



MINUTES of the Board of BOWLS WA

Meeting held on Monday 20th September at Bowls WA commencing at 8.00am.

1. PRESENT

Larry Bandy, Doug Kelly, Lee Bunney, Glenda Cooper, Lisa Featherby, Ross Warburton, Marc Abonnel, Judy Flanagan, Brian Lucas

The President welcomed Judy Flanagan to her first Board meeting, wishing her well and trusting she enjoyed the role. Judy's extensive CV in sport administration was noted and all looked forward to her contribution.

1.1 In attendance:

Ken Pride (CEO)

1.2 Apologies

Vince Del Prete

1.3 Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 30th August 2021 were then accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Glenda Cooper

Seconded: Lee Bunney

Agreed

2. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

2.1 Use of BowlsLine Laser Measure

Following on from the previous Circular Resolution seeking approval for the use of the BowlsLine Laser Measure by nationally accredited umpires for Bowls WA events, the Directors reiterated their support of this measure alone. Although Bowls Australia has approved (4) laser measures only the BowlsLine is approved for use in BWA controlled events. **NOTED.**

2.2 Healthway – club smoking bans

The CEO had recently met with Healthway, exploring opportunities for again partnering with the body after a number of years absence. The background with Healthway was noted as was the soon to be released *Healthy Partnership Program (HPP)* which was a high funding program focussing on one of Healthway's five strategic health areas. The area of primary focus for any partnership would likely be *creating a smoke-free WA* through WA bowling clubs.

The matter had already been discussed by the Audit, Risk & Finance Committee who supported the progress of discussions with Healthway in this matter.

The Board after considerable discussion supported the A, R & F recommendation and instructed the CEO to continue talks with Healthway to map out a program for Board consideration.

Action: The CEO to continue talks with Healthway on a potential partnership via the Healthy Partnership Program.

3. REPORTS

3.1 President

President Larry tabled his report touching on some of the major objectives of the next 12 months which included:

- Progressing the Governance Review Report and its recommendations
- The broadening of Open Gender bowls subject to a review after this initial metro pennant offering
- The continuation of support for Bowls Australia and its national initiatives.

He noted that he and the CEO had met on 17th September to discuss the process of his position review. Previous reviews were noted and it was agreed that a focus on the current position's Key Objectives, as previously approved by the Board, would be the focus of the review. The CEO will provide a written self-assessment for the Board's October Board Meeting.

Action: The CEO as required for the October Board Meeting.

3.2 CEO

The CEO brought Directors up to date on the following areas:

- Progress/funding for a mini-series in May,
- Metro pennant nominations after the inclusion of limited Open Gender competition,
- The structure of Metro midweek pennant finals and the continuation of a two week finals format,
- Recent statements from SportWest on interstate travel for sporting teams
- The postponement of the BPL and BPL Cup scheduled for Club Pine Rivers in November, now scheduled for April (Club Pine Rivers) and February (Moama) respectively.

There was discussion on the concept of a mini-series, which unfortunately was becoming less likely given the financial requirements from other state and territories invited and given that the lack of "reward" offered to players who had been selected to represent but now would not. It was agreed to forward these two issues to the High Performance Committee for further consideration.

Action: The CEO to table these issues at the next meeting of the High Performance Committee for discussion and recommendation.

3.3 Audit, Risk & Finance

Lisa Featherby noted the Minutes of the 13th September, where the committee reviewed the Risk Register, Risk Management Plan and Audit, Risk & Finance Policy following which minor amendments were made. The Register will be reviewed twice annually as noted in the Operational Plan, with the updated documents distributed to other Directors.

The accounts to 31st August were noted and accepted. There remained a query around the use of the investment portfolio dividends in the income & expenditure statement which will be clarified for the October meeting. **NOTED.** The investment portfolio continued to achieve significant returns with the value of the portfolio now exceeding \$865k. The better than budgeted receipt of dividends will assist in bringing the budget back to being balanced; notwithstanding the significant savings from the cancellation of the Nationals.

3.4 Country

The Country Committee meeting potentially scheduled for today, had been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items forthcoming from country delegates.

The matter of appropriate country representation was discussed with options including the hosting of Forums prior to the IZRRs or Country Week and the further use of Video presentations on matters of interest to country bowlers, where issues could be sought prior to the Forum or questions taken from the floor. For further discussion.

The South West Zone will meet in October to finalise some minor constitutional changes that will allow the disbursement of funds from the Zone account in preparation for the removal of that layer of administration.

3.5 Governance & People Development

Brian Lucas tabled a series of short and longer term tasks emanating from the Governance Review Committee. This will form the basis of a Governance Action Plan for a revamped committee to guide over the following months.

Directors discussed the tasks including the processes required for a new Constitution (following the recommendations of the Review and already approved by the Board) plus a new strategic plan for 2023 onwards. It will be recommended that a new Constitution be framed, in line with the new Act and following the prescribed Model Rules where relevant. This is viewed as a more complete process than a number of separate changes, with each seeking SGM/AGM approvals.

Ron Mance has agreed to join this committee to progress this work, with potentially one other to join with Brian, Judy Flanagan and the CEO. **NOTED.**

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Funding for disabled competitors

Lisa Featherby noted the very successful fundraiser held at the Harvey Bowling Club to assist attend a national selection trial for disabled bowlers. She queried the lack of financial support from Bowls Australia and whether Bowls WA needed to have a fund available to assist such athletes.

The CEO noted this had been discussed previously and if support was to be provided to teams, this would also be sought from Blind/Deaf, Bowling Arm and Disability athletes/sides which would a significant financial outlay. This would be a likely topic and Bowls Australia level at future SCB meetings.

4.2 BA/BWA expenditure

The CEO tabled a draft of a flyer being produced by BA that outlines the areas that monies are expended by both BA and BWA; a useful tool for Forums distribution.

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday 25th October at 7.30am for 8.00am.