



**MINUTES - DELEGATES MEETING  
HELD AT WARILLA BC - SAPPHIRE ROOM  
MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2024**

**MEETING OPENED 5:32 PM**

**CHAIR** Ken Forbes

**VALE, ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES** As per attendance Sheet **moved: J Hills seconded M Randall**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING** 9 September 2024, accepted as true and accurate

**moved,** B Godfrey (Oak Flats) **seconded** W Haviland (Dapto Citz)

**BUSINESS ARISING** Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

- Offer to quote for Uniforms from K2 Bowls Camden
- Letter regarding request to change start time for Mens Pennants
- Bowls NSW Board Nomination and Election
- Veterans Inter Zone email – checking to confirm if still going ahead
- Email from D Tyrrell re Junior & U25 Metropolitan Shield – waiting info from St Johns Park

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

- Email to Clubs to consider changing start time for Mens Pennants
- Email to K2 Bowls requesting cost estimate for polo shirt, where manufacturing process done, what Regions / Clubs they currently supply to.
- Email to Clubs asking to vote on Mens Pennant time change from 1pm to 9.30am
- Request for Clubs to nominate Senior members for Regional Rep Teams, for consideration by Selectors. – Were going to send to women but Selectors decided against.
- Invitation to attend Bowlslink Training session on Pennant Player and Score management.
- Draft Regulations sent to all Delegates, Secretaries, CEO/Sec Mgrs etc for review and approval

Correspondence be accepted **moved,** T Seton (Dapto) **seconded by:** J Chetcutti (Figtree)

**Update IMC meeting – Annette Nicholls**

- Agreed on Illawarra Bowls uniforms and to be arranged from Aceit
- Establish and circulate a list of food available at each Club for Men's Pennants

**Moved** John Hills (Woonona) **seconded by:** Jim Davies (Wisos)

**INTERIM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President – Ken Forbes**

On Saturday 14 September, attended Club Windang for the Regions Open Reserve round one singles sectional games. That evening, attended Club Windang's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. Standing Room only for this event proved to be an outstanding success. Congratulations to CEO Joanne Thiele for the planning that ensured all in attendance had a really "Great Nigh".

Sunday 15 September, attended Club Windang for the Region's Open Reserve Singles Knock Out Round.

Thursday 19 September, attended Government House in Sydney in order for the Investiture Ceremony to be presented with the (OAM) Order of Australia Medal.

Attended Club Windang Sunday 22 September for the Club's 75<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

Vice President Deb Waldron and I attended Club Windan on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September for the Clubs last day of their one week Celebrations of their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Some 130 bowlers were in attendance for a great day of bowls.

Vice President Deb Waldron & I attended Club Windang on Saturday 12 October for the Illawarra Bowls Region Rookies Qualifying rounds of the Rookie Pairs. Some 29 Teams participated with



the three winning teams progressing to the state titles. Our thanks to Dave Tyrell and team for their involvement in this event.

**Moved:** T Seton (Dapto)

**Seconded:** S Tyrell (Windang)

### **Treasurer – Brian Huttly**

**Operating account as @ 14 October 2024:** \$129,987.65

**Moved:** Brian Huttly      **Seconded:** D Moon (Fitree)

### **Chair of Match – Brian Gibson**

All championships for this year are completed. There were a couple of issues with the programming of events, which have been passed on to State Match Committee.

The weather also caused a few issues, but players did not seem to know the rules as far as appealing to umpires. The umpire is in charge of the game, with the back-up of the controlling body. The first appeal is to the umpire, for inclement weather and bad light they make the decision to come off the green. They can liaise with the controlling body if they want to. The decision to call off a game is done by the controlling body after consultation with the umpire and or green keeper.

During pennants, the Manager is the person to make appeals on behalf of the whole team.

Also, the Conditions of Play recommends waiting an hour before calling a game off.

Women's Pennants is half way over after this week and the Men's Pennants start next Saturday. We had some issues with clubs not understanding the 2024-25 Conditions of Play, so it is important that clubs get a copy off the BNSW web site.

Please be aware that there was a late change to divisions 3 and 4 mens pennant draws. Bowlslink has been updated.

In Division 2 there are 2 double headers because of the number of teams that entered. Please note, that Round 8 is down to be played on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> October (after rnd 2). While this is a bit confusing it is done so clubs can select teams for the rest of the year in line with all divisions.

After a lot trouble, we have clubs for both women's and men's pennant playoffs.

Thirroul will host the 4 women's divisions grand finals on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. Top 2 teams in each division will play off. 9.30am start.

Flags will be supplied to the winners and a plaque for the runners up in both men's and women's pennants.

The men's semi finals and finals on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> December will be at the following clubs. 1 at Thirroul, 1 at Woonona and 2 at Dapto Citizens.

The 4 grand finals will all be at Bomaderry on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am start.

Last weekend, Windang hosted the state qualifying for the Rookie pairs.

3 teams from the Illawarra region will go to the state finals in November.



Stuart Powell and Mark Pickett from Albion Park  
Max Callaway and Allan Sutherland from Thirroul  
Harrison Jones and Beau Fraser from Kiama.

Planning has started for this years South Pacific Carnival.  
I will send out an email asking for clubs who have greens available to help out during the first 4 days of the carnival.

Woonona is the headquarters for this years event and due to lack of sponsors, the Illawarra Region will sponsor the event in conjunction with BCiB insurance brokers, who are the region sponsor.

**Moved:** Terry Seton

**Seconded:** Sue Tyrrell (Windang)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Selectors – Terry Seton**

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, The Selectors had a meeting at Dapto Citizens and select3ed the Under 25s team to represent the Illawarra Region in a round robin against 6 other Regions which will be held in Metro South East Bowls Region. Club to be confirmed later.

