



## Country Committee

Minutes of the Country Committee meeting held at Bowls WA on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 commencing at 10.45am.

### **1. Open Meeting and Welcome**

Ross Warburton (Chairman) opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

### **2. Present**

Ross Warburton (Chairman), Jill Fotheringhame (SZ), Greg Carter (SZ), Bob Plater (SWZ), Anne Whyatt (SWZ), Jenni Bunce (EZ), Des Miguel (EZ), Sandra Trenowden (NZ), Norm Skoglund (NZ)

### **In attendance**

Doug Kelly (Dep. Pres.), Ken Pride (CEO)

### **3. Apologies**

Nil

### **4. Conflict of Interest**

Nil

### **5. Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Moved: N Skoglund (NZ)**

**Seconded: B Plater (SWZ)**

**Agreed**

### **6. Correspondence**

#### **6.1 Ladies Zone Meeting – Kellerberrin**

The Minutes of the Zone Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April at the Kellerberrin BC were reviewed and discussed. From that meeting three letters were received:

- The dates for the IZRR Pairs to be held in the Southern Zone on 19/20 February 2022 and the IZRR Fours to be hosted by the Northern Zone (Denison) on 12/13 March 2022, with these weekends being confirmed for future years,
- A request to increase the funding of the IZRR grant from \$3,500 to \$4,000 to cover increased costs for the meals served. (Equating to \$50.00 per player over the two days).
- A request to return the Country vs Metro game prior to Country Week to a participation event rather than high performance and by that a return to (48) players per team.

In response:

- (1) Noted
- (2) The CEO will place on the agenda for the Finance Committee to consider and report back to the Country Committee as required,

- (3) The CEO noted the state selectors would not see the event as a selection trial if this were the way the country wished the event played. As a result, the places for the Metro side would be open to any bowler wishing to participate, with no requirement for the state squad to play. BWA would source a host club and that club would then be responsible for the conduct of the event, with BWA assisting to “open” the nomination of players. If this fell short of the (48) required, the country delegates could follow up potential Metro players as they saw fit. **NOTED.**

## **7. Matters for Discussion**

### **7.1 Country vs Metropolitan**

As above

### **7.2 Country Week**

#### **7.2.1 Men’s and Women’s surveys**

The outcomes for the Men’s and Women’s surveys were noted. There was some discussion on the suitability of some of the greens, however the CEO noted it was becoming increasingly difficult to source clubs who were prepared to offer their greens for anything other than the men’s fours. This was also the case with Bowls WA events where clubs were making decisions based purely on the financial return of the event to them – many were preferring to play their own localized events in preference.

#### **7.2.2 Composite Sides**

The delegates voted that there would be no change to the criteria for entering composite sides.

#### **7.2.3 Compulsory lunch purchase**

Considering the increase in costs and the results of the two surveys it was agreed that the compulsory lunch payments for the sectional rounds be increased from \$15 to \$20 per player. A Condition of Play is to be added that if a player/team refuses to pay the amount then they will forfeit their section, but not having a card provided at the start of the competition. Should a player have a medical reason why not to pay the fee, that must be communicated at the time of entry.

<b>Action: To be added as a Condition of Play, including the increase to \$20 and the penalty as described above.</b>
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### **7.3 Donnybrook BC entry into SWBL**

The required paperwork for the Donnybrook BC (men) to move from the Blackwood to South-West League had been completed as per the required process. After discussion, the Committee endorsed the move with no restriction. **NOTED.**

### **7.4 Zone dissolution**

The Minutes of the South West Zone meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May were tabled and noted which confirmed the planned removal of the Zone administration over the next few months – some constitutional change will be required for funds to be dispersed on a pro-rata basis as agreed and this will be the subject of a Special General Meeting. It was similarly noted that the Northern Zone would follow the same path, handing responsibility for ILRR and when required IZRR events to the host League and Club.

The Southern and Eastern Zone would retain the current structure.

Bob Plater (President SWZ) thanked Bowls WA for their assistance in this process, which will be regularly reviewed; hence the formal dissolving of the Zone with the required State Department (and closing of bank account) will not occur for a 12-month period. **NOTED.**

## **7.5 Regional Men's Health workshops**

Following on from the February presentation, the CEO requested the delegates get on the front foot and seek to host a "Working with Warriors" in their League. It is a very important initiative that has received excellent funding to host events and should be time now to start organization prior to the season commencing.

Delegates promised they would seek functions in their area.

## **8. Reports**

### **8.1 Eastern Zone**

(Men) (DM) noted a very enjoyable All Stars match, his first, which was played in great spirit throughout.

(Ladies) (JB) tabled her report, which noted:

- ILRR Pairs 20/21 November Quairading
- Fours 5/6 February Merredin
- ILRR (Fours- Men) 8/9 January York

### **8.2 Northern Zone**

Written reports were tabled by both (NS) and (ST) with thanks:

- ILRR (Fours-Men) 7/9 January Denison
- ILRR (Pairs) 19/21 November Wonthella
- ILRR (Fours) 25/27 February Dalwallinu

### **8.3 South West Zone**

The Minutes of the Zone meeting were tabled and noted earlier, key dates will be confirmed as they come to hand.

### **8.4 Southern Zone**

A written report was tabled by (JF) with thanks with key dates:

- ILRR (Pairs) 20/21 November Kulin
- ILRR Fours TBC Katanning
- IZRR Pairs 19/20 February Emu Point

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.20pm.**

**NEXT MEETING To be advised.**