



MINUTES of the Board of BOWLS WA

Meeting held on Monday 19th April 2021 at Bowls WA commencing at 7.50am.

1. PRESENT

Larry Bandy, Doug Kelly, Lee Bunney, Glenda Cooper, Debbie Capper, Brian Lucas, Marc Abonnel

1.1 In attendance:

Ken Pride (CEO)

1.2 Apologies

Ross Warburton, Vince Del Prete

1.3 Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 29th March 2021 were then accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Debbie Capper

Seconded: Lisa Featherby

Agreed

2. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

2.1 Human Rights Commission – update

(KP) updated the Board on the Conciliation Conference held last Monday with the Commission, the complainant and himself. The agreed outcome is that the complainant will modify a shooting stick for the Greens Committee to consider; this may be rejected sent back for additional modification or approved. The Commission has now closed the case. (KP) will update the Board on further developments. **NOTED.**

2.2 Charter – Junior Development Committee

(KP) had distributed an amended Charter for the JDC, given the queries raised by (BL) at the March meeting. The amended Charter was approved by the Board.

Moved: Brian Lucas

Seconded:

Lee Bunney

Agreed

2.3 Response – Letter H Packer

As requested, (KP) responded to H Packer's letter to the Board from the March meeting.

3. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 BPL#13 and SCB meeting

(KP) noted the unfortunate timeline that has forced the withdrawal of Cody Packer and Kristina Krstic from the Perth Suns and the subsequent deferment of the State Consultancy Body meeting. Pieter Harris and Larry Bandy will be in attendance at the BPL and will attend the BPL meetings held. (KP) noted the WA position on the further addition of two extra teams into the BPL and the resultant suggested changes in prizemoney allocation.

The SCB meeting will now be rescheduled to take place during the final days of the Australian Open in June.

3.2 Operational Plan

(KP) tabled the year end Operational Plan and highlighted some of the areas. A new Plan for the next financial year will now be constructed but will wait on the receipt of the final report for the Governance Review Project. A staff planning day will be held to consider a way forward for a number of recently produced documents, including the DSR Sports Governance Standards.

3.3 CDC Dashboard Review

Tabled on behalf of the Club Development Committee and would be a useful document for a future presentation to clubs to show the areas of marketing and promotion undertaken over the past two years.

3.4 Hosting of Forums

After discussion it was agreed that a more expansive Open Forum will be held prior to the AGM in late July, given there are a number of proposals/reports in the pipeline not yet ready for general consumption. **NOTED.**

3.5 Cyclone Seroja support

Regional Bowls Manager Clive Adams is maintaining contact with clubs in the mid-west to ascertain any needs and if BWA or Bowls Australia can assist in any way. (CA) will continue contact and advise as required.

3.6 Bowlers Survey outcomes

(MA) discussed the Innovations Committee Bowlers Survey and provided a summary to the Board. A full report will be provided, including recommendations at the May Board Meeting.

Board members were asked to study the preliminary report and ask any questions of Marc over the coming weeks, prior to the 28th May meeting. It is likely that Bowls Australia representatives will be in attendance and the outcomes of the survey would be of great interest to them.

Action: Board Members to study the outcomes of the survey and seek any clarification from (MA) in preparation for the May meeting.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 President

(LB) tabled his report and noted various items within including the sad passing of Norma Wainwright, a Bowls WA Hall of Fame member and past Australian player. Other areas noted were the:

- Formation of the Bowls Blitz competition as a means of furthering the high-performance offering,
- The hosting of the State Under 18 competition, which highlighted some excellent bowls from a number of young players,
- The hosting of the All-Abilities Championships at Kardinya over the weekend of 17/18 April – congratulations to Denise McMillan on her work in this area.

4.2 CEO

The CEOs report was tabled and accepted.

4.3 Bowls Management

(MA) noted the minutes from the meeting of 15th April and the two main agenda items discussed being the “Future” recommendations that will emanate from the Innovations Committee for consideration and the further presentation of recommendations from the Umpires Committee relating to the introduction of the WBGT meters for use in pennant and BWA events.

A further recommendation will be presented by the Umpires Committee once finalised.

4.4 Club Development

No further report.

4.5 Country

No further report.

4.6 Finance

(LF) noted the Finance Meeting minutes of 16th April, which noted the suggestion of moving the BWA financial year from 1st May to commence on 1st July. The basis of that was explained with the Auditors having no issue with such a change. Given this would require Constitutional change it will be considered along with other changes to be suggested from the Governance Review Project.

Another significant item for discussion was the future of 158 Main Street and how that may be strategically planned and the future options available for the housing of the Association.

With year end now two weeks away it is likely that a surplus in the vicinity of \$30,000 will be realised, an excellent outcome given the many unknowns over the past 12 months. Of course, this past year will be viewed very much as a one-off and difficult to relate to any other year, including 2021/2022.

The accounts of greater than >\$1,000 were noted.

4.7 Governance & People Development

(BL) tabled a written report and noted several areas from it, particularly issues relating to future strategic plans in 2022/2023 which will become more evident on the completion of the Governance Review Project final report.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Election of Office Bearers

(LB) noted the need for (LF), (LB), (DC) and (DK) to renominate for Director's positions given the expiration of their terms. It was confirmed that (DC) will not stand for re-election at the AGM; with her service to the Association to be noted at that time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00am.

NEXT MEETING: Friday 28th May from 7.30am, with guests from Bowls Australia.