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MINUTES BOWLS NT DELEGATES MEETING

ZOOM OPPORTUNITY
27th February 2023
Commence 5.30pm

1. **Attendance** – Marty Garnett. Mal Trattles. Jen Sullivan. Joan Garner. Geoff Hunter. Peter DeGreenlaw. Elisa Rigoni. Jock Hicks. Louise Hicks. Jan Canniford. Barry Leeder. Bronwyn Hagger.
2. **Apologies** – Josh Van Haaren. Pat Coburn
3. **Confirmation of Minutes:** 30th January 2023

Resolution : **Moved** Joan Garner **Seconded** Geoff Hunter
That the minutes of the Delegates meeting held on 30th January 2023 as previously circulated be confirmed.

4. **Correspondence** **Inwards**

Received concerns that the matter of Clubs applying to hold State Events was not raised at the last Delegates meeting. Apologies such was my oversight. I had distributed what I considered enough notice to every Club and to various Members who were possibly involved within decision processes. There were a lot of reasons given for no responses from some Clubs so I again ask all Clubs to email me lists of contacts they want included within all emails so that these reasons can be avoided going forward. If someone is to be away for an extended period we need to be informed and a temporary contact point advised.

At date BNT currently holds two expressions of interest for combined sides to participate within this forth coming pennant season. Such will be referred to the Board for decisioning closer to the start of the pennant season.

Outwards

5. **Business arising and ongoing from prior Minutes:**

Ongoing Bowls NT re writing the Conditions of play to ensure all anomalies are corrected.

Board to take this on board so to ensure such attended by the middle of March 2023 prior to any State Events.

General Business (Ongoing)

Humpty Doo.

Have been successfully in getting a couple of new members and receiving early interest in their carnival event in June.

The inspection of their green by Berry's unfortunately could be put back a couple of weeks depending on their availability.

Darwin

PDG from Darwin Club expressed concerns at the expression of process. He felt that Clubs were being asked to nominate for specific events not so much a willingness to be available to cater for events allocated by Match Committee. Darwin had nominated for two and instead had been allocated others which they had not sought.

MT on behalf of the Match Committee explained their process and determinations in where events were allocated.

Opportunity was there for Delegates to overturn decisions if they wished but such did not occur.

Nightcliff

AGM for the Sports Club held on the 26th February 2023. Successful in getting one Bowler through to the Board but lacked support in numbers of members at the meeting.

Alice Springs

Fixture received and will be distributed to all NT Clubs.

No other business raised.

Katherine

Engineers have located an issue with one of the lighting towers which must be repaired prior to the green being resurfaced.

Will put back the works hopefully only for a month / six weeks.

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Outstanding.

Clearances.

Intrastate

Clearances can be done directly through Bowlslink where it involves a clearance from one NT Club to another NT Club. There is no need for the player or Club to complete paperwork. The responsibility is one both of the Clubs and the player to ensure they are not doubling up on entering any Club events.

The Club where the player is heading instigates such within Bowlslink and the Club they are going to, the player and Bowls NT are all notified within the system. These bodies can approve or decline such a clearance request.

Interstate

As it sits at the moment ALL clearances must be done with paper requested clearances.

Such should be done by the old Club and the paperwork sent to the new intending Club for the player.

In all cases such must be approved and signed off at the State level being Bowls NT and the State from where clearance is originating.

Failure to attend this will result in the player being ineligible to compete in any Club events, State Events and pennant.

Should clearances not be attend correctly penalties will be applied.

Bowls NT currently have an approach into Bowls Australia to try and get this system minimised more but at this stage it is as it is. The paper system is still required so States can ensure a player does not compete in Club events and State Events all within the same season. This is complicated due to the timing of various States seasons the question is when would the winner be competing in the Champion of Champions or Nationals. Such are held in October annually so that is always the assessment date in cases.

Pennant Declarations.

These paper forms can be used to enable a player to compete in a pennant game at another Club be it locally or interstate. Such document does not allow the player to play in any Club events just pennant. Such must be approved by the State body.

Again these must be in place prior to the player competing in any pennant game penalties will be included within the NT Pennant conditions of play but will likely include loss of points and potential fines.

Processes explained to all Delegates at the meeting.

6. Next Meeting will be : Monday 27th March 2023

8. Meeting Closed : 6.30pm

**Marty Garnett
President Bowls NT**