



Meeting of the Bowls Management Committee held on Thursday 19th November 2020

1.1 Open Meeting and Welcome

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Marc Abonnel at 9.20am.

Present

Marc Abonnel, Mike Goble-Garratt, Jim Powell, Leonie Potts, Ross Warburton

In attendance:

Pieter Harris, Ken Pride

1.2. Apologies

Tony Hockey

1.3. Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.4. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th October were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Mike Goble-Garratt

Seconded: Jim Powell

2. Items for Decision

2.1 Annual Awards Points structure

As per the discussion held at the October Board Meeting, a revamped structure for the annual individual bowler awards has been undertaken. The tiers between events was tabled for discussion and the reasoning behind the requirements and tier levels was explained. In general the Rosenthal and Connie Hicks structures remained very similar, with alterations to the Over 60s events made to avoid potential for multiple ties.

The committee was invited to make comment over the next 10 days, before presentation to the Board. **NOTED.**

3. Items for Discussion

3.1 Midweek evening Mixed Pennant Competition

To be considered by the Innovations Committee as either a new event or variation to any existing competition (ie Ladies Friday Night pennant)

Action: To be considered by the Innovations Committee once operational.
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3.2 Armadale Bowling Club

(KP) gave a detailed report on the issues surrounding the Armadale BC. Bowls WA and the City of Armadale are committed to assisting the duly elected committee of the club, although it was noted that two distinct factions were at play, both within the committee and in the membership. It had been agreed that RBM Steve Unsworth and a City of Armadale officer would assist the President and Vice President in setting up proper governance and financial procedures going forward and that the City as the lease holder would seek means to ensure proper management of the facility is carried out.

At this time the club was fulfilling its pennant requirements following assistance provided by Aaron Delaporte and Clive Adams with Bowls Link. Further information will be communicated as it comes to hand.

3.3 Cross Gender substitutes

(KP) tabled a letter from Glen Forrest ladies seeking the removal of the 6-game limit for substitutes and his response. The matter was discussed and agreed that the issue led to a number of differing alternatives incorporating substitutes, open gender and other bankers type competitions. As a result it would be directed to the Innovations Committee for consideration and recommendation for the 2021/22 season.

Action: To be considered by the Innovations Committee once operational.

4. Items for Information

4.1 CEO

(KP) tabled a report which was read to the committee on various matters within WA and the national scene.

4.2 Fixtures & Events

(LP) noted the conduct of the Over 60s ladies event, including the move undercover as a precaution against weather for finals day. The men's event was severely disrupted with an alternate date(s) considered for 18/19/20 January – this being the day following Day 1 of the state singles, which may assist country members in particular. These days also missed various ILRR and IZRR events, although acknowledged it may clash with some club events, which cannot be avoided.

The extended timeframe would also assist in players arrangements as required. A final check of dates will be carried out before confirming via the Bowls WA website.

4.3 Greens & Infrastructure

(JP) noted the clubs that continue to have issues with their greens including Maylands, Inglewood, Roleystone, and Belmont City. Some of these will require further visits for approval in coming weeks. Issues surrounding Belmont City (off green) were noted as having an effect on the state of the greens.

4.4 Umpires

(MGG) noted the funding applications lodged with DSR seeking travel support for two potential P&As. On a query from Marc Abonnel it was confirmed that clubs may run their championships as they see fit, so long as they remain within the Laws of the Sport. If there is a pathway event following, the conduct of the original club event does not disqualify the player(s) from competing in the pathway event.

4.5 Country

(RW) noted the construction of the new Eaton BC has commenced, with the old clubhouse demolished.

The meeting that (KP) attended with the SWZ sub-committee for the dissolution of the Zone was reported on. A positive meeting that will now be shared with members of other Leagues and the Zone for comment. **NOTED.**

4.6 High Performance & Coaching

(PH) noted the squad sessions that had been successfully held, together with the Academy playing against a Police side which similarly was very productive. The program is going very well so far, with positive unsolicited comments.

5. General Business

(PH) noted that Cross Gender protests had been made against Stirling and Safety Bay, with a protest on the way the match was abandoned at Kwinana and query on a ladies abandonment (but not men's) at Osborne Park for the Fixtures & Events Committee to consider in coming meetings.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.00am.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 10th December @ 9.30am