

## **Minutes of the General Delegates Meeting held at Rockhampton Indoor Bowls Hall, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Following the AGM**

Senior Vice President Angus Young opened the meeting at 2.12pm, following the close of the AGM.

### **CONFIRMATION OF VOTING POWER:**

Committee of Management (4), Delegates (13), Proxies (10) = **Total: 27**

Note: Proxies in this meeting are only for secret ballots, not voting by show of hands.

To have a secret ballot, it must be moved and carried by the meeting to have such a ballot.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES (Delegates Meeting 5 November 2022)**

*Robin Cruikshank moved the minutes from the Delegates meeting on 5 November 2022 are a true and accurate record. Seconded Sharon Hancock. Motion Carried*

Carmel Blyth requested that "Shorty" be changed to David Stoker (p2 #17).

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES (COM Meeting 18 December 2022)**

*Janet Stockel moved the minutes from the Committee of Management meeting on 18 December 2022 are a true and accurate record. Seconded Sharon Hancock. Motion Carried*

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES (COM Meeting 10 January 2023)**

*Robin Cruikshank moved the minutes from the Committee of Management meeting on 10 January 2023 are a true and accurate record. Seconded Dulcie Casey. Motion Carried*

### **AIBBC MINUTES January 2022**

Minutes not distributed. These will be held until the July meeting.

The meeting was mostly to advise AIBBC about the changes to this years Nationals.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **INWARD**

- # 21 **Max Evans** – 2 price lists for polo shirts, for either uniforms or souvenir shirts
- # 46. **Ipswich** – nomination from Annette Dunstan was in this item also, but not noted on correspondence list.
- # 48. **Buderim IBC** – club closed, donated equipment to Gympie IBA after they lost their equipment in the floods. They donated the balance of their funds to QIBA.

#### **OUTWARD**

*Jenny Cruikshank moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward endorsed, seconded by Larni Stretton. Motion Carried.*

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

A meeting to meeting report (Nov-March) was not printed out. Not much happened in this period. This will be brought to next meeting.

Dulcie suggested we call the Buderim donation as a sponsor for the Nationals, with a mention in the score book.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **1. Sticky Championship Badges**

Secretary Janet been corresponding with AJ Parkes about the badges. Janet obtained a quote for uncoated badges. The manufacturer, AJ Parkes, recommended against not coating the badges, saying they could get scratched. Angus mentioned that the older style badges were engraved and colour filled. The meeting decided to get other quotes for badges. Angus said he would get a quote from where his lawns bowls club gets badges.

## 2. COMPULSORY PRACTICES

With the dates of the Nationals being brought forward a week the dates for the practices were discussed.

July 1 & 2	Delegates meeting and restricted Pairs
July 15 & 16	Compulsory Practice
July 29 & 30	4" Championships
August 5 & 6	Compulsory Practice
August 13 - 18	Sunday pm setup, Monday to Friday Championships

Jenny Cruikshank moved this be the schedule for this year, seconded by David Blyth. Motion Carried

Gympie Association is currently listed for the first practice. We need to confirm their hall is repaired after the flood damages, and that they are still happy to hold the practice. If for any reason Gympie cannot hold the practice, then Millmerran Association will be asked.

Millmerran is currently rostered for the second practice, however there was a discussion about holding the practice at Caloundra given that the Nationals start only a week later. This would give us the opportunity to have all the required carpets and bowls in Caloundra. We will contact Millmerran Association to confirm they are okay with this.

The format of the practices was discussed at the COM meeting 18 December 2022.

*It was proposed that we have one weekend as usual and change the other weekend. One proposal was grouping people into 5's, then playing a single and a four in one round then a pair and a triple in the next. The group decides who plays what. This could be beneficial to juniors especially, as they can get some guidance from more experienced players.*

The selectors present were against this format as it did not work well for singles players, both senior and particularly junior, as they are still honing their skills.

## 3. OCTOBER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Millmerran Association applied to host the 2023 October Championship, and also requested to have a permanent letter in to host the October Championships until they state that they do not wish to host them. They did not specify a location however previous years have mostly been held at the Pittsworth Town Hall.

There was some discussion about the wording "until they state that they do not wish to host them" as this locks out any other association who might want to host them. For example, the hall at Rockhampton is big enough to host October, however the longer drive might deter some players. Also, as October starts on Friday night, people would have to travel on Friday, which for some means taking Friday off work. This may not be feasible for some. The alternative is driving through the night, but that means arriving in the early hours of the morning.

We will respond to their email accepting their offer to host this year, but we could not responsibly accept their request to host every year.

**The dates will be October 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Nelson Thomas spoke against QIBA holding so many Championships. He does not feel that we would get any more people at Rockhampton than we do at Pittsworth.

It was said we could hold the events but not call them a Championship. Some people might not attend Championships because they might only get two games, when a different format might be better for players.

## 4. MAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Caloundra Association applied to host the 2023 May Championships.

