

Minutes of the General Delegates Meeting held at Graham St, Gympie, Saturday 4th November 2023

President Kyle French opened the meeting at 2.00pm, thanked everyone for coming to Gympie, and thanked Gympie Association for hosting.

Kyle called for a minute of silence for members who have passed this year.

VALE:

- Brian Dale (Maryborough) January 2023
- Vernon Langsdorf (Redcliffe) October 2023

Kyle then handed to Patron Robin Cruikshank for roll call.

1. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING POWER:

Callide Valley (Jenny Cruikshank + 2 proxies), Caloundra (David Blyth, Carmel Blyth, Glenda Wilkinson), Ipswich (Diane Knight, Annette Dunstan + 1 proxy), Nambour (Nelson Thomas, Lucas Evans + 1 proxy), Toowoomba (Errol Weir + 2 proxies)

Written votes for notices of motion only from Dalby and Brisbane.

COM: Kyle French, Robin Cruikshank, Angus Young, Max Evans, Janet Stockel, Sharon Hancock.

Committee of Management (6), Delegates (9), Proxies (6) = **Total: 21**

There are an additional 6 postal votes for notices of motion only.

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.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES (Delegates Meeting 1 July 2023)

Robin Cruikshank moved the minutes from the Delegates meeting on 1 July 2023 are a true and accurate record. Seconded Janet Stockel. *Motion Carried*

3. COM MINUTES September 2023

The minutes have not been completed. They will be sent out.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARD

292 **Kingaroy IBA** – requested a carpet allocation. We can send them one of the older carpets that is not suitable for Nationals. That way they do not have to transport it for practices or the July Championships. *Robin Cruikshank moved we allocated an older carpet, seconded Carmel Blyth.* *Motion carried.*

308 **Ros Richter** – receipt for hall hire, October Championships.

318 **Millmerran IBA** – An email was received from Sheree Lynam authorising the Millmerran votes for their delegates to be conducted on their behalf by a Caloundra Association delegate. Millmerran had not applied for any proxy votes for the meeting in the specified timeframe (7 days prior to the meeting), and as they would not have any delegates at the meeting they could not have proxy votes anyway. (constitution 24.6.b). They did not send written votes for the notices of motion.

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

5. TREASURERS REPORT

Meeting to meeting P & L and balance sheet distributed.

Sharon Hancock moved the Treasurers Report is a true and correct reflection of the accounts, seconded by Max Evans. *Motion Carried.*

Jenny Cruikshank moved the Committee of Management could removed their blazers, seconded by Carmel Blyth. Motion Carried.

6. FEES and EXPENSES

Registration \$20 (Senior & Junior) (\$10 registration, \$10 insurance)

Moved Jenny Cruikshank, seconded David Blyth. Carried.

Association/Club Affiliation \$50.00

Moved Annette Dunstan, seconded Jenny Cruikshank. Carried.

Nominations Restricted Events \$10.00 per player

Moved Jenny Cruikshank, seconded Sharon Hancock. Carried.

Nominations for State Championships \$10 per player per event, free for Juniors for Junior events, Juniors in Open events to be subsidised by Scarborough Account

Moved Sharon Hancock, seconded Glenda Wilkinson. Carried.

Honorariums

Max Evans moved that the honorariums remain the same seconded Sharon Hancock: Secretary \$800, Assistant Secretary \$200 (or paid to Secretary if no Assistant Secretary), Treasurer \$300. Motion Carried.

Honorariums are paid for the year just past, with the amount paid being the amount voted the previous year. The amount moved/accepted above is for the coming year, to be paid next AGM.

Travelling Expenses for Committees (COM, Sub-Committees and delegates)

Sharon Hancock noted that even though fuel has gone up, as an association we cannot afford to raise the travelling expenses.

Sharon Hancock moved that Travelling Expenses remain at 25c/km. Seconded Jenny Cruikshank.

Motion Carried.

Angus Young commented that if we are losing money then we should be looking at increasing income and/or getting sponsorships.

Another comment was that older members generally do not want to pay any more.

Restricted Events Host Associations to assist with the cost of hosting Restricted Events:

Carmel Blyth moved that the Restricted Events Hosting fee be \$400 (\$200 per day) for 2 days, seconded Diane Knight. Motion Carried.

All fees will be applicable 30 days after the meeting.

7. AIBBC MINUTES

Robin Cruikshank moved the AIBBC AGM minutes 2023 be accepted. Seconded Carmel Blyth.

Motion Carried

It was a very short meeting, only 45 minutes. All reports were moved/seconded without discussion, along with a report from the Australian Team Manager and Chairperson of COM Michael Andersch.

Future Nationals were discussed.

Open singles are to be trialled in 2025 in Warrnambool, Victoria, with the main draw containing junior singles, pairs, triples and fours. The open singles will be open to everyone, playing ladies singles and gents singles with Juniors able to play in either event. There would be a separate entry fee.

