



MINUTES of the Board of BOWLS WA

Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2019 held at Bowls WA commencing at 8.00am.

1. PRESENT

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

1.1 In attendance:

Ken Pride (CEO)

1.2 APOLOGIES

Vince Del Prete, Hendy Cowan

1.3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 25th March 2019 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Larry Bandy

Seconded: Ross Warburton

Agreed

1.4.1 Actions from previous meeting

1.4.1.1 Noted and completed as required.

2. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

2.1 BPL Licence

The CEO confirmed the offer by Bowls Australia for a 2 year agreement with a further 1 year option from 30th June. In addition, the CEO went through the current sponsorship arrangements, terms of their agreements and end dates. The Board ratified their earlier decision made by circular resolution to re-sign the BPL agreement on the 2+1 year arrangement.

The opportunity to discuss the future plans for the BPL will be available when the BA President and CEO attends the BWA Board Meeting on the 24th of this month.

Action: The CEO to sign the new BPL Agreement and return to Bowls Australia.

The President initiated discussion on the make-up of the team, which has focussed on WA players over the past several tournaments and whether this selection policy should be broadened. The Directors discussed at length the purpose of the Perth Suns with differing opinions on its high performance value to the players against its commercial and marketing goals both at a state and national level. There was no firm resolution to this discussion which will be continued at the next meeting.

Action: The CEO to maintain on the Board agenda.

2.2 Hall of Fame – Rod Wishart

The Board ratified its decision made by circular resolution to induct Rod Wishart as Bowls WA's 40th member.

2.3 Bowls WA Academy Coach

The Board ratified its decision made by circular resolution to advertise for an Academy Coach as per the recommended changes to the High Performance structures.

2.4 Bowls WA Vice Patron

The Board ratified its decision made by circular resolution to recommend to the Annual General Meeting that Norma Samuel be appointed as Bowls WA's Vice Patron.

3. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Forum Agenda

The CEO took the Board through the agenda items that would be discussed at that evening's Presidents' Forum and the Ladies Forum to be held on Tuesday 21st May.

3.2 Update Melville Bowling Club

The CEO tabled a note from the City of Melville concerning the immediate future of the Melville Bowling Club, which suggests both the Melville and Mt Pleasant clubs will be in situ for the 2019/2020 season. **NOTED.**

3.3 High Performance opportunities

3.3.1 The President summarised a note from the President of Women's Bowls NSW who sought interest in a quad series to be played on a round robin basis over a three day period later in the year. There appeared interest from a number of state and territories which in itself may make the proposal unwieldy, however the President would communicate WAs interest and await further information.

3.3.2 The CEO had been in discussions with Matthew Ngui (President Fremantle) about possible links with Asian nations for future test series. This was in part borne from DSR funding opportunities that had been promoted to build sporting ties with Asian neighbours. Following this, correspondence has now been shared with HKLBA who were keen to explore opportunities for their Under 25s national team to play tests against a WA representative side, pending their own funding success.

The CEO has arranged for a meeting with himself, Matt Ngui and Glenn Morley to explore further funding options via DSR for such a relationship to be formed. Further information as it comes to hand.

4. REPORTS

4.1 President

The President provided a detailed written report which highlighted a number of events and meetings attended in recent weeks, including:

- SCB meeting and Sides championships in Ettalong NSW,
- Opening of the ABBA championships at the Perth & Tattersalls Club,
- The finals and trophy presentations of the Champion of Champion Singles, Women's Masters Triples and Masters Mixed Pairs.

A summation of the SCB meeting was provided which was attended by herself and the CEO, with a number of the matters raised able to be further discussed with the visit to the 24th May Board Meeting by the BA President and CEO.

4.2 CEO

The CEO's report was tabled and accepted.

4.3 Bowls Management

Marc Abonnel noted the meeting of the BMC would immediately follow this Board Meeting.

4.4 Club Development

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April were noted with no queries.

4.5 Country

Ross Warburton noted the continued discussion over the Donnybrook club (men) or at least part of the club wishing to leave the Blackwood League and play in the South West League. The impact on the Blackwood League was noted. After discussion it was recommended to the Country Committee that:

- Donnybrook be permitted to join the South West League in a division acceptable to both parties on the proviso that a team is maintained in the Blackwood League,
- That all members of the Donnybrook BC be required to play ILRR for the Blackwood League,
- That this arrangement be continued for the next two seasons and then reviewed.

The Country Committee will be further required to consider the difficult area of Composite sides in Country Week – a position that was not favoured in the survey conducted of players during Country Week.

Ross would propose to the Country Committee that as a rule Composite Sides would not be permitted; however, players that could not field a club team would be put into a *random draw* to fill sides. The Board noted some issues that would arise particularly with family members that played for different clubs but would leave the decision to the Country Committee for resolution.

A final issue that would seek Country Committee input would be the next iteration of the All Stars vs State Team/Squad match played the evening prior to men's Country Week. With the moving of the Sides to October there would not be a state side in March, so an alternative needed to be found. A popular option would be the past Country vs Metropolitan fixture that would be a true match up. **NOTED.**

4.6 Finance

Finance Director Lisa Featherby tabled the accounts to 31st March, with the April end of year accounts still being prepared for the auditor. The major variances were noted, including the very strong performance of the IOOF investment portfolio over the first quarter of the calendar year.

The CEO noted that with the end of year accounts almost finalised a solid surplus will be reported, which includes the required building depreciation. Further information will be available by the Board Meeting of the 24th May. The auditors would likely provide their full report to the Board on Monday 1st July in preparation for the AGM. **NOTED.**

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Annual Dinner and Awards Night

The CEO gave a run down of the evening with ticket sales strong at this time. All presenters and recipients would either be in attendance of proxies available.

5.2 Annual General Meeting

The Notice for the Annual General Meeting had been distributed to clubs as per the Constitution.

5.3 Meeting schedule 2019/20

The CEO distributed a proposed meeting schedule for the Board and key committees for 2019. (Note that an additional meeting on the 1st July for the Board and Finance Committees is required to be schedule to accept the Audit Report). The meeting scheduled for the 22nd July will be considered at that time depending on the requirements of the AGM. **NOTED.**

Action: Board Members please note the 1st July Board Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30am.

Next Meeting: Friday 24th May – time to be advised.