



MINUTES of the Board of BOWLS WA

Meeting held on Friday 21st December 2018 at the Royal Perth Golf Club commencing at 9.45am.

1. PRESENT

Kerry Andersen, Lisa Featherby, Ross Warburton, Debbie Capper, Vince Del Prete, Larry Bandy, Marc Abonnel

1.1 In attendance:

Ken Pride (CEO), Kelvin Rogers (part)

1.2 APOLOGIES

Hendy Cowan

1.3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 26th November 2018 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Vince Del Prete

Seconded: Larry Bandy

Agreed

1.4.1 Actions from previous meeting

Actions emanating from the previous meeting were reported on by the CEO, noting that two items remained outstanding and would be carried over to the next Board Meeting:

- Appointment of the Association Vice Patron for which Board members were requested to consider an appropriate nominee. The CEO had received confirmation from Government House that the Governor had accepted the patronage of the Association,
- Conduct of an internal Board Evaluation as occurs every second year.

2. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

2.1 National Affiliation Fee Model

The CEO briefed the Board on the proposed changes to the National Affiliation Fee Model and noted the recommendations of the BA Board in an email received from Neil Dalrymple on the 20th December. The Model would move from the current to one that is calculated on the average percentage paid to BA over the past three years of the total affiliation received by BWA from the clubs. This equates to 27.69% of affiliation received for the 2019/20 year.

The Model would be for a two-year period and reviewed after the first year. The continuation of the National Affiliation Fee Committee of which the CEO was a member was also recommended.

After discussion on the merits of the Model, the recommendations of the BA Board were supported.

Action: CEO to inform BA of the BWA Board support for the new Model to commence on 1st July 2019.

3. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 BPL Franchise Meeting

The CEO provided a written report on the BPL Franchise meeting he attended in Melbourne 29th – 30th November. Several presentations were made, with the success of BPL #8 noted and deemed the most successful yet of the series. Of most interest was the presentation by Craig Hutchison of Croc Media who encouraged BA and franchise holders to continue to invest in what he termed bowls only “blockbuster” event – the BPL and used the growing success of the BBL of cricket as an example of a product that had slow beginnings but now underpinned much of the sport in Australia.

Further discussion by the Board on the terms of the new franchise contract will occur in the New Year with the current Agreement due to expire on 30th June 2019. **NOTED.**

3.2 National RBM/CEO meetings

The CEO tabled a written report on the RBM/CEO meetings attended in Victoria on 11th – 12th December.

Issues discussed included:

- BA application for federal funding via the *Getting Seniors Active* fund – a \$22.9m initiative to improve Seniors Physical and Mental well-being,
- The growth in Lifestyle Villages and their inclusion of bowling greens in their facility planning. BA plans are being framed for the RBMs to target these villages and seek their inclusion into the bowling community,
- Investigation on the National Redress Scheme by BA and advisors, which has been borne out of the Royal Commission into Sexual Misconduct – further advice to come from BA in due course.
- A presentation on up to date Human Resource Mgt and the software program being used by BA,
- Further discussion on the National Affiliation Fee Model and how it would impact STAs.

3.3 Minister's briefing note

Minister Murray circulated a briefing note to all sports on recent meetings with fellow Ministers of Sport & Recreation. There were two significant outcomes that have ramifications for BWA:

- The withdrawing of a Commonwealth proposal on a "One Management" model targeting 12 national sports, until sufficient consultation has taken place at Ministerial level,
- A proposal to have a target of 50% women on executive boards and committees of national and state governing bodies, with a staged implementation in coming months. (This if mandated would have a requirement for Constitutional change for BWA).

Further information will be sought from our DSR Consultant in due course.

3.4 Gotta love the Bowlo campaign

Larry Bandy sought an update on the campaign noting that it was important that momentum not be lost given the significant investment made. Vince Del Prete as Chair of the Club Development Committee noted the compilation of six videos depicting members from a diverse set of backgrounds that would be used on social media sites and the BWA website. This was in early production with one of the videos loaded that week.

Further opportunities would be sought on regional television or radio, given the success of the campaign jingle to resonate with members of the public.

Further advice in the New Year will be provided and to remain on the agenda for further discussion. **NOTED.**

4. OPERATIONAL ITEMS

4.1 President

The President tabled a written report noting attendance at several events including the finals of the Over 60s triples and women's state pairs, in addition to representing BWA at the funeral of vice patron Beryl Brennan.

The President was pleased the Governor had accepted the patronage of the Association and that a constitutional majority of clubs had voted in favour of constitutional change that would allow a new form of Affiliation Model to be introduced in 2019.

Other points included the successful receipt of the *Every Club* funding for the BWA Winning Drive program and noted that new committee members in Peter Collins (BMC) and Alex Bevan (Umpires) had joined the respective committees.

Following her monthly report the President gave a detailed summation of 2018 highlighting many of the achievements and successes over the past 12 months.

The President thanked the Board for their support during 2018 and wished all a happy Christmas and healthy and prosperous New Year.

4.2 CEO

The CEO tabled a strategic summation of 2018 focussing particularly on the six identified priorities for 2018/19 as set by the Board. Of the six good progress had been made on five of the priorities with only Constitutional Update yet to be actively tackled. In particular the improvement on income generation outside of government grants and affiliation was noted and identified as one of the better STAs in the country. This was of great importance given the uncertainty of future government funding in particular.

4.3 Bowls Management

Marc Abonnel noted the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th December and the on going discussions around the potential use of the WBGt meters in the 2019/20 season.

Further data will need to be received before a recommendation is received from the Umpires to the BMC in coming months.

4.4 Club Development

No further report.

4.5 Audit, Risk & Finance

The accounts to 30 November had been distributed and were accepted.

The committee had met with the RBMs in attendance to consider the applications for Unforeseen Circumstances and subsequent requests for Affiliation Fee relief. All applications were reviewed and discussed. Of the seven clubs that sought relief (Metro – 2, Country – 5), five clubs were approved for support although for three of those clubs, support was dependent on further information or a mandatory meeting with their respective RBM.

The Board ratified the recommendations from the committee.

The CEO to contact each of the clubs as required with the committee's decision. It was noted that the change of Model for 2019/20 should preclude any further applications of this sort as a more user pays system is introduced.

Action: CEO as required.

Kelvin Rogers joined the meeting.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Special General Meeting

The outcome of the SGM was noted with 82.6% of voting clubs in favour of the change. The Constitution and By Laws will be amended accordingly and changes forwarded to the Department of Commerce for registration.

Of the vote there were For 95 Against 20 Invalid 2

There continued to be some disappointment in that less than 60% of affiliated clubs cast a vote on such an important part of each club's operation.

5.2 BA Staff Presentation

The President welcomed Kelvin Rogers, the BA staff member responsible for the coordination of the *Bowls Link* IT project and invited him to address the meeting.

Kelvin provided a detailed update on the project, including timelines and future training plans. It was noted that BWA was ahead of the majority of the other STAs in their implementation phase of websites, both club and state based.

The President thanked Kelvin for his presentation with several questions responded to.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.55am, with the President inviting the Board to join the staff at lunch.

Next Meeting

Monday 21st January – to be confirmed.