



Meeting of the Bowls Management Committee held on Monday 10th December 2018.

1.1 Open Meeting and Welcome

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Marc Abonnel at 10.00am.

Present

Marc Abonnel, Tony Hockey, Ross Warburton, Mike Goble-Garratt, Jim Powell, Brian Burton, Valerie Hulbert, Anne Lilley.

Observing:

Peter Collins, Alex Bevan, Kerry Andersen (BWA President)

In attendance:

Pieter Harris

1.2. Apologies

Ron Mance, Ken Pride

1.3. Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th November 2018 were confirmed.

Moved: Tony Hockey

Seconded: Ross Warburton

Agreed

2. Items for Decision

Nil

3. Items for Discussion

3.1 Bowls 2025 Committee – meeting #2

Marc Abonnel informed the meeting that the BWA Board had approved the Bowls 2025 Committee Terms of Reference and they were now seeking submissions from clubs and individual players.

The request for submissions had been sent to all club secretaries, put as a news item on the new BWA Website and added to BWA Social Media (Facebook). Submissions close on the 28th February when the Committee will then go through them and report back to the BMC.

3.2 Special General Meeting – Notice of Motion

The Notice of Motion to vote on the changes to the Affiliation Fee Model was held at the Manning Bowling on Saturday 8th December. The Country Postal Vote were also counted on the day.

Metropolitan Clubs vote:	27 votes For	4 votes Against
Country Clubs Vote:	68 votes For	16 votes Against
Total:	95 votes For	20 votes Against

The Notice of Motion to change the Affiliation Fee Model was passed and therefore will come into effect for the 2019-2020 season

3.3 Melville Bowling Club / Mt Pleasant Bowling Club / Tompkins Park Redevelopment

Ken Pride and Pieter Harris recently attended a meeting with City of Melville representatives to be provided with an update of the Tompkins Park Redevelopments. The following Key Points were taken from the meeting under the provision that no legal holdups or changes occur in the meantime:

- Communication with the current Melville Bowling Club Committee has broken down and they are now turning their full attention to working with the Mt Pleasant Bowling Club.
- The first site works for the new venue is scheduled to begin in the middle of 2019.
- The Melville Bowling Club Site is required to be turned over to the private developers by the beginning of 2020 but the City hopes to turn it over late in 2019.
- The Melville Bowling Club is currently continuing under a month by month lease and it is expected to be terminated before the start of the 2019-2020 bowling season.
- The City will be looking to help Melville BC members transition to the Mt Pleasant BC while the new facility is being built
- The Mt Pleasant Bowling Club will stay active until the new facility is finished and it is hoped they will move in for the 2020-2021 season.

4. Items for Information

4.1 CEO

With the CEO unable to attend the meeting due to being away at Bowls Australia meetings in Melbourne, the only thing he wanted to mention was to reiterate that the Vision Impaired and Blind Bowlers are looking for support and volunteers for the 2019 Australian Blind Bowlers National Championships to be held at Perth and Tattersalls from the 30th April until the 8th May 2019.

It was added by Kerry Andersen that congratulations go to Kate Leese, David Ravlich, John Ravlich and Greg Strahan who will represent Australia in the Deaf Bowls team played at Burnside, New Zealand from 7th January – 13th January

4.2 Fixtures & Events

It was noted that the Men's and Women's Pairs and Men's and Women's Triples will all be played in December.

Brian Burton mentioned that the committee still requires a couple of extra members and if some advertising could be done to seek some expressions of interest. Marc Abonnel will check with the BWA CEO as to how this could be done.

It was suggested that people could be sought specifically to help with the day to day running of an event rather than joining the Committee on a fulltime basis. This idea is to be investigated.

4.3 Greens & Infrastructure

Jim Powell noted that all clubs now have some greens passed with Maylands BC recently having rinks passed for pennant play.

Jim Powell also noted that many of the smaller clubs seem to be struggling either with being able to provide financially for the upkeep of grass or being able to source the required skill set with many running on volunteer labour.

It was suggested that other clubs more experienced Greenkeepers could be sourced to help neighboring clubs with some expert direction. It was mentioned that this used to be provided through the Greenkeepers Association but with this association no longer existing it was harder to find this information of who is prepared to help and who needs the help.

Peter Collins mentioned that there may be a number of retired greenkeepers who may be willing to help.

4.4 Umpires

Michael Goble-Garratt provided an update on the following:

- 10 Umpires were recently reaccredited at a course at Manning.
- There are currently 10 applicants to reaccredit as Measurers and this will hopefully be done in January.
- Country Umpires continue to be accredited either as new umpires or reaccreditations by Country P&As.
- Bowls Australia has asked for applications for ITO's to attend at BA events however this is generally self-funded by the individuals.
- There continues to be a disconnect between Country Leagues and Metropolitan Conditions of Play with many queries coming in from Country Umpires as to what to do in certain situations.
- Two new P&A's have recently been accredited in the Avon League with the other League/Zone plans yet to be confirmed. This was the subject of DSR funding and hence needed to be rolled out statewide,.
- There is a consideration to hold a two-day course during Countryweek.

- Some of the basic rules do not seem to be known by players and umpires with a recent question regarding which end do you start from after a dead end – It has been a rule for many years that you can restart a dead end from either end if both skips agree. If they do not agree it starts from the same direction as the previous dead end. This includes the first end of the game.

4.5 Country

After the unfortunate issues of the 2017-18 Men's Countryweek Finals venue moving due to coinciding events it is hoped that processes have been put in place for this not to happen again. Brian Burton responded but noting the change was made in the best interests of the competition but more questions will be asked this season, so the Committee is fully aware before the final allocation is made.

4.6 High Performance & Coaching

Women's State Selection Trials were conducted on December 8th

Men's State Selection Trials will be conducted on December 15th

5. Upcoming Events

As noted in the Fixtures and Events Report

6. General Business

6.1 Update on WBGT units

Anne Lilley requested clarification on the WBGT unit supplies and when they would officially be used.

Michael Goble-Garratt responded by saying more units had been sourced and any club ordering them in the future would be able to get them. Trials were conducted last season with all results published and further trials are currently happening this season. The Umpires Committee is confident they have a player comfort number in mind that will be able to be used for both Men's and Women's Competition.

Anne Lilley asked if the use of the WBGT units will be mandatory next season. Marc Abonnel will consult with the BWA CEO as to the club requirements and introduction of WBGT units in the 2019-2020 Conditions of Play

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

NEXT MEETING

It was decided the January meeting would not be required and a meeting date for February is TBA