



Meeting of the Bowls Management Committee held on Thursday 11th February 2021

1.1 Open Meeting and Welcome

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Marc Abonnel at 9.30am.

Present

Marc Abonnel, Peter Barnett, Jim Powell, Tony Hockey

In attendance:

Pieter Harris

1.2. Apologies

Ros Warburton, Leonie Potts and Ken Pride

1.3. Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.4. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Jim Powell

Seconded: Tone Hockey

2. Items for Decision

Nil

3. Items for Discussion

3.1 Various Protests – Saturday 6th February

Members were informed of the protests that had come in just in case an appeal against a Fixtures and Events decision was made and BMC members were required to hear the appeal.

Action: To be considered by the Innovations Committee once operational.
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3.2 Umpire Course – Training in Pennant COP

In one of the protests, a newly approved umpire was the Umpire of the Day and he expressed in his explanation that although he was aware there was one, he was unaware of where to find the pennant wet weather rules until after the fact and was looking in the Laws of the Sport book.

(PB) said there was time spent in the course on the local rules and conditions of play in the BWA Officials Handbook and he would follow up on why there may have been a break down.

Further conversation detailed how many managers and players especially had very little understanding of the rules and were unlikely to educate themselves by reading them. It was put forward that BWA make a number of short videos going through some of the more important rules e.g., weather and cross gender, and sending them out at the start of the season for people to educate themselves

Action: PH to coordinate with Aaron Delaporte and develop some short information videos
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4. Items for Information

4.1 CEO

(KP) was absent so no report tabled

4.2 Fixtures & Events

(PH) tabled general information regarding upcoming Men's Countryweek and the increase in numbers and the general increase of most State Events for the season

4.3 Greens & Infrastructure

(JP) expressed that a majority of greens had been passed during the year and generally the was good.

Belmont City had been visited after a couple of letters of concern were received. A green was taken out play to be renovated while ensuring the club still had enough rinks to operate

Bullcreek AFA new synthetic had completed installation however a lack of a reliable water source was proving difficult with a water truck being brought in regularly.

A protest from Merriwa against a Bedford green after Ladies Tuesday Pennant was dismissed after inspection by (JP)

4.4 Umpires

(PB) is new to the position and still finding his feet. The Mid season umpire course was very successful.

There will be an ITO assessment in May with four candidates to be assessed and one re-accreditation.

A brief discussion on the NOAG training and assessing going course primarily going online. This was scheduled to happen sooner rather than later with BA seeking feedback on various things sent to the states

4.5 Country

(RW) an apology

4.6 High Performance & Coaching

(TH) noted that both Men's and Women's Open Squads had recently played Over 60's trial teams at Manning. Both the Men's and Women's Squads won the day in high standard contests. Further training and trials against the Over 60's will take place in March for both the Men's and Women's Open Squads as well as a game between the Academy and the Over 60's women

The Men's Country v Metro is in February with the revamped Women's event in March

5. General Business

(MA) presented some news from the Innovation Committee. A recent survey was sent out and advertised on social media with the return numbers very strong. Analyzing the collected data will take place over the coming weeks/months.

A country survey will be developed along similar lines to the first survey which covered mainly metropolitan bowls.

A tournament will be developed along similar lines to the HP tournament, and it is thought it will begin in late August.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.40am.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 11th March @ 9.30am