



## **MINUTES of the Board of BOWLS WA**

Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August` 2018 at Bowls WA Headquarters commencing at 7.50am.

### **1. PRESENT**

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

#### **1.1 In attendance:**

Ken Pride (CEO)

#### **1.2 APOLOGIES**

Larry Bandy

#### **1.3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil.

#### **1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** Vince Del Prete

**Seconded:** Ross Warburton

**Agreed**

### **2. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION**

#### **2.1 Special General Meeting – Notice of Motion**

A prospective Notice of Motion had been included in the presentation to clubs at the Annual General Meeting that would clear the path for the introduction of the pennant affiliation fee in 2019/20. Since that time no comment had been received on the Motion and as a result the CEO sought Board approval for it to be formally presented to clubs as per the Constitution.

Key dates as required were noted as follows:

Special General Meeting	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Ballot Papers returned from Country	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November
Notice of Motion to Clubs	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October

The Board **resolved** to forward the Notice of Motion as required and noted the key dates, adding that it was important that enough communication was afforded to country clubs on the matter.

Hendy Cowan similarly noted the necessity for the Affiliation Fee Review Committee to remain in situ to ensure the on-going review of any new system and thereafter the process of continual reporting to the Board as required. **NOTED.**

**Action: The CEO to act as required satisfying the Constitution.**

#### **2.2 By Law and BMC Charter amendments**

The CEO had previously distributed required amendments to the BWA By Laws and BMC Charter, to enable a Director to Chair the BMC, rather than be locked into the Deputy President as currently the case. The recommended amendments were accepted.

**Action: The CEO to enact amendments as required.**

#### **2.3 Board appointments / committee portfolios**

With the resignation of Tim Murray as Deputy President and the failure to attract a candidate in the election process, the Board was free to appoint the position of Deputy President from within the Board.

The President called for nominations for the position of Deputy President, with Lisa Featherby nominating Larry Bandy, which was seconded by Ross Warburton. There being no other nomination Larry Bandy was declared Deputy President for the next two years.

The following Portfolios for the balance of the Board were noted:

Finance, Audit & Risk	Lisa Featherby (Chair)
Bowls Management	Marc Abonnel (Chair)
Club Development	Vince Del Prete (Chair)
	Debbie Capper
Country	Ross Warburton (Chair)
Hendy Cowan	Governance (Chair)

The President remained ex officio to all committees but would be a member specifically of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee.

The President thanked all Board Directors for their on-going service, noting however there remained a further Board appointment to be made to replace Mr Murray. **NOTED.**

#### **2.4 BPL #8 – Perth Suns selection**

The Perth Suns team selected to compete at Club Pine Rivers in Brisbane in November was ratified, being:

John Slavich  
Shane Knott  
Kristina Krstic  
Pieter Harris (Coach)

The CEO will communicate this to Bowls Australia as required by 27<sup>th</sup> August.

### **3. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **3.1 2017/18 Annual General Meeting**

No particular issues arose from the meeting, with the details of the proposed Pennant based Affiliation Fee well received.

#### **3.2 Joint Meeting (Board & Country)**

The CEO noted from the previous Country Committee meeting that members were keen to attend a Board Meeting to gain a greater understanding of the issues currently being considered.

The Board were happy for this to occur and the CEO would invite country committee members to the 21<sup>st</sup> September meeting. The Board Meeting would then be followed by the Country Committee meeting as scheduled, should Board members wish to attend.

**Action: The CEO to invite Country Committee members to the Board Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September at the usual time.**

#### **3.3 Operational Plan update**

The CEO tabled the updated Plan for the July quarter. Particular changes were noted and problem areas identified and discussed.

Hendy Cowan requested that management consider the four or five key operational targets for 2018/19 for further discussion. This would better summarise the key objectives that the Board and Staff could focus on in the shorter term.

**Action: The CEO as required.**

#### **3.4 Bowls WA Facilities Fund**

The CEO tabled details of the current Facilities Fund that is raised by Netball WA each year to supplement government and other grants for small club projects. The CEO sought the Board's interest in formulating a plan for Bowls to commence such a Fund, accepting that a small impost would be placed on member fees (and quarantined) for several years, with the Association similarly contributing.

