

ILLAWARRA BOWLS
MINUTES - DELEGATES MEETING
HELD AT WARILLA BC - SAPPHIRE ROOM
WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2024

MEETING OPENED 5:35PM

CHAIR Ken Forbes

VALE Betty McCloud (Dapto Citizens), Don Irvine (Windang)

ATTENDANCE As per attendance sheet **APOLOGIES** Deb Waldron (VP) Angela Gibson, T Seton, J Nagi

NEW DELEGATES Bill Lazar (Oak Flats) John Hills (Woonona) Gerry Mann (Oak Flats)

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- LOGO Final Options
- Member Club Affiliation Forms
- Email from Dave Tyrrell regarding potential to Align Regional events for next season
- 3 x EOI submitted for Selectors
- Email regarding Charges to play bowls at each club
- Region Administration – 1 week and counting from T Rowe

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- EOI Preamble and Forms for Umpires / Selectors / Juniors Committees sent to Clubs Delegates / Secretaries / Bowls CoOrdinators
- Request to Clubs to update their Annual Club forms to affiliate with Bowls NSW and Illawarra Bowls
- Draft Contact list to all mentioned in Affiliation Forms

Correspondence be accepted **moved**, Christina Kellow (Corrimal) **seconded by:** Raewyn Black (Warilla)

Interim Management Committee Reports

President – Ken Forbes

Saturday 11 May 2024, attended Warilla BRC for the Grand Final No.1 Pennants. Warilla was successful defeating Corrimal.

Attended Warilla BRC 18/19 May for the Grand Final of Pennants.

Attended Warilla BRC for their very successful Presentation Dinner. A great night was had by all in attendance. A personal thankyou to Rob Tynan for the “Gorillas”. It will take “Pride of Place” in my Trophy Cabinet.

Together with Brian Huttly and Annette Nicholls on the 6 and 11 June, attended the Greater Bank to ensure that funds were transferred to the Commonwealth Bank at Warrawong and to change Zone 16 to Illawarra Bowls Incorporated.

On Sunday 15 June, attended Oak Flats BRC for their Presentation Day, an outstanding success and a really great day was had by all in attendance.

Attended Berkeley BRC for their Annual General Meeting on Sunday 7 July.

This Meeting is the first Meeting of our New Region and the Members of our Interim Management Committee, who will hold office until the 2nd AGM

I would like to thank our past members of Zone 16 and IDWBA Executive Committees and trust that our new Committee will receive ongoing support from our Club Delegates.

Moved: Bill Lazar (Oak Flats) Seconded: John Chetcuti (Figtree Sports)

Treasurer – Brian Huttly

Currently we have \$270,737.06, intention to keep \$100,000 in operating account and invest the balance in a fixed 6month term deposit with Commonwealth Bank. The amount has come about from the closing of IDWBA IMB Term Deposit and Operating Account and Zone 16 CommBank Operating Account and 2 term deposits with The Greater Bank. We are also receiving the affiliation fees from member clubs.

Receipts for member clubs who have paid affiliation fees are available for pick up tonight.

Some Clubs are struggling with fees charged by Bowls NSW and we encourage these Clubs to contact Bowls NSW directly to put their case forward as to why a reduction in their fixed fee is required. If Bowls NSW approve a reduction, then Illawarra Bowls invoice can be reviewed accordingly – once proof is provided.

Moved: Dion Brown (Wisemans Park) Seconded: Jim Davies

Chair of Match – Brian Gibson

As you all know by now, we have a new combined match committee.

For the 1st 12 months, I do not see a great deal of change to how both the Women's and Mens competitions will be run in the short term.

Eventually everything will have to be the same. Slight change to how draws are distributed, with the use of draw/recording sheets being used for results.

Could clubs hosting games, please email results to me straight after games are completed.

Umpires will be supplied for Semi Finals and Finals only from now on.

Score cards will be supplied for the Semi Finals and Finals, where possible. We are purchasing new score cards for the new region.

Prize money has been increased for the women and we have been informed that eventually prize money should be equal. There are ongoing discussions with BNSW over this matter.

Championships start this week for both women and men, and numbers are almost the same as last year, which is positive. Unfortunately, membership numbers are dropping as clubs update memberships. As of today, we have 2,743 members (down by 70) registered in the Illawarra region.

The women's triples will have to move back a week to 13/14/15 August, because of players being selected for a state game. That date was on the yearly program as a c/up in case of delays.

The women's pairs and triples close 19 July 2024, as well as women's pennant entries 29 July. The Mens fours sheets have been sent out and also the Mens pennant entry sheets.

