



MINUTES of the Board of BOWLS WA

Meeting held on Monday 28th February 2022 commencing at 8.00am

1. PRESENT

Doug Kelly, Lee Bunney, Glenda Cooper, Lisa Featherby, Ross Warburton, Judy Flanagan, Vince Del Prete, Marc Abonnel

1.1 In attendance:

Ken Pride (CEO)

1.2 Apologies

Brian Lucas (Consultant)

1.3 Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 31st January 2022 were then accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Vince Del Prete

Seconded: Lisa Featherby

Agreed

Acting President Doug Kelly led the tribute to Larry Bandy noting his passion for the game on and off the green and sought the Board's continued support over the next period, acknowledging the testing times ahead.

2. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

2.1 Budget 2022/2023

Following the Board's comments to seek a reduction in the forecast deficit for 2022/2023, the Audit, Risk & Finance Committee tabled an updated budget for 2022/2023.

Lisa Featherby detailed the major changes which included an increase in Dividends Received following the reallocation of further funds to the IOOF investments, the requirement for further sponsorship funds with the Perth Suns and Over 60s areas in need of support, plus efforts to increase government funding in the next triennial funding phase.

In relation to the expenses there was considerable discussion on the future usefulness of the Jack Hi and Country Week books, given the continued shift to on-line publications.

The CEO noted the option that Bowls Victoria had chosen with updated high end monthly newsletters, rather than infrequent magazines which had proven popular. He would source these and seek what would be possible from BWA along this skill set requirement.

Given the reduced deficit the Board accepted the changes made to the Budget for 2022/2023 and its input into MYOB as the base for the period.

It was RESOLVED to accept the budget for 2022/2023 as tabled.

MOVED Lisa Featherby

SECONDED

Ross Warburton

AGREED

Action: The CEO to arrange for the entry of the budget as tabled into MYOB.

2.2 Formal appointment President & Deputy President

With the passing of President Larry Bandy, Rule 14.8.1 of the Constitution was invoked, with Deputy President Doug Kelly to assume the Presidency for the remainder of the term (July 2022).

As President, Doug called for nominations for the vacant Deputy President's role, with Judy Flanagan (Binningup) unanimously accepted into the role for the balance of the term (July 2023).

The Board thanked Judy for her support in taking on this important task.

President Doug then enquired about the continuation of other Director's whose term expired at the July AGM. Of those whose term does expire Ross Warburton as Country Director would not seek re-election. **NOTED.**

3. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

3.1 BWA Strategic Plan – e-survey

The CEO noted the distribution of the e-survey from McLaughlin Sports Consultancy as the basis for the commencement of the strategic plan work. This had been distributed to all committee members, plus all club President's and Secretaries.

3.2 Bowls Australia meetings

The CEO tabled a summation of the meetings held last week in Moama being:

- National BA & State and Territory CEO's meeting
- BA Strategic Plan workshops with McLaughlin Sports Consultancy
- BPL franchise meetings

The meetings held over three days were attended by the CEO and RBMs where relevant via Zoom meetings. A difficult exercise given all other officials were in attendance, but nonetheless successful with WA input valued.

The CEO noted at both national and state level the need for immediate and widespread change in many areas of the sport. It was to be determined "how brave" the various administrations were prepared to be to effect that required change to guarantee the future of the sport.

No doubt this issue will again be raised in the preliminary work towards the BWA Strategic Plan.

Given the above the CEO would meet with staff and consider a wide-ranging paper that would incorporate recommended changes to the game in metropolitan Perth pennants for further discussion.

Action: The CEO as noted above.
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4. GENERAL BUSINESS

Committee Reports

4.1 President

President Doug tabled his report which noted telephone conversations he had with Bowls Australia President Bob Boorman and CEO Neil Dalrymple, noting the excellent relationship between BA and BWA built up over recent years.

Recent event winners were noted including Over 60s winners in Therese Hastings and Bruce Eagles and Ladies Masters Singles (Kristina Krstic) and Men's Masters Pairs (Packer/East). A letter was also forwarded to Cody Packer wishing him well in the trials for the Commonwealth Games at the Mt Tambourine BC.

4.2 Audit, Risk & Finance

Lisa Featherby noted the meeting held on 14th February and the Minutes of that meeting included in the Board's papers. The budget was the primary issue which had now received approval from the Board.

4.3 Country

Ross Warburton noted his and Doug Kelly's attendance at the delegates meeting at the IZRR in Busselton. Ross gave an update on the items raised, although no substantive changes were agreed upon at the meeting. Topics included the move of the IZRR to the metropolitan area, amendments to the rules surrounding composite teams at Country Week and the future of the Country Committee.

It was agreed that as per the ladies, meetings at the IZRR would likely form the basis of the formalised meetings at Country level.

4.4 Club Development

Vince Del Prete directed members to the Club Development minutes of 21st February, noting that a reconsideration of the available budget was taking place to accommodate the opportunity for clubs to apply for funding to assist participation initiatives.

Other General Business

4.5 Confirmation – Annual Dinner & Awards Night

The Board confirmed that Royal Perth Golf Club would be the venue for the Awards Night to be held on Friday 3rd June.

4.6 Club Development Plan

The CEO tabled a proposal from McLaughlin Sports Consultancy who covered the request from him to develop a Club Development Plan in tandem with the Strategic Plan. Given this was a requirement of DLGSC as part of the funding provided for the Winning Drive program, the end cost of the Plan will be partly met by funding received.

Vince Del Prete strongly supported the formulation of a professional plan to guide the Club Development Committee, which in some ways had been acting in an ad hoc way without any formalised direction.

The Board supported the expenditure for the Plan and its commencement in late October 2022.

Action: The CEO to confirm the agreement with McLaughlin Sports Consultancy.

4.7 Scholarship – Bowls NSW offer

Following the passing of President Larry, the President of Bowls NSW had sought support from other state and territories for a memorial fund to be commenced in recognition of Larry Bandy. In discussions with Deputy President Doug and BA CEO Neil Dalrymple, the CEO thanked the BNSW President for the very kind gesture but noted that BWA would not be taking up the opportunity for reasons explained in a return letter to all STA President's.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45am.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 28th March 2022