

## **Minutes of Committee of Management Meeting held at Toowoomba Bowls Hall, on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

President Kyle French opened the meeting at 10am and welcomed everyone to Toowoomba, and our new Treasurer Caitlin Yarrow to her first meeting.

**Present:** President Kyle French, Senior Vice President Don Smith, Junior Vice President Angus Young, Junior Vice President Cameron Hancock, Secretary Janet Stockel, Treasurer Caitlin Yarrow, Immediate Past President Carmel Blyth.

**Apologies:** Patron Robin Cruikshank.

### **Previous minutes (COM Meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019)**

*Carmel Blyth moved the minutes from the Committee of Management meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 be accepted as read. Seconded Don Smith. Motion Carried*

### **Business arising from the minutes:**

#### **1. Mens Shed – boxes for bowls**

We believe Ros Richter is following through with this, we will check with Ros to confirm.

#### **2. COM Positions**

There was a brief discussion on this. It would be a change to the constitution, and it was decided to put it the agenda for the February meeting. Even if this was passed at the next AGM, it would not take effect until the following AGM, we would still need to vote for 9 people.

Angus Young felt that being on the COM could be a drawcard for some people to be on sub-committees, and are we limiting ourselves of opportunity? If some minor positions are vacant then so be it, the rest of the COM can cover it.

#### **3. Gala Weekend**

There was a discussion on having the Gala Weekend every second year rather than every year. This was held over to general business.

#### **4. Invitation to World Cup**

There has been an approach from New Zealand about a proposal for the World Cup in 2021, then every 4<sup>th</sup> year. This would mean that the Trans-Tasman would become every 4 years instead of 2 years. The selection procedure would be similar for both events. The team format has not been finalized, nor have the playing conditions and equipment. NSW is proceeding as if the Trans-Tasman will be held in 2021 but will have enough notice to cancel if necessary.

President Kyle noted that if the World Cup became a proper event, then it would be a chance to have Indoor Bowls becoming a recognized sport in Australia, which could help with funding.

#### **5. Badges**

Carmel and Angus both said that they had championship badges that were deteriorating – the clear coating over the text is de-stabilising. There was also some discussion about the style of the badges, the text has become smaller over the years, and we may need to look at the style of the badges. Angus also felt that the wording seems to have varied over the years.

It was decided to look at the selection available from AJ Parkes and also other badge suppliers.

#### **6. Junior Open Singles**

The possibility of moving the Junior Open Singles from May to October was brought up at the last meeting. This year the numbers in the various junior events meant that they took a lot time to play. It could be advantageous to move one event to reduce the pressure in May. In October any juniors could choose to nominate in the senior event instead.

## 7. 2023 National Championships

We obtained an estimate from the Caloundra Stadium to hire the venue again in 2023. They cannot give us an exact quote at this time (too early), but \$21,000 at current pricing, subject to pricing increases.

Caloundra is an easy location for the other states to get to as they can fly into either Brisbane or Maroochydore, and there is plenty of accommodation available.

Everyone is for Caloundra, but we should not be relying only on the members of Caloundra to do all the organising and fundraising. Members of other associations, particularly those with representative players, should be willing to become involved in some way. We will add more to this in general business.

It was moved by Carmel Blyth, seconded Caitlin Yarrow, to ask them to pencil in a booking for us, subject to us being able to confirm Caloundra as the next venue. Motion Carried

*Carmel Blyth moved the minutes be confirmed as read. Seconded Caitlin Yarrow. Motion Carried*

## **Previous minutes (Delegates Meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019)**

*Carmel Blyth moved the minutes from the Delegates meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 be accepted as read. Seconded Cameron Hancock. Motion Carried*

## 8. Carpet Spacing

Carmel Blyth asked if we had had a response from AIBBC about the carpet spacing. Kyle said he did not receive the letter Janet emailed him regarding the carpet spacing. It will be re-emailed to the new AIBBC Secretary, Anne Draffen.

## 9. Penalties for Bad Behavior

Junior VP Angus Young said he thought the COM should be more involved when incidents happen. Angus also believes that the Games Director should be advised of any warnings etc, so that the Games Director can ensure that nominations are in order for events prior to draws being done.

