

Minutes of Committee of Management Meeting held at Caloundra & teleconference, on Friday, 20th March 2020

Present: President Kyle French, Secretary Janet Stockel, Treasurer Sharon Hancock.
Patron Robin Cruikshank & Senior Vice President Angus Young joined via teleconference.

President Kyle French opened the meeting at 7.15pm and welcomed Sharon Hancock as our new Treasurer.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Due to the current Coronavirus situation it was decided to do only the most necessary items, holding minutes and treasurers report until the next meeting, where hopefully we will be able to sit down face to face.

General Business:

1. Committee of Management Positions

We sent letters to Errol Weir and Glenn Casey regarding them taking up positions on the COM. Errol Weir has declined. We are waiting on a response from Glenn Casey.

2. QIBA events

We received several items of correspondence regarding holding or not holding events from Ros Richter and Max Evans.

May Championships:

With the Government restrictions currently in place to slow the spread of the Coronavirus, it was decided that it was not possible to hold the May Championships as scheduled.

President Kyle had also checked with the Insurance company for their point of view, and they also recommended cancelling events, due to the liability factor.

Angus Young moved we postpone the May Championships indefinitely, with further announcements about other events to be made later. seconded Robin Cruikshank. Motion Carried.

We will put out a statement to this effect.

Decisions on other events (July delegates meeting, compulsory practices, July Championships, October Championships, November delegates meeting) will be considered at our next meeting, however until restrictions are lifted, we will not know what we will be able to hold.

At this time we must follow the restrictions, however if it becomes possible to hold the May events or any other missed events later in the year, we will look at possible dates for what we can.

RESTRICTED PAIRS and DELEGATES MEETING:

Fassifern Association has advised that they had already booked the hall for Saturday but had not intended to hold a 5 game day so did not book Sunday, and are now unable to do so as it has been booked by someone else. They investigated other venues but could not find one big enough to play the Pairs.

They have requested we ask if they can swap with the host for next year (Nambour IBA).

Given the current circumstances, we may not be able to hold the Restricted event and meeting at the scheduled time. We will advise that holding the event is uncertain at this time, and we will let them know when we have something definite. If we cannot hold 2 further Restricted event & Delegates meeting do we need to extend the format trial into next year?

COMPULSORY PRACTICE WEEKENDS:

If AIBBC does cancel the Nationals (which seems likely) the 2 compulsory practice weekends could possibly be used for other events if restrictions have been lifted in time to organise something.

JULY CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Toowoomba Association has sent a letter offering to host the July Championships. We will advise them that holding the event is uncertain at this time, and we will let them know when we have something definite.

Angus Young volunteered to write a statement to be put on Facebook and the website. A letter will be sent out to all associations and clubs:

The Queensland Indoor Bowling Association Committee of Management met on Friday night via teleconference and has postponed the May state titles indefinitely. This was required as a result of the restrictions placed on mass gatherings by the Federal Government and in order to protect the health of the Queensland indoor bowling community.

The Q.I.B.A. also strongly encourages all member associations and their clubs to cease all indoor bowls activity, regardless of the number of participants. The nature of our sport conflicts with the currently recommended social distancing and sanitation measures and continuing to play represents a substantial risk to all involved.

The committee will continue to meet regularly via teleconference to discuss future bowls events and we hope to be able to reschedule lost events later in the year, where possible. While the bowls season has come to an abrupt halt, we encourage players to maintain their passion for our great sport. There are many hours of high-quality matches that can be viewed online and the friends that we've all made on the mat are only a phone call away.

Decisions on future events will be made as the situation unfolds. The committee will keep you informed of all news and we wish players and their families good health during these unfamiliar times.

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To any association cancelling schedules events, please let us know so we can advertise the cancellation to as many people as we can. Caloundra and Brisbane Associations have already cancelled all bowls until further notice.
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3. AIBBC - National Championships

AIBBC has advised that there will be a teleconference between all the states and the AIBBC COM on Monday 30th March to discuss if the Nationals can be held this year.

Unknown to us at the time of our meeting, VIBBA (Victorian Indoor Bowls) was also holding a COM meeting at which they decided to cancel all Victorian indoor bowls events, at all levels, including the National Championships. They have issued a statement via facebook to this effect.

