



Meeting of the Bowls Management Committee held on Thursday 27th August 2020

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, Jim Powell, Lee Bunney, Trevor Orton (proxy),

In attendance:

Pieter Harris, Ken Pride

1.2. Apologies

Ross Warburton

1.3. Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.4. Confirmation of Minutes

2. Items for Decision

2.1 Amendments to Conditions of Play

Proposed amendments to the 2020/21 Conditions of Play had been distributed and were now presented individually by Pieter Harris. The major changes included the following:

- No Cross Gender substitutes permitted in pennant finals (confirmed previous practice in writing),
- The F&E committee is permitted to actively investigate potential transgressions of the CofP,
- Changes to scheduled fixture dates will need to include those bowlers who will be seeking to play in a lower division due to unavailability for the changed fixture,
- A specific Cross Gender substitute is only permitted to play in this capacity (6) times during the season. There was considerable discussion on this noting various issues including the wish to allow as many bowlers to play as possible and the integrity of the competition itself. The issue of Open Gender Pennant for a club's lowest side is one that needs to be raised during the off-season for implementation,
- Saturday ladies return to an 18-end competition,
- Structural changes to the promotion/demotion for the Saturday Ladies competition to allow for two Blue Sides to be elevated to the pennant structure,
- The various forms of Laser Measures will not be permitted for use in Bowls WA controlled events (ie pennant and above).

Following general discussion the recommended changes to the CofP were agreed upon for the 2020/21 season.

Action: Changes to be communicated to all clubs as required.

3. Items for Discussion

3.1 Extreme weather rulings

At this time there are no further recommended changes sought for the 2020/21 season. Recent amendments to the Royal NSW Association (men) rulings were tabled for the committee's information, which provided guidelines only to member clubs/zones. Interestingly they included WBGT and Ambient Temperature positions.

The committee was requested to read these for further discussion. **NOTED.**

3.2 BMC membership

It was noted that no nominations had been received from members to act as club representatives on the BMC. The CEO believed that the current attendees which included Chairs of each of the Operational Committees, a representative of the Country Committee and Board Director as Chair was sufficient for an effective, efficient committee.

After discussion this was agreed by the members present and would form a recommendation to amend the Charter of the BMC accordingly.

Action: To be included on the August Board Agenda for discussion. (CEO)
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4. Items for Information

4.1 CEO

The CEO noted various items raised in his fortnightly CEO meeting, including the obvious on-going difficulties interstate and the delay and/or cancellation of various national events.

The AGM would be held at Manning on Saturday with all positions on the Board filled. With Kerry Andersen's retirement, Larry Bandy (South Perth) will assume the Presidency unopposed. It was reported in the West Australian that a likely date for the AFL Grand Final coincided with Round 1 of the pennant competition. A confirmation on date, venue and time will be waited on, following which a decision will be made on options for clubs. The potential for alternative start times on the Saturday would be the likely outcome.

4.2 Fixtures & Events

Pieter Harris noted the upcoming meeting of the F&E committee and the progress made on the venues for the Promotion/Challenge finals on the 19th September. The Champion of Champion Singles entries were now up equivalent to other years with the Men Major (45) and Novice (33) with Ladies Major (33) and Novice (21). The 1White pennant finals has seen Sorrento and Osborne Park withdraw with a single game Wanneroo vs Rossmoyne to be held at Sorrento to confirm the promotion to Premier League.

4.3 Greens & Infrastructure

Inspections of greens will commence in the 1st week of October, however greens for the 19th September will be played on as presented.

4.4 Umpires

Mike Goble-Garratt tabled his distributed report noting issues relating to Laser Measures (of various types), upcoming Umpires Courses and the meeting of NOAG scheduled for 14th September.

4.5 Country

No report.

4.6 High Performance & Coaching

The High Performance area is again starting to function with squads confirmed and a first meeting date schedule for 8th November. All members have confirmed their availability with Bassendean's Mathew Whitley an addition to the squad. A new HP Charter has been approved by the Board which will broaden the committee to include Umpires and Country; the first meeting of this committee will occur in coming weeks. The Academy continues to train well and is functioning over the off-season with recent questionnaires completed by all members on the program.

Various coaching courses and Modules are being conducted with strong support for all. A single P&A course was recently held accrediting a new P&A. The CCES is taking shape with Tony Hockey and Brian Jeppesen attending a session for the Southern Zone in Katanning on 19/20 September – other Zones are believed to be close to organized.

5. General Business

5.1 BWA Club Course

The committee AGAIN congratulated Pieter Harris on the conduct of the course conducted at Trinity Residential College. It was noted these will be held every two year – the next in September 2021.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.50am.