



Meeting of the Bowls Management Committee held on Monday 9th September 2019

1.1 Open Meeting and Welcome

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Marc Abonnel at 9.30am.

Present

Marc Abonnel, Tony Hockey, Mike Goble-Garratt, Anne Lilley, Peter Collins, Jim Powell, Ross Warburton

In attendance:

Ken Pride, Peter Barnett (Umpires)

1.2. Apologies

Pieter Harris

Chairman Marc Abonnel noted the resignations from the committee of Ron Mance (travel), Brian Burton (retired) and the appointment of Board Director Lee Bunney to this committee. It was likely that John Bridge would assume Brian Burton's role representing Fixtures & Events.

1.3. Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th July 2019 were confirmed.

Moved: Tony Hockey

Seconded:

Mike Goble-Garratt

Agreed

2. Items for Decision

Nil.

3. Items for Discussion

3.1 Qualified Umpires for pennant

Following on from the July meeting, the CEO had forwarded a strongly worded email to clubs that had insufficient Umpires for their pennant needs. Emails had been forwarded to Byford, Claremont, Como, East Fremantle, Glen Forest, Hollywood-Subiaco, Lake Monger and Stirling. In the main these clubs had acted and had members take the recent Umpires Accreditation Course.

After discussion it was agreed that across the board penalties would not be imposed in the short term, however a close watch needed to remain on clubs to ensure they kept up their pennant responsibilities. Continued communication would be required with the minimal clubs that continued to operate without sufficient officials. It was agreed that this situation should be highlighted in a News Bulletin on the BWA website.

Action: The CEO to write a bulletin surrounding this issue for the BWA website.
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4. Items for Information

4.1 CEO

The CEO noted the recent appointment of Ross Dempsey (Nth Beach) to the important role of High Performance Chairman. This is an over-arching role for the new High Performance structure and adds to previous appointments of Linda Warburton and Jaewyn Norton. Currently the Coach and Selectors roles are being advertised for the Open State teams, closing towards the end of the month. Following the completion of the Under 18 and Over 60s national events, these roles would then be filled in November, completing the full High Performance structure in readiness for October 2020.

Over the past 10 days the two BCiB tournaments were played at Cockburn and Bunbury respectively. These were deemed a great success both for the format played under and the benefit that flowed to major sponsors BCiB. This coupled with a very informative training session(s) with Steve Glasson and Karen Murphy the prior Friday provided unparalleled opportunities for emerging players. The CEO thanked committee members Peter Collins and Ross Warburton for entering teams and supporting the events. Peter Collins sought the publishing of the winners in The West Australian to further promote the event and sponsor and the CEO noted he would seek the winners for publishing as soon as possible.

Action: CEO as required.

The CEO tabled various event numbers garnered over the past decade in state, country week and over 60s events. For committee information.

The CEO informed the committee on some exciting initiatives with the Hong Kong LBA, with a proposed visit to Perth by their national youth squad in late January. With assistance provided by Fremantle's Matthew Ngui, there are possibilities that Perth could become a prime training venue for Asian national squads into the future, a position that could attract DSR funding to promote such relationships. BWA with the host clubs will work hard to ensure the success of this initial visit. Host clubs at this stage will be South Perth, Fremantle, Mosman Park and Manning.

4.2 Fixtures & Events

No report at this time with the absence of Pieter Harris and the Fixtures & Events representative. However the CEO noted that scorecards/umpires sheets had been distributed to country leagues, with metropolitan to follow in early October. Pennant side allocations had been distributed with colours/fixtures to follow upon the club acceptance of their allocation.

4.3 Greens & Infrastructure

Jim Powell noted that the committee would carry out Greens Inspections on the 8th, 9th and 10th October. The Inspectors would be armed with new tablets, purchased at great BWA expense, to assist in the recording of the visits and to keep a record of green's committee advice to clubs.

4.4 Umpires

Mike Goble-Garratt reported that the Metro Accreditation/Reaccreditation Courses were nearing completion with over (50) attendees – an excellent outcome as previously reported. In addition (3) P&As from the country would be accredited in coming days, which will be great for their respective Leagues.

4.5 Country

Ross Warburton made comment on the success of the BCiB event in Bunbury, noting it had been mentioned as a future way of playing competitions in the SW League. An exciting format that kept everyone "in the game". Slightly disappointing in the number of teams attracted (24) with none from the Murray League; Ross noted the continued "gap" between information forwarded to Club Secretaries and their members – a work in progress.

4.6 High Performance & Coaching

Tony Hockey noted the completed coaching accreditation course at Safety Bay over the weekend, the final of the coaching sessions. Overall approximately (20) coaches attended. To round out the coaching area Selection and Competition Modules were in the pipeline for activation depending on numbers interested.

There was a long discussion on the position of coaches in the sport, their use by club members and the lack of "senior" coaches at state level. There was a need to follow the Umpires lead and develop coaches to the next level and view as a potential career in the sport. Part of Jaewyn Norton's role will be to identify club level coaches for further development and promote through the Advanced Coaching accreditation.

It was requested that a list of club coaches by club be produced to identify clubs where coaches were lacking.

Action: The CEO as required.

5. General Business

Anne Lilley enquired about the make-up of the Perth Suns team and how that came about, including the selection of a non-WA based player. The CEO responded along with Marc Abonnel on the Board discussion and decisions surrounding the team and the balance sought between opportunity for WA players and financial responsibilities.

Peter Collins has noted the rise of pennant players wearing incorrect attire and sought direction for improvement. The CEO noted that a memo had been forwarded to clubs several years ago with some success and would gladly communicate to clubs the responsibilities to manage their own members again. It was agreed this was not an Umpires role but a club management issue.

Action: The CEO as required.

Ross Warburton confirmed the continuation of the CCES in the EZ, SWZ and SZ, however was unsure whether the NZ would again work outside of the BWA model or not.

Marc Abonnel informed the committee of the challenges facing the Board to ensure at least 50% representation of females on Boards and Committees or risk significant state government funding cuts. The Board has 3 years to comply with such direction.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.15am

NEXT MEETING:

Monday 14th October at 10.00am. (PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING AT 10.00am and not 9.30am due to a prior Board Meeting).