



Meeting of the Bowls Management Committee held on Monday 11th February 2019

1.1 Open Meeting and Welcome

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

Present

Marc Abonnel, Tony Hockey, Mike Goble-Garratt, Jim Powell, Brian Burton, Valerie Hulbert, Anne Lilley, Ron Mance, Peter Collins

Observing:

Kerry Andersen (BWA President)

In attendance:

Pieter Harris, Ken Pride

1.2. Apologies

Ross Warburton

1.3. Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.4. Confirmation of Minutes

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

2. Items for Decision

Nil

3. Items for Discussion

3.1 Bowls 2025 Committee – meeting #3

Chairman Marc Abonnel noted the process that the committee was working to with a request for submissions sent to all metropolitan clubs. To date the response has been disappointing, although it is believed that some clubs are preparing responses to be received in coming weeks. The committee will keep to the agreed Terms of Reference with a preliminary report to be provided to the BMC at its March meeting.

Ron Mance noted that North Beach had canvassed the thoughts of its members with over 60 attending a club meeting. A response will be borne out of this meeting.

3.2 Melville Bowling Club

The CEO gave a further update on the City's proposed transfer from the current site, to the Mt Pleasant Bowling Club for 2019/20, to the new Tompkins Park facility in the 2020/21 season. It is acknowledged however that there is much to be heard on this in coming months.

3.3 WBGT findings

A lengthy discussion on the process of information gathering and suitability of the WBGT meters for introduction into metropolitan pennants ensued. Mike Goble-Garratt tabled a document noting *some preliminary points to consider regarding the use of WBGT heat stress meters*, together with a sheet showing a number of temperature, WBGT and humidity findings from around WA. These were considered and the variances noted from areas on the coast and inland. Readings where the WBGT

measurement was 30+ made interesting reading when compared with the current temperature and the existing extreme weather rulings.

It was accepted that further information and investigation would be required before any binding decisions were made. The CEO noted that the Umpires would need to provide a recommendation for this committee to consider in June, to enable enough time for clubs to be informed of any change prior to the September Forums. **NOTED.**

4. Items for Information

4.1 CEO

The CEO noted that the staff were taking the opportunity to conduct a full review of the High Performance area, aided by the fact that there will not be an Australian Sides Series between April 2019 and October 2020 and that current contracts for coaches and selectors expire after their next national event. Opportunities lie in streamlining the current structure, given events are played back to back over a likely two week period. Proposals will be considered by the Board mid year.

Changes to the way each STA pays affiliation to Bowls Australia are currently being discussed. This will of course similarly occur at a state level in WA with the move to focus affiliation on pennant sides rather than general membership. The national debate will not affect affiliation at a WA club level.

4.2 Fixtures & Events

Brian Burton noted that the Country Week draw for the men has been completed and posted, with booklets being distributed to country clubs this week. Numbers for the three disciplines have held up quite well. An unfortunate continued delay in the finalization of the ladies state singles occurred last weekend due to forecast heat; a new date will be found as soon as possible. Brian noted that Trevor Orton has joined the committee from the Sorrento club – welcome.

Discussion on venues for state events followed with Brian and Pieter Harris noting the difficulty of securing venues, particularly south of the river. It was agreed mention would be made of this at the various Forums in the off-season.

Action: The CEO to add Host Clubs for BWA Events to future forum agenda's.

4.3 Greens & Infrastructure

Jim Powell note nothing out of the ordinary, with all country week venues inspected and approved for hosting duties as required. Greens had previously been ranked and the completed survey from last year considered in determining host clubs.

4.4 Umpires

Mike Goble-Garratt noted issues still surrounding the completion of P&A courses in country zones, with funding extended by DSR to cater for the inactivity at country level. Reaccreditations were being undertaken, although a response as to the “approved” reaccreditation process is still awaited from BA – to date the process undertaken by BWA has been accepted. There will be a new ITO assessment conducted on the 13th March for three candidates, with Sue Hogg seeking reaccreditation at that time. Mark Cowan will undertake the training/exam on behalf of World Bowls.

There have been some minor law changes mooted by World Bowls and some Domestic Regulations by Bowls Australia. These will be added to the existing Law Book by some form of addendum or insert in due course. **NOTED.**

4.5 Country

Marc Abonnel read a letter received from the ladies Eastern Zone concerning the pre-Christmas holding of a state event and the split of state events over two weekends, which is a costly exercise for country bowlers to travel and accommodate. This was noted by the Fixtures & Events Chairman for future consideration, although the state event prior to Christmas was a one off due to a BA fixture change (Sides Series).

4.6 High Performance & Coaching

Tony Hockey noted the reduction of the men’s state squad to 16 players, to be further reduced to 12 after final trials on the 24th of this month. The country allstars match will be held on the evening opening of country week, with a squad of players being selected to compete.

The ladies side has been selected.

The Academy continues in its monthly program, with congratulations to Jenny Parker (previously Northam) for her selection in the team as a past Academy member. Tony and Roger Barns travelled to the IZRR Fours at Emu Point BC and were well received by those officiating and playing alike. The standard of play in an exciting contest was very good in trying conditions.

The Coaching Committee will meet on the 20th February to consider the year's coaching program.

5. General Business

Marc Abonnel noted that the host for the Australian Champion of Champions event will be South Perth BC in October.

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday 11th March at 10.00am.