



REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT MEETING

Date: Monday 6th July 2020

Venue: ULVERSTONE BOWLS CLUB

Time: 7.00 pm

This is a running report only, not an actual Meeting Minutes. This Report has points that were discussed at the Meeting of the Club Presidents. The BNW Board will use this report to discuss and action items. All decisions will be in the next BNW Board Meeting minutes. The next BNW Board Meeting will be held as a Special Board Meeting on Friday 10th July 2020.

1. MEETING PROCEDURES AND ATTENDANCE

1.1. ATTENDING

BNW Board: Phil Prouse – President, David Jeffrey - Vice-President/Director, Alison Munting - Vice-President/Director, Charlie Compagne – Director, Mike McHugo – Director, Tracey Little – CEO

Club Presidents/Reps: A Harris – Burnie, L Bonney – Turners Beach, G Hill – Railton, L White – Ridgley, J Neal – Wynyard, D Blanch – Viewmont, N McNamara – Port Sorell, P Langmaid – East

Devonport, H Struzaker – South Burnie, R Sims – Latrobe, M Higginson – Devonport, R Sutton – Ulverstone, J Day – Sheffield.

2. APOLOGIES

Evol Kaine – Director, Alison Venn - Director

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3. BUSINESS FROM AGENDA ITEMS

- **Motion of One Match Committee** – a motion will be put forth at the coming AGM. The Match Committee will be 7 people. The Match Committee will handle all Pennants. Terms of Reference will be circulated. This will not begin until 21-22 season, if voted in. We hope that this seasons Match Committees will work together.
- **Strategic Plan Update** – Progress has been made in most objectives. A full update will be available at the AGM.
- **Financial Update** – Aim is to increase revenue, including sponsorship. The BNW Financial Committee comprises of Mike McHugo (Chair), Dave Jeffrey (VP/Director) and Tracey Little (CEO). This Committee have been very active. The main objective is to lower capitation in the coming seasons. The Committee are, at this stage, organising a meeting between the regions. SWC cost is one of the topics for discussion as the event costs regions more than they gain. A full Financial Report will be available at the AGM.
- **SWC Questionnaire** – A questionnaire was sent out to players and other officials for their input. From these questionnaires the outcome seemed all were happy with the events. Some changes that have recently occurred are – Travel and Accommodation assistance.
- **Working Party** – First meeting held 17th June. Recommendations were forwarded from this meeting to the Board. Main topics discussed were – pennant vs social, financial costs for clubs, number of members (and decline), age of said members and how to make bowls more attractive to gain more members, including juniors, pennant structure and changes. Many proposals were sent to the Working Party from Clubs and Individuals for their discussion. All proposals were discussed. All recommendations from the Working Party are not set in stone, they are proposed to the BNW Board for discussion. Any changes made by the Board will be forwarded to the Clubs.
- **Feedback/suggestions** – Results Portal, 2019/20 season, Wednesday Pennant and attracting Coaches and Selectors SWC – education on the Results Portal have been commenced through BTAS, extra education can be viewed on the website. Alan Eadie (BA) and Rebecca Van Ashe (BTAS) can assist clubs with Portal/Website education. Alan can also assist in Grant assistance. It is important that Clubs have their Database (member details) correct and updated. Communication can be forwarded to clubs via email (personally and through the Club Secretaries) and social media. Wednesday Pennant seemed to run well in its current format of A Grade and B Grade. Corporate Bowls is another way of gaining new members. BNW are asking for anyone who is interested in NW Coaching and Selection. Any assistance needed, please contact Tracey Little CEO.
- **Covid 19 Impacts and Plans** – We all need to follow the restrictions in place. As of this stage, it is hope that we will have a ‘normal pennant season’ – though some protocols will be in place – sanitising, social distancing, food preparation/communal meals (lunch and afternoon teas), etc – so this may impact on some aspects of the game for some clubs. We will need to see what our Governing Bodies recommend in the coming days/weeks. Clubs need to make sure they have their plans in place for their running.

- **Fund raising Ideas** – BNW shirt for promoting our clubs and sponsors and Lotto. BNW will discuss giving a shirt to each club to raffle, then offer the shirt for sale. Mike McHugo discussed the Lotto idea. The Presidents were given the opportunity to discuss this with their members and get back to Mike or Tracey if they were interested.
- **Thursday Finals** – proposed that this would be held over 3 Thursdays instead of the current 3 days – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Good response to this proposal.
- **20/21 Season** – It maybe proposed that some changes may take place this coming season, for example – Thursday Pennant 8 Teams per division instead of the current, also shorter rosters. Promotion and Relegation changes. Starting of Pennant season – Oct or Nov. Ends per Pennant, start times, play straight through and breaks.
- **Improved Playing Field Funding Program** – some clubs have sort and gained grants over recent months. More funding grants will be opening for clubs to access. Mike McHugo offered to assist Clubs in sorting funding through – putting in a combined BNW application to assist all clubs on the coast and BNW in general.
- **Brochures** – there are still some available, please get them out to the community.

Other Business discussed –

- Club Championships/State Finals; are they still viable. Singles do need to be played as they are a continued event. Clubs can hold these earlier to get them done if the roster starts later.
- Club Members and putting in Teams for Pennant – numbers of members need to be looked at before Teams are entered to try and stop forfeits and clubs not having enough members to field teams.
- Veterans - due to Covid restrictions.
- A Grade Ladies playing in lower divisions on a Saturday. Guidelines were put out by BNW, but this is a Club issue. Saturday Pennant is Open Gender. Players are selected on their Merit not Gender. Clubs need to look at their selection.
- Come and Try Bowls Day – may change to Come and Try Bowls Month, this way clubs can hold events over a month, instead of one day.
- BNW are looking for a NW Lady Rep for BTAS.

Meeting Closed – 9.10pm