Singles to be played Sunday (sections of 3) and Monday (knock-out for winners of sections) with finals to be played on Thursday evening. The main event will still be Tuesday to Saturday.

Only 20 carpets would be required, plus re-allocations, making it easier to get venues.

There would be no pre-tournament.

The finer details have still to be worked out but will be advised in plenty of time.

There was some concern the states will have no further input into the planning.

It was suggested that as not all players will want to play singles, could the host state put on some kind of competition for those who chose not to play singles?

8. NOTICE OF MOTION - FROM NAMBOUR

That we trial a state team trial. This consists of selectors testing team combinations over one and a half days prior to the release of the team. Juniors are to play amongst themselves for the entirety of the weekend in a format at the discretion of the selectors.

There was some discussion and possible dates were queried. Would previous medal winners still be given a second chance? That is a motion and would not change.

The motion is not about the Selectors doing a bad job but giving them an additional tool to help them.
Nambour moved the motion, seconded by Angus Young. (10 yes / 17 no) Motion Lost.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION - FROM MILLMERRAN

This would be added to the current motion of “to be a Queensland selector that you must be a travelling selector”.

To be a Queensland Selector you must be an active playing selector. A Qld Selector must attend all 3 major Qld Titles: May Championship, 4 inch Championships and the October Championships.

This way you can still see any potential new players who happen to nominate for the Qld team and also still see how our younger players are progressing, regardless of where these events are being held. You are unable to do this by not attending these events.

The motion was moved by Annette Dunstan and seconded by Carmel Blyth.

There were no Millmerran delegates at the meeting, so no questions could be asked and answered.

It was finally decided that there was not enough information to be able to vote.

Annette and Carmel withdrew the motion.

Jenny Cruikshank moved standing orders, seconded by Carmel Blyth.

Motion Carried.

Carmel Blyth moved standing orders be rescinded, seconded by Lucas Evans.

Motion Carried.

10. DISCUSSION POINTS

10.1 GALA

Rockhampton Association has sent an email expressing interest in hosting a weekend event for QIBA.

The R & D.I.B.A. is interested in holding a Q.I.B.A. "Friendly" weekend next year.

Robin & Jenny Cruikshank have volunteered to run the games. The rent for the hall would be \$200 per day. Rockhampton is willing to do some basic catering. Also if we had the number of interested people beforehand we could probably organise a group dinner at one of the clubs for the Saturday night.

If Q.I.B.A. is interested in holding this weekend please let us know before the end of the year so that we may include it in our 2024 programme.

The format would be similar to the Gala Weekend, with teams drawn out of the hat.

There was some discussion on dates – mid April, mid May?

There was some concern about getting enough players to go to make it worthwhile.

Some people said they would not travel that far to play with people they don't know the abilities of.

Others said they would not travel that far at all. Why should they when Rockhampton people don't come south to attend any of our events?

This event is intended to be a friendly social event, not a championship. The aim is for people to come and enjoy some games of bowls and while winning is always nice, it should not be the end goal.

It was pointed out that the QIBA is here to support and promote bowls, it should not matter where that is or if the distance is a bit inconvenient for some people.

The dates of 20 and 21 April were agreed upon, Saturday 12 noon, Sunday 9am, rinks and pairs, 3 games per day.

Carmel Blyth moved we accept the Rockhampton offer with the dates of 20 and 21 April 2024, seconded by Angus Young. Motion Carried

There was no indication in the email of entry fee value or prize money.

It was suggested that if we want Rockhampton to host the event, QIBA then could contribute some prize money. The prize money could also be spread over a number of places, as this would be an incentive for players.

Perhaps 10 places, with sectional wins. Sectional winners would be ineligible for a place prize.

It was suggested that we could send a letter out to all associations to see if anyone is willing to put a bit of cash towards sponsorship.

Angus Young moved QIBA put in up to \$1000 to match whatever prize funds Rockhampton and other associations put in. Seconded Sharon Hancock. Motion Carried

It was said that we are just going to lose money on this. A response was that every event does not have to balance, you need to look at the overall. You have to spend money to get money. We need to look at increasing the overall income, not making every event pay for itself.

The potential here is to encourage more people to travel.

10.2 Round-Robin v Knock-out

There are currently 2 motions on the books for minimum numbers of nominations.

MOTION FROM FEBRUARY 2018, carried

When there are less than 8 nominations for an event in State Championships then a Round Robin will be played for that event. Carried

Looking back at this motion, it does not specify juniors, even though that was the discussion at the time, and it is how we have been applying it. Because of the wording, this motion currently affects senior games also. In the 2022 October Ladies Pairs a knockout was played with 7 teams, when by this, it should have been a round robin.

The question is should we change the motion to say it only affects juniors, or reduce the number to 5 teams to match the motion regarding Restricted Events?

