



MINUTES of the Board of BOWLS WA

Meeting held on Monday 27th February 2023 at Bowls WA commencing at 7.50am.

1. PRESENT

Doug Kelly, Glenda Cooper, Vince Del Prete, Marc Abonnel, Phil Manning, Lisa Featherby, Lee Bunney

1.1 In attendance:

Ken Pride (CEO)

1.2 Apologies

Judy Flanagan

1.3 Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 23rd December 2022 were then accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Vince Del Prete

Seconded: Glenda Cooper

Agreed

1.5 Actions from December meeting

The CEO confirmed the following from the actions noted at the December Board Meeting:

- Various updated Committee Terms of Reference have been added to the Governance file,
- After consultation with the President, the proposed Constitutional changes will now be incorporated into the AGM in late July rather than an earlier SGM,
- The WA Sandgropers Bowling Arm group has been added as an Associated Member of Bowls WA,
- At this time Staff are yet to consider the operational ramifications of the Open Gender changes for 2023/2024, including the ability for members to change competitions mid-season on a Saturday afternoon.

2. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

2.1 Budget 2023/2024

The CEO had previously forwarded the 2nd Draft of the 2023/2024 budget as recommended by the FAIR Committee to the balance of the Board, including the assumptions made for the financial year ahead.

Each of these assumptions were then considered, discussed and agreed to as being appropriate for the period, including an affiliation fee increase of 3% for each of country and metropolitan members. This increase will be confirmed to clubs on the 6th March.

There being no further questions it was **RESOLVED** to accept the 2023/2024 budget as presented.

Moved

Lisa Featherby

Seconded

L Bunney

Agreed

Action: The CEO to inform the clubs of the Affiliation Fee increase of 3% for the 2023/2024 season.
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3. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

3.1 Annual Dinner & Awards Night

The CEO sought input into the venue for the Annual Dinner & Awards Night, which will be held on Friday 2nd June. (MA) believed it was opportune to seek a new venue, with the last several years being hosted by the Royal Perth Golf Club.

The CEO will source some options along similar lines to what has been provided in recent years for the Board to consider.

Action: The CEO as required.
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3.2 125th anniversary cocktail party

The CEO noted within the budget an expense item to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Association. This function will allow a number of activities:

- A celebration of the anniversary,
- The awarding of The Nationals player of the series over both Over 60s and Open teams,
- The naming of at least the Player of the 125th year for men and women and likely the Team(s) of that period.

The function will be invitation only and include current state teams, past state players and relevant dignitaries. The function will be hosted by a bowling club, which is yet to be selected, with an early / mid-November date most likely.

3.3 AGM – key dates

The key dates in the lead up to the 29th July AGM were presented. This year the terms of Deputy President Judy Flanagan and Director's Lee Bunney and Lisa Featherby expire, with an existing vacancy for both an elected and appointed Director able to be filled. Similarly, the recommended Constitutional changes will be recommended to the clubs as required.

3.4 Test Series vs Victoria

In the lead up to the Nationals, Victoria is planning to bring their Open men's and women's teams for a series of Test Matches from 14-17 September; a great hit out for our teams.

3.5 Country – maximising communication

The President and (PM) led the discussion on the need to continue communication with country clubs, given the demise of the Country Committee. The recent IZRR meeting in Denison was seen as successful and although more of an informed discussion than a meeting, it may well be the formalised way the Board can discuss matters country with invited League representatives.

An expense item has been included in the budget with further discussion on how to maintain two-way communication on important issues with in particular country leagues. For further discussion.

Action: CEO to maintain on the Board agenda.
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3.6 The Nationals update

The CEO provided the Board with an update on progress with The Nationals, including meetings held with the three host clubs, DLGSC consultant and discussion around Event Funding opportunities. Along with Pieter Harris a further meeting with BA staff was held in Moama, where all matters around the event were discussed.

BA Competitions Manager Andrew Howie will visit WA on Monday and Tuesday next week where he will visit the clubs and meet with Tourism WA. **NOTED.**

4. GENERAL BUSINESS – REPORTS

4.1 President

The President tabled a written report noting the various activities undertaken over the past two months, including attendance at the WA Sports Star of the Year Awards, where Kristina Krstic was one of twelve finalists for the ultimate award.

He also prefaced his initial work as Chair of the Selection Committee for the Country Side of the 125th anniversary, noting his fellow selectors who are assisting.

4.2 CEO

The CEO gave a verbal report on the meetings held at Moama with fellow CEO's and Bowls Australia. A full written report will follow over coming days.

4.3 FAIR Committee

(LF) after presenting the budget for 2023/2024 noted some minor variations in the accounts to 31st January. An improvement in the IOOF investments of some \$30,000 for the month was noted, although this area remains very volatile. The CEO noted that Investment Advisor Craig Lubich will shortly retire; he will be introduced by Craig to the new advisor Philip Davison that afternoon.

The accounts to 31st January were noted and accepted.

4.4 Club and People Development

(VDP) noted the previously distributed minutes of the meeting held on 6th February. One of the actions that will be undertaken will be a review of the projects identified in the Club Development and Modernization Plan and prioritizing those projects for a more manageable process of action.

4.5 Game Development

No meetings held.

4.6 Suspension – Gary Gregson (Nth Beach)

Noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30am.

Next Meeting: Monday 20th March (to be confirmed by the CEO).