We are waiting on official confirmation from the AIBBC regarding the National Championships.

It was suggested that as the swingers for the teams have already been purchased, that we suggest to the AIBBC that all states still select a squad and those players receive a swinger.

We will hold another teleconference Wednesday 1st April once we know the AIBBC decision.

4. AIBBC - Australian Team

The Nationals this year should have been a selection year for the Trans-Tasman Australian Team next year. We will ask AIBBC if they have a plan to deal with that.

Angus suggested that there was a proposal he had put forward several years ago regarding a much smaller National event limiting state teams to only 15-20 players. We could suggest to AIBBC that depending on restrictions they could hold a smaller event aimed at those people who are interested in nominating for the Australian Team, so that the Selectors are able to see players in action to be able to select a squad. He will find his proposal and send it out.

5. Teleconferencing

We will investigate platforms for teleconferencing future COM meetings. There is also the possibility of holding the July delegates meeting that way. ZOOM was mentioned.

If we went that way for a delegates meeting, we would need to send out all documents (treasurers report, correspondence lists etc) to associations so they can discuss them beforehand.

6. Tamworth Accommodation

It was suggested that the COM could send Angus Young to Tamworth so he could check out the accommodation options for next year in person rather than just relying on information available on the internet. He could also look for team dinner venues.

For Angus, Tamworth is only 5-6 hours drive from home, the trip could be accomplished as an overnight trip. COM could pay travel and accommodation for the trip. We like the suggestion however we will need to wait until restrictions have been lifted.

7. Nominations (office bearer, sub-committee and all events)

There have been some questions raised about closing dates and if nominations posted on or before the closing date should be accepted if they arrive after the closing date. Nominations arrive as a mix of mail and email currently.

After some discussion it was *moved by Robin Cruikshank, seconded Sharon Hancock that all nominations (positions and events) must be received by the Secretary on or before the closing date to be accepted. Nominations must be received in writing, either mailed, emailed or a photo of the form by text message. If a photo sent the original to then be posted.* Motion Carried
Motion to be put on the agenda for the next delegates meeting.

8. Sub-Committee meetings

COM understands that due to Coronavirus restrictions the sub-committees might have some difficulty in meeting in person, and encourages all members involved to look at teleconferencing. If any sub-committee feels they must meet in person, please take all precautions to stay within the government restrictions on gatherings.

9. Gala Weekend

This event was held 14th and 15th March. While nominations were down, we had 40 players for the Pairs and 56 players for the Rinks.

With the reduced nomination fee we lost approximately \$900 for the weekend.

Our thanks and congratulations go to the Caloundra Association for all their hard work, in particular Carmel and David Blyth for getting the hall ready and all the raffle prizes, and Max and Lucas Evans who assisted QIBA by taking the nomination fees and checking people in, and also with assisting Kyle who acted as Games Director for the weekend. Kyle thanked Janet also for all the prep work needed for the event.

10. Restricted Events

At the AGM it was voted the trial holding the Restricted Event and Delegates Meeting over 2 days. We currently pay associations \$200, however we failed to address that with associations having to hire halls for 2 days, this will need to be increased.

It was decided to recommend to the AGM that for this format fees should be increased and hosts back-paid for 2020.

11. Suggested amendment to Team Managers criteria

Janet put forward a suggestion for a compromise between Selectors and Team Manager.

If a situation arises during the nationals where a team member needs to be replaced during a game, in order to keep the game moving that the Team Manager be authorised to place a reserve in the position (to finish the game only) without having to consult with the Selectors.

Once that has occurred the Team Manager is to find ALL the Selectors and inform them that a situation arose and they will need to have a meeting as soon as it is convenient for them, so they can decide what to do with that team for the balance of the competition.

The Selectors are to provide the Team Manager with a list of the reserves (if we have any) and the positions the Selectors feel them capable of filling to give the Team Manager some guidance, see table below.

RESERVE	FOURS	TRIPLES	PAIRS	SINGLES
Jane Doe	Lead or second	Lead	no	no

This is a reasonable procedure given the limited time available to deal with the situation when the following has to occur:

- find the Team Manager
- understand the problem
- find any available selectors
- find a reserve
- if we have no reserves of our own, find a Team Manager from the host state first, then other states if necessary (unless states have advised if they have available reserves prior to start of week)
- get that reserve to the appropriate carpet

10 minutes is all we are allowed by the AIBBC rules, and it is not a lot of time if you have to run around one or even two playing areas as well as eating and bar areas, and possibly the carpark, just to find the people needed in order for them to make a decision.

The Team Managers job during that week can be stressful and we should not be adding to it by placing difficult time constraints on the Team Manager at a time when that person might need every second they have just to find a reserve, let alone some selectors.

There has been a lot of contention regarding this issue over the last few years and we need to have a solution that satisfies both our obligations to the AIBBC rules as well as respecting the positions of both Team Manager and Selectors.

All COM members thought this was a reasonable suggestion, we will add it to the agenda for the next delegates meeting for discussion.

Correspondence:

Inward:

- # 48. Toowoomba – affiliation, memberships, May nominations, will host July Championships. We will send a refund for the nominations.
- # 53. Sport & Rec are requesting we advise them of cancelled events
- # 55. QSport advising there will be a teleconference discussion on COVID and sport
- # 56. Vince Lakin accepted the position on the Referees & Umpires Panel
- # 58. QSport provided a slide presentation of COVID discussion

Advise all associations and clubs that we will not be advertising any events for ourselves or any association or club until restricted have been lifted.

Janet Stockel moved that the Inward correspondence be received and the Outward endorsed.
Seconded Robin Cruikshank. Motion Carried

12. AJ Parkes

The badges for state title events had been ordered, however once it become clear we may not be able to hold at least the May Championships, Secretary Janet put the order on hold. After some discussion we decided to cancel the order for now and see how things are at the next meeting. It was suggested that we look at the design of the badges and also look at alternative suppliers.

13. Insurance Policies

Our policies are due for renewal. We will have to renew all policies even though we cannot play bowls until restrictions are lifted.

14. Engraving of Trophies

It was suggested that instead of the winners organising the engraving of shields for the various trophies that QIBA do all the ordering and distribute the shields at the next event. QIBA would remove the shields prior to giving out the trophies. At present with different places doing the engraving we are ending up with a variety of appearances and format. We would like to ensure consistency with the appearance.

15. Membership fees etc.

There was some discussion as to whether associations should be paying the affiliation and registration fees at this time, as our year is uncertain. It was decided that we should take fees as usual at this time.

16. National Championships donation

At the November meeting it was asked if the Scarborough representatives would be willing to donate the money left in the account towards the running of the 2023 National Championships.

We have sent a letter to Nelson and Frances Thomas. Kyle French indicated that in speaking with Nelson he had said they would donate some of the funds, however we are awaiting a formal response to confirm this. It was suggested that if the donation proceeded then we could name the Scarborough Club as a sponsor for one or more of the events.

Kyle also said that Nelson and Frances were interested in subsidizing the cost of the farewell dinner tickets this year to encourage more Queenslanders to go. Compared to other states, we often do not have many people going to the dinner.

Janet also noted that fundraising this year is going to be very difficult as Bunnings (for example) has had to cancel all sausage sizzles and cake stalls. Other Shopping centres will be in the same situation.

There being no further business, President Kyle thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

Janet Stockel
Secretary QIBA Inc.
28th March 2020

Kyle French
President QIBA Inc.

2020 EVENTS

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QIBA strongly encourages all member associations and their clubs to cease all indoor bowls activity, regardless of the number of participants.

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The following events have been cancelled:

- CALOUNDRA MEDLEY DAY – March 2020
- BOONAH SMALL BOWLS CARNIVAL – June 2020
- STATE TEAM COMULSORY PRACTICES – July and August
- NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – August 2020

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The following events have been postponed:

- MAY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – May 2020

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The following events are to be advised:

- JULY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – July 2020
 - Delegates meeting, 1pm Saturday, 4th July 2020
 - Restricted Pairs, 8.30am Sunday, 5th July 2020
- CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS, Toowoomba – September 2020
- OCTOBER CHAMPIONSHIPS – October 2020
 - Delegates meeting, 1pm Saturday, 7th November 2020
 - Restricted Singles, 8.30am Sunday, 8th November 2020
- CALOUNDRA CHRISTMAS WEEKEND – November 2020