



MINUTES (Report)

DELEGATES MEETING

Date: 18th JANUARY 2021

Venue: ULVERSTONE BOWLS CLUB

Time: 7.00 pm

1. MEETING PROCEDURES AND ATTENDANCE

1.1. ATTENDING

BNW Board - Phil Prouse (President), Alison Munting (Vice-President/Director), David Jeffrey (Vice-President/Director), Bob Franklin (Director), Alison Venn (Director), Charlie Compagne (Director), Bernadette Webb (Director), Tracey Little (CEO).

Club Reps – Burnie – Anthony Harris, David Gewin. Devonport CC – Ian Moore, Annette Triggs. East Devonport BC – Bradley Jackson, Peter Langmaid. Latrobe BC – Wayne Jaffray, Jenny Stevenson. Penguin BC – Darren Fielding, Roseanne Howard-Smith. Port Sorell BC – Craig Lynch, Barbara Loane. Railton BC – Greg Hill, Noelene Purton. Ridgley BC – Leon White, Julie Schmidt. Sheffield BC – Colleen Fielding, Carl Cox. Smithton BC – Mal Anderson, Sharon Berridge. South Burnie BC – John Streets, Helen Sturzaker. Turners Beach BC – Les Becker, Bruce Heathcote. Ulverstone BC – Bill Cruz, Marilyn Dawson. Viewmont BC – Desley Blanch. Wynyard BC – Robert Groenewege, Pauline Beamish.

Observers – Gloria Compagne.

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

- President Phil Prouse welcomed the delegates.
- Commented on concentrating of the positive not the negative.
- The BNW Board see all clubs as equals.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- Delegates Report – Read and supplied.
- Finance Report – Read and supplied.

Ulverstone – (Agenda Items)

- What is happening for fixtures for the 2021-2022 season i.e How many games 14 or 18? How many ends 21 or 25?
- Review playing straight through from a Club perspective to restore the games social side and for smaller clubs to sell raffle tickets etc.
- We understand the form of payment for Clubs capitation may change. Is this correct, if so, will there be consultation with all Clubs.
- BNW increase communication with Clubs i.e., maybe more delegates meetings or meetings with Club Administrators.
- BNW sponsorship

Additional Comments (from other Clubs)

- Burnie – will further talks happen about the recommendations of the Working Party – will there be a review of this current season? Will clubs have a say?
- Latrobe – we cannot afford to have this current roster – financially we lose money.
- Burnie – financial position is different this year due to stimulus, etc. More discussion is needed on this current season.
- Burnie – who got stimulus packages? (most clubs did).
- Ulverstone – we had more members this year, due to no one traveling.
- Sheffield – we lose money due to no afternoon tea break.
- Smithton – we do not have a break, but still make money on raffles.
- Sheffield – need a duty of care.
- Port Sorell – we think if we continue with this current roster, we will lose members. To late of a start in the season and too early to do Championships. Nothing wrong with how things use to be. Covid is not the concern. Women's bowls lose money as the bar is not open.
- Burnie – why was the number of ends reduced from 25 to 21?
- Ulverstone – we canvased our corporate people. And we need to also think seriously about our women's bowls.

- Penguin – why are not younger people playing? Working people cannot be due to work. We need to look at this and push for new members.
- Port Sorell – who are the Working Party?
- Burnie – there was only one Working Party Meeting?
- Wynyard – we got the report, we put in proposals. We did a survey.
- Devonport – we did too.
- South Burnie – we did too.
- Smithton – it allowed us to have a mixed carnival that was profitable.
- Ridgley – we recommend a survey to all clubs.
- Latrobe – so does the Working Party tell us what we are going to do? Sounds like BNW are following their recommendations.
- Ulverstone – is there any clubs not on the Working Party?
- Port Sorell – is the information on the Website?
- South Burnie – we need to find other ways to be financial.
- Port Sorell – we have different weather here.
- Smithton – we run winter bowls.
- Ridgley – every sport is having an issue on numbers.
- Burnie – so BNW are saying, cut back on pennant to allow for what?
- Ulverstone – we seem to have lost the social side, like sitting together.
- Burnie – so you want our financials to see if there is loses? Let's make sure we have a meeting and survey at the end of the season. This needs to be discussed.
- Sheffield – we do not want more ends due to the older players.
- Burnie – let the higher divisions have more ends.
- Ulverstone – Capitation and changes? Will there be a set fee structure?
- Wynyard – to bring in social players, we had to pay full capitation.
- Sheffield – Temp player fee was good for one game.
- Devonport – some information is not getting to members; we agree it is not coming to us from Club secretaries.
- Penguin – if information is not getting to the members from Club secretaries, we agree the CEO is doing her job.
- Ulverstone – BNW Sponsors?

