



**REPORT OF THE
PRESIDENT MEETING**

Date: Wednesday 15th June 2022

Venue: ULVERSTONE BOWLS CLUB

Time: 6pm

1. MEETING PROCEDURES AND ATTENDANCE

1.1. ATTENDING

Ben Fidler	President
David Jeffrey	Vice-President/Director
Adrian Feltham	Director
Tracey Little	CEO

Attending Presidents/Reps –

Ridgley – L White, Burnie – A Harris & D Patmore, Port Sorell – J White, South Burnie – J Streets, Turners Beach – B Heathcote, Penguin – D Fielding, Wynyard – R Murfett, Ulverstone – B Cruz, Latrobe – W Cole, Railton – M Wells, East Devonport – P Langmaid, Smithton – J Stronach, Devonport – K Dowling and Sheffield – G McGhie.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS –

- BNW President Ben Fidler welcomed all Club Presidents/Reps. Ben addressed all about open communication from BNW to Clubs. Ben communicated that in coming weeks, all clubs would be visited by BNW for a Club Meeting – for all Members to attend and speak.

Items addressed at the Meeting –

- 12 a Side – open discussion on this subject.
 - Burnie – NW has done well in the past seasons. Will reduce opportunities.
 - Ridgley – older members may leave due to being pushed to a lower div. New younger players may not get a chance in higher divs.
 - Railton – Small clubs don't have the numbers.
 - Smithton – think this maybe a good idea.
 - Devonport – think this maybe a good idea. This would be looking at the best players in sides, not just Premier League. Juniors and Ladies also need to earn their spot in higher divs.
 - Penguin – what are we trying to achieve? To better our League? Burnie – agree – what is the End Game?
 - Burnie – what is right for the Region? Everyone club is different.
 - Turners Beach – the best team is on the rink every week. We don't have a Premier League, so this won't help our club. We might lose members to other clubs.
 - Port Sorell – it comes down to your club too, how do you know if you will have enough players?
- Other Comments –
 - Burnie – Having club meetings is a good idea.
 - Burnie – Recruiting is needed. Enticing new players.
 - Devonport/Penguin – Age of players are not a factor.
 - Wynyard – need to look at ex footballers, etc to recruit players. Maybe look at the pennant games – are they too long?
- BNW President Comment –
 - All information from the Club Meetings will be collated. The Board is happy to look at any other ideas.
- 21 or 25 ends – if this is changed to 25 ends, a break will be needed (not afternoon tea) 10-15 minutes only. The break needs to be mandated to stop confusion or teams doing different things.
- Coastal Championships – Open Entry. Will the ladies be same as the men?
- Thursday Start Time – 11am, 12 noon or 1pm? Thursday Finals – this is being looked at due to the roster and time frame by the Match Committee.

- Covid Vaccination – will be lifted, this will be addressed at the next Board Meeting.
- Rostering, Promotion & Relegation – There seems to be no pathway. Do we need to have Byes? Dave Jeffrey is the Chair of the Match Committee, he will be working with the clubs. BNW can run its Pennant as it sees fit, there is no rule from BTAS.
- Greenkeeper Committee – BNW will be forming a Greenkeeper Committee. Ben Fidler and Dave Jeffrey will be on this committee.
- Wet Weather – the Greenkeeper or Rep at each club are in charge of calling the green closed until pennant start. All clubs must supply a rep for this. The BNW bylaw will be looked at on this issue.
- Facebook/Social Media – please filter this to all members – please be mindful of posts and comments. As Presidents of the Clubs we must stop people from putting comments on that are hurtful. Please ask all Admins and Moderators of Groups to be more vigilant on posts and remind members to be more respectful with posts in the BNW Community.
- Indoor Venues – Promote this more. Friday or Saturday night games. Any Division. Twilight Games. Any club can use the Indoor at Devonport and Burnie. Live Stream more.
- Newspaper – Saturday Review – this should be used more for a promotion, a store front, promote the game. Not just a running report on scores.
- Cheques – no Cheques will be accepted by BNW. All banking must be via Direct Debt.
- Home Final – Team that finishes on the top of the Ladder? Can they host a final at home?
- SWC Selectors – this will change. The Board is looking into this matter.
- Club Meetings – you will be contacted by the CEO for Dates and Times.

3. NEXT MEETING

Meeting Closed: 7.50pm