

## State Councillor's Report

Zone Meeting 15 July 2019

The following are the key points from last Thursday's State Council meeting, to which I was accompanied by Zone Secretary Mark Alexander. It was an excellent meeting, most of which was taken up by a presentation from David Ellis, the newly appointed Head of Sport & Operations (HOSO).

- **2020-2021 Calendar.** Will be released in early August following the next Board meeting. The first four months will be very congested to meet Bowls Australia's new deadline of events.
- **COP.** Should be released around the same time with some minor changes and, in time, reduced in its size.
- **Communications.** Reminder of the importance of all Clubs looking at BowlsBox regularly for correspondence/Circulars and logging onto the BNSW website to check updated Club membership lists.
- **Pennants.** Recommended that Pennants start on the weekend of 29 Feb/1<sup>st</sup> March. Friday, Saturday or Sunday at an agreed time. Zones can plan for 6 or 10 week programs. Double-header days are in order. The State Match Committee will look carefully at Club/Zone Gradings.
- **Inter-zone Series.** The Open and Senior Inter-zone series will be held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March as back-to-back events over 6 consecutive days to save on accommodation costs for country players. Will be held at Grandviews BC and Olds Park BC. Lots of discussion took place re this matter.
- **Over 40s State Pairs Championship.** A proposed new event for 40-59 year old bowlers received strong support. Will be introduced later this year and then held annually from thereon.
- Proposed inclusion of **Senior & Over 40s Sides** for Annual City v Country event.
- **BNSW General Manager and/or HOSO** will visit all Zones at least once per year to attend a Zone Meeting.
- Proposed forum with each Zone to assist Clubs with administration of forms for Association events and to have a better understanding of the COP.
- **Coaching Courses.** BNSW, in conjunction with Women's BNSW, will co-ordinate coaching courses across all Zones. A recommended schedule of courses was issued and has been forwarded to Peter Ward, Chair Zone 9 Coaching Committee.
- **Umpires Courses.** A similar situation to that of Coaching is likely to follow.
- BNSW to register with government for **Active Kids** program to allow Clubs to make use of the \$100 rebate for Juniors.
- The transfer of the **Website & Administration/Competition modules** to the new BA Bowls-Link system is ongoing.
- Proposed **2020 Club Conference** looks likely to be held in September 2020. Considerable feedback was received from the recent survey.

- **Membership Flat Fee.** Clubs were reminded this only changes by CPI and was introduced to allow Clubs to plan having funds available to pay the scheduled amount and to encourage Clubs to recruit new members at no additional cost
- Proposed **Bowler's Standard Survey** will ask a series of questions across a range of different age-groups – eg. what do bowlers want in regards the time length of games, number of ends, rolling of jack in social games etc.
- **BNSW Office Refurbishment.** A work in progress but running behind schedule so BNSW staff are currently working under difficult and cramped conditions.
- The importance of **Working With Children Checks** was stressed.

### General

Good luck to all Clubs participating in the forthcoming State Pennant Finals.

Congratulations to all who participated in the recent Zone Pairs and to the overall winners and runners-up. Well done to our Zone Match Committee and to Harbord BC for hosting the event.

I urge all Delegates to stress to their Clubs the importance of their members supporting and nominating to either the Zone Executive or the various Zone Permanent Committees in the lead up to our AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

I am always happy to discuss any points.

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