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Minutes for the AIBBC Annual General Meeting
Sunday 25th August 2019
Mount Gambier RSL & District Bowling Club
2 Jubilee Highway East, Mount Gambier, South Australia

Meeting commenced 1.00pm.

ATTENDEES:

COMMITTEE: **President** Chris Chrisakis, **Secretary** Kyle French, **Treasurer** David Speechley,
Patron Robin Cruikshank

DELEGATES: **SA** Margaret Clarke; Rose Harnett, Brian Scarlet, Geoff Amos
VIC Ian Hedger, Heather Broadwood, Max Wines, Anne Draffen
NSW Peter Legge, Michael Andersch, Iris Soldi, Trish Legge
TAS John de Groot, Darren Voss, Narrinda Cawthen
QLD Janet Stockel, Jenni Cruikshank, Carmel Blyth, Daphne Ladlow

OTHER: Glenn Sargent – Assistant Team Manager, Australian Team 2019

- 50.1** President Chris Chrisakis welcomed everyone to Mount Gambier and welcomed new delegates from all states.
- 50.2** Apologies: Joe Simpson (TAS)
- 50.3** Minutes of 49th A.G.M. held at Caloundra, Queensland 2018
Motion: That the minutes of the 49th AGM held in Caloundra be accepted
Moved: Victoria Seconded: Queensland Carried
- 50.4** Business not covered by this Agenda.
 - Michael Andersch advised any items from COM will be dealt with during the COM report.
- 50.5** Adoption of 49th A.G.M. Minutes
Motion: That the minutes of the 49th AGM held in Caloundra be adopted
Moved: NSW Seconded: Victoria Carried
- 50.6** Inward/Outward correspondence for 2018/19
Tabled by secretary Kyle French; attached as *Appendix A & Appendix B* to these minutes.
Motion: That the correspondence for 2018/19 be adopted.
Moved: Tasmania Seconded: Victoria Carried
- 50.7** Presidents Report
Presented verbally by President Chris Chrisakis
 - Mount Gambier & District Bowls Association have once again done a wonderful job in preparing the Nationals venue and getting the 50th celebrations ready.
 - There will be a cake at the Opening Ceremony, the longest serving player from each state shall be called during the opening ceremony, they will all be holding hands and cut the cake.
 - VIC: David Speechley
 - SA: Barbara Turbill
 - TAS: John De Groot

- QLD: Nelson Thomas
- NSW: Peter Legge
- The Trans-Tasman Test held this year in Invercargill was a great success, the series as a whole was very well conducted. The live streaming was a great success, many people who don't play indoor bowls saw it and commented on what a great spectacle it was.
 - Report provided from Team Manager Joe Simpson & Glenn Sargent – attached as *Appendix C* to these minutes.
- Finally, a mention to the executive of the AIBBC who tirelessly keep the organisation functioning year-by-year. The President is really only a figurehead, so thanks to Kyle & Specs for all your hard work during the year.

50.8 Secretary's Report

Tabled by Kyle French. Attached as *Appendix D* to these minutes.

Motion: That the secretary's report be adopted

Moved: Kyle French (Secretary) Seconded: Victoria Carried

50.9 Chairman of the Committee of Management Report

Presented verbally by Michael Andersch

- Fundraising at the Caloundra nationals for drought relief – a total of \$3700 was donated through Rotary, who matched our donation \$ for \$.
- Acknowledged that the resourcing of umpires at National Championships remains a challenge for some states. It does remain an expectation of the COM that the visiting states provide 5 names to be included on the roster, but these umpires really should only be used for 2-3 sessions each across the roster. There is still a requirement for the local state to provide local volunteers to do the majority of the work.
- Recognition that Markers are a challenge. The COM recognises the success of Warrnambool when hosting the nationals who ran a large training program for markers prior to the tournament. The COM encourages future hosts to follow the leadership of Warrnambool in this regard. (Note: Warrnambool Games Master Rob McCrabb has confirmed that he is happy to be contacted if any states wish to discuss this with him - mobile 0418 373 913)
- The COM continues to work on policies/procedures/conditions of play; anticipate that in the next 6-12 months most if not all will have been updated. The COM has the power to approve operational procedures, but the expectation is that each state delegate will take these back to their state for discussion.
- Milton Hawke Snr has organised the manufacture of covers for the Championship shields. These were made by a professional upholsterer with a cost to the AIBBC of slightly over \$100 each. Should any shields be returned without a cover the state will be invoiced for a replacement.
- A decision was reached to dispense with one of the face-to-face annual meetings. Going forward, COM meetings will be held annually at the nationals. Every second year a second meeting will be held to coincide with the international trials. It is estimated this is a cost saving to the AIBBC of approx. \$1300.
- AIBBC website – QLD engaged a contact on behalf of the COM to review the website. It has been compromised by hackers (not unusual for a WordPress site); it could be fixed for \$400-500; the alternative is to rebuild from scratch for approximately \$1500. The COM recommends that we rebuild and this \$1500 be included in the budget for the upcoming year given the savings made from dispensing with the second meeting each alternate year.
- The International test
 - The use of the torch rule (i.e. that each team shall have the opportunity prior to the last bowl of their team being played to use a torch to determine if a bowl/s are touching the jack) – this was provisionally approved by the Australian delegates at the international test. The COM have agreed to the ongoing support of this rule for international level. The AIBBC umpires shall be asked to consider implementing this at a domestic level.
 - The "World Cup" of bowls – see point 50.10.