*(JULY 2022, That for **Restricted Events** if there are 5 or less teams a round robin be played. Carried.)*

There were several opinions put forward:

- 5 teams for Championships makes more sense, as a round robin could be up to 6 games, and on a Friday night, that is a long night.
- State championships should not be round robins. The winner should be unbeaten, not the players who won the most games or got there with the best margin or ends.

The 2018 mention needs to be either amended or rescinded, otherwise it will still restrict the senior team numbers. The following motion was put forward to be added to the agenda for the March meeting: *That the motion from February 2018 be rescinded and the following be moved "When there are 5 or less nominations for junior events in a State Championships then a round robin will be played for that event."* Moved Max Evans, seconded Angus Young.

10.3 ROUND ROBIN PRIZE MONEY

From July meeting minutes: For juniors, it is more about the encouragement, it was suggested that they should be paid all the way to last place, even if it is only \$5 or \$10.

For seniors, as there are 4 prizes in a knockout tournament, there should be 4 prizes in a round robin.

Some opinions expressed were:

- In a junior round robin we should not be paying every player. While we want to encourage juniors, it is also about encouraging them try and be the best in that competition, otherwise how do you call it a competition? It is also about acceptance that sometimes you win sometimes you lose, the reality is that you will lose more than you win. You should not get a prize just for showing up.
- In a senior round robin with 5 or less teams we should not be paying 4 places given the low numbers of players, only winner and runner up. Seniors also have to accept not winning.
- Is there any other way to encourage juniors other than giving them money?
- Younger juniors might be encouraged by even a small amount of prize money. We want them to keep coming back and trying the next year.

Max Evans moved that prize money in senior round robins be first and second only, and for junior round robin events all places be paid. Seconded Lucas Evans. Motion carried.

10.4 RESTRICTED EVENTS

Newer secretaries may not know that they can enter a team in restricted events. Sometimes that kind of information is lost through knowledge not being passed down. We need to write a letter explaining how the events work and send it out, making sure it is clear that teams can be sent from any registered association.

- At the previous meeting it was suggested 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.
- We lose money on Restricted Events because there are no longer enough associations participating, is it worth continuing to hold them?
- It was suggested that instead of a restricted event in conjunction with a meeting that the host is given the opportunity to hold a 5-game day instead. It might promote more participation for the meeting and gives the host an opportunity to raise some funds.
- Members of associations are getting older and many no longer want to travel. Accommodation is also getting more expensive.
- It was suggested that for delegates meetings we could try doing them by zoom or Teams. The AGM should be held in person, but if the July and November meetings were held electronically, then the money saved could be used as prize money for a weekend of bowls.
- We could consider holding the Restricted Pairs and Singles on the same day, either in conjunction with a meeting or not. Next year the meetings are scheduled for Millmerran, Gympie and Caloundra. The AGM would still need to be held in person.
- Electronic meetings could be difficult for some associations/people who are tech-challenged.
- We do need to get more participation at meetings to enable a wider range of views.
- We could ask independent clubs if they would like to attend.
- A district competition was suggested (example: above the Range/below the Range, or North/South) with 15 to 20 people from each district.

Put a discussion point on the next agenda with regards to trialling online Zoom or Teams meetings in July and November and also a discussion about restricted events.

GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Phones/electronic devices

There is a motion on the books from November 2018:

“At all QIBA run events, all electronic communication devices shall be either switched off or on silent whilst in the playing venue. If on silent, devices should not be used or checked whilst playing a game unless special dispensation is granted by the Controlling Body. These include mobile phones, pagers, iPads, iPods/MP3 players, radios etc.

This motion is not being enforced, as people have been seen checking messages etc during games. We will put the motion on the bottom of event flyers for the future and read the motion out every event. If people see rules being broken, then they should be reporting them to the controlling body. It should not matter what rule it is. People also need to have some respect and consideration for other people and comply with rules of both the game and of conduct.

4.2 NATIONALS

Sharon commented that the generally Nationals ran really well. The Square was very useful. Sharon will query the RipCity Cafe regarding the percentage of sales they had indicated would be donated to us.

4.3 PRESENTATION OF BADGE FROM MAY

Carmel Blyth spoke on behalf of Bradley Stoker who won the mens singles at the May Championships. The badge had been misplaced and was not presented at that time. It was intended to be presented at the next championship however it was forgotten. At October it was going to be presented at the finish, however Bradley had already left. So that it would not be left to May, the badge was given to Carmel. Carmel expressed disappointment on Bradley behalf, saying that Brad could have asked for it, but felt

that he should not have to. It was commented that the COM has a lot to do on events weekends and that a reminder from someone would have been helpful. Kyle said he would arrange an apology.

4.4 OCTOBER DRAW

David commented that there should not have been a split draw.

A number of options were discussed regarding the availability of spotters for the first call, as people on second call frequently do not come in time to spot for the first call unless they are travelling with someone in that call.

One suggestion was doing the first round in sections of three, with the winner advancing into the knockout event. There was no mention of a consolation event.

It was also discussed doing the singles draw on the morning of the event with the published draw only having a list of the nominated players in alphabetical order so there could be no inference on opponents. There would be a starting time for first call and everyone then has to be there to find out if they are on first or second call, then people would be there to mark the games, assuming they chose to.

The mat draw can be done beforehand, and the cards could have team names already on them so that only mat numbers need to be added.

After some discussion the following was moved by Angus Young seconded Lucas Evans:

To be trialled October 2024 - For singles events at October State Titles the draw be done immediately preceding the event. Play to start as soon as practical after the draw. *Motion Carried*

4.5 QIBA CARPETS

Caloundra said that the QIBA carpets and bowls are still at their hall and when do we think they might be moved? Angus has looked at it a few times, but the weather either on the coast or in Toowoomba has been inclement. Angus will continue to try and schedule a weekend to collect the carpets, however has asked if anyone else was able to assist, it would be welcome.

4.6 SPONSORSHIP OCTOBER

A few days before the October Championships Sheree Lynam said her employer (Ridley Clifton) was going to sponsor them. At October Sheree stated the sponsorship was for \$1500. At a separate time Angus was told that it would be going to QIBA not Millmerran Association. The information requested by Sheree has been provided, and an invoice will be sent to Sheree for Ridley Clifton, but no money has yet been received. The company was advertised with banners etc at the venue, so the service has been provided and should be paid for as said it would be.

4.7 PLAYERS FOR AUSTRALIAN TEAM TRIAL

It was moved - Players attending the Australian Team Trials in January to be paid \$150 each.

Moved Robin Cruikshank seconded Diane Knight.

Motion Carried

4.8 TEAM PHOTOS

It has been heard that there were a number of spelling and grammatical errors on the team photograph. Annette Dunstan said she had sat down with Tayna to go through all the correct spelling after the first proof. It was noted that last year some people gave up on getting the photos they had ordered.

It was suggested we ask Tayna if she would replace the incorrectly printed photos and supply the digital version to those who had purchased it that way.

It was commented that we should see if we can get in contact with the previous photographer to see if he is still in business.

It was moved - that we contact Tayna and request that she replace the incorrectly printed photos and supply the digital version to those who had purchased it that way.

Moved by Max Evans seconded Lucas Evans

Motion Carried

It was moved – that we make enquiries about the previous photographer.

Moved by Max Evans seconded Lucas Evans

Motion Carried

President Kyle thanked everyone who helped with the nationals and apologised for not sending an official thank you to those who helped. He will get onto it. He noted that we need more umpires as always.

There being no further business President Kyle thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting, reminding everyone that the Restricted Rinks would start at 9.00am tomorrow. Kyle then declared the meeting closed at 5.45pm.

Janet Stockel
Secretary QIBA Inc
26th December 2023

Kyle French
President QIBA Inc

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RESULTS OF RESTRICTED SINGLES PLAYED AT GYMPIE

LADIES SINGLES

OPEN Winner: Caloundra IBA Carmel Blyth
 Runner-Up: Brisbane IBA Sharon Hancock

CONSOLATION Winner: Ipswich IBA Annette Dunstan
 Runner-Up: Nambour IBA Janet Stockel

GENTS SINGLES

OPEN Winner: Toowoomba IBA Angus Young
 Runner-Up: Callide Valley IBA Robin Cruikshank

CONSOLATION Winner: Caloundra IBA David Blyth
 Runner-Up: Ipswich IBA Russell Lumb

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REMINDERS for 2024

Toowoomba Carnival	January	Annand St Toowoomba
AGM	March	Pittsworth Town Hall, hosted by Millmerran IBA
Delegates meeting	March	Pittsworth Town Hall, hosted by Millmerran IBA
Dalby 5 game day	March	Dalby
Caloundra Medley Day	March	Burke St, Caloundra
July Championships	July	TBA
Caloundra Carnival	June	Burke St, Caloundra
Toowoomba 5 game day	June	Annand St Toowoomba
Delegates meeting	July	Graham St, Gympie, hosted by Gympie IBA
Team Practice	July	Graham St, Gympie, hosted by Gympie IBA
July Championships	July	TBA
Team Practice	August	Annand St Toowoomba??, hosted by Millmerran IBA
Nationals	August	Tanunda, Barossa Valley, SA
Toowoomba Carnival	Sept	Annand St Toowoomba
Oct Championships	October	TBA
Delegates meeting	Nov	Burke St, Caloundra, hosted by Caloundra IBA
Cal. Christmas weekend	Nov	Burke St, Caloundra

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE LISTED HERE, PLEASE ADVISE US.