



Meeting of the Bowls Management Committee held on Monday 8th October 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, Sue Hogg (proxy) Jim Powell, Anne Lilley, Valerie Hulbert, John Bridge (proxy), Ron Mance.

In attendance:

Ken Pride, Pieter Harris

1.2. Apologies

Mike Goble-Garratt, Brian Burton

1.3. Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th September 2018 were confirmed.

Moved: Jim Powell

Seconded: Ron Mance

Agreed

2. Items for Decision

Nil

3. Items for Discussion

3.1 The Future of Bowls

Held over for the end of the meeting.

3.2 Redefining Rosenthal/Connie Hicks points

Pieter Harris distributed a new table of events that it is recommended be included in the calculations for Rosenthal/Connie Hicks awards. In addition to that previous events Australian Open and Australian Indoor Championships had been included; noting that both were Open events with no restrictions on entering. Given this and the importance of the events the recommendation was accepted. **NOTED.**

4. Items for Information

4.1 CEO

4.1.1 Inglewood Bowling Club

The CEO provided a brief update on the position of the club, who had taken up the offer of a new 3-year lease with the City of Stirling. Some issues remained with the availability of shade shelters for the pennant season, but these are being resolved with the assistance of various parties. Their sides had been confirmed for the coming season, with the appointment of a greenkeeper now resolved. **NOTED.**

4.2 Fixtures & Events

John Bridge noted that divisions 1-5 (men) and 1-3 (women) had been allocated for the coming season, with divisions 6 and 4 respectively to be confirmed this week. The completed fixtures will be available to clubs via the website this week. The Handbook has been completed and distributed to clubs statewide, noting there is no metropolitan fixture book for the coming season - fixtures will need to be accessed via the BWA website. The state fours nominations close today with the draw available likely later on in the week.

Following a query from Marc Abonnel, clubs may apply for night fixtures prior to the season commencing and following agreement from both competing clubs. The office would be required to be informed of any requests via the appropriate change of fixture documentation.

4.3 Greens & Infrastructure

The initial pre-assessment of greens system had commenced well with 95% of clubs completing the self-assessments and returning them as required. Inspections will commence on the 9th October with a few clubs seeking a longer lead time for inspection. The electronic recording of the green inspections will also be trialled and form a record of a clubs greens inspections.

4.4 Umpires

Sue Hogg noted the completion of an Officials Course during September at Morley BC and Mike Goble-Garratt was awaiting the arrival of the WBGT devices, which had generated some degree of interest from a number of clubs seeking their trial.

Some changes had been made to the Substitutes rules, but the detail would be forwarded from BA in due course, including the start date for implementation. It would appear this would not affect pennant play.

4.5 Country

Ross Warburton noted the recent joint meeting of the Country Committee and Board. There was discussion on the on-going value of the Country Coaching Enhancement Scheme and whether Zone representatives were doing what was required to ensure its success. The delegates voted to continue the scheme and accepted that it needed to be championed by individuals within the Zone for it to be successful. The area of coaching and officiation in the country zones to be placed as a continuing agenda item, until some permanent resolution is reached.

Action: Coaching / Officiating to be placed on on-going agenda's.
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There was a query on the use of bowling arm's and recent amendments to the usage policy by BA which was clarified.

4.6 High Performance / Coaching

Tony Hockey noted the completion of a Selection Module course at Gosnells BC with 16 attendees. The men's state side program was being pulled together for the commencement of the season and a recent visit by Michael Beaumont from Bowls Australia was noted where reaccreditation / accreditation issues were discussed, without however leading to any clear outcomes. A particular concern was the lack of any detail around the reaccreditation of P&As, which was a significant issue in 2019 in WA.

The CEO had asked for this matter to be placed on a national CEO's meeting in December and would report back to the committee following that meeting. **NOTED.**

5. General Business

Future of Bowls - formation of sub-committee

Marc Abonnel re-introduced discussion on the strategic need to consider the future of the game in WA and how that may be best considered. He noted the Board had discussed the matter and believed a sub-committee of the BMC be formed and specific terms of reference completed to guide its considerations.

There was general discussion on the required scope of the terms of reference and what areas needed to be initially considered; understanding that there was a myriad of directions the sub-committee could take without direction.

It was agreed that an initial committee of Marc Abonnel, Anne Lilley, Ron Mance and the CEO meet to frame some recommended terms of reference, which would be brought back for committee approval.

Action: Marc to consider and seek an appropriate time to meet for discussions on TofR.

- Marc Abonnel congratulated the Manning BC on the success of its 5-a-side competition and asked Sue Hogg to relay that to the organisers.

- Anne Lilley sought clarification on ACTIVE members noted on a club by club basis in the Annual Report, the Affiliation Fee video on the BWA website and report on the use of the WBG meters from last season.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.25am.

<p>NEXT MEETING Friday 9th November at 10.00am.</p>

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