Pairs: Flynn Cooper, Travis Moran (Warilla); Triples: Luke Bailey (Dapto), Patch Lewis (Warilla), Tyeson Arneman (Dapto); Fours: Ricki Rose Hampton (Dapto), Hamish Hampton (Dapto), Jackson Williams (Figtree), Daniel Dowle (Windang) Captain; Reserve: Zoe Davis (Windang)

Brian Suckley sent his apologies, as he is away representing the State in Senior Team.

**Moved:** John Chetcuti (Figtree) **seconded:** Raewyne Black (Warilla)

### **Umpires – John Chetcuti**

- Sent messages and received replies from 3 prospective umpires. As a result, applications for 3 new umpires from Scarborough/Wombarra submitted. PnA's have not been assigned by State yet.
- Accreditation Kits for the above have been assembled and ready to use.
- Awaiting details of potential Umpire Accreditations from Bomaderry.
- Update to Umpire Register to remove the orange colouring.
- I provided umpires to officiate the Men's Singles Semi Finals on 21st September at Oak Flats (Reserves) and Woonona (State and Seniors) and the finals (all) on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Woonona. Payments were made on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September and Umpires Allowance forms emailed to Brian Huttley.
- Held our committee meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept at Figtree Sports. All members except Jamie Nabbe attended as well as Millie Randall.



- The question of lunch provision for umpiring all day was discussed. We identified that the following clubs did provide their umpires a meal up to the value of \$15; Warilla, Oak Flats, Albion Park, Kiama and Figtree Sports. We ask that the Region also considers making provision for lunch for Region Umpires officiating all day.
- Bob Raine advised us that WPWC is now known as Wisos.
- Bob Raine and I identified some shortcomings with the umpire kit at Woonona and we decided that inspections of all clubs umpiring equipment should be performed over the next few months to identify and advise what may be required to bring them up to standard.
- Message send to all expired and upcoming expiries for this year asking if they want to re-accredit.

**Moved:** Jim Davies (Wisos)

**Seconded:** Raewyne Black (Warilla)

### **Juniors – Dave Tyrell**

#### **2024 AUSTRALIAN UNDER - 18 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fantastic results from our NSW Junior Blues at the recent U18 Australian Championships at Tweed Heads last week. The side included our Illawarra Juniors - Zoe Davies (Windang) and Travis Moran (Warilla). Congratulations to Zoe, Travis & NSW!

**ZOE DAVIES** Girls Fours – Gold, Girls Triples – Silver, Girls Overall Champions NSW - Gold  
Overall Champions NSW - Gold

**TRAVIS MORAN** Boys Singles – Gold, Overall Champions NSW - Gold

### **UPCOMING JUNIOR EVENTS**

#### **ILLAWARRA BOWLS JUNIOR SOUTH PACIFIC**

Monday 13th January 2025 to Thu 16th January 2025

#### **METROPOLITAN SHIELD**

Awaiting a response regarding further details from Rod Ford - St John's Park. ***Proposed date set for U18s Sunday 2 February 2025 and U25s Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 per email from David Ellis 15 October 2024.***

#### **NSW STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Monday 14th April 2025 to Thursday 17th April 2025 - Warilla

### **JUNIOR OPPORTUNITIES**

To help them grow, improve their skills and tactical awareness, we always encourage our Juniors to compete in the adult competitions wherever possible. However, the opportunities for boys and girls are quite different when it comes to competing with adults both at Club and Regional level.

### **ILLAWARRA BOWLS - JUNIOR COMMITTEE REPORT**

We can use our recent National Champions as an example. Zoe and Travis have different opportunities when it comes to playing at Regional level. Of course, they have their Junior events, which on most occasions are scheduled around school holidays.

Travis has the opportunity to play Men's Pennants, and Men's Regional Championships as they are scheduled on the weekends with no disruption to school commitments.

Zoe does not have the same opportunity. For her to compete in the Women's Pennants and Women's Regional Championships she would have to take time off school as they are scheduled through the week. This is something we would never encourage. She does have the opportunity



to play Open Pennants on the weekends and has been available every round. She is ineligible to play Open Reserve events due to her grading.

I'm aware that there were concerns over the Regional Men's and Women's Prize Money and at some stage they will be equal. If that's the case, shouldn't everything be equal? Or is money more important! If we want to increase the number of younger women and girls participating in this game, we have to make the game more accessible and provide the same opportunities that the young men and boys have.

No doubt, this starts at Club level, and we've taken that initiative at Windang this season, and Zoe was able to play in the Women's Major Singles and Pairs for the first time. This may mean scheduling Women's events on the weekend. Not an easy task I'm sure, and I'm not saying to do it just for Zoe. *If anything, do it for the future of our sport.*

**Moved:** Angela Gibson (Woonona)

**Seconded:** Deb Waldron (Towradgi)

### **General Business –**

1. Vote for acceptance of Regulations with the slight change to 6.2 subsidies, Payments & Allowances to include the following start words (h) Additional Clothing as follows: Also all BNSW policies to have a hyperlink added – **Moved:** R Black (Warilla) **Seconded:** T Seton (Dapto) - **Accepted unanimously**
2. President Ken Forbes announced that Chair of Match Brian Gibson has been nominated as Bowls NSW Volunteer of the year, with 2 other candidates. He thanked Brian for his outstanding commitment to our game of bowls in the Illawarra, and beyond.
3. Those clubs looking to purchase an Orbital Measure they are on sale for \$300 via ozybowls.com.au – get in quick as these are rare items.

**Meeting Closed 6.17pm**

**Next meeting Monday 11 November 2024 at 5.30pm  
Warilla BC Sapphire Room**