



MINUTES of the Board of BOWLS WA

Meeting held on Friday 20th December 2019 at the Royal Perth Golf Club commencing at 10.00am.

1. PRESENT

Kerry Andersen, Ross Warburton, Debbie Capper Larry Bandy, Vince Del Prete, Marc Abonnel, Lee Bunney, Lisa Featherby.

1.1 In attendance:

Ken Pride (CEO)

1.2 Apologies

Hendy Cowan

1.3 Conflict of Interest

Ross Warburton declared a conflict in relation to the appointment of the Under 18 Selector. **NOTED.**

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 25th November were accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Vince Del Prete

Seconded: Lisa Featherby

Agreed

2. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

2.1 Coach / Selector interviews

The Board ratified the appointment of Tony Hockey as the Men's Coach for the 2020 Series, as agreed by Circular Resolution following the November Board Meeting.

The CEO tabled a recommendation for the vacant positions of Under 18 Coach and Selector, noting there were three applicants for the position of Coach. The Board confirmed the appointment of Ken Perks for the 2020 Series and Linda Warburton the current Academy Coach as the Selector, also for the 2020 series.

This now completes all vacant positions for the High-Performance team.

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| Action: The CEO to inform all parties as required. |
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3. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 City of Melville / Melville Bowling Club

The CEO updated the Board on the current outcomes with the City of Melville and the Melville Bowling Club, including a discussion he had with the Mayor in relation to the future of the Club on its present site.

3.2 Bowls WA Evaluation Report

Held over to General Business.

4. REPORTS

4.1 President

The President tabled a detailed written report on the year to date, highlighting a number of initiatives undertaken and achieved. In addition, the Board welcomed Lee Bunney as a Director and the Governor as our continuing Patron. The President noted an amusing sports report from 1899, highlighting the benefits of bowls to the ladies; indeed, the sport has come a long way.

The President thanked the Staff and Board for their support over the year and looked forward with anticipation to 2020, wishing all a Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

4.2 CEO Report

The CEO tabled an update on the five Strategic Outcomes sought for the year, drawn from the Strategic Plan. These were noted and discussed with good progress made on each of the objectives.

4.3 Bowls Management

The minutes from the meeting held on 9th December had been distributed and Marc Abonnel noted some of the more important issues. In particular he noted the Appeal lodged by South Perth on the decision made by the Fixtures & Events Committee in relation to the Integrity of a selected side. The reasoning for the decision was discussed at length and accepted that a rewrite of the rule was required to bring into play the hosting of fixtures outside of the normal Saturday afternoon start. This would be done as soon as able, noting that further Friday Premier League fixtures were scheduled for later in the season.

4.4 Club Development

The committee had not met since the November Board Meeting but were scheduled to meet on the 8th January.

4.5 Country

Ross Warburton wished to thank Aaron Delaporte for the excellent work carried out in assisting country clubs and leagues get up to speed with the Bowls Link system. There was general discussion on the Affiliation Fee and issues surrounding the fee's implementation, including a South West Zone meeting where Ross needed to clarify the basis of the fee and how it was charged; this cleared up some misconceptions at Zone level.

4.6 Audit, Risk & Finance

Lisa Featherby tabled the accounts to 30th November which were well on track for a positive end of financial year result. Investments similarly were achieving the desired returns and continued to grow the Association's underlying asset base. The accounts were accepted.

The CEO in response to the Audit comment noted the staff were continuing to keep TOIL under control, with staff members absent in quieter times to minimise this outstanding. The directive agreed to by the Board in November had been distributed to staff and discussed.

Outstanding affiliation fees were noted from clubs, with several on payment plans. This was completely acceptable given prior agreements were in place. It was agreed that country clubs who had not made any efforts to make contact with the office, nor made any payment towards affiliation would not be permitted to enter members for country week. This would be communicated to country clubs immediately after the Christmas/New Year period if no communication had been forthcoming. **NOTED.**

Phil Gregson joined the meeting.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 The Nationals 2020

The President noted that a (v4) of the Nationals program had been received from Bowls Australia. Changes included the inclusion of a Rest Day mid-way through the event, the return of the Champion of Champions to a full round robin event and confirmation of the splitting of the Over 60s and Open Sides Championship. It was agreed this better suited WA and were in support of such changes to the program.

5.2 Player Suspension – D Mc Kenzie

The CEO noted the suspension of D McKenzie from the Quinns Rock Bowling Club and subsequent transfer to Yanchep Bowling Club.

5.3 Presidents' Cup – Morley BC

The invitation from the Morley Bowling Club to participate in the annual Presidents' Cup was noted and it was agreed to participate once again.

Pieter Harris joined the meeting

5.4 Bowls WA Forum

Pieter Harris informed the Board that a Forum would be held on 3rd March (PM) which would feature a number of presenters on a wide range of topics relevant to bowling clubs. This was a fantastic initiative that would provide great training on several topics of interest. The Trinity Residential College in Nedlands would host the Forum.

Pieter Harris left the meeting.

5.5 Bowls WA Board Evaluation

Phil Gregson our Bowls WA Consultant with the Department took the Board through the report produced following the internal evaluation. Comparisons were made with the previous report carried out in 2016, with a general improvement noted on overall ratings, both in comparison with the previous Board as well as with like sporting organisations.

Recommendations were noted and would be discussed and actioned in 2020. Overall it was a very strong report that supported the current activities of the Board in all categories.

The CEO was requested to maintain the evaluation on the Board Agenda for further actions in 2020. **NOTED.**

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| Action: The CEO as required. |
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5.6 Board Meeting – January

The President sought a more strategically focussed Board Meeting allowing for wide-ranging discussion at the January meeting. This would be an “open agenda” discussion, with Directors encouraged to consider and bring to the meeting issues that they believed deserved a wider ranging discussion than the present agenda and time constraints permitted.

To keep the meeting flowing Directors were requested to have three areas that could be forwarded to the CEO for inclusion on the day.

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| Action: Board Members to forward up to three areas of interest/concern for discussion at the January meeting. |
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5.7 Appointed Director – Vince Del Prete

The Board on agreement from Mr Del Prete re-appointed him as an Appointed Director for a further 12-month term.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.00 noon.

Next Meeting: Monday 20th January at 7.30am for 8.00am