



MINUTES of the Board of BOWLS WA

Meeting held on Monday 28th October 2024 held at Bowls WA and commencing at 7.50am.

1. PRESENT

Doug Kelly, Gail Richardson, Lisa Featherby, Phil Manning, Wendy Flack

1.1 In attendance:

Ken Pride (CEO)

1.2 Apologies

Vince Del Prete

1.3 Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 30th September 2024 were then accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Phil Manning

Seconded: Wendy Flack

Agreed

1.5 Actions from May meeting

All actions completed, with junior pathway for further discussion within this agenda.

2. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

2.1 BWA position on the Nationals symposium

The CEO had distributed a paper outlining the suggested position of BWA in relation to the form and structure of The Nationals; this being subject to a BA/CEO meeting in late November.

Main discussion centred around the Under 18s and the purpose of the event (High Performance Vs Participation) and the best ways to implement these differing outcomes, together with the CofP surrounding the Champion of Champions eligibility of entrants. (LF) sought a minor change to the section on the Over 60s, otherwise the Board were happy to ratify the paper and send it forward to Bowls Australia.

Action: The CEO to on-forward as required and distribute other STA positions when received.

2.2 Authority to Vote – BA SGM

The CEO distributed the five Motions that would be the subject of a BA SGM the following day.

The Board considered each of the Motions on their merit and instructed the CEO to vote in the affirmative for each of the five Motions. The CEO was requested to represent BWA at the SGM, with President Doug an apology for the meeting.

The CEO to inform BA CEO accordingly. **NOTED.**

Action: The CEO to represent BWA at the BA SGM and to vote as instructed.

3. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

3.1 Board Director evaluation

The CEO distributed the individual Director Evaluation questions as requested from DLGSC, noting this is one of the outstanding areas highlighted within the annual AOPA scorecard. The Board agreed to consider the questions within the evaluation and to raise any “red flags” as a collective during the December Board meeting.

The CEO will clarify some Board queries (does the Director rate each Director or just one, in addition to the Chairman), before a suggested completion of the document(s) in the second quarter of 2025.

Action: The CEO clarify some outstanding queries with DLGSC and place on the agenda for the December meeting.

3.2 Bowls NSW – on-line AGM

The CEO noted the use of on-line services for the hosting of the BNSW AGM. Opportunities to consider the same would be investigated by the CEO.

3.3 Season restructuring

(PM) briefed the Board on issues that the Game Development Committee had looked at for seasons ahead. Clearly this was a multi-faceted jigsaw puzzle with many competing priorities. It is agreed that the outcome is much more than simply seeking a shorter pennant season, with high performance events, state events, country responsibilities and club income generation all issues needing consideration.

(WF) noted the need to clearly articulate the problem(s) that any re-structure was looking to address, in this way a much better focus on the primary issues could be attained.

It was also agreed that the committee could use broader input either from seeking formal Appointed Directors or co-opting individuals who could bring a broader perspective to the discussion.

The CEO suggested that a “clean sheet” of what the metropolitan pennant season + state events could look like may assist in removing the current “clutter” of the pennant calendar before adding country/national events as an overlay.

It was agreed a further meeting would be held on Thursday 21st November at 9.00am where some time could be spent on identifying “the problem(s)” any restructure would be seeking to solve.

Action: CEO to send a calendar invite to the committee / relevant staff for the 21st November.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS / REPORTS

4.1 President

President Doug noted his attendance at the Nationals at Tweed Heads, where he had the opportunity to speak with a number of STA President’s and BA officials. In particular the issues surrounding the upcoming BA SGM and the Motions to be put to the vote.

In addition he has attended a number of local events, including the State Fours conducted yesterday at the Kardinya club. He confirmed he along with Director Phil Manning will attend the IZRRs in Williams and Emu Point in the New Year, where BWA will live stream part of the events.

4.2 FAIR

(LF) noted the accounts to 30 September, highlighting some timing issues for over budget income and expenditure. The IOOF investments are improving monthly with increased dividends and interest on accounts received in comparison to the same time 2023.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.20am.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 25th November