



Meeting of the Bowls Management Committee held on Monday 9th November 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, Peter Barnett (proxy), Jim Powell, Ron Mance.

In attendance:

Ken Pride, Pieter Harris

1.2. Apologies

Mike Goble-Garratt, Brian Burton, Valerie Hulbert, Anne Lilley

1.3. Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th October 2018 were confirmed.

Moved: Ross Warburton

Seconded: Ron Mance

Agreed

2. Items for Decision

2.1 Terms of Reference - Bowls 2025 Committee

Marc Abonnel tabled the draft T of R and sought input from the committee. Minor amendments were made regarding the willingness to accept submissions from individual bowlers as well as clubs. Given this amendment the T of R were agreed to and would be put to the Board for final approval at the meeting on the 26th November.

It was acknowledged that the work of the committee would take a two-part process; one being the identification of the NEED for change and the second to identify the TYPE of change required to solve the problem. The next meeting of committee was scheduled for the 3rd December.

Action: The CEO to add the T of R to the Board agenda for discussion.
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3. Items for Discussion

3.1 National Champion of Champions

This event will be held in Perth in October 2019 and on behalf of BA expressions of interest had been forwarded to clubs to host the event. The CEO noted a sub-committee would be required to provide a recommendation from BWA to BA and sought approval for Marc Abonnel, Pieter Harris and Clive Adams to be that sub-committee, noting that Clive and Pieter were recent attendees at the event and Clive could also act as a BA representative.

The committee endorsed these individuals to act in this capacity. **NOTED.**

3.2 *Winning Drive program*

Aaron Delaporte joined the meeting and provided an overview of the *Winning Drive* program that had received funding from the DSR Every Club initiative for the next two years. The program will focus on improving the capacity and sustainability of clubs, metro and regional, off the green.

This was a fantastic opportunity to improve club governance, with a junior staff member to be recruited to assist in coordinating the program.

4. Items for Information

4.1 CEO

The CEO took the committee through the Minutes of the recently held State Consultative Body (SCB) meeting that he and the President attended, noting the major areas relating to bowls. Also attended was the BA AGM and BA National Awards Night, where Sue Hogg was the recipient of the Official of the Year award.

Other issues noted at the SCB meeting included:

- The National Redress Scheme for misconduct and sexual assault and BA's position on this,
- A commitment by Sport Australia to the One Management Model for national sport governance,
- Work being conducted on the National Affiliation Fee Model,
- Updates on Working Committees being formed to tackle specific BA projects within the BA Strategic Plan.

4.2 Fixtures & Events

On behalf of the committee the F&E will introduce a time limit on the matches within the state pairs event, with sectional matches to be a maximum of 2 ½ hrs and finals 3 hours per game. Changes will be made within the Conditions of Play as required. This received strong support from the balance of the Committee. **NOTED.**

4.3 Greens & Infrastructure

Jim Powell noted that only Maylands BC had failed to have any greens passed fit for play at the time of the meeting; they are currently playing all their matches away from home.

The electronic recording of greens inspections had proceeded reasonably well, although further improvements will be made to the process next season. The primary issue for greens failing to be passed are rebounding ditches, an issue often ignored by clubs.

4.4 Umpires

Peter Barnett tabled a written report and observations from Mike Goble-Garratt and the Umpires Committee which included:

- Providing greater "official" support to club smoking policies within the BWA Conditions of Play. This matter was discussed at length and any changes to C of P would require the Home Umpire to enforce such a rule, which the committee believed would place greater strain on individuals. The CEO suggested that clubs could utilize By Law 6.2 *Inter Club Discipline* if a visiting member refused to comply with a club's smoking policies. This would be further explored at the next meeting.

Action: For further discussion at the December meeting.
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- A need to formally remind clubs of their duties in providing Officials for pennant matches in particular, with a minimum of three recommended per club. A letter from BWA to clubs who do not fulfill this basic criterion to be written prior to the next Officials course.
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Action: As required prior to the next course.
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- An update on the WBGT position with the units now having arrived.

4.5 Country

Pennants have commenced and there are no outstanding issues at this time.

4.6 High Performance & Coaching

State squad trials for the men were commencing on the 11th November with (7) new members added to the squad. The Academy had also added (2) new players to its ranks.

Reaccreditations for P&As had been approved by BA, although the process for this was still very uncertain. The CEO has added this item to the CEO meeting to be held in Melbourne in December to finally gain some clarity for the future.

5. General Business

5.1 SGM

The CEO urged all committee members to ensure their club attended the SGM, which would deal with changes to the form of Affiliation Fee paid by clubs to Bowls WA. The meeting is on the 8th December at 11.00am at Manning BC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.40am.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th December at 10.00am.