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MINUTES

BOWLS NT COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETING

Held in the office of Bowls NT 15 Hook Road Winnellie on 26 September, 2016
commencing at 6.25pm

- Attendance:**
President : Stan Smolski
V/President: Chris Parsonson
Directors: Barry Kirk, Michael Loughhead
Executive Officer: Avon Collis
Mark Malogorski, Sean Callanan, Arlene Foley, Joan Garner, Buster Quinlan, Jan Palazzi, Tanni deGreenlaw, Carolyn Smolski

- Apologies:** Humpty Doo Delegates

COMMITTEE MEETING

- Confirmation of Minutes:** There was a questions of the previous minutes. Sep Meeting 2016 was not minuted correctly where an item was not moved and seconded. It was confirmed that Chris or Michael would have had to propose it and second it. There was 3 months between meetings and the constitution at the time did not require monthly meetings. The question is an inability to proceed with those minutes. Have a proposal and a second for the minutes of the last meeting for the 22nd of Feb 2017. Sean and Tanni moved and second the motion respectively to accept the minutes of the meeting of 22 Feb 2017.
- Correction in Bowls NT calendar** Indoor Championship tryouts were not listed in the calendar, now listing that on the 23rd April at Darwin BC – Rum Jungle Classic was moved to the 22nd April as requested. The May Day Pairs will be played at Darwin. The TWS will be played at N/Cliff BC– Mark Malogorski put forward the idea of making it a more prestigious competition by having the best 4 ladies & the best 4 men from each club play in the TWS with the team being able to be interchangeable – Mark motioned it & Tanni seconded. The Champion of Champion playoff will be at Darwin BC as will the National competition in October. The O60's weekend will be played at N/Cliff BC. The State Championship will be held at Darwin BC in August with a few changes – 5/6th Fours, 12/13th Pairs, 19/20th Singles, 26/27th Triples in Alice Springs.

5. **The national championships** This will be held in 2018 is a joint venture between two clubs for the national sides championships, require a confirmation email from Darwin to go along with Nightcliff.
6. **Pennant format**, previously Nightcliff would be happy with triple with 3 bowls each and 2 for the skip. Katherine are not interested in triples, Darwin put in a proposal to play fours and could provide players for Katherine when they come up. People originally wanted 3 rinks, the only way to do that in smaller clubs is to play triples. The request to drop to 2 rinks was to allow Katherine to fill a team. Rum Jungle was concerned if they could not fill 3 teams could they still play on the day – yes under the BA rules without losing penalties, reference to law book.

After the discussion Council agreed to the format to have 2 teams of 4, this will be reviewed at the end of the Pennant season.

7. **Questions from the floor:**
8. **The Memo club**, Alice Springs is likely to be their last year, and they are showing interest in hosting one of the state champions this year. They have 50 members and want to host something. The Council agreed to play the State Championship Triples in Alice Springs on the weekend of 26/27th August.
9. **Grants and how to maintain them**, maintaining from sports and recreation, the board and EO need to meet the KPIs, some of it is to be members numbers, need to count different, some play social bowls and we need to discuss, EO will get the participation counting guidelines for the committee. Need to survey participants to get their comments and outlooks on participation. Need to include Alice Springs in the survey.
10. **Selection:** Stan mentioned the need for committees & selectors for the selection process. Sean suggests a system to make the selection process more transparent. – Stan mentioned that he would put it to the Board.
11. **Meeting Closed:** 7:10pm
- 12: **Closing notes:** Nil

BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Agenda

13. **A thank you and appreciation for the team**, acknowledged through the board. Need to write a letter of appreciation from bowls NT to John Meneguzzi.

Moved by Tanni and seconded by Chris.

- 14. **All accommodation and busses are booked and accounted for.** Carolyn has put everything together on a running sheet for the team to use.
- 15. **BNT need a new policy to have for our travel,** BA will only pay from the home state capital. How will Bowls NT cover the difference? When flying on some airlines, they do not have refundable flights, they are considered to be forfeited. The player’s agreement says that they can change their flight. Where is the cost allocated? Do we need to call the teams earlier to arrange flights and shirts? There is a difficulty in changing last minutes flights and get embroidery on uniforms for specified events. Once a flight is booked by bowls Australia they cannot be changed without incurring a fee – the Board has agreed to draft a policy covering travel.

Change the selection time to allow for better planning. There is a concern that once a player is selected they reduce their effort. Is there a control measure that can mandate a set level of practice as part of a player’s agreement to stay in the team? Make an exception for Christmas leave periods but this should be taken into consideration to the training sessions leading up toward the competition. The Board has agreed to have all selections for the ASC completed before the 1st of January each year. There are to be two trial weekends, the first week end trial will be early November and second trial will be the second weekend in December.

- 16. **Selection Criteria,** refer to attached policy.
- 17. **Travel between Alice Springs & Darwin** is currently being reviewed to reduce pressure on members.
- 18. **A feedback Survey** to be developed & sent to all ASC squad members re selection process 2016/17.
- 19. **Propose in the AGM in November to adopt the official BNT logo.** The proposal would be the new corporate branding logo as currently being used on our letterhead.
- 20. **Meeting Concluded** at 8:03 pm
- 21. **Closing Notes:** Shirts with new logos given to board members.

..... President.