- COM supports the suggestion of NZ to have afternoon and evening sessions, this is something we will be looking at for our next hosted Test.
- Australian Nationals – states borrowing players from other states – guidelines have been developed, although these are guidelines only – there is no formal procedure set in stone.
 - Approaches should be made through the state secretaries rather than to individuals.
 - If a state is short more than 2 players of one gender, they should request an entire team rather than multiple individuals
 - The COM wants the states to work together rather than setting out a formal procedure; this will be reviewed over the next couple of years.

50.10 “World Cup” of Bowls

- Significant discussion at the COM meeting around a ‘World Cup’ of bowls, as per the approach to Australia from New Zealand. Proposal from NZ that a World Cup would run every 4 years.
- NZ have officially approached Australia with the suggestion that we forgo our Trans-Tasman test in 2021 with the intention of participating in a World Cup of bowls instead, with the Trans-Tasman to resume on a 4-yearly basis from 2023. Sydney is due to host in 2021 but would instead host in 2023.
- The final details are still to be worked out.
- This is in line with the AIBBC’s broader objectives for the sport in terms of raising the profile of the sport. International representation is one of the pre-requisites to be registered as a ‘sport’ with Sports Australia.
- Discussion around the floor:
 - The details are not yet finalised, but NZ were pushing for it to be in 2021 in the discussions held in May in Invercargill (per Glen Sargent).
 - What is the time frame/deadline that we require an agreement to be made to adequately prepare for the Trans-Tasman test in 2021 should the World Cup not go ahead? Suggestion from Tasmania that we continue to prepare for the Trans-Tasman which can be cancelled should the World Cup go ahead. NSW agreed that this is feasible given that the venue will be Mounties.
 - Players who will potentially nominate for the team need to know prior to nomination as the cost of participation may be a factor. Even with a reduced team there will be a difference in cost to travel to England than Sydney.
 - We need to know/agree finer details 9-10 months from now, 2-3 months prior to the Nationals.
 - Do we have any representation in the process of setting up the format of the World Cup? Agreement across the states that we need a representative to negotiate with NZ. Suggestion that our current Management team of Joe Simpson and Glen Sargent be empowered to contact and negotiate with the New Zealand council.
 - Agreement of this across the states
 - Questions arising regarding funding for players.

Motion: That the Australian Council accept the proposal from the NZ council to defer the Trans-Tasman test to be hosted by Australia from 2021 to 2023 to allow Australia to participate in a World Cup of Indoor Bowls in 2021

Moved: Committee of Management

Seconded: NSW

Carried

50.11 Chairman of Umpires Report.

Presented verbally by Narrinda Cawthen

- Full board of umpires present at meeting.
- The Chief of Umpires for the Mount Gambier Nationals attended the meeting as an observer; the umpires committee recommends that this practice continue going forward as it was found to be informative and helpful.

