



Meeting of the Bowls Management Committee held on Monday 13th August 2018.

1.1 Open Meeting and Welcome

The meeting was opened by the President Kerry Andersen at 10.00am.

Present

Kerry Andersen, Tony Hockey, Ross Warburton, Mike Goble-Garratt, Jim Powell, Anne Lilley, Valerie Hulbert, Brian Burton

In attendance:

Marc Abonnel, Ken Pride, Pieter Harris

1.2. Apologies

Nil

1.3. Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 11th May 2018 were confirmed.

Moved: Mike Goble-Garratt

Seconded: Jim Powell

Agreed

President Kerry was Acting Chairperson until the Board decided on the various committee portfolios on the 20th of the month, noting that Deputy President and previous Chair Tim Murray had resigned his position at the AGM. She continued to table a written report on a number of matters of interest including some of the outcomes of the BWA AGM, updates on the new Bowls Australia IT system *Bowls Link* to which BWA was a partner, various amendments to the playing calendar and regrettably the closing of the Inglewood Bowling Club. Some of these matters the CEO would add to later in the meeting.

2. Items for Decision

2.1 Promotional Finals (Sat. Men 3rd – 6th)

Following direction received from clubs at the Presidents' Forum, the Fixtures and Events Committee tabled a recommended change to the means by which Men's Saturday pennant (3rd – 6th divisions) would be promoted in 2018/19. Essentially the top side from each colour would be promoted and play for the pennant of that division. However only the 2nd and 3rd placegetters in each of the colours would play for the 2nd promotional position; this being at the home of the 2nd side on the Saturday afternoon. This noted clubs wish to only have a single game on the Saturday whilst also protecting the major event on the calendar, the 1st division Grand Finals on the Sunday.

The recommendation put by the Fixtures and Events Committee were accepted unanimously by the committee. **NOTED.**

2.2 Premier League – Club limitations

After extensive consideration at Fixtures & Events, BMC, the Board and Club Forums the BMC were now requested to ratify their earlier position and confirm that for the 2018/19 season, only one team per club would be permitted to be in Premier League.

All committee members were given the opportunity to make their position known, given previous discussion and noting the feedback from clubs at the two Forums.

Anne Lilley did not believe a case had been made to alter the current position, particularly given the continuation of a 10 team competition and the often seen outcome of the 2nd side facing relatively short term demotion back to 1st White.

Marc Abonnel had consulted widely, noting his club did have both Premier and 1 White this coming season. He noted that to his knowledge no other sport permitted multiple club teams in the highest league, nor did any of the other STAs in Australia. Of particular concern this coming season was the position of Tuesday Premier having six sides also in 1st White and the skewing of ladies high performance bowls to two or three clubs.

Tony Hockey from a High Performance view was concerned at the lack of genuine competition that ‘power clubs’ would receive in pennant with a distinct divide opening between playing ability within the League.

After further discussion, the Chair sought a show of hands for those in support of the recommendation that only one Side per Club be permitted in Premier League (Tuesday/Saturday) for the 2018/19 season.

For – 5 Against – 2 Carried.

3. Items for Discussion

3.1 BMC Meeting Schedule

A meeting timetable was tabled and agreed to for the next several months.

4. Items for Information

4.1 CEO

The CEO updated the committee on the following items:

- New Train the Trainer appointees
- BMC Charter amendments (pending Board approval)
- Updates to the forthcoming Bowls Link system
- Potential changes to Sponsorship arrangements for the coming season
- The facts surrounding the closure of the Inglewood Bowling Club
- Details on the SGM to be most likely held on Saturday 8th December and the importance of club attendance.

Queries on various points were answered.

4.2 Fixtures & Events

Nothing further to add, noting that closure for pennant nominations closed on 15th September.

4.3 Greens & Infrastructure

Jim Powell noted the continued work towards the Greens Inspection process being moved on-line for the coming season. He added that he and Northern RBM Clive Adams had visited clubs in Goomalling, Bencubbin and Koorda which had sought some direction from the Greens Committee. Some further guidance may be required for possible insurance claims on the installation of synthetic greens at the club.

4.4 Umpires

Mike Goble-Garratt tabled a detailed written report noting forthcoming courses in September for all metro clubs, with a request from the Avon League to conduct a P&A course in Northam in late August.

Further trials will be conducted at five metro clubs this coming season to gain further data on the WBGT. It is envisaged at this time that a reading of 30 will be considered a maximum, before delays in pennant kick in, which would accommodate Tuesday morning lower temperature but higher humidity and Saturday afternoon higher temperature but lower humidity readings. Whether different maxima be included for concurrent men’s and ladies competitions is still for further consideration. It was noted that 16 clubs had sought the device for trial this coming season, which would reduce the overall unit cost to \$150.00.

Bowls Australia (NOAG) had requested copies of the various trials and findings.

4.5 Country

Nothing specific to report; noting that the SW Zone meeting is to be held on 27th August in Bunbury @ 10.00am. This would provide an opportunity to bring the Zone up to date on various matters, including greater explanation of the proposed Affiliation Fee.

4.6 High Performance & Coaching

Tony Hockey provided an update of the coaching courses with 2 of 3 completed, with the final course to be conducted at Safety Bay. Both Competition and Selection Modules will be offered this coming season with interest expressed by members for each.

The men’s state selectors will meet next week to select a state squad, given the deferment of the Bowls Australia Festival of Bowls until October 2020 – the 2019 Sides Series will be conducted in NSW in mid April 2019. The ladies squad has already been selected and responses were currently coming in to the office from the invitations forwarded. A meeting of the ladies squad will be held at South Perth Bowling Club on 9th September.

5. Upcoming events

Nil

6. General Business

Anne Lilley sought the IRRR be added to the calendar – 6th/7th April 2019.

Brian Burton noted the selection of the Over 60s men's state team for South Australia in October – this will be loaded onto the BWA website on 15th August. **NOTED**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.20am.

Next Meeting: Monday 10th September at 10.00am.

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