

Minutes of Delegates Meeting held at Biloela, Saturday 6th November 2021

Prior to start of meeting it was queried if we had a quorum.

FROM CONSTITUTION:

22. (1) *At any general meeting the number of delegates and office bearers required to constitute a quorum shall be double the number of office bearers presently on the Management Committee plus one.*

After some discussion on how this should be interpreted, it was agreed that a quorum was the total number of elected COM, being 6, plus 6 plus 1, for total of 13 votes required.

President Angus Young opened the meeting at 2.00pm.

President Angus Young welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Callide Association for hosting the Delegates Meeting today and the Restricted Singles tomorrow.

Senior Vice President Kyle French read the attendance book for the Committee of Management, Delegates and proxies.

Voting Power

Callide Valley (Jenny Cruikshank, Bev & Robert Ellem), Caloundra (David Stoker, Glenda Wilkinson, Carmel Blyth), Capricornia (Larni Stretton, Keith Lindley), Ipswich (Diane Knight, Annette Dunstan).

Brisbane & Toowoomba associations have sent written votes for notices of motion, 3 votes each)

Committee of Management	4
Delegates	10
Proxies	1
Total:	<u>15</u>
Proxies (written)	6 (for notices of motion only)

APOLOGIES:

Apologies from Treasurer Sharon Hancock and Junior Vice President Max Evans.

VALE:

Since the last meeting the following members have passed:

Val Klein (Maryborough) 6/10/21

Patricia Ashton (Rockhampton) 28/10/21

Annette Dunstan moved the Committee of Management could remove their blazers, seconded Diane Knight. Motion Carried.

Sheree Lynam send a text asking if we could consider Microsoft Teams for people who are unable to attend meetings.

There was some discussion about Teams, Zoom, or FaceTime.

There was nothing that could be done for this meeting, but COM will discuss it for the future.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Previous Minutes (COM 1/7/21)

Janet Stockel moved the minutes from the Committee Meeting on 1/7/21 be taken as read. Seconded by Robin Cruikshank. Carried.

Previous Minutes (Delegates 17/7/21)

Robin Cruikshank moved the minutes from the Delegates Meeting on 17/7/21 be taken as read. Seconded by Jenny Cruikshank. Carried.

Previous Minutes (COM 8/9/21)

Robin Cruikshank moved the minutes from the Committee Meeting on 8/9/21 be taken as read. Seconded by Janet Stockel. Carried.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Janet Stockel moved the correspondence be taken as read. Seconded by Robin Cruikshank. MC

Outward:

#20/26/41. Caloundra Indoor Stadium – Janet having some difficulty getting a response other than an automatic 'Out of Office'. Has now sent the email to the general admin email instead.

#35. Brisbane City Council – advised the Fifty Plus Group at City Hall have discontinued and are looking for good homes for their equipment.

Inward Items:

#1. Marilyn Long – nomination missed July Championships

#6. John Gormly – send info about the Northside Indoor Sport Centre in case it was something we could use.

#45. Tasmania IBA – advising venue for 2022 Nationals, Kingston, south of Hobart.

#46. Gympie IBA – Gympie were contacted to see if they would be willing to continue being on the Restricted Roster. They are.

#89, 91. Dunlop Bowls – there were some Dunlop bowls put out at the October Championships. Subsequently all associations have been advised that Dunlop bowls are banned from all QIBA competition.

Diane Knight moved the Inward correspondence be received, seconded by Kyle French.

Motion Carried.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Sharon Hancock, Janet Stockel moved the Treasurers Report.

There are 2 investment accounts (term deposits) due at different times.

These accounts were originally set up from profits from 2 previous National Championships.

One deposit is from 1988 with the interest from this account to be used to support our Junior players (motion Nov 1988). The second deposit was started from the 1993 Nationals. Jenny Cruikshank and Carmel Blyth both stated that the money was supposed to be used to help run future nationals.

NOTE: I remember that in previous years money was moved in and out of the term deposits as money was required to pay insurance or other larger expenses. The current balances may not accurately reflect the amounts originally deposited with interest received.

After some discussion it was decided to ask Sharon to re-name the bank accounts in the accounting package to reflect their origin/purpose.

Carmel Blyth moved that the money from the 2 term deposits be used when required for the 2023 Nationals. Seconded Robin Cruikshank.

Motion Carried

Query on 'referee or umpire travel' expense, page 2 of P&L. It was felt that this has been incorrectly categorised and we will query it with Sharon.

Secretary Janet Stockel moved the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement be accepted, seconded by Jenny Cruikshank.

