



**MINUTES - DELEGATES MEETING
HELD AT WARILLA BC - EMERALD ROOM
MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2025**

MEETING OPENED 5:34 PM

CHAIR Ken Forbes

VALE, ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES As per attendance Sheet

moved: Brian Godfrey (Oak Flats) **seconded** Raewyne Black (Warilla)

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

moved, Raewyne Black (Warilla) **seconded** Jim Davies (Dapto Citizens)

BUSINESS ARISING Nil

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Region Administrators Conference 19-20 March 2 people from each Region notify by 13 Feb.
- Request for Match and Secretary to attend Changes to Grading Meeting 7 Feb and Changes to COP meeting 13 Feb via Microsoft Teams
- Confirmation from Tim Rowe that Expenditure Policy will form part of Region Admin Conference.
- 2024/25 Platinum Pennant squad nominations for Warilla submitted.
- Junior South Pacific; Room Hire, Catering and Green space sponsorship Junior South Pacific.
- Email D Tyrell resigning from Junior Committee
- Email L Stinson clarifying Medical Clearances and Suspensions

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Secretaries/Delegates re programme for Hong Kong v Illawarra game.
- Email to Clubs announcing Daniel Hiscox as Regional Bowlslink Representative
- Adding Pennant Teams and Results information (ref Bowlslink Tutorial and Written Steps)
- 2025/26 Event Sponsorship Letter Request to all Clubs by **28 February**.
- Letter to Clubs who have members selected in Inter Region Womens
- Letters to Clubs regarding U18 and U25 team selections.

Correspondence be accepted **moved,** Bill Lazar (Oak Flats) **seconded by:** Warren Haviland (Dapto Citizens)

Update IMC meeting – Annette Nicholls

Women's District Carnival was scheduled for 24 March. Delegates to ask their women bowlers if they want this event to be held and let me know ASAP. Option for a Monday in April.

INTERIM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

President – Ken Forbes

Welcome back all Delegates for our first meeting for the New Year. I wish that you and your loved ones have a Happy, Healthy, and above all a very safe 2025.

The South Pacific Carnival was again an outstanding success, and I thank Woonona Bowling and Recreation Club for their Sponsorship and the Host Club for this very popular Annual Event. Brett Duprez, Chief Operations Officer of BCIB assisted me in presenting Trophies to the successful participants. Thank you to BCIB for your ongoing support of our Region. It certainly is appreciated.

This carnival was followed by the Junior South Pacific Carnival, sponsored and held at the Host Club Warilla BRC from Monday 13 January to Thursday 16 January 2025.



Brian Huttly, the Regions Treasurer and I attended this Annual Event on a daily basis. I presented Prize Money and Perpetual Trophies to the successful Bowlers. Individual Plaques were not presented due to the fact that the Plaques were not correctly engraved. Some parents were to say the least not impressed. My thanks to Corey Wedlock for ensuring that this Event was successful and to Warilla Bowls for their ongoing support of our Region.

On Sunday 9 February 2025, our Region had a visit from a team from Hong Kong. Our thanks to Warilla Bowls for Hosting this Event.

Moved: Jim Davies (Dapto Citizens)

Seconded Peter Ryan (Warilla)

Treasurer – Brian Huttly

Operating account @ 10 February 2025 \$125,224.88

Moved: Brian Huttly

Seconded: John Chetcuti (Figtree Sports)

Chair of Match – Brian Gibson

Firstly, Daniel Hiscox will now be our bowls link contact for inputting events into the system. Daniel is on the match committee already, so we will work together to set up competitions. Once events start, I will still be 1st contact for results and any problems. If I cannot solve them, I will pass onto Daniel for follow-up. Nick Hind from BNSW is still in charge of training and any major issues we cannot sort out.

A lot has been happening at State level since the start up after the Christmas break. The SMC has been flat out with the new calendar and the 25/26 conditions of play. Last Friday all Region Match Chair and Secretaries were given a run down on big changes to the grading system for 25/26 season via an online meeting. The allocations of clubs' grades will be nearly all done by them and then clubs can appeal their allocations. This takes some workload of local match committees. For the start of 2025/26 pennants, players will be able to be selected in any grade until they play the qualifying number of games, then they cannot go backwards. This takes a fair bit of checking by area match committees. This was trialed during this year's Women's Pennants.

This Thursday we have another longer session on all COP changes and the calendar for 25/26. It will then be released.

