



## **5. General Business**

### **5.1 Membership Data Program**

Barry Orr advised the Delegates and Board that there will be a new membership data base/program being implemented by each club in the next few weeks. The system is the first instalment from the new software developer and will be followed by new event registration and competition modules later in the year.

The Data migration schedule for NT is Complete.

Barry has offered to provide assistance to clubs where required and he will forward further information as he receives it.

#### **Comment:**

Humpty Doo Bowls Club has requested some assistance to download and learn the system.

EO to request Barry Orr to contact Humpty Doo and arrange assistance.

### **5.2 Katherine Lightning Carnival**

Due to Nightcliff hosting Arnhem Land Bowls Club visit, Katherine's Lightning Carnival is light on entries so please pass on to your clubs to consider going to Katherine to support this event.

#### **Comment:**

Mal Trattles confirmed Katherine have received enough entries for their Carnival to hold the event however would like more entries.

Delegates to take back to their respective clubs to encourage more players.

Mal mentioned and would like to commend Jen Sullivan for her assistance in encouraging people to participate in the carnival.

### **5.3 Issues and Questions Process**

Mal Trattles mentioned that the general process of bringing a matter to the attention of Board should go through the Club Delegates.

The Board seem to be getting a lot of questions being put direct to the Board by individuals. One problem with this is that the club delegates are not getting involved or not receiving all the information with what people within the clubs are having issues with.

The other problem is that the members of the Board seem to be spending a lot of time outside of Board meetings drafting, scrutinising and going through responses.

If this is followed the correct way, that if someone has an issue that needs to be brought up to the Board, then they need to discuss at club level through their club delegates.

From there the club delegates will bring the issue up at the next Club Delegates meeting.

From there the Board can discuss the issue and respond at the Board Meeting that same night if it is something that can be handled at that time.

In some instances the club or the club delegates can answer the question or sort the issue out before it gets to Board level.

Mal explained to the delegates the process of how the EO and Board have had to deal with these issues and questions received outside the Board meetings of emails, responses, collation of responses, which is a very inefficient process of providing an answer.

Mal seems to think that there seems to be an opinion out there at the moment that the Board is open slather to questions that anybody feels they may want to ask.

Mal did say that there should be exceptions to the rule that if there is an urgent or private matter. When something is of an urgent nature it should be discussed with the club delegate and the delegate can advise that person to raise straight away to the Board.

If something is of a private nature and they may not want to go through the club or Delegate, then the issue or question should be raised directly to the Board.

#### **Comment:**

Mal suggested the delegates go back to their clubs and explain that this is the process.

#### **5.4 Delegates**

It was noted that there hasn't been any Delegates attendance or apologies from Darwin Bowls Club at the last two meetings.

#### **Comment:**

EO to write to the club requesting Darwin to send proxy delegates if their delegates are unavailable to attend the monthly delegates meetings.

#### **6. Next Meeting – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

#### **7. Meeting Closure.**

Therefore being no further business, the meeting was closed at 6.30pm

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28<sup>th</sup> May 2019**