There was no appetite for this initiative at this time.

#### **3.5 Bowls Australia Discussion Paper**

The CEO tabled a Discussion Paper that would be considered at forthcoming Bowls Australia committee meetings on the future direction of a national affiliation fee review.

The Board supported the paper and its general direction and recommendations.

*Pieter Harris joined the meeting after a short break.*

### **3.6 Staff Presentation**

Pieter Harris was invited to address the Board.

Pieter highlighted the opportunities that will be available to load various instructional segments onto the BWA website that will assist club administrators in reporting results and generally utilising the IT system to a greater level. It is hoped that the new Bowls Link system will further simplify the interface presented to users.

Uploading videos and streaming games live would similarly be tackled this year, with various items of hardware and software currently being purchased. The basis for the live streaming of events was noted with some practice events identified early in the season. Not all clubs will be suited to live stream – depending on accessibility of appropriate WiFi signals.

The President thanked Pieter for the presentation and he left the meeting.

## **4. OPERATIONAL ITEMS**

### **4.1 President's Report**

The President a detailed written report which noted a number of items including:

- Outcomes of the AGM and re-election of Board Directors Abonnel, Cowan and Warburton,
- The postponement of the national Festival of Bowls until October 2020 to allow for the completion of contractual obligations of some national events,
- The imminent closure of the Inglewood BC and the issues surrounding that position,
- The cancellation by the ANZ Bank of the Mortgage Introducer Program, which was never embraced by club members unfortunately,
- The sad passing of Dossie Gilbride, wife of former Vice Patron, Bill Gilbride,
- The tragic passing of state player Daniel Patterson.

The President noted that she will be an apology for the September meeting. **NOTED.**

### **4.2 CEO Report**

The CEO tabled his written report which was accepted.

### **4.3 Bowls Management**

The President chaired the BMC meeting, with Mark Abonnel in attendance. The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August had been distributed, with no questions emanating from them. The President had received an email from BMC member Anne Lilley regarding the limitations to be put on Premier League clubs in 2019/20, which was read to the meeting.

### **4.4 Club Development**

Marc Abonnel chaired the meeting with Vince Del Prete in attendance on 7<sup>th</sup> August. The Minutes of the meeting were tabled with no further comment.

### **4.5 Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> July**

The accounts had been distributed with some minor queries answered by the Director Finance, Lisa Featherby.

### **4.6 Affiliation Fee Review Committee**

No further report.

## **5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Club Expulsions**

The CEO noted that notification had been received of two club expulsions:

- Bruce Oatley (Valley BC)
- Murray Rose-Jones (Manjimup)

### **5.2 Melville/Mt Pleasant BC**

Marc Abonnel sought an update on the latest position of the Melville/Mt Pleasant BCs. The CEO noted that confirmation had been received from Mt Pleasant that they would continue for the 2018/19 season at their current site. No information had been forthcoming from Melville BC or the City of Melville in recent months and the CEO would endeavour to get an update for the Board.

<b>Action: CEO as required.</b>
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### 5.3 Various matters

Lisa Featherby noted the following matters:

- Sought the Fixtures & Events Committee to reconsider the shortened form of the game for the 2019/20 season and how that subject may be reconsidered by the metro clubs,
- The request made by Hendy Cowan to continue the Affiliation Fee Committee as a committee of review should the Notice of Motion be successful,
- Her personal disappointment with the outcome of the discussions surrounding the limitations on Premier League clubs for multiple teams in PL.

### 5.4 Staff salaries benchmarking

The President requested the CEO seek some benchmarking data on the levels of BWA staff remuneration against other like mid level sports. Hendy Cowan added that this could be considered in line with a report on the current TOIL worked by staff and the implications for the future operations of the Association.

**Action: The CEO as required.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.40am

**Next Meeting:**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30am for 8.00am (jointly with Country Committee)**

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