

Minutes of the Delegates Meeting held at Toowoomba Indoor Bowls Assn Hall, on Saturday, 5th July, 2025.

President Carmel Blyth welcomed everyone to Toowoomba for the July Delegates Meeting and opened the meeting at 1.40pm.

President Carmel asked Junior Vice President Nettie Cooper to do the Presentation for the **Restricted Pairs** that were played today.

Open Winners:	Kyle French & Sharon Hancock	Brisbane IBA
Open Runners-Up:	Janet Stockel & Maude Telfer	Nambour IBA
Consolation Winners:	Annette Dunstan & Diane Knight	Ipswich IBA
Consolation Runners-Up:	David Blyth & Carmel Blyth	Caloundra IBA

President Carmel asked Patron Kyle French to read the Roll Call for the Committee of Management and Delegates.

Voting Power	Committee of Management	6
	Delegates	12
	Proxies assigned to Delegates	<u>5</u>
	Total:	<u>23</u>

Apologies: Angus Young

Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Delegates Meeting, held at Gympie, Saturday, 1st March, 2025

Maryanne Pearce moved that the minutes from the Delegates meeting on the 1st March, 2025 are a true and correct record. Seconded by Janet Stockel. Motion Carried.

Committee of Management Meeting, held at Toogoolawah, Sunday, 25th May, 2025

Diane Knight moved that the minutes from the Committee of Management meeting on the 25th May, 2025 are a true and correct record. Seconded by Nettie Cooper. Motion Carried.

Correspondence - Inward:

State Team

- 7 & 8.** Re: Uniform for new State Team Members/Uniform Shirt.
Janet Stockel asked if new Team Members would be able to acquire Spray Jackets for the National Championships in Warrnambool. Past players have been reluctant to loan their Spray Jackets this year, so it was decided that new Team Members could wear a plain maroon or a plain white jacket instead.
It was also decided that there would be just one Team Photo taken with all players in their Playing Shirts.
- 10.** Ben Fidler – State Team Forms. These were his Acceptance, Accommodation and Medical Forms for the National Championships in Warrnambool.

General Emails

- 1 & 3.** Norton – Re: Account/Feedback Request. This is for Security and Anti-Virus protection on QIBA Laptops.
- 5 & 6.** Mail Delivery System x 4 / Mail Delivery System x 5 – Failure to Deliver. A number of emails sent by the Secretary via the QIBA Email account have been “Blocked and returned”. This will be looked into to see what can be done to solve the problem.

Correspondence – Inward continued

8. Jenny Cruikshank – Re: Affiliations / Memberships. Jenny Cruikshank wanted clarification on Callide Valley Association Clubs and memberships status.

36. Russell Tavern, Dalby – Function Package. Information from Russell Tavern for Team Dinner on the Saturday Night of the second compulsory practice.

AIBBC & OTHER STATES

6. SAIBBA – Query on types of Membership. The SAIBBA has written to all states requesting information on the different types of Membership.

7. 2025 Merchandise – VIBBA has a number of promotional items for sale including Souvenir Shirts. These can be pre-ordered through the QIBA. Contact Secretary Annette if you would like to order one.

9. VIBBA – George Draffen – Farewell Dinner – Saturday 30 August. Notification that the VIBBA is holding a Farewell Dinner on 30th August, 2025.

GOVERNMENT ETC.

31. SMA – Drugs in Sport. Information on Drugs Policies. The QIBA has a policy. It and other policies will be put onto our Website asap.

Correspondence - Outward:

There was no Outward Correspondence List due to time constraints. A list will be sent out with the Meeting's minutes.

Janet Stockel moved the Inward correspondence be received, seconded by Graham Myers.

Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Anita Brown presented a Financial Statement as at 30th June, 2025.

Kaylene Weir questioned the \$50 Nomination Fee from the March Meeting Financial Report.

President Carmel apologized for not checking on this and will look into it asap.

Kyle French asked how the May 2025 Titles compared to the May 2024 Titles.

Dulcie Casey questioned the 'Premier Investment Account' (Nationals) and the 'Bonus Interest Savings' Account (Nationals) in the list of "Current Balances of Accounts". Both of these Accounts are for holding the National Championships in Queensland.

Anita Brown moved that her Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by Sharon Hancock.

Motion Carried.

AIBBC

1. The "Conditions of Play" for the Open Singles Tournament was received

2. There was a report received from Queensland's AIBBC COM Member Angus Young. It was tabled but no questions could be answered as Angus was not at the meeting.
 - His report contained information on the proposed Open Singles Tournament at this year's National Championships. It was noted that this is a trial for this year only.
 - There was information on the mat requirements and where to get enough mats for the Test Match to be held in Australia in May next year.
 - The AIBBC does not have a policy around requirements for 'working with children checks'.

There was a general discussion on the report and the Open Singles Tournament. Kaylene Weir commented that she has grave fears for the National Championships.

Kaylene Weir thanked Angus for sending through his report.

Kaylene Weir asked if Queensland was going to hold an Open Singles Tournament. It was stated that the COM will have to have a discussion after this year's event.

NOTICES OF MOTION

President Carmel asked for 3 Scrutineers - they were Nettie Cooper (COM Member), Don Smith and Mel Smith.

