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MINUTES
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BOWLS NT DELEGATES MEETING
Meeting 30th October 2023
Commenced 5.30pm

1. **Attendance:** Marty Garnett. Mal Trattles. Jen Sullivan. Joan Garner. Geoff Hunter. Pete DeGreenlaw. Louise Hicks. Jock Hicks. Jan Canniford. Pat Coburn. Josh Van Haaren. Paul Jackson (EO)

2. **Apologies.:** Barry Leeder. Elisa Rigoni.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes:** 26th June 2023

Recommended : Moved Louise Hicks Seconded Jan Canningford

4. **Correspondence**
Inwards

Email from Alice Springs seeking potentially early completion of BNT calendar so players can plan leave and make arrangements to travel. Potential also to have the weekend with the two combined BNT events also being close to the Champion of Champions final so the Alice contenders could possibly attend and play State events.
Will be referred to current Match Committee and new members when elected in December 2023.

5. **General business.**

Sport Integrity Survey

All Clubs were emailed recently with details on the Integrity Survey which identified a couple of issues being Ochre cards and Drugs.

Ochre cards are a legal requirement for anyone involved with coaching or supervising this is irrespective if there is a teacher or parent present. If there is a school group at your Club and you are behind the bar if a child could come to buy a drink you need an ochre card.

On the Drugs response it is the Clubs responsibility to be mindful and aware. There is training available if you need the link as to your responsibilities let the EO know such be arranged.

Clubs were asked to Minute such at their next meetings and confirm such back to BNT so that we can evidence to NT Government that we acted on their notification. **Clubs to attend they need to be able to support if ever questioned that they have undertaken sought actions.**

Bowlslink

Audit completed whilst EO in Melbourne at Bowlslink conference and with Bowls Australia.

Our statistics for missing information and obvious errors although not that bad in parts are of a concern. We are all licensed Clubs and should be getting this basic information such as addresses, emails, telephone contacts and date of births.

If a husband-and-wife etc have the same email address or telephone number such still can be entered into Bowlslink. I have contacted all Clubs with identified works needed offering to assist and show them how.

If a member does not wish to provide their birth date accepting that then they cannot expect to enter NT events such as the over 60's or juniors. If there is an individual issue than they should be directed to EO to assist.

The number of members without email addresses for instance is over 22% along with no telephone over 20% which I cannot accept; it is considered this is due to not asking more than that number not having such. Over 20% of members do not have a postcode.

This must be corrected urgently we have less than 3 months to get any error rate under 10%.

Have followed up with every Club.

Pennant

Pennant invoices for team entries will go out start of November 2023.

Attended December.

There has to be discussions around pennant. The format appears good but there are too many issues coming up. At the start of Year, in fact at Delegates meeting 27th February 2023 we started to put Clubs on notice what was needed respect to clearances and pennant declarations. This was reinforced every meeting up to the start of pennant but did no good.

Why?

Did Delegates not understand, did delegates not get information to their Clubs or did Clubs not read and act?

Limited response back to be discussed at Delegates meeting.

Fixturing for 2024.

Can Clubs please commence looking at their fixturing for next season.

There will need to be changes next year one of which will be an earlier BNT Champion of Champions final which will need all Club singles completed prior.

Work in progress.

BNT AGM

Anticipated date for AGM will be 2nd December 2023.

Humpty Doo

Club having some success picking up members and in younger age groups which is beneficial. Hope that this Year they may be able to fully field pennant team. Hoping to get a new green by 2025 we are anxiously waiting Berry's visit to Darwin. Difficulty is we cannot push Berry's as it is BNT / Katherine Country Club holding the matter up as we cannot get date to install new surface there. The indication was they would travel up independently but again hard to push when we have nothing to tell them on the other front.

Darwin

Nightcliff

AGM due to be conducted 19/11/2023.

Alice Springs

Awaiting decisioning on CBF Grant which is overdue for answering.

Katherine

To and fro continues with Management on green replacement as to issues with AGM voting.

Rum Jungle

Meeting to be held with Council/ EO on opportunities re improving the Club.

6. **Next meeting will be : 1st December 2023. AGM BNT**
7. **Meeting Closed : 6.15pm**

**Marty Garnett
President Bowls NT**