



TO: ALL METROPOLITAN BOWLING CLUBS

SUBJECT: MINUTES MEETING OF THE MBA & CLUB PRESIDENTS

DATE: SUNDAY 26th March 2017

COMMENCED: 10.00am

VENUE: PAYNEHAM BOWLING CLUB

1. Present: AS PER ATTENDANCE LIST, ALL MEMBERS OF THE MBA COMMITTEE

2. Welcome:

President Ron Mitchell welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Mike Porter (new member MBA Executive) to those present

3. Apologies: Adelaide High OS, Somerton, Trinity Gardens, West Lakes

Absent: Clearview, Colonel Light Gardens, Edwardstown, Henley, Marion, Millswood, Penfield, Torrensville, West Croydon Kilkenny

** Please note the above information was taken from the attendance sheet signed by all at the meeting*

4. Minutes of Meeting held 15/01/2017

Moved Peter Walter **Seconded** Peter Gooch that the Minutes were a true and correct record **Carried**

5. Business arising from Minutes:

Agreed that the agenda of this meeting covered all matters that were noted in the minutes.

6. Financial Report;

Secretary Ron Mulliner acknowledged the financial assistance from Bowls SA so that the MBA could start to operate before receiving funds from the Metropolitan Clubs.

Balance Sheet was presented and is attached to these minutes. Financial details to the end of March 2017 (EOFY) will be sent to Auditor

7. General Business

7.1 Capitation: Bob Boorman, Board Member of Bowls Australia spoke to the meeting regarding Capitation outlining that our sport was changing in regards to membership – Pennant numbers were dropping and social bowls (Night Owls, Jack Attack etc.) were on the increase. Clubs and their State Bodies must work together and the services that are provided is what bowlers (membership) want.

Capitation Continued:

There were brief talks from some of the clubs that were trialling the new model

Ascot Park (Jim Goudie)

- Falling membership a problem.
- Night Owlers must be “tapped into” for pennant play

Payneham (Trevor Symonds)

- Administration advantages, new members go straight to data base and can play bowls immediately
- Previous year plus a percentage is not a logical basis. Number of rinks could be used as a basis

Croydon (Shane Neal)

- Clubs must diversify, have different fees for members depending on their use of facilities. A larger data base of members be they Night Owl's or dart players gives the club a greater chance of receiving grants. Croydon has a 30 percent “strike rate” in members playing Pennant.

Henley (Steve Franks)

- Agreed that form an administration point was good (as did the other speakers)
- Needs to be a starting point that is fair to both parties (clubs & BSA)
- Clubs must be used for other purposes. I.e. do not rely on just bowls as an income stream.

General Discussion regarding Capitation was had and the meeting resolved that Ron Mitchell write to Bowls SA voicing the clubs concerns of “fixed fee” Capitation, timelines for implementation, how to arrive at a base fee etc..

7.2 Draft Budget for the MBA

Steve Franks presented the meeting the Budget of proposed expenditure of the MBA so that a fee structure could be set for Clubs to be charged. Steve continued by presenting the meeting a proposed model for charges to clubs. This was of course based on the proposed Budget.

Clubs would be financially better off when the \$3 per head plus \$75 Pennant Registration that was used by BSA compared to the MBA's proposal. A summary of these comparisons will be emailed to all clubs.

Some items listed as an expense were put to the meeting as they were variable and depended if required or not.

Trophies – resolved to keep the same- Premier Medallions & Trophy, Plaques for all others

Conditions of Play/Pennant Books Clubs to be responsible for own printing

An updated Budget to be sent to clubs when completed

7.3 Match & Program Committee

Applications for Committee members closed March 24th and the MBA would be evaluating the applications and informing the outcome to those concerned. Calendar was work in progress. Jeff Allen was confirmed as Chair of the new M&PC for a term of 2 years.

7.4 Feedback from previous meetings

MBA is awaiting the completion of the BSA survey that concludes at the end of March. Findings from the MBA's previous meetings would be collated along with BSA's Survey so that Pennant Rules, Conditions etc. can be formulated.

Informed by the meeting that there were problems with the "Monkey Survey" site – Ron Mitchell to inform those concerned at BSA

7.5 Constitution

Currently being re written

Meeting resolved that MBA President is voted by the Executive Committee from its own ranks.

7.6 Advocacy

Clubs were encouraged to write to their MP's etc. Being an election year it could be advantageous as a way to lower costs – Water, Electricity, Rates etc. Ron Mitchell also mentioned YESS and Work for the Dole organisations to further cut costs to Clubs

7.7 Clearances

General Discussion was held, Ideas mooted were only first 9 weeks of Season (with permission granted in later rounds if circumstance was work related e.g. having to relocate home. Club player was leaving to be paid a fee. Matter to be investigated

7.8 Other

AGM to be Held 10 am Sunday 27th August 2017 at a Venue to be decided

Meeting Closed 12.07 pm