



*'Enhancing the future of Bowls across the NW Coast'.*

## MINUTES BNW CLUB PRESIDENT MEETING

Held at Ulverstone Bowls Club on Monday 18 March 2024

Meeting opened at 5.30pm

Present: David Gewin, Julie Schmidt, Dave Jeffrey, Chris Dudman, Mandy Compton with CEO Tracey Little

Judy Bramich, Mark Wynwood, Danny Patmore, John White, Adam Morton, Mick Geeson, Wendy Hilditch, Mark Wells, Darren Fielding, Annette Yaxley, Glenn Simonds, Adrian Feltham, Ross Bebbington and John Streets.

Apologies: Barry Magnus

Welcome: David opened the meeting and welcomed Presidents

### Agenda Items

1. Pennant Team Structure – season 2024-25
  - a. Byes – Clubs for the Bye – Wynyard, Penguin, Ulverstone, South Burnie, Ridgley, East Devonport. Against – Railton, Latrobe, Smithton, Devonport, Port Sorell, Turners Beach, Sheffield and Burnie.
  - b. Proposed structure for next season – 8 Teams Premier, 10 Teams, Premier 21 round roster (with double header and/or Friday night games), everyone has a home and away game.
    - Wynyard – smaller clubs need to remain financial – more sponsorship should be gained.
    - Port Sorell – Premier would like to play 21 games instead of having byes.
    - South Burnie – in favour of 21 games.
2. Pennant Flags or Plaques
  - a. Most Clubs do not have the room for Flags.
3. Saturday Pennant ends –
  - a. Not many comments on this, but against clubs were Railton, Latrobe, Penguin, Ridgley and South Burnie.
    - Penguin – clubs are used to 21 ends now.
4. Social Side of Bowls - breaks, afternoon tea, etc
  - a. Are we missing the social side to Bowls now. It seems that players play then leave. How do we bring back the social element to bowls. BNW encourage clubs to offer the social side to bowls and for visiting clubs to at least stick their head in the door.
    - Penguin – we don't have the volunteers anymore. Social snacks after the game are offered.
    - Ulverstone – bowls clubs need to run like businesses.
    - Devonport – encourage clubs to come in and have a drink after the game.
    - Smithton – the break doesn't work.

- Turners Beach – have never been raised to have a break on Saturday. We always have a drink after the game.
  - Sheffield – we can ask for a break if we need it.
  - Ridgley – we try to prove the point to offer a drink. Generally, most clubs are good.
5. Thursday Pennant
    - a. Should Thursday Pennant go to open gender? Thursday pennant is dying in numbers and divisions the trend is going down.
      - Open Gender – for - Wynyard and Sheffield. Against – Penguin and Smithton.
      - It is keeping older ladies in the game. They are just looking for a game and social side.
      - Offer more substitutes.
      - Wynyard – report how many ‘new ladies’ come into a club – every club should report this to BNW.
  6. Umpires at Clubs
    - a. BNW would like to double the number of Umpires and is willing to assist in the cost to do so.
    - b. Every club needs to have an Umpire present on the game day, at very least a measurer.
  7. Championships
    - a. Open or C of C, gala style or winter event
      - Ulverstone & Smithton – over winter.
      - Penguin – mix it to free up Sundays.
      - Wynyard – centralise 4s and get Sponsorship.
  8. Infringement rules – individual/club/suspension
    - a. List of infringements – fines, suspensions, etc
    - b. Most clubs were in agreeance that fines don’t work, but removal of points, eviction and suspension do.
  9. Fly in Players
    - a. None to be able to play in the last 6 games to influence finals.
    - b. Limit number of players per season.
    - c. Good profit for clubs.
    - d. Good for promotion of Bowls.
    - e. Ensure players are not dropped or replaced.
    - f. Playing players – it has bought in new players.
  10. Smoking Policy
    - a. Memo will be sent out to clubs.
  11. Greens Committee
    - a. Match Committee are in control of the competition but do talk with Greenkeepers.
  12. COP
    - a. To be reviewed.

### Next Meeting

13. TBA.

### Closure

14. There being no further business, David closed the meeting at 7.30pm.