



Meeting of the Bowls Management Committee held on Monday 13th May 2019

1.1 Open Meeting and Welcome

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Marc Abonnel at 10.35am.

Present

Marc Abonnel, Tony Hockey, Mike Goble-Garratt, Anne Lilley, Peter Collins, Ross Warburton (part)

In attendance:

Ken Pride, Peter Barnett (Umpires)

1.2. Apologies

Jim Powell, Brian Burton, Ron Mance

1.3. Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th March 2019 were confirmed.

Moved: Tony Hockey

Seconded:

Mike Goble-Garratt

Agreed

2. Items for Decision

Nil.

3. Items for Discussion

3.1 Presidents' Forum

Ken Pride took the committee through that evening's Presidents' Forum agenda, which included:

- An update on the recommendations to be put by the Bowls 2025 committee,
- Work carried out by the Umpires on the WBGT meters,
- The Calendar and key dates for 2019/20,
- The changes and key dates for the new Club Affiliation Fee,
- A recommendation from the Midland/Morrison club on reducing the ends for Men's 5/6th divisions and Ladies 3rd/4th divisions to 18 from the current 21,
- High performance structural changes for the new season, including the recently advertised Academy Coach,
- An update on the Bowls Link / Winning Drive program by Aaron Delaporte.

The Ladies Forum has a very similar agenda, which will be discussed at their meeting on 21st May at Manning BC.

3.2 Bowls WA Awards Night

The format of the evening was noted by Ken Pride. Anne Lilley clarified the criteria of the Club of the Year and the Small Club of the Year. Ken noted that every club can win the Club of the Year first and foremost, but for the clubs with under 125 members (metro) and 70 (country), they then further qualified for the Small Club of the Year award.

3.3 Committee vacancies

Ken Pride noted that all clubs had been notified of the AGM key dates and as part of that the opportunity to nominate for Operational Committee vacancies, of which there were several. All BMC members were encouraged to look for qualified people to join the BMC as well as other BWA committees.

3.4 WBGT meter and the 2019/20 season

Peter Barnett on behalf of the Umpires Committee, gave a detailed presentation to the meeting on recommendations surrounding the WBGT meter for the 2019/20 season. There was information presented on the process of carrying out meter checks during the day and the actions emanating if the threshold was reached.

Unfortunately the clubs that had acquired the meters had not provided a great deal of meaningful information that could compare the traditional forms of ambient temperature with the WBGT readings.

The recommendations made were based on the pennant fixtures for 2019/20, as this was the brief provided to the Umpires group, however interim options such as the State / Masters events were also noted.

Three options for recommendation were made with Option 1, the setting of a WBGT reading of 30.5 to be tabled at the Presidents' Forum and matter opened for discussion with the attending clubs. **NOTED.**

Action: To be presented at the Presidents and Ladies Forum for club comment.

4. Items for Information

4.1 CEO

No further items apart from those already discussed.

4.2 Fixtures & Events

No report.

4.3 Greens & Infrastructure

No report.

4.4 Umpires

Mike Goble-Garratt tabled a written report which highlight recent Officiating Accreditations and Re-accreditations for various "levels" of Officiating.

However there remained clubs that either had no or very few accredited umpires for events held at the club, including pennant. This is an important matter that has been allowed to continue for too long and will be addressed in letters to those clubs and thereafter by some form of penalty to be considered prior to September Accreditation courses.

Action: To remain on the agenda for further consideration in the lead up to the 2019/20 season.

4.5 Country

Ross Warburton brought the committee up to date on issues surrounding the possible move of Donnybrook BC from the Blackwood League to the SW League and the ramifications of that. In addition the discussion that is occurring at Country Committee level in relation to Composite vs Club teams and their eligibility for Country Week.

To be further considered at the Country Committee meeting of 24th May.

Ross Warburton left the meeting.

4.6 High Performance & Coaching

Tony Hockey noted the performances of the state teams in the Australian Sides Series, which continued to be very positive, particularly for the men's side.

Bowls Australia had provided some clarity around the accreditation of P&As and this would be the subject of a meeting of WA Train the Trainers on the 5th June. **NOTED.**

5. Upcoming Events

The state mixed pairs with a very strong field of 98 teams, with this being the final BWA event for the season.

6. General Business

- Michael Goble-Garratt noted the changes to the application forms for Officiating and Coaching, given it is not mandatory for applicants to have a WCC if they are not going to be coaching juniors. BA will be amending the forms accordingly for WA.

- Marc Abonnel sought clarification on a Law of the Sport ruling which was provided for “rebounding bowls”.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.15pm.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th July at 10.30am.