Board Response –

- Recommendations were made from the Working Party, they are only recommendations, the Board decide on the changes – there may not be any changes for the coming season. What recommendations from the Working Party are just that, recommendations? BNW are striving to make rosters more attractive to younger players. The aim is to keep it the same way as this year. The argument of clubs losing finance over the roster, the board would like to see the impact (financial numbers) on this. There was a month before the current roster started to allow clubs to hold events and extra activities. We need a change to get more members. If members are not getting information from our sub-committees, it isn't up to BNW to get it to them. The Board and CEO send everything to the Club secretaries. We are not getting younger people to bowls, we are not replacing the older bowlers who leave (through sickness or death), this is a concern of the Board. The number of end reduction was due to, to give time for other activities and attract more members. BNW agree, lady's bowls needs to be looked at. We need to make changes; it is not

working. The Working Party is made up of individuals who nominated their expression of interest, also 2 Board Members and the CEO. There may not be every club represented, as stated the Working Party is made up of individuals who expressed their interest to be in the party. The Working Party had two meetings. The working party worked on numerous proposals given by individuals and clubs. Everyone had the opportunity to become a member of the Working Party and to put in proposals. The current roster is the thinking of the Board to continue. 14 rounds allow for a home and away game. Also, it fits into the Calendar of Events.

- Bob Franklin – 14 games and 21 ends – are locked in? I represent the clubs, I have concerns of the roster and afternoon teas. Due to club concerns. The one thing that worries me is the loss of afternoon tea, social aspect, and financial income.
- BNW have no problem with a survey, but one year of this roster isn't enough time to gauge the results, especially this year.
- Bob Franklin – numbers down on members, roughly add to 4 per club.
- BNW – agree with this statement.
- BNW – finance is of a concern. Here is Tasmania, clubs are focused on the dependence of pennants. This is the only state that is. We need to start to think different. We have a problem with smaller clubs in the NW. We are losing members, if a club lost 15 members, what situation would they be in? we need to look to the future, which means change. BNW ask, what are clubs doing to assist themselves on the member losses? BNW are saying, in cutting back on the full roster of the past to allow for clubs to have events, social functions, etc to allow for money making in the future. Clubs need to think outside the square.
- BNW – Capitation is being investigated by BTAS. There is no set date yet or structure. We are waiting on BTAS notification.
- Bob Franklin – we do not have a Temp Player fee anymore. You must be a registered player to play. So, if your membership is higher (under this proposed change) your fee will be higher later.
- BNW – the CEO is sending all information to all clubs, including social media. Information can also be found on the website.
- CEO – as most members know, I am available to contact for any information or concerns.

BNW End Response –

- There will be further discussions, and BNW are prepared to put out a survey, all members will need to have their input. There will be a review at the end of the season.
- Capitation – BNW will discuss this further once any relevant information becomes available.
- BNW Sponsors – Vincent Funerals, Burnie Bowls Club, Leannes Trophies and Gifts and Aceit.

Ridgley – (Agenda Items)

- Promotion and Relegation.
- Ridgley – the word 'shall' is mentioned in clause 12 and 13. Shall means 'must do'. This needs to be investigated and addressed. We need consistency.

Additional Comments (from other Clubs)

- East Devonport – two teams in one Division will need a play off.

BNW Response –

- It is an interesting subject. This is something the Board need to investigate further. It is hard to simplify the bylaws. BTAS set their bylaws and NW follow. BNW will be looking further into the Promotion and Relegation for the future. MC's have made recommendations in the past. The two teams in one Division will also be investigated.

Wynyard – (Agenda Items)

- Capitation fees – Temporary Registrations / flat fee
- Numbers per rink /Divisions – 12 players?
- Meal costing at Championships & equality per club - \$12 is not enough to put out a meal.
- Uniforms – why the cost on SWC uniforms.

