

MINUTES MEN'S BOWLING CLUB EXECUTIVE MEETING

DATE **Wednesday 10.15am February 26th 2025**

PRESENT – Terry Norwood (Chair), Peter Flight, Richard Denman, Ian Duncan, Graham Hunt, Ted McPhee

APOLOGIES – Robin Staples, Chris Forrester, Gordon Lewis (ex officio)

1. Actions from previous meetings

Minutes of meeting 12th February accepted.

2. Membership

Status of Mark Barrow is now resolved, pro rata membership fee to apply.

Richard reported that he has introduced two new potential members who've commenced coaching.

3. Financial Report

Robin's report tabled and details, particularly the incompatibility within the Club's accounting system, discussed. Robin and accountant Kay agree balance of our account at February 1st was \$2077.33. Expenditure since Feb 1st will include food for pennants and expenses for triples team to Dubbo. Balance at March likely to be very low especially given wet Wednesdays in February and lower raffle income.

Discussion on Men's Committee financing travel to interregional etc events ensued and unresolved. Further discussions to follow.

4. Committees

Sponsorship – Ian's single pager was circulated to the Club GM Tony and Kate. Informal responses only as yet. President to write seeking direction and offering assistance of the Men's Committee in taking sponsorship forward.

Uniforms – President reported a meeting with Lynne Boshier and Gail Fraser of the Women's Bowling Committee about new uniform. Agreed that Club return to a blue and white uniform with design for a new uniform to be negotiated with supplier, Club Inc Board to be approached re cost. New uniform to be for pennants bowlers (no cost) and new members on sale. Supplier(s) to be approached in near future.

Greens – Robin has developed a schedule for rink use on the Waratah Green, and Richard will implement this. Peter will contact GM and greenkeeper Dale re spraying of weeds around Waratah Green and elsewhere; and about rolling (and rolling) of the two grass greens.

Survey – Ian presented his summary paper of the results of the survey which closed on Monday 10am. The response overall was very satisfactory and information valuable giving guides to possible actions. Summarised results will be sent to all members, to the GM, Chair of the Board and to Board members. Women's executive will be asked if they wish to undertake a survey of all women members.

Items 3 (amalgamate Men's and Women's Clubs – yes), 4 (Club uniform blue or red – blue) and 5 (emblem of Club waratah or bull – waratah) of survey formally adopted.

All details of the survey results will continue to be discussed with the view to action. Next meeting will be March 12th 10am.

Match – Chris Benton brain cancer charity day will be held on Saturday May 10th. Stephen Della to be invited to organize/advise on organization.

Club Major Triples competition will be held May 17th, 24th (and 31st if necessary).

Senior Singles Competition will be staged in June.

The Gordon Lewis 'Spirit of Bowral' (the Foss awards) events for Wednesday bowlers is being organized by Peter and Ted in consultation with Gordon. Likely to be similar to RSL Shield. Teams to be drawn from hat. Details of dates, organization etc soon.

5. Reports - Selectors, Umpires, Coaches, Other

Selectors - Graham and Peter reported that the opening to the Pennants Season has been very good with three wins and one narrow loss; currently on top of the table. Selectors will continue to select on merit alone, and only change teams as essential. Will continue meeting on Sunday each week.

Umpires and Coaches – Peter will contact Region soon to check on the possibility of training umpires. Cost of training to be determined.

6. Region / BNSW Issues

Webinar on bowlslink being offered. Peter is now our bowlslink operator.

The approach to grading for Pennants to change in 25/26. There will be a freeing up of player availability across the grades.

7. Communication

Peter is now the bowlslink operator and is keeping Bowral current on the system. Chris and Terry have established group mailing list for President. Ian has established membership group and mailing systems to distribute survey etc. President continues to post reports on the Club Website following Wednesday and Saturday bowls.

8. General Business

Former member Howard Lewis will turn 100 on March 10th. Large birthday card signed by members to be delivered to Howard by Welfare Officer Bob Edwards.

Gordon Lewis' request for a discussion on Membership Fees referred to the next meeting.

What to be done with Red Uniforms – discuss asap.

Involvement of Schools to be discussed asap.

Next meeting – 10.00am Wednesday March 12th.