1. Notice of Motion from Brisbane Association

“That Uniforms no longer be required for Committee of Management for the opening of State Titles unless there is a dignitary there to open the event. If there is a dignitary there that the Secretary to advise the Committee a minimum of 7 days prior to the event as the host of the event should have advised the QIBA Secretary prior to this”

Explanatory note: This is all about saving time – if you are straight on after the opening, there is a lot of waiting while people get changed. If you are against slower players it makes the matter worse – people complain about waiting at State Titles, so this is a way to try to speed it up as well as not needing to take a uniform to wear for a few minutes.

Sharon Hancock moved the motion, seconded by Janet Stockel.

Vote: YES - 21; NO - 2 *Motion Carried*

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2. From the March Delegates Meeting

“That we change the Restricted Rinks to Restricted Triples to enable other Associations to enter”

Kaylene Weir moved the motion, seconded by Kyle French

There was a short discussion. It is hoped that more Associations could field a Team if the event was Triples instead of Rinks.

Vote: YES - 17; NO - 6 *Motion Carried*

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Please Note: The Restricted Event held in conjunction with the 2026 AGM will be Restricted Triples.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion Point

- Should we allow Independent Clubs to play in Restricted Events and be able to vote at Delegates meetings?

There was a lengthy discussion. It was said that the Independent Clubs pay the same Affiliation fees as Associations so do we give them the option to play and attend meetings? It was suggested that the QIBA should write to the Clubs and ask them if they would be interested in doing so. It will be discussed at the next Delegates meeting.

1. Official Uniform for Ladies on the QIBA COM

Janet Stockel commented on the white button-up shirts the ladies of the COM wear as part of the official uniform. She suggested that maybe a polo shirt could be made an option, therefore they could wear either a formal button-up shirt or a polo shirt. Kaylene Weir commented that all

the ladies had button-up shirts on today and it would be unnecessary expense to make any changes.

2. Re Queensland's National Championships SINGLES Notice of Motion to the AIBBC

Kyle French commented on the Notice of Motion that was passed at the March, 2025 Delegates meeting about returning the Singles Championships to the National Format in 2026. He stated that New South Wales would not be holding the Open Singles event due to lack of space in their venue and therefore will be going back to the National Singles Championship. (The 2025 event to be held by Victoria is a TRIAL only). He stated that the Queensland Notice of Motion could be withdrawn on the day of the AIBBC AGM.

Kaylene Weir had moved the original motion, and it was seconded by Maude Telfer – Kaylene Weir and Maude Telfer rescinded the motion.

3. State Championship Badges

Janet Stockel asked about the State Championship Badges that had the problem of the sticky resin. Secretary Annette stated that she had not been able to get to the Trophy Shop so there is no news as yet.

4. The Square

Sharon Hancock asked about the "Square" that was purchased for use at the 2023 National Championships. There was a lengthy discussion on how it could be used. There are fees associated with it's use.

Anita Brown moved "that we transfer everything over to the Treasurer and it gets trialled at the upcoming Compulsory Practice with the fee being paid by the user", seconded by Kyle French
Motion Carried

Please Note: The Square is for use for paying for Souvenir Shirts, Farewell Dinner payments and Open Singles Competition Fees etc. It is not for State Title Nomination fees – these are to be paid when the Nominations are sent in.

5. State Team Uniform

There was a *Lengthy* discussion on the feasibility of getting new State Team Uniforms. Several of the COM members have been in contact with a company in Laidley – Bluedogs Sports. President Carmel gave a summary of what could be sourced through them and the costs involved. The Playing Uniform would be made up of Shirts, pants, Jackets (or as a Tracksuit), vests and shorts. There was also a *long* discussion about Sponsorships and what could be done for Sponsors to promote them. There was a suggestion that we could have a Sponsors shirt that could be worn at anytime and then keep the playing shirt for the National Championships.

6. 2028 National Championships

There was a discussion on promotional items for the National Championships to be held in Queensland in 2028. One suggestion was a "Queensland" beach towel. Bluedogs Sports do promotional items as well.

7. 2028 National Championships Venue

President Carmel has contacted the Caloundra Stadium. She gave a summary of the costings - \$2922 per day at the present time - and what would be included in the cost ie: meeting rooms, PA system, exclusive use of the venue. This cost would be subject to a yearly increase for the next 4 years. They no longer allow BBQs or Bars to be run by the hirers. President Carmel stated that she will be contacting the Local Councillor, State and Federal Government members to see what Sponsorship is available.

8. AIBBC Registrations

Errol Weir asked if players names are given to the AIBBC when the States pay their registrations. No, they are not, Registrations are a flat rate per State. He also asked if a player can be registered with more than one state. Our delegates to the AIBBC AGM will get clarification at the meeting.

Marilyn Long moved Standing Orders be in place at 3.35pm, seconded by Anita Brown.

Motion Carried

Janet Stockel moved Standing Orders be rescinded at 3.58pm, seconded by Deanne Amarant.

Motion Carried

9. Start of Play

Kaylene Weir asked about the confusion at the start of play today regarding the sign-in time and the start of play time. She also asked for clarification on whether there should have been a bye or forfeit as the nominated team from Millmerran did not arrive by the designated time and did not inform the Secretary that they were not playing. It was decided that their nomination fees would be forfeited and a letter to be sent to Millmerran.

10. State Championships

David Blyth spoke on a proposal he presented, to bring the *May State Championships* back to the "Traditional Championships" (4 ¾" bowls, 24ft Carpets), a *June Championship* weekend (4" bowls, 30ft Carpets), