

Zone 5 (Greater Western Sydney) Bowling Association

Newsletter after Executive Meeting Tuesday 14th March 2023

For those unaware, the Zone Executive consists of

- President Andrew Frater (Lawson BC)
- Vice Presidents Stephen Della (Bowral), Simon Christie (Hazelbrook)
- Treasurer Col Appleby (Campbelltown)
- Secretary Gary Trevethan (Lawson)
- Committee Matt Hooker (Camden) & Carl Spilker (Bowral)

Business arising:

The committee has verified the most recent issue of the Zone 5 Constitution registered with Bowls NSW and similarly seeks most recent copy of regulations.

Any club possessing most recent copy of regulations is asked to forward same to Zone Secretary Gary Trevethan for review.

Zone 5 organisational structure has been issued to the 24 clubs identifying :

- Executive
- Match Committee
- Selection Committee
- Umpire Committee
- Junior Committee
- Coaching Committee

The Executive have corresponded with clubs identifying that it is considered there is no longer need for regular Delegates' meeting(s) during course of financial year. Advice to clubs is conveyed electronically as the occasion demands and the Executive have recommended their monthly meetings are summarised by newsletter advising of determinations made and relaying any information that Clubs require.

All information will be sent to the clubs President & Secretary and members who wish to view the newsletter directly are asked to please request this from the Club's President or Secretary, if not available to them from social media communications employed by Zone 5.

An issue or inquiry for Executive should be sent via email to the Zone Secretary for addition to agenda for monthly meeting.

Member Clubs are asked to please ensure that Zone Secretary Gary Trevethan zone5clubnews@gmail.com has the correct email address for the Club, President and Secretary.

Member Clubs should know that Bowls NSW under their new structure no longer hold have regional council meetings.

President Report

Nil Report.

Secretary Report

Gary Trevethan the Zone Secretary advised he had nothing to report.

Treasurers Report

Col Appleby confirmed January balance of \$49,880.47 with no recent income and expenditure for Zone uniforms.

Match Committee

Match Committee Chairperson Stuart Hutchison reported.

Zone Singles Entries – State **41**, Open Reserve **51**, and Seniors **36**.

Previous Season - State **60**, Open Reserve **101**, and Seniors **40**.

Zone 5 Pennant Competition has moved through 3 Rounds with no weather interruptions and clubs are reminded to upload their Pennant Sides by 1:00pm.

A couple of errors have been identified on Bowlslink record of events concerning reconstituted teams, which team has played which opponent etc. The latter is likely due to permitted practice of side managers “flipping cards” for team selection but not updating Bowlslink.

Match Committee has received quite a few queries about COP and umpire type decisions.

Zone 5 2023/2024 Zone season calendar was ratified at our recent meeting. It was then forwarded to the State Match Committee for approval which was received on 8th March, 2023.

The calendar has been sent to all clubs.

Match Committee ran a survey to all 24 clubs asking whether they were or were not in favour of having a Men's Divisional Pennant.

Pennant Competition. 9 answered YES, 6 answered NO and 9 No Answer. ZMC decided that there will NOT be a 2023 – 2024 Men's Divisional Pennant Competition, however, this will be on looked at again in the following bowling season.

Selection Committee

Chairman Bob Lang reported.

We have a second trial game for Open and Seniors Interzone teams to be played on Friday 24th March 2023 at 6pm at Wentworthville Leagues Club against Zone 10.

We will arrange to select players for Interzone at Maitland in May 2023 on Saturday 25th March 2023 and advise Zone Executive on Saturday.

First trial against Illawarra Zone 16 was a good day at Woonona on 26th February 2023. Zone 16 are keen to continue to have these trials annually between Zone 5 and Zone 16 which we have arranged over the past 8 years.

Junior Committee

No report received.

Umpire Report

No report received.

Coaches Report

No report received.

General Business

The Executive continues to seek event sponsorship(s).

The Pennants pre match administration concerning turning of cards and what teams are recorded on Bowlslink was raised in response to recent confusion.

23 February 2023 Match Committee verified by email to all clubs :

After several discussions with all that have advised of the "UNFAIRNESS" of our (Match) ruling, also advice of the rules of the game according to the Umpires Chairman and the closeness of the commencement of our competition the Zone 5 Match Committee have reversed their "RULING" as per below.

We shall allow the flipping of cards by the side managers if they then alter the Teams in Bowlslink prior to posting results (scores), preferably the Teams be altered in Bowlslink prior to the commencement of the Game. Failure by any club to comply with the above then reverts to Teams as matched in Bowlslink will play against each other, Team 1 v Team1 etc.

NOTE: For the Zone Pennant playoff series and how the State Match Committee determine the draw at the State Pennant Finals remains as per Bowlslink Team 1 v Team 1 etc. No discussion on the fore and against scenario's will be considered for the above Pennant Playoff's.

Next Executive Meeting

Tuesday, 11th April, 2023

Subsequently

Zone 5 Bowling Association – SINGLES

Extreme Weather this Sunday 19th March

Some Players have a morning BYE but have an afternoon game at 1:00pm.

The morning Singles games length may be reduced due to the new format of first to score 25 shots.

Zone wishes to ask ALL PLAYERS could they please arrive at the venue club by 11:00am.

If the morning game/s have been completed or are still in progress, enquire about rink space and commence your game as soon as possible.

Those players playing a morning game but have finished, could you proceed to your next game after a 30 minute break.