight club representatives on the BMC as part of that review.

Discussion ensued as to the effectiveness of the BMC in carrying out its club representation responsibilities, with very little brought to the agenda on behalf of clubs over the past two years.

The changes to the make up of the BMC will take place at the July elections. Information on key dates had been distributed to clubs in recent weeks.

11.3 IRRR competition

Bev Bradshaw noted the disappointing outcome of the IRRR event which was cancelled on the 2nd day of play due to inclement weather.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12.00 noon.

NEXT MEETING

To be advised in July.