- Discussion around the supply of umpires and the shortage of umpires. It is a requirement of the host state to provide the majority of the umpires.
- There are a number of Measurers available; a recommendation that if players simply need a shot to be determined then call for a Measurer which will then free up the Rule Umpires.
- General rule clarifications
 - Not recommended to touch or chock the kitty – chocks should be used on bowls only
 - If the 3 in the team cannot get down to measure, then another team member can be nominated for this duty. The skip should inform the opposing skip prior to the commencement of the game. It is not required for states to inform the Board of Umpires of this (although they can if they wish).
 - Across the board phones are to be on silent and not to be used during a game; however the Board of Umpires is content to allow phones to be used for their torch functionality should neither team have a torch on hand to use during a tight measure
 - Drive rule: agreement by the Board of Umpires that enforcement of the drive rule is difficult given the lack of equipment of measuring bowl speed and the difference in interpretation of what constitutes a drive. Agreement by the Umpires Board that if a player is intending to play a weighted shot, they must warn the players on the mat either side of them so that those players can protect their head and avoid any dangerous situations that may arise with bowls scattering.
 - Bowlers must wait until the bowl has come to a stop before moving up the side of the carpet, however an exemption can be made for people with a disability if that is made known to the Board of Umpires. There is one player at 2019 Championships who has been given dispensation to commence changing of ends after her two lead bowls.
- The amendment to the use of the torch rule as per the international test to be trialled at a domestic level in Ballarat 2020; with a debrief to take place to determine whether to implement this moving forward.
- A National Umpires List is being worked on.
- Any umpires whose reaccreditation is more than 6 months overdue will be asked to reaccredit; if they refuse they shall be removed from the official umpiring register and asked to return their badge
 - Given the lack of badges all efforts are to be made to ask retired umpires to return their badges.
- Request that a blanket warning be given at the opening ceremony for all rules, but in particular time and weight. Consequences per the rule book will be enforced (i.e. lose a bowl for going over time).
- Hand & foot faulting – an intention to be a little more lenient with these rules and work with individual players if this is observed.
- All major infringements shall be tracked and recorded by the umpires and a debrief will take place at the end of the championships to discuss trends.
- Reiteration that no interference from players is to take place while the umpire is on the mat measuring to determine shot.
- Recommendation that the foot fault rule be rewritten in the next iteration of the rule book to include that your foot should not protrude over the edge of the carpet during the bowling motion, even if the foot is not touching the carpet.
- Work will be done over the next year on Umpires exam papers, there is a recognition that there are some papers out there with discrepancies. Moving toward setting multiple versions of exam papers to dissuade collusion.
- The latest book is the 2014 *Laws of the Sport*.

Motion: That the umpires report be adopted.

Moved: Board of Umpires Seconded: Tasmania Carried

50.12 Coaching Report

Presented verbally by Robin Cruikshank

- 2 people from SA and Pat Legge sat in on the coaches meeting
- An informative meeting
- Agreement that we need to focus on gaining recognition as a sport through Sports Australia, part of this is to upgrade our coaching courses
- We need to host a coaches course in SA & NSW to train coaches in that area as they don't have many who are 'up to speed'. (Only 1 qualified coach currently per state).
- Intention to be available for players at an elite level for extra support and mentoring

Motion: That the coaches report be adopted

Moved: Robin Cruikshank Seconded: South Australia Carried

50.13 Treasurers Report

Tabled by Treasurer David Speechley; attached as *Appendix E* to these minutes.

- Thank you to our auditor Geoff Steer who does the role voluntarily
- The monies received from the drought relief fundraiser and consequently paid out are not shown in the income and expenditure
- Budget has been created for the next year.
- Term Deposit is now reinvested regularly on a 4 monthly basis to get the best interest rates.

Motion That the treasurer's report be adopted.

Moved: David Speechley (Treasurer) Seconded: New South Wales Carried

50.14 Other Reports.

No other reports tabled.

Motion: That all reports be received and adopted

Moved: Victoria Seconded: New South Wales Carried

50.15 AIBBC Fees

(a) Registration Fee	\$3200
(b) Affiliation Fee	\$300
(c) Non-Playing State	\$100
(d) Player Fee (Nationals)	\$10 (excluding juniors)
(e) Honorariums	AIBBC Secretary \$800 AIBBC Treasurer \$300

- David Speechley spoke to the viability of the current fees. Currently we are in a two-year cycle of remaining steady in terms of our finances – not making or losing money
- Should the World Cup come to be this may be an opportunity to review our fee structure.

Motion: That all fees remain unchanged for the 2019-20 year.

Moved: David Speechley (Treasurer) Seconded: Tasmania Carried

50.16 Accounts for Payment

No accounts presented for payment.



50.17 Election of Office Bearers for 2019/20

- (a) Patron: Robin Cruikshank - Nominated by QIBA.
Elected Unopposed
- (b) President: Max Wines - Nominated by VIBBA.
Elected Unopposed
- (c) President Elect: Peter Legge - Nominated by NSWAIIB
Elected Unopposed
- (d) Secretary No nominations received.
Nominations from the floor:
Milton Hawke Snr - Nominated by SAIBBA
Anne Draffen - Nominated by VIBBA
Voting conducted via secret ballot.
Anne Draffen elected.
- (e) Treasurer David Speechley- Nominated by VIBBA.
Elected Unopposed
- (f) Asst. Secretary Heather Broadwood - Nominated by VIBBA.
Elected Unopposed

Motion: That all ballot papers be destroyed.

Moved: Kyle French (secretary) Seconded: Robin Cruikshank Carried

Motion: That election of office bearers is complete and office bearers shall be duly installed.

Moved: New South Wales Seconded: Victoria Carried

50.18 Council Appointments

Committee of Management

- (a) SAIBBA Margaret Clarke
(b) VIBBA Max Wines
(c) NSWAIIB Michael Andersch
(d) TIBBC John de Groot
(e) QIBA Angus Young

Auditor

Mathew Steer Chartered Accountants.

Head of State Umpires/National Umpires Board

- (a) SAIBBA Jackie Barber
(b) VIBBA Bruce Fraser
(c) NSWAIIB Peter Legge
(d) TIBBC Narrinda Cawthen
(e) QIBA Kyle French

State Coaching Director

- (a) SAIBBA Stephen Barber
(b) VIBBA David Speechley
(c) NSWAIIB Trish Legge
(d) TIBBC John Edmondson
(e) QIBA Robin Cruikshank

50.19 Points for Discussion

(a) Life Membership

Motion: That David Speechley be installed as a Life Member of the AIBBC.

Moved: Victoria Seconded: Tasmania

Ballot conducted.

Elected unanimously

(b) Historian

- NSWAIIB raised the point that the AIBBC does not have an official historian.
- Michael Andersch – as Chairman of COM – suggested that the council could ask the COM to create a historian role/co-ordination. States are encouraged to do likewise.
- Trish & Peter Legge have volunteered to get the ball rolling as they currently have a large amount of information in their possession – for example, photographs of all championship winners.
- Milton Hawke Snr is currently working on a project to record the number of games played by individuals at Championship level, with a view to potentially striking a badge.
- Robin Cruikshank strongly in favour of working on a history of the council.
 - Robin owns a copy of a handwritten constitution from 1967
 - Trish Legge has a significant number of documents that she inherited from the estate of Denise Breeze.

Motion: That the COM take on the responsibility of finding a historian; and that the states are encouraged to gather together information for that historian to collate.

Moved: New South Wales Seconded: Victoria Carried

(c) Photographers

- Victoria will have an official team photographer wandering around taking photographs.
- Tasmania will also have a photographer in the venue during the week.
- Discussion around the official order in which championship winners need to present themselves to have photographs taken at the closing ceremony.

(d) 2021 Championships in Tamworth

- NSWAIIB have officially appointed Tamworth as the Host City for the 2021 National Championships, to be held 24th – 29th August 2021.
- The venue is called “The Dome”. Quite new, approximately 5 years old, “a lovely venue”.
- The ‘Agquip Field Days’ will be held in neighbouring town of Gunnedah from 17-19 August 2021. This means that accommodation may be difficult to come by as there will be a significant number of people in the area for the Field Days.
- The NSWAIIB has put a tentative booking on two of the larger motels in Tamworth in order to ensure that every state gets accommodation in the town. This information was distributed to the state delegates in hard copy. Each state needs to confirm their own requirements and make their own negotiations with the motel should they wish to use it.

(e) Games Master

- Agreement among the states that the Games Master can be from any state, regardless of which state is hosting the Championships. It is not a requirement that the Games Master be a resident of the Host State.

(f) Website

- Queensland is the only state currently to have their own dedicated website
- It is important that each state look to creating a website as it is important for the profile of the sport. Currently when people google “indoor bowls” they are most likely getting the indoor version of lawn bowls.
- The current website is quite difficult to navigate



- Kyle & Michael have volunteered to take a pro-active role in looking at the functionality of the website
- In general, websites have evolved to become a more static space with fast-paced news such as results being shared more across the social media space.
- We are looking at the website becoming a space where historical information can be stored and accessible to the general public.

There being no further business the meeting closed by President Chris Chrisakis at 2.55pm.