



Barossa & Light Bowling Association

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Special General Meeting

Minutes

Date: 7th September 2022

Where: Vine Inn, Nuriootpa at 7.30pm

Present: Ian Cockroft, Judy Argent (Ang); Judy Milde (Eud), Nathan Marslen (Fre); Sue Drummond, Jeff Pratt (Lyn); Graeme Sloan, Neil Koehn (MtP); David Marner, Pauline Eichner (Nur); Murray Menzel, Sharyn Burgemeister (Tan), Linda Carter, Michelle Atkins (Kap).

Guests: Karen Swanson, Brett Herbert

Executive: Jo Marslen, Bill Mader, Bo Hambly, Brian Grant, Sue Yates, Darren Green, David Jaunay, Andrew Booth, Sharyn Dabinet.

Apologies: Kathy Wallace (Tan), Malcolm Schutz (Eud).

Absent: Greg Moore (Fre)

Business

Brett Herbert, Regional Bowls Manager – Northern and Western SA

Began his role with Bowls Australia as the Regional Bowls Manager (RBM) on the 8th of August 2022. Brett explained how there are 2 RBM's in SA with Daniel Cocks being the other one who looks after Metro and Southeast. Brett's area is Northern and Western South Australia. In Brett's region there are 110 clubs in 14 associations. Five of those regions are country and this includes:

R2 Yorke Peninsula

R4 North Eastern Riverland (Freeling to Renmark) and Broken Hill

R8 Lower North Wasleys to Hallett

R3 Upper North Gulnare to Hawker includes Whyalla and Port Augusta

R5 Eyre Peninsula Ceduna

The main purpose of the RBM is to assist clubs in as many ways as possible. This includes

- Identifying opportunities to grow participation and membership
- Optimizing venue usage and diversifying revenue streams
- Support with planning, including business, strategic and financial
- Offering training and assistance across a range of areas such as grants, websites and social media
- Provide support with governance, facility projects and local government relations

Brett advised that he plans to meet with all clubs in his region over the next 12 months and encouraged for any club and/or person to reach out to him, if they have anything specific, they would like to discuss.

By-Law Ratification

Ratification of the following By-Laws with all being in favour.

1.6.3, 1.11.3.1, 1.15.4, 1.15.4.1, 1.24. 1, 1.26. 4, 1.26.4.1, 1.26.4.2, 1.26. 5, 1.26.10.

Action: Date of endorsement needs to be amended

Draw

Discussion re start date of the BLBA season. As 5 players are playing in the State Squad, the BLBA made the decision for the season to commence later.

Query around why no games are scheduled on the 4th of February 2023. Jo Marslen explained that this is because CRR play on a Saturday, hence why there are no games scheduled for the date.

There was discussion regarding the season being shorter. Brett Herbert advised that Bowls SA are aware that Associations and clubs are not happy about this, and this will be taken into consideration in planning events in the coming years.

Moved: Murray Menzel

Second: Jeff Pratt

Venues for Association Championship & Dates

Event Managers will be – Darren Green & David Jaunay @ Angaston /Jo Marslen @ Eudunda.

Saturday 25th March 2023 – Singles/Fours – Angaston Ladies/Eudunda Men

Sunday 26th March 2023 - Pairs/Triples – Angaston Ladies /Eudunda Men

Venues for Regional Championship & Dates

Regional Championship will occur at Silver City (Broken Hill) this year. If players do not want to travel up to Silver City they should not play, failing to attend players will incur a fine of \$100.00.

Dates of the Regional Championship will occur on 13th and 14th May 2023.

State Event venues for BLBA

BLBA will have the knockout for Fours and Singles as well as the Sectional for Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Triples.

Knockout – Fours – 23rd October 2022 - Mt Pleasant

Sectional – Triples – 6th November 2022 - Tanunda

Sectional – Mixed Pairs – 27th November 2022 - Nuriootpa

Sectional – Pairs – 15th January 2023 – Angaston

Knockout – Singles – 26th February 2023 – Lyndoch

Communication re Cancellation of Matches – emails and SMS's

All clubs to provide a mobile number and email address to the BLBA Secretary inbox by the 30th of September 2022. This is to ensure that all clubs will be notified when games are cancelled due to inclement weather.

Please note it is up to clubs to monitor the notifications received and to take appropriate action as required.

Any Other Business

Congratulations to Karen Swanson who has been nominated by Bowls Australia for Volunteer of the Year.

Congratulations to the following people on their respective selections in the National Sides for Men, Women and Under 18's. Jono Voigt (ANG), Katrina Green (KAP), Kate Argent- Bowden (ANG), Hanika Booth (NUR).
Kate made both the Women and Under 18's.

Games at Angaston's new facility will not be available until the end of October 2022. Old venue will be able to be used until the new venue is ready.