Andrew Lyn has written a program to assist them with the loading of Gradings into Bowlslink. Should be finalized within the next few weeks.

Please note that all results will be on the zone 16 men's website until the new Illawarra Bowls website is operational.

It is important also that clubs read the new 2024/25 Conditions of Play as there are some changes for the coming season. 2 notable changes are the way women's pennant gradings are done and also less restriction on players going to the head.

Moved: John Hills (Woonona) Seconded: John Chetcuti (Figtree)

Committee Reports

Selectors – Jim Davies (on behalf of Terry Seton)

State Interzone

On the 28 May, the Seniors played their first game against Zone 11, then played Zone 8 and in the last game played Zone 10. It was a great start, winning all 3 games to win our section. We then played Zone 11 and were successful, then we played Zone 2. Then were defeated by 5 shots overall.

On the 1st June, our Open Team played Zone 6, then we played Zone 7 and in the last game they played Zone 13. We won all our games, then proceeded to the semi-final as the quarter finals were washed out on Saturday afternoon. In the semi-final we played Zone 11 and we were successful and advanced to the Final against Zone 2. We ran out winners by 8 shots.

I must say, that both teams were a credit to themselves, their Clubs and the Zone, in the way they conducted themselves.

Since the Interzone, the State Teams were selected, Aaron Teys and Corey Wedlock were selected in the Open Team. Robbie Warren, Brian Suckley, Eric Johannes and John Green were selected in the Senior Team and Chris Green was selected in the Over 40s Team. So, as everyone can see that Zone 16 had a very good State Interzone Series, also I would like to thank my fellow selector Jim Davies and Zone rep Brian Huttly for their assistance over the full week.

Moved: Bill Lazar (Oak Flats) Seconded: John Hills (Woonona)

Umpires – John Chetcuti

We have accredited 5 new Umpires. Clubs need to encourage their members to be either Markers, Measurers or preferably Umpires. Need more women on the Umpire Committee 3 preferred to make a committee of 10. Reminder that the list of accredited umpires is on the Zone 16 website under Pennants / Umpires (and will be on Illawarra Bowls site when operational).

Need to discuss whether the Region will continue as Zone 16 did with paying for Umpire Accreditation, Law Books etc.

Looking to purchase 2 lasers.

Moved: Gerry Mann (Oak Flats) Seconded: Dion Brown (Wisemans Park)

Juniors – Dave Tyrrell

7-Aside Juniors playing at Dubbo 19-21 July 2024.

Singles – Travis Moran (Warilla), Pairs – Anthony Fuller (Bomaderry) / Cael Arnemann (Dapto Citizens), Fours – Zac Moran (Warilla) / Savannah Bennis (Figtree Sports) / Blake Perry (Windang) / Zoe Davies (Windang).

We regret to advise that Sue and I will be stepping down from the Juniors Committee and hope that others will step in and join the Committee to support our Juniors.

**K Forbes thanked Sue and Dave for their time spent on the Juniors Committee.*

Moved: John Chetcuti (Figtree Sports) Seconded: Jim Davies (Wisemans Park)

General Business

1. Delegates Meeting Time / Day / How Often? IDWBA held Delegates 10am on Monday once a month. Zone 16 held Delegates 5.30pm on Monday once every 3 months. Suggestion of Zoom meeting as an option (KF advised this was not an option). Problems raised about travelling at night, events held during the day, people who work (including Bowls CoOrdinators). **Raewyn Black (Warilla) moved that we have Monthly Meetings Monday 5.30pm at Warilla BRC for the first 3 months (as the Region is still in development stage) and then reviewed after the 3 months. Seconded: Jim Davies (Wisemans Park)**
2. Raewyn Black (Warilla) provided a report on behalf of the women. “Congratulations to our Illawarra Bowls women who were selected for the NSW Blues Teams. Kay Moran (Figtree) Open Womens. Vicki Turner (Warilla), Sue Moore (Figtree) Senior Womens. Gail Schultz (Wisemans Park) All Abilities Squad. Also acknowledge Dianna Knowles (Warilla) who was selected to participate in the State Selection Series for the Seniors try-outs when Julie Cotton (Figtree) was unable to attend.
3. Gerry Mann (Oak Flats) advised that Oak Flats are interested and willing to host any Illawarra Bowls events. Dion Brown (Wisemans Park) also offered Wisemans Park as a suitable option for events. B Gibson acknowledged their requests and also advised that Warilla and Kiama currently still have sponsorship for this year, and that we will be seeking sponsorships soon.

Meeting Closed 6.55 pm
Next meeting 5 August 2024 at
Warilla BC Sapphire Room