Motion Carried

4. FEES

There was some confusion as to what was included as 'membership fees' in relation to the motion carried at the July meeting – is this the player registration only or the affiliation as well? After some discussion it was concluded that it included both registration and affiliation fees. This makes the motion for this meeting regarding affiliation fees not necessary.

Carmel Blyth asked why the Associations were not informed that the Office of Fair Trading had approved the amendments made to the Constitution?

Amendments moved and carried at the February 2021 were approved by the Office of Fair Trading and the letter was listed on the correspondence list for the July meeting.

Motion moved and carried at February 2021 AGM

That Constitution Rule 20 (1) be rescinded and replaced with the provisions of the model constitution which states:

20 Annual General Meeting

1. The first annual general meeting must be held within 6 months after the end date of the association's first reportable financial year.

Each subsequent annual general meeting must be held at least once each year and within 6 months after the end date of the association's reportable financial year.

Motion moved and carried at February 2021 AGM

That the following is to be added to Constitution Rule 20:

1 (a) The specific date and time of the annual general meeting will be stipulated in the By-Laws. The current 20(1)(a) to become 20(1)(b).

The amendment moved and carried at the July 2021 was approved by the Office of Fair Trading and the letter was listed on the correspondence list for the November meeting.

3.2. MOTION moved and carried at July 2021 Delegates meeting

That we change Constitution 6.1 to the following and amend Operational Procedures and By-Laws to match:

6.1 The membership fees shall be such sum as the members determine at the November General Meeting.

It was moved by Kyle French that 2022 registration fees remain the same, seconded Jenny Cruikshank.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Robin Cruikshank that 2022 affiliation fees remain the same, seconded Jenny Cruikshank.

Motion Carried

2022 Player Registration fee: \$20 (Senior & Junior) (\$10 registration, \$10 insurance)

2022 Association/Club Affiliation Fees: \$50.00

Nomination fees, honorariums, travelling expenses and restricted hosting subsidy will be determined at the AGM. If anyone would like these items to be done at the November meeting also, please send a notice of motion for the AGM.

5. AIBBC

A summary of the September COM meeting was given.

- Date set for AGM – Monday 1st November via ZOOM
- Trans-Tasman Test Squad has been named. The selectors have requested 3 days for trials
- 2021 Nationals cancelled
- 2021 Bass Strait Challenge cancelled
- Trials and International test to be held in Ballarat, 14-16 January and 15-21 May 2022

A summary of the November Annual General Meeting was given, as minutes have not yet been received.

- Anthony Kirkwood (Tasmania) was confirmed as National President
- Kyle French was confirmed as President Elect for 2023.
- Trials and International test to be held in Ballarat, January and May 2022
- Some discussion as to having the trials held in the same venue as the Test Match. At the moment Victoria have them in separate venues, however they will look into the possibilities.
- A discussion on the possibility of mandatory vaccination policies, and if they could be implemented. AIBBC Secretary Anne advised that her work had been advised that they could implement such policies, and that current legal precedents suggest that if anyone sued they would not be successful.
- For Nationals, there is probably no point in having our own policies because all it does is open us up to potential litigation and while we might win, it takes time and money. All venues where we would play would likely have some kind of policy themselves, or the applicable state guidelines could be adhered to regarding community sport.
- No changes to AIBBC fees
- It was noted that 2 of the States had not paid their affiliation fees. There was a typo on the invoices that were sent out (they had a zero balance). Secretary Janet stated that she had contacted Anne about the invoice and a correct invoice had been issued. Don't know why Anne did not amend the invoices for the other states at the same time.
- The AIBBC constitution says COM may suspended their voting privileges, however in this case they chose not to.
- Qld brought up the issue of Singles players being able to mark their own official scorecard, but once again we were unsuccessful. Apparently markers are perfect, although some of us can definitely contest that assumption. It is definitely up to the players to continually check the scoreboard and score card regularly to see that the correct score is being recorded. We recommend that our players request that markers change the board every end rather than every second end and check the card prior to the marker leaving for the other end. We can keep a personal card for reference but it has no official capacity.

NOTICE OF MOTION from COM

That the setting of affiliation fees be moved to the November delegates meeting as of Nov 2022.

NOTE: if it passes it will not take effect for 30 days so the fee cannot be set at this meeting. The affiliation fee for 2022 will still need to be set at the 2022 AGM.

After the result of discussion during setting of fees, it was determined that this motion was no longer necessary and was withdrawn. It could be re-written for submission to the AGM.

4. DATE FOR AGM

After some discussion Caloundra Association volunteered to host 2022 AGM, 5th and 6th March 2022.

It was moved by Kyle French, seconded Robin Cruikshank that the AGM is to be held on the first full weekend in March, with the meeting 1pm Saturday and Restricted Rinks 9am Sunday, the 2022 venue to be Caloundra. *Motion Carried.*

The COM will rework the restricted roster and send it out.

5. COMPULSORY PRACTICE

There were comments received via email from Errol Weir which were read to the meeting: Errol believes it's a practice and selectors require practice as well. There is no point in sitting out as selectors have to be traveling selectors. All selectors are players so need to play in teams as well. Selectors should be attending Majority of events so should have a very good idea of style, abilities and compatibility of players.

Photo on form

Errol as a selector believes that it is the selectors responsibility to know the players and if a selector attends a majority of events then any new player should be in attendance as well so it is the selectors responsibility to pay attention to that player. There was one new player this year and Errol sees that person's abilities each week so could pass that information on to other selectors if required. A photo is not required. New players should try to attend as many events as possible as should all other players.

The idea of having a 'trials' weekend so selectors can see how different combinations of people play is not unattractive, but when do we fit it in? Do we use one of the existing practice weekends or try to find another date? This could push out the date of final selection to end July. We have also had people complain about not having enough time to book flights. We could look at end of May or find out if Fassifern Association is going to continue holding their end of June carnival or not.

It was also noted that presently the team is supposed to be announced on the Sunday of the May Championships.

The team nominations close 30 days prior to the AGM, so now we have moved the AGM to March, the closing date would be end of February. After check that it was okay with the Secretary, *It was moved by Carmel Blyth that the team nominations are closed 2 weeks prior to the AGM, seconded Kyle French.*

Motion Carried

STANDING ORDERS

Standing order moved by Jenny Cruikshank, seconded Carmel Blyth. Motion Carried

Standing orders rescinded, moved Carmel Blyth, seconded Robin Cruikshank. Motion Carried

6. RESTRICTED ROSTER

The following associations have so far expressed interest in hosting events:

RESTRICTED RINKS 1 st Saturday February	RESTRICTED PAIRS 1 st Saturday July	RESTRICTED SINGLES 1 st Saturday November	COMP. PRACTICE 3 rd Weekend July
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST	EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST	EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST	EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Millmerran	Millmerran	Millmerran	Millmerran
Caloundra		Caloundra	Caloundra
Dalby	Dalby	Dalby	
Gympie	Gympie	Gympie	
			Toowoomba
Rockhampton		Rockhampton	

Rockhampton is having a meeting next week and will confirm if they wish to be on the roster, or if they would like to hold any State Championships.

It would be good to try and have Rockhampton host a state championship, perhaps October, to encourage more of the Central and North Queensland players to get involved.

Larni said the Rockhampton hall would comfortably hold 18 mats (24 foot).

The COM will draft a proposal for the next meeting. We will try and alternate coast/inland/north locations.

7. PHOTOS ON STATE TEAM NOMINATION FORM

It was suggested that a photo be attached to the team nomination form so selectors are better able to identify new nominees. Errol Weir had sent a written statement saying he believes that it is the selectors responsibility to know the players and if a selector attends a majority of events then any new player should be in attendance as well so it is the selectors responsibility to pay attention to that player. There was one new player this year and Errol sees that person's abilities each week so could pass that information on to other selectors if required. A photo is not required. New players should try to attend as many events as possible as should all other players. Several other selectors in attendance agreed.

8. 2023 PROJECTED BUDGET FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

8.1 FAREWELL DINNER

The farewell dinner is one of the major expenses, and the quotes received so far from The Events Centre and the Turf Club are considerably higher than we paid in 2018.

Caloundra Association provided a copy of a letter that had not previously been received by the QIBA, detailing the Caloundra Association response to queries regarding the possibility of hiring the CDIBA hall (main and back) for the farewell dinner. They can seat 300 reasonably, up to 320 if they tighten up the space, more if the side spaces are used. If we were to decide on a maximum number, then that would have to be final.

This does not allow for a dance area.

Entertainment will be a separate cost. We could just get someone to do dance music. The person Caloundra uses for their Christmas function could be a possibility.

The bar would have to be set up in the back corner (northwest, nearest the carpark).

The COM will need to look at the costs associated with hiring the halls, tables, chairs, crockery etc to see how it adds up in comparison to going to the Events Centre or the Turf Club.

It would be useful to find out what Victoria had been going to charge this year for the dinner.

8.2 SOUVENIRS

We sold out of pens last time. Bought 250 last time, could go up to 350.

Need to start looking at shirt designs.

We also sold out of bowls cloths, only 100 were purchased according to the 2018 figures. It was suggested we could consider 50 each of each state colour, alternatively just have a single design. Carmel agreed to try and find out where the bowls cloths from other states were purchased.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

9. BRISBANE SHIELD

It was said that the results for the Brisbane Shield should be displayed at the completion of each State Title Event, and that the Shield should be presented at the October Championships. Neither of these were done this year.

10. OCTOBER CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was said that during the lunchbreak on Saturday, and while at least one game was still being played, that there were no QIBA COM members at the venue. At the minimum, the Games Director should have been there until all games in that round had been completed in case any issues arose.

It was also asked if the Games Director is in charge of running the games? The Games Director was not present at the start of play for the triples. He also appeared to not always be attending to the draw sheets as people finished playing. These things are part of his job. Carmel stated that her committee got hauled over the coals for not doing some of these things.

It was also asked why the Games Director was not at this delegates meeting? Meeting dates are known dates all year. If you volunteer for a position, you accept the responsibilities for the position, and make time to fulfil the responsibilities.

The Games Director should have the cards prior to event to sort cards and do the draw. It is not the Secretaries responsibility. Double standards seem to be applied.

The Games Director no longer has a printer (it died), the secretary has been printing the cards. It was suggested that if the Games Director lives in the same area, then he collects the cards and draw sheets some days prior to an event and does the mat draw and adds mat numbers to cards.

It was suggested that the instructions for the Games Director be revised so responsibilities are clearly stated. This should also apply to other positions.

It is good that young people are stepping up and volunteering for these positions, but they need guidance to learn the job they have taken on, not just criticism on what they are doing wrong.

Carmel Blyth said that when she was president, her committee had to be at events from start to finish, no leaving early. This is not actually written down but is what has customarily been done over the years.

11. Angus

President Angus spoke about this year as President, expressing his disappointment at the way the COM is treated at events and the lack of decorum at meetings. He said that at times it was very hard to push himself to care about bowls when he was working full time and also studying full time.

People who volunteer to be on the COM do so with the best interests of bowls at heart, but the negative attitudes of other people can make the job so disheartening.

There is a general lack of interest on being on the COM, but it has to be done by someone, and people need to think about that before complaining about the COM, who are usually doing the best they can. Mostly the COM members are people with full time jobs, so fitting volunteer responsibilities into their lives can be difficult at times.

Previous COM members have chosen not to re-nominate because of the lack of decorum and respect from players and delegates in general.

It is also expected that COM always make the time to stay to the end of every competition, but shouldn't everyone be making that effort to support the players that make it to finals?

No COM has probably ever been able to live up to the expectations of the membership.

Where do you suggest that the problem is?

If the list of expectations is too much for any role, then you have trouble getting people to fill the positions. A lot of people don't have much time to give to committee roles, and to have enough time to give what is being suggested in ways of duties and expectations, it could be too much for some people. Perhaps we need to streamline the expectations, keeping what is important, sharing others. The delegates may need to decide what the minimum expectations.

12. MAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the May Championships there were 4 mats that were not used the entire weekend. It was requested that only the mats required be put out so that the best positions can be used.

13. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Nationals are hosted by QIBA not the local association. Is it generally expected that the local association will do a lot of the work in getting it organised, but the workload should be more widespread.

Jenny Cruikshank commented that for 2023 the QIBA COM is going to be the ones doing all the work, and sourcing people to do the catering and the bar. It is not going to be one association

with a lot of people running around spreading themselves thin doing every job, which is what it has been the last 3 times.

President Angus asked the meeting how they felt about running the Nationals at a loss?

There has been a lot of bellyaching about state events running at a loss, so how do you feel about the same happening with the Nationals. There has to be some consistency about running both state and national events.

At present Henselite donates a set of bowls for the weekly raffle every year.

We will need to write to Henselite to ask if they will once again be donating the bowls in 2023.

It was queried if Henselite is a naming rights sponsor? *(note: the secretary later checked old nationals programs, and Henselite is only ever mentioned as a sponsor, at no time have they been given naming rights)*

Jenny Cruikshank moved that QIBA proceed with the hosting of the 2023 National Championships. This was not seconded.

14. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Annette Dunstan moved that a certificate of Appreciation be sent to Vince Lakin for all his work on the Referees Committee over the years, and his position as Chairman of Referees. Seconded Carmel Blyth. Motion Carried.

Kyle French moved that a certificate of Appreciation be sent to Jean Kassulke for all her work on the Umpires Committee over the years. Seconded Glenda Wilkinson. Motion Carried.

15. AUSTRALIAN TRIALS PLAYERS

It was mentioned that QIBA has been giving some money to players going to the international trials.

The last motion was November 2018: That each person attending the trials be given \$130.

It was also mentioned that the Qld Selector receives something.

The last motion was November 2016: That the Queensland AIBBC selector receive full re-imburement on travel and accommodation to attend the Test trials.

Angus noted that it will likely be more expensive this time post-covid, and also going to Ballarat instead of Sydney. Angus also noted that we don't want our national selector to be out of pocket.

At the recent AIBBC AGM it was said that the money they saved on doing zoom meetings instead of in-person meetings could be distributed to the states and allocated towards trials expenses.

It was moved by Carmel Blyth, seconded Annette Dunstan that the amount for players and the selector be the same as last time. Motion carried.

This will be \$130 per person going to trial and full re-imburement for the Selector.

16. REFEREES

David Stoker said that at the October Championships during the singles final, a referee was called for, and when no-one responded, he left his game to do the measure. This was despite there being other Referees in the hall not playing, but who had not responded to the call. No referees had been allocated to the finals mats.

It was suggested that even one referee be allocated to cover the finals mats would be enough. If there all referees were playing then it was suggested that a measurer be allocated.

It was suggested that QIBA qualify people as Measurers, rather than as referees, then more people might be available.

17. LIQUOR LICENSE FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

- This might encourage additional players, perhaps from outdoor bowls
- Bowls is a family sport, is alcohol appropriate?
- Cost of licence, compared to what we might sell
- Staff need to have RSA

- Trial at Gala Weekend? BBQ & Drinks after event?

COM will look into and bring back to next meeting

A Representative from Caloundra stated that if QIBA proceeded with a liquor licence then Caloundra would not host events.

18. GALA

It was asked if we would be holding the Gala weekend in 2022? We would need a host, and possibly look at changing the event to make it more attractive. We have previously held it in March. After a short discussion it was suggested we wait until the AGM to decide.

19. WEBSITE

The website needs to be updated with current minutes, forms etc.

20. HONOUR BOARDS

The honour boards at the Toowoomba hall need to be updated.

21. OCTOBER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nominations were very low this year. Over the years there has been a gradual decline, and age attrition is also a factor.

Associations and QIBA both should be looking at ideas to get player numbers up because at this rate of decline, in 10 years we may not be viable as a sport.

We all need to think about what can be done to improve the sport and think past what you personally might want, think instead as an outside person, or an outdoor bowler who might be thinking about coming to indoor bowls. What can we do that we would consider acceptable in order to get new people?

QIBA events are predominantly competition based. Social bowls is not always supportive of competition bowls. Competition bowls is frequently seen as the enemy of the game.

We need to think about what people expect out of indoor bowls so we can deliver a sport that attracted new players. We are not competing well with other sports.

Other sports are also declining, but we are heading for a time when we won't be able to run competition bowls anymore.

We need people to **WANT** to compete otherwise we will have no players.

Events should have real meaning and higher stakes. People don't seem to have the same desperation to win as they did 15 years ago. The level of passion for the game had decreased.

It was commented that we lose newer players when they are told that they are not good enough to compete in state or national events. Everyone was a new player at some point. New players have to be encouraged otherwise how do they learn to be better?

Years ago some 5 game days did not have prizes for teams who won the day, instead all prizes were drawn out of the hat. It was a much more social event, and more encouraging for new players. Now people are less willing to travel.

There are less 5 games days happening these days, which is not helping. Stacked teams don't help because it offends social bowlers, it is better to do a draw from the hat so everyone feels they have a chance. We also need to get past the mentality of social bowlers who think that they are not good enough, when that is frequently not the case. Social bowlers often underestimate their abilities. We need to get enjoyment back into the game.

President Angus asked everyone to really think about what we can do and bring ideas back to meetings.

President Angus thanked Callie Valley Association for hosting today.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 5.50pm.

Janet Stockel
Secretary QIBA Inc
14th November 2021

Angus Young
President QIBA Inc

RESULTS OF RESTRICTED SINGLES PLAYED AT LAWGI INDOOR BOWLS HALL (Biloela)

LADIES SINGLES

OPEN	Winner:	Caloundra IBA	Carmel Blyth
	Runner-Up:	Ipswich IBA	Diane Knight
CONSOLATION	Winner:	Nambour IBA	Janet Stockel
	Runner-Up:	Callide Valley IBA	Beverley Ellem

GENTS SINGLES

OPEN	Winner:	Brisbane IBA	Kyle French
	Runner-Up:	Toowoomba IBA	Angus Young
CONSOLATION	Winner:	Caloundra IBA	David Stoker
	Runner-Up:	Callide Valley IBA	Robert Ellem