



## **Meeting of the Bowls Management Committee held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 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, Leonie Potts, Ross Warburton

### **In attendance:**

Larry Bandy (President), Pieter Harris, Ken Pride

### **1.2. Apologies**

Nil

### **1.3. Conflict of Interest**

Nil

### **1.4. Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> August were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** Mike Goble-Garratt

**Seconded:** Jim Powell

## **2. Items for Decision**

### **2.1 Perth Suns selection – Moama (February)**

(KP) noted issues surrounding border restrictions will complicate the naming of a side to play at Moama's BPL #12 in February. At worst it may require the selecting of an all Eastern States side that can travel to and from the venue without restriction. BA requires a side to be named by 6<sup>th</sup> November, but will accept a 2<sup>nd</sup> side if restrictions require this to be done by early December. It was suggested that the WA contingent be given first right of refusal and given that, the CEO will contact the WA players and provide an update on the present position.

<b>Action:</b> CEO to inform the current side as to the timeframes for selection.
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## **3. Items for Discussion**

### **3.1 Bowls 2025 / Innovations Committee**

The new committee's terms of reference were tabled and the general need for such a group discussed. It was agreed that it was important that a committee continued to consider improvements in the game, noting numbers still continued to decline, as they have since the mid 1980s. Recent failures to reduce the number of weeks of the pennant season, the reduction of rinks used for pennant and the changes to midweek pennant were noted and although disappointing, the process needs to be learnt from and readjusted for the next initiative. At some point a degree of courage will be required to make necessary change occur.

The next requirement will be to select individuals who are strategic in thought to progress the work as shown in the terms of reference. **NOTED.**

<b>Action</b> To remain on the agenda for continued discussion.
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### **3.2 Country Zone administration**

Following the SWZ AGM a sub-committee has been formed to explore the opportunity to remove the Zone from the administrative process in the South West – this will occur on the 9<sup>th</sup> November. The Minutes of the NZ also suggests they are open to a different structure without the Zone and this will be followed up in due course. It is hoped the SWZ can show that the structure can be altered, saving funds and volunteer hours for all involved.

### **3.3 CSRFF applications**

(KP) noted the recent annual and small grant applications from clubs seeking CSRFF grants. The clubs noted were primarily seeking to move from grass to synthetic surfaces – with a number in country areas. A further report will be provided on successful applicants in due course.

### **3.4 Outcome Greens inspection**

(JP) had completed inspections with his committee and generally it appeared that greens were of a better standard than previous years. Only Roleystone had been completely shut with a re-inspect to occur in coming weeks. Issues at Mt Lawley and Cockburn were noted with a possibility of fixtures being transferred for early matches.

### **3.5 Pennant numbers/teams for 2020/21**

(LP) gave a summation of the changes in pennant team numbers for the new season being:

**Ladies**    Tuesday 112 – 101  
                 Saturday 74 – 74  
                 Friday 19 – 20

**Men**        Saturday 195 – 198  
                 Thursday 188 – 186  
                 Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Div. 19 – 9

The drop off in men's 6<sup>th</sup> division, although not yet closed with six days to close, will cause significant travel issues if a single colour of 9/10 teams is introduced. It was noted that two of the teams are Byford and Quinns Rock. The structuring of this division may take some thinking "outside of the square" if all teams are to be maintained, given the potential drop-off if travel remained as is. For Fixtures & Events to consider once team applications close.

### **3.6 Update – NOAG meeting**

(MGG) provided an update on the recent NOAG meeting and provided an update on the major discussion points at the national level.

## **4. Items for Information**

### **4.1 CEO**

(KP) tabled a report on various matters including the extension of the closing date for the club affiliation fee cut-off, now the 26<sup>th</sup> October. The report was noted and accepted.

### **4.2 Fixtures & Events**

(LP) noted the strong increase in numbers for the State Fours which augers well for a solid entry rate for the state events this year.

### **4.3 Greens & Infrastructure**

Nothing further.

### **4.4 Umpires**

(MG) noted the strong accreditation/reaccreditation (95) for recent courses. (MA) asked if each club had sufficient umpires for the coming season; it was noted that the 12-month extension provided by BA due to the COVID-19 issues would see all clubs maintaining their umpires for the coming season. (MG) further noted that Hilton Dembo (Yokine) had joined the Umpires Committee bringing the membership to a eight.

### **4.5 Country**

(RW) noted that the SWBL has scheduled a pennant game against the state singles and whether dispensation could be called for by competing players from that League. The BWA General Conditions which cover both country & metro bowls clearly states that dispensation can be called upon by a player in such a case and the respective pennant match re-scheduled. (KP) will write to the SWBL and inform them of that regulation.

<b>Action: (KP) as required to the Secretary of the SWBL.</b>
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#### **4.6 High Performance & Coaching**

(TH) noted the completion of planning for the 2020/21 coaching modules with the relevant coaching committee. The group sought to extend the program over the course of the season rather than in a short-term block.

(TH) with two country coaches hosted (22) players for the SZ CCES held at Katanning BC. A very positive event that had a good representation of stronger players in attendance.

#### **5. General Business**

Nil

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.05am.

**Next Meeting: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November @9.30am**