*It was moved by Janet Stockel seconded Glenda Wilkinson that the offer be accepted. Motion Carried.*

**The dates will be April 29, 30, May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## 5. JULY CHAMPIONSHIPS

After some discussion, it was decided to write to Toowoomba Association to ask if they would be willing host the July Championships.

**The dates will be July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## 6. GALA WEEKEND PROPOSAL

The submitted proposal was discussed, with mixed reactions.

- Could be a drawn event, but not as a Championships.
- Needs a name change – 4” Drawn Weekend?
- How do we compromise on a format for maximum effect?
- First Gala went well, why did subsequent events fail?
- Bbq, Calcutta?
- There are 2 groups of people, those who come because it is a Championship, and those who come because it is drawn from a hat and feel that they are getting a fairer team.

We will look at this for next year. If anyone has other suggestions, please email to Secretary Janet.

## 7. UNIFORMS

There was a discussion of uniform components. Max Evans had obtained some pricing.

Carmel is in discussion with a supplier about pricing for Caloundra Association uniforms, Carmel with talk with them about the Queensland uniform - trousers, shorts, skirts -colour, style, cost.

There has been a lot of colour variation over the years from different dye-lots, in both the maroon and the fawn colour.

Robin Cruikshank moved that we do away with the blazer except for the COM. For presentation at nationals, the spray jacket to be worn. *It was decided to put this on the agenda for discussion at the July meeting.*

## 8. RESTRICTED EVENTS

### 8.1 PRIZE MONEY

There was a motion from the July 2022 meeting that for nominations of 5 or less there be a round robin instead of knock-out. After some discussion it was decided that the prize money be from First to Fourth.

### 8.2 EVENTS

There was some discussion about the format of the Restricted Events, some suggestions were:

- Associations being able to send 2 teams – 2 ladies and 2 gents for singles, 2 pairs, and 1 rink.
- That associations unable to field a team could join with another association who also could not field a team. It was pointed out that this defeated the purpose of a Restricted Event in which teams were representing an association.

It was also suggested that instead of the restricted event we consider other types of events:

- an open 4 or 5 game day, welcoming anyone who could send a team. There used to be 5 game days on most weekends somewhere, and now there are so few.
- holding some of the national events such as 6 bowl pairs or small bowls singles as an open event. As a state, the only 4” bowls we play are pairs and triples. Anyone going to Nationals and playing Singles for the first time, would never have had the opportunity to play 4” singles except in the team practices.
- There was some discussion regarding holding open fours instead of pairs in July.

*It was decided to put this on the agenda for discussion at the July meeting with a view to maybe changing the format next year.*

## **9. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**9.1 Team Dinner** - Saturday night? Sunday afternoon instead of dinner? We will be going straight into the Championships on Monday morning, so we don't want a late night on Sunday.

If we can organise the setup for late morning or early afternoon, and perhaps do an afternoon meeting that does not include a meal.

**9.2 Farewell Function** – something similar to what Tasmania did last year.

## **10. WEBSITE**

Secretary Janet obtained a quote for an updated website with a new provider.

*It was moved by Carmel Blyth seconded Cameron Hancock that the COM is give the authority to update the website.* *Motion Carried.*

## **11. MAY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Operational procedures to be updated with the most recent motion regarding the format.

## **12. PRINTING**

It was asked if at least two quotes were obtained for printed items.

## **13. SOUVENIR SHIRT**

Carmel Blyth presented an image sent to her by Sheree Lynam, as well as one Carmel had sourced.

Carmel and Sheree will obtain quotes and send them to Secretary Janet. It was moved by Annette Dunstan seconded Vallis Backhouse to authorise the COM to do whatever is required.

## **14. PLAQUE FOR HOLLY BLYTH**

A plaque was made up for Holly however it has not yet been presented. It will be done at the May Championships.

## **15. NATIONALS - UMPIRES**

There was a discussion about an incident at the 2022 Nationals.

One Tasmanian umpire appeared to be watching only Queensland teams and was also acting as a gofer for the opposing Tasmanian teams by fetching drink etc when they wanted it. This is not a part of umpiring responsibilities and is clearly showing favouritism. A bowl was taken off a player for being 1 second over, without showing the stopwatch for proof. This may have cost the team the win.

Umpires are supposed to be impartial, and this umpire was anything but.

## **16. SUB COMMITTEES**

There is a lot of difficulty in obtaining enough volunteers to fill sub committees. It was suggested that we change the wording to “up to 5 members”.

## **17. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

It was noted that at Championships not all of the COM are staying to the end in case they are needed.

If a person chooses to take on a position, then they need to accept the responsibilities of the position.

**There being no further business** Senior Vice President Angus thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting, reminding everyone that the Restricted Rinks would start at 9.00am tomorrow.

Angus then declared the meeting closed at 7.48pm.

*Janet Stockel*  
*Secretary QIBA Inc*  
*8<sup>th</sup> April 2023*

*Angus Young*  
*Senior Vice President QIBA Inc*