Angus also felt that any penalties to bowlers should be published as a deterrent factor. Keeping results a secret does not benefit the sport into the future. It was asked how the information should be made known – through the minutes, Qibilo, letters to associations.

This will be put on the November agenda as a discussion point.

Cameron Hancock said the current disputes process is aimed at assisting 2 parties to resolve a difference, rather than assuming there will be a party at fault. We may need to consider if we should change the way the disputes committee functions.

1. Resolve a difference between 2 parties by clarifying what happened.
2. A breach of the rules of the game, or code of conduct, which may require a penalty.

## 10. Electronic Devices

There was some discussion on this topic. If a device is distracting to a player then is that the problem of their team? The opposition is probably happy to have a distracted opponent.

Should the Skip be checking that their players have their phones turned off or on silent?

It was asked who the “controlling authority” is in the proposed penalty. The Games Director is in charge of QIBA events, not the COM. It was considered if the wording should be amended to clarify the inclusion of events – championship, restricted, practices. Angus Young will contact Gayle Sutton to revised the wording.

## **AIBBC meeting**

The minutes from the AGM are not available as yet.

Angus Young attended a COM meeting at the completion of the Nationals.

- It was passed that the AIBBC provide a drinking station at the Nationals, they will try to get a sponsor for it. Victoria already provides water, Staminade and Powerade to their players via 20 litre drums.
- There are not enough umpires.
- Timing issues – it was suggested that 2 “time-outs’ be available to each team during each game. This would be opportunities where the skip could advise an umpire they are using one of their allowance, and would give them 2 minutes to look at the head instead of only 1 minute.
- Victoria has advised AIBBC to expect a lifetime ban for Chris Price.

Kyle French attended the umpires meeting.

- Tasmania had advised that none of their players are allowed to umpire
- The item about states supplying 5 umpires has disappeared from the by-laws
- Some people have been doing their tests using the 2013 book instead of the 2014 book
- Victoria will be measurers
- There was an umpire who was chocking kitties using his fingers, sometimes moving it
- There were instances of umpires not actually measuring, but making a decision by sight only
- Should we be training our players as competent measurers to avoid calling umpires
- Standards of measuring seem to be lacking – discuss at November
- In 2020 there will be a trial of being able to use mobile phones as torches, but only on the last bowl of each end, for each team. Should we consider having torches available at all mats
- Driving, subject to interpretation – warn players on the carpet, and next ones if necessary
- Foot and hand faulting, players to be warned, if continue they will lose a bowl
- There is to be a review of rule book, with a view to removing rules that have no practice purpose

## **Correspondence:**

### **Inward:**

- # 7. SAIBBA – asked if we had a spare Caloundra swinger. There was no further contact.
- # 8. We Can Make A Difference – social club based in Burpengary – advised they are closing due to decrease in membership.
- # 57. Nelson Thomas – requested copies of letters sent by team members advising they could not attend the Boonah compulsory practice and also the Nambour practice.  
The letters were sent to Chairman of Selectors David Blyth. It was then his responsibility to advise his fellow selectors. The COM felt that the letters should not be further distributed, as some may contain sensitive information.

*Janet Stockel* moved that the Inward be received and the Outward endorsed.  
Seconded *Angus Young*. Motion Carried

*Kyle French* moved Standing Orders be in place at 12.50pm. Seconded *Don Smith*. Motion Carried

After the dinner break, *Cameron Hancock* moved Standing Orders be rescinded at 1.30pm.  
Seconded *Carmel Blyth*. Motion Carried

## **Treasurers Report:**

The Treasurers Report was presented.

*Janet Stockel* moved that the report be received and all accounts passed for payment.

Seconded *Carmel Blyth*. Motion Carried

## **General Business:**

### **11. Funding**

The new funding application has not yet been received. The COM discussed our current allocations and how it might change. We cannot finalise anything until we get the new application.

### **12. Bank of Queensland term deposit**

One of our term deposits is coming up for renewal. Caitlin will go to the bank during the week and organise it.

### **13. Shoes for State Team**

At the Nationals some players were wearing coloured or partly coloured shoes. After checking the by-laws and the team directive, it still says white shoes for ladies, and white or tan shoes for men.

*The AIBBC rule book contains the following:*

- *Law 2.F.1 (Equipment - Protection of the Carpet): Footwear must be clean, flat soled shoes without heels.*
- *By-Law 3.G.1 (National Championships - Dress for Championship Play): The regulation dress for Championships and in the Venue shall be the respective State Authority's regulation uniform or nominated clothing as per each State's requirement.*

*The QLD rule book contains the following:*

- *Rule 1.G.1 (Equipment - Protection of the Mat): Footwear must be clean, flat, smooth soled shoes without a heel.*

After looking at the wording in the 2 rule books, the COM will put a recommendation to the November meeting that the wording of the by-laws and directive should be amended to be clean, flat, smooth soled shoes without a heel, as this will then be in line with both rule books.

### **14. Acceptance Form**

The form currently is to be returned by the Sunday of the May Championships, however as the team is now selected prior to that, the date should be changed so we have all the forms back before the selectors meeting. It was proposed the return date be 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Moved by Janet Stockel, seconded Angus Young.

Motion Carried

### **15. Team and Farewell Dinners**

At the second compulsory practice the numbers for the team dinner had to be finalised. Unfortunately, several team members did not advise that they were bringing a non-team person to the team dinner, nor did they pay for the extra dinner.

There was also some confusion with at least one player thinking they had ordered farewell dinner tickets at the compulsory practice but had not. This meant that tickets were not ordered for them and they missed out on going. Secretary Janet proposed a new form to go out with the other team forms to cover both dinners, the form to be returned by every player. Janet also requested that the forms be returned at the first practice so there is time for any follow-up that might be required.

We will bring it up at the delegates meeting to let everyone know it will be current as of next year.

Angus Young asked if everyone was happy if he started looking into possible venues for the team dinner next year (Ballarat). Yes definitely. It was requested however that preference be given to single level venues, as the stairs this year provided some challenges. Price to be under \$30 per person if possible.

### **16. Pre-Tournament nominations**

Secretary Janet requested that entries for the pre-tournament be finalised at the first practice in future, as this year that worked well.

## **17. By-Laws, Operational Procedures and Constitution**

These were presented to the delegates in February and July, however none of them were brought up and voted on. We do need to follow-up on these.

## **18. Team Accommodation**

It was asked if we would organise team accommodation next year. No, this years response was too poor, it is not worth us doing it again. People will need to get their own accommodation.

Carmel Blyth asked about accommodation for 2021 in Tamworth NSW. There is another event (AgEquip) happening the week prior to the Nationals, and we have been told that many people from that event stay over through the weekend and they apparently book from year to year, which does affect the arrival of the indoor bowls people. Anyone who is interested in nominating for the team for that year will need to have accommodation booked before next years nationals, or it may be difficult.

We will bring this up at the October Championships. We could consider at taking expressions of interest in who would like us to book something, however we would need to know requirements (how many people per room – single, twin, double, family).

## **19. Gala Weekend**

We need to decide if we are going to run it next year or skip it until the following year. If we are going to have it, we need to decide if it will be run as a 4 ¾” or 4” event, we need to start advertising it now. We would also need a venue. Do we also consider holding it at a different time, perhaps mid to late May. We could also consider alternating the format each time, between 4 ¾” or 4”.

We will put this on the November agenda for discussion.

## **20. Prize Money**

Prize money for all events needs to be reviewed. Secretary Janet will email the current details to COM members.

## **21. Uniforms**

Secretary Janet has some samples of trousers from Sports Centre, in both a belt and loop style, and an elastic waist. Janet has also spoken with Lynne Walker who used to work for Henselite, but now works for Hunter Bowls about getting a catalogue and price list.

We would need to consider if we stay with fawn trousers and get them made to a colour we are happy with or consider changing men and ladies to the same colour.

It was asked whose decision it is to say what the uniform will be. Is it the team members, the delegates, or the COM? Should the team members have a say, or should they accept the decision of the QIBA (either COM or delegates) as to what the uniform is? In most organisations the players don't get a choice, the management makes the decision and the players wear it, like it or not.

Cost-wise, with the current uniform QIBA subsidised the cost of the uniform components by half. If we make changes to the uniform will we still do so? A sponsor would be great, but not easy to find.

We could take the samples to the Caloundra manufacturer to see if she could make the same styles. We will get some quotes from various manufacturers.

## **22. Fundraising for 2023 Nationals**

We spoke at the last meeting about getting more associations to help with the fundraising. Unfortunately, there are associations who simply are not interested beyond how we can help them. If they don't have state team members in their own area, they don't seem to care, so asking them to raise money for us could be an uphill battle.

QIBA needs to look at how we can raise money. We need to look at the companies like Bunnings, the various shopping centres etc to find out what criteria they have. Some (like Bunnings) want to support local groups, but that means that a local group would have to take the lead for us.

Another suggestion is to run a major raffle with larger cash prizes (\$300, \$150, \$50) and sell tickets until we have sold our target quantity, rather than having a closing date.

Chocolate fundraiser – we have done this before, we could look at it again.

Bingo night – we could talk to Caloundra association to see if they would host a special bingo event for us.

Overall, we need to raise at least \$25,000 to \$30,000 over the next 4 years to cover expenses that don't have corresponding income (eg: farewell dinner, raffles), the venue hire will be approx \$20,000. While we may be able to get a grant from Council, it likely won't cover the entire amount, last year it was only half.

Team members need to consider what they and their association can do to help with any of the above suggestions, or anything else they can come up with.

Angus suggested that we need to be more hardline with the registration fee. One of the problems we have at present is that not all clubs and associations register all their members, only the ones who want to be registered.

The other option is to expand our fundraising beyond the bowls community, out into the wider general community also. This could also raise our profile, but we still need people willing to get out there.

### **23. National Championships 2023 – steering committee**

Cameron Hancock asked Carmel Blyth if she had given any thought to being the chairperson of the next National Titles Committee. Carmel is undecided at present

### **24. National Championships 2023 – farewell dinner**

The farewell dinner this year was \$45. Some people simply cannot afford to go, particularly those with dependents.

It was suggested we look at ways to reduce the cost – for example, can we drop the entertainment? The music tends to be on the loud side, which means shouting to be heard, and not being able to hear other people. We could look at a juke box, or just background music.

Another way to get people there is to make it more fun. It was suggested we could look at a bbq on the beach, or maybe run a bingo evening or trivia in conjunction with the dinner. This would get people involved in the evening, and maybe they wouldn't just eat and run.

The beach bbq, while an attractive idea, could backfire if the weather turned bad on us on the day. Also we would not want people having a few too many and wanting to play in the ocean!

With the bingo, we could look at the Caloundra Bowls Hall, we would need to ask Caloundra how many tables they can actually set up, if they would hire us the hall, and the cost. Caloundra's bingo people could run the bingo part of the evening, we could do a spit roast, the back hall could be used by the caterers as their kitchen, prep and pass area, a bar could be set up in the back area of the hall near the carpark. We could include a bingo sheet and marker pen in the ticket price. Run several short sessions during the night, one when people first there and are waiting for entrée, and second while waiting for the main course, and a third while waiting for dessert. We could also number all the tables and have lucky table draws, with the winning table getting a round of free drinks at the bar, or chocolate bars or snack, or something. Mini games such as blowing up balloons and popping them to get a treat from inside.

We might also be able to use their bus to shuttle people there.

We would need to send a letter to Caloundra to see firstly if they could seat enough people, and then if they can, we can sit down with their committee to discuss options.

### **25. Policies**

Carmel Blyth said she and Robin Cruikshank had already looked at several of the policies and will email the updated versions to Secretary Janet. The COM will then review the rest.

**25. QLD v NSW**

At the recent nationals, there was a discussion about starting an event between QLD and NSW, based on the Welsh Trophy from NZ, with mens and ladies triples, mens, ladies and mixed pairs and mens, ladies and mixed fours, using a total of 12 players. Kyle is working on a draft draw at present. The first event would probably be held at Mounties, still working on a suitable date.

There being no further business, President Kyle thanked everyone for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 4.00pm.

Janet Stockel  
Secretary QIBA Inc.  
28<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Kyle French  
President QIBA Inc.

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Next COM meeting, December 2019 (Date/venue to be advised)  
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Next Delegates meeting, Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 – Millmerran Association  
Discussion Points, Recommendations from COM and Notices of Motion  
as per agenda.  
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**Any club or association can request that a COM member attend their events, just ask us**