



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE NO.13 February 2018

Greetings!

1. **ECH Sponsorship.** We are delighted to announce the sponsorship arrangement with ECH and they were welcomed at our last MBA meeting at Marion. The ECH sponsorship will be used to provide Grand Final medals to all 26 winning teams, plus new trophies. We hope to have a relationship with ECH for several years!
2. **MBA meeting 21st Jan at Marion.** The minutes and feedback will follow. 42 clubs were represented at the meeting and important issues affecting all clubs were discussed including the following.
3. **Bowls SA Policies.** Mark Easton CEO of Bowls SA has advised that all clubs should ensure they have a motion passed at their board meeting similar to:
“The.....Bowling Club accepts the Policies of Bowls SA and any future amendments.” The Membership Protection Policy is becoming more important, due to the need for lengthy investigation and resolution of complex incidents and disputes, by Bowls SA. Uniform policies and procedures must be applied.
4. **Heat Policy.** Last week we held a Tribunal as a result of a protest from a Club regarding the penalties applied following 20th Jan. Pennants. Sides were penalised 8 or 6 points. The Tribunal upheld the decisions taken by the MBA.
5. **Heat Readings. A Possible Solution.** I have floated the idea of using Team App to remove many of the problems with the reading of the BoM site. At the moment we may have over 40 different people accessing the information. Varying skills. This group may change from Wed to Thurs and Sat with some people playing and monitoring.
If we had either one person for the whole metro area, OR one club in each BoM district monitoring the temperature, and then sending a message to each club in the BoM area, we could cut out many of the issues. Of course there would need to be several people in each club who would all receive the message. It is most unlikely all the BOM sites would hit 38C at the same time so the time required is for one message to be sent. One person could do this task. The recipient informs the Umpire and the match is halted. And yes, there will always be some problems in whatever we do! **Worth investigating???** **Feedback please.**
6. **MBA AGM** This will be held at Hawthorn Bowling Club Sunday 22nd April 10am.
Ron Mitchell