



## Country Committee

Minutes of the Country Committee meeting held at Bowls WA on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 commencing at 11.00am.

### 1. Open Meeting and Welcome

Ross Warburton (Chairman) opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

### 2. Present

Ross Warburton (Chairman), Bev Broom (SZ), Kevin Heberle (SZ), Peter Hodgson (SWZ), Darrel Hudson (EZ), Norm Skoglund (NZ), Sandra Trenowden (NZ), Jenni Bunce (EZ)

#### **In attendance**

Kerry Andersen (President - part), Ken Pride (CEO), Lisa Featherby (Board)

### 3. Apologies

Bob Plater (SWZ)

### 4. Conflict of Interest

Nil

### 5. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Moved:** Darrel Hudson (EZ)      **Seconded:** Norm Skoglund (NZ)      **Agreed**

### 6. Business Arising

#### **6.1 Winning Drive training dates and venues**

Ken Pride requested all delegates check the finalized dates and venues for the *Winning Drive* program training with Aaron Delaporte and ensure they meet the timetables of the their respective Zones. Information will be shortly distributed to all clubs for action in coming weeks and months. **NOTED.**

#### **6.2 Country Week composite teams**

The position of the Northern Zone was noted as per the written report tabled by Norm Skoglund which recommended that players be drawn from their Club and if not sufficient numbers their League, with entries being signed off by both Club and League Secretaries.

Significant discussion followed, with the results from the players survey also noted which showed a strong intent for club only players.

Ross Warburton explained his position on utilizing a "pool of excess" players should they not be able to find a team to play with.

It was **RESOLVED** to include the following into the eligibility for playing in Country Week:

*That players must:*

- *first make every effort to partner with players from their own Home Club for Pairs and Fours disciplines. If this proves unattainable due to a lack of numbers,*
- *a player may seek a partner from their own League. If this also proves impossible due to a lack of numbers,*
- *the player will be entered into a “pool of excess players” where Bowls WA will conduct a random draw to form teams as required.*

The Committee fully endorsed this process for the 2020 event. **NOTED.**

### **6.3 Country Week survey and results**

The results from both the Men’s and Women’s Country Week survey’s were noted and assisted in the committees discussion on composite teams and compulsory purchase of meals.

#### **6.3.1 Compulsory purchase of meals**

The survey results were noted with a strong bias on keeping meals compulsory for sectional play. As a result the committee agreed to rescind their decision from the February meeting and maintain the current position on meals for sectional play. There was discussion on the compulsory cost of meals of \$15.00, but at this time an increase in cost was not recommended, given clubs had not sought a change (excluding Doubleview BC who has a private contract kitchen arrangement).

### **6.4 Donnybrook seeking to change Leagues**

The long running matter of the Donnybrook BC seeking to change Leagues (from Blackwood to South West) was again discussed. Ross Warburton read a letter received from Donnybrook and previous correspondence was noted from the respective Leagues on the matter.

Peter Hodgson as the SWBL President also spoke on the issue and provided further insight into the wishes of the club and the position of the South West League in terms of player/team availability and the representation within ILRR fixtures.

The position of the SWBL was in tandem with the recommendation of the Board and the Bowls Management Committee when raised at those meetings by the Country Director Ross Warburton.

The meeting therefore confirmed the following:

- that Donnybrook be permitted to field a Side in the SWBL on Saturday (men) on the strict proviso that,
- Donnybrook first ensure a team is fielded in the Blackwood League and that
- All players are considered for the ILRR as Blackwood players.

This would be a two year trial, upon which the matter will be reviewed. **NOTED.**

To ensure that all parties are aware of the structure of the Leagues moving forward the position of the Donnybrook BC in this matter was now required by the 1<sup>st</sup> August.

**This position was MOVED by Kevin Heberle (SZ) and SECONDED by Norm Skoglund (NZ) and UNANIMOUSLY supported.**

<b>Action: The CEO to inform all parties of this decision as soon as possible.</b>
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## **7. Matters for Discussion**

### **7.1 ILRR / IZRR confirmation of dates and venues**

The dates and venues were confirmed for the majority of Leagues events, with the calendar to be updated accordingly. Outstanding dates and venues were requested to be forwarded to Aaron Delaporte and/or Pieter Harris as soon as known.

### **7.2 All Stars Game format**

The format of the Country All Stars vs State Team/Squad will be required to change in 2020, due to the delay in selecting the state squads.

As a result it was recommended that a traditional six-rink Country vs Metropolitan fixture be held as per the format of the Women's fixture. This will be a recommendation for the state selectors when appointed later in the year. **NOTED.**

## **8. Reports**

Reports were provided by the delegates on the happenings within their respective Zone.

Bev Broom noted that this was her final meeting as the delegate for the Southern Zone and the Country Director / Chairman thanked her for her contributions to this committee and country bowls.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.40pm.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30am for 8.00am (joint meeting with the Board).**