Additional Comments (from other Clubs)

- Burnie – cost of meals should rise to \$15.

BNW Response –

- We have discussed Capitation above. 12 players - a point of discussion. Some club players wouldn't get a game if we reduced to 12 players on a Saturday. MC meal costings for Championships will be investigated for the future. This cost may rise. It has been a tradition for Ladies to have a sit-down meal, as the Men only have canteen. Uniforms for the SWC teams have been an ongoing out lay. With some sponsorship BNW now have all our teams matching with uniforms, this is something that needed to be done for the NW.

East Devonport – (Agenda Items)

- Duty of Care – Meal breaks during Pennant games – this should be mandatory.

Additional Comments (from other Clubs)

- Smithton – thought we could have one, if we wanted.
- Sheffield – it is an automatic rule at our club.

BNW Response –

- There is the allowance of a duty of care break. If one club says they wish to have a break, a break must be had. This is not the traditional afternoon tea break.

Latrobe – (Agenda Items)

- Afternoon teas – Saturday pennant
- Finals venues – how are they chosen?
- Explanation of item from BNW Board meeting 21st December – Capitation Model Report. Will this impact Clubs?
- Working party recommendations – should all Clubs be notified for input before decisions made.

Additional Comments

- Latrobe – if a break is asked for, we have one. It has been a god send that there is no afternoon now, as we do not have the ladies to work in the kitchen.

BNW Response –

- Top two divisions that Burnie is not involved in will be held at Burnie (finals). The rest will be on neutral greens. The best greens available will be used. MCs endeavor to share to all clubs.

Sheffield – (Agenda Items)

- Open Gender - To many Ladies from Higher Division playing in Lower Division on Saturday needs to be rectified before next season.
- Not enough Dispensation or Help given to Small Clubs with low numbers for Pennant.
- Why is there no General Meeting after AGM for Clubs to bring matters to attention and it should be recorded?

Additional Comments (from other Clubs)

- Burnie – make all pennants open gender.
- Port Sorell – we would lose members.
- South Burnie – why is it happening in the bigger clubs (ladies in low divisions – Saturday)? What do the ladies get out of it?
- Smithton – we need our ladies to play.
- Port Sorell – why allow ladies to play while men sit out.
- Sheffield – ladies help fill in numbers.
- Penguin – if not enough players, can we share players? Maybe a portal or register of spare players?

BNW Response –

- Saturday Pennant is Open Gender – as the bylaws state, selection is on merit, not gender. This is a club issue. BNW can not put restrictions into place as Saturday Pennant is Open Gender for everyone to play. As for all pennants being Open Gender, the North lost a lot of lady bowlers due to this, BNW are not looking at going this way at the moment. BNW offer pathways for all, as recommended by BA. If clubs do not select by ability, we cannot do anything. Selection is on merit – clubs must do this. Temp Player registration has been outlawed. BNW will consider a meeting after the AGM. As per the bylaws, you can contact other clubs and ask for players.

General Business –

South Burnie –

- BTAS tournaments and clashing with our proposed dates of carnivals. We asked for a date but did not get a reply from BTAS. Then we see another club (Deloraine) has put on a carnival.

BNW Response –

- We understand the CEO did ask BTAS, but no reply. If a State Event is on a date, we usually do not give permission from BNW, it is up to BTAS to allow.

Turners Beach –

- Who can call the game off in the inclement weather?

BNW Response –

- Greenkeeper has the total control of their green/s. Team Managers and the Umpire of the Day. The umpire can say to go off the green for a certain time. In the bylaws is – Inclement Weather. Please use common sense.

Port Sorell –

- Publicity Officer
- Why are we not advertising more?
- Events on the Coast should be advertised.

Ulverstone - Advocate has a good interest in Bowls.

BNW Response –

- Publicity Officer may be needed, BNW will investigate this. BNW have been recently approached by a radio station, if anyone wishes to be available for a role?

Latrobe –

- Will the Handbook be back?

BNW Response –

- No.

Smithton –

- We are happy with 21 ends. And happy with everything else.

Burnie –

- Burnie Club is not offering Cash for Games (Friday Night Clash) it is one of the local businesses who is offering the payment.

Turners Beach –

- Just for members to note – there is a SBS show on Bowls this week.

10. NEXT MEETING

TBA

Meeting Closed: 9.05pm