Open pennants is down to Round 3 this weekend and no major problems so far. Be aware that from this weekend on, some players will have played the qualifying number of games and cannot go backwards. Please read the COPs because some grades are different.

Juniors and under 25's metro shield games will be in Illawarra next February, dates to be sorted once we get the new calendar.

Unfortunately, I missed yesterday's games against Hong Kong development squad, due to a commitment in Canberra, but from all reports it was a huge success. The skill levels of some of the juniors they had was very high. Unfortunately, our Junior numbers are very low at the moment, and while it is a lot of hard work and effort to run Juniors, if you look around Illawarra you will see how many good bowlers came through our Junior system.

Moved: Daniel Hiscox (Bomaderry)

Seconded: John Chetcuti (Figtree Sports)



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Selectors & Juniors – Terry Seton (Jim Davies) and Dianne Davis

Open and Senior Selection process underway for the Men's Inter Region Teams. Some played in yesterday's Hong Kong Exhibition Event. Another trial game against Nepean Highlanders Region is scheduled for March at Woonona.

Women's Inter Region Team - conducted a trial day on 19 January 2025 at Figtree. Team members have been selected and positions will be determined after another trial on Thursday 20 Feb at Figtree 2pm.

U18s played in the Metro Shield at Grandviews 2 February. After a slightly shaky start and with some encouragement from Jim Davies, they settled and played their best bowls. Congratulations and well done to all they came 1st against some tough competition. Our Illawarra Juniors shine in this event each year. U25s played on 9 February and were going well and managed to secure 3rd place. Well done to all who played we are all very proud of you.

Moved: Deb Moon (Figtree Sports)

Seconded: Peter Ryan (Warilla)

Umpires – John Chetcuti

Actions during the past 2 months:

- Re-accreditation for 2 umpires, Dianne Tully from Woonona and Wayne Pullen from Thirroul have been done. PnA advice has been sent to State Umpires committee.
- Still awaiting the appointment of a PnA from State to re-accredit Philip Hancox from Woonona (application sent 10/12/2024), Bob Raine from Wisos (application sent 7/01/2025) and Deborah Quick from Woonona (application sent 7/01/2025).
- Applications for 2 new umpires Jan Joils from Wisos and Andrew Metcalf from Towradgi have been submitted to Illawarra Secretary on 3 Feb 2025. Accreditation Kits for the above have been assembled and ready to use.
- Applications for the re-accreditation of Henry Urbanski (Thirroul), Campbell Thomas, Denise Ryan and Julie Breasley all from Figtree were submitted to Illawarra Secretary on 3 Feb 2025. Re-accreditation kits have been assembled and ready to use.
- The Umpire Register on the Illawarra Bowls website has been updated on 27 Jan 2025.
- The next meeting of the Umpires Committee scheduled for next Monday (17 Feb 2025) at Figtree Sports 5:30pm.

Moved: Jim Davies (Dapto Citizens)

Seconded: David Tyrell (Windang)

General Business –

1. Robin Walker (Towradgi) asked about Fee structure. BG advised that under the Constitution, Regions are required to plan their budget and advise Fee details in March each year. Although the IMC were prepared to discuss this tonight, the possible implantation of an Expenditure Policy prevented us from doing anymore. We should know more after the Region Administrators Conference March 19-20. Also, he doesn't envisage Bowls NSW changing their current fee structure, but we need to wait for that too.



2. Raewyne Black (Warilla) asked about the Medical Clearance email. AN read Lee Stinson's response to the question of whether or not a Medical Clearance to play bowls was required if a player had undergone a serious medical incident. The answer is NO not required, however the player must be made fully aware of the requirements of the Event (eg. Could be 3 games a day over 3 days)
3. Bill Lazar (Oak Flats) asked about not having dedicated Umpires at some Pennant games. JC advised that the list of all umpires is on the Illawarra Bowls website and a club can contact any of those on the list to ask them to Umpire. Renumeration is between the Umpire and the Club. BG pointed out that the rules are, although not ideal, another player can make a decision or a neutral person.
4. Please be aware that Ken Forbes email address is illawarra1@bowlsnsw.com.au and he will never send you an email asking "... Are you free at the moment" this is a scam.

Meeting Closed 6.15pm
Next meeting Monday 10 MARCH 2025 at 5.30pm
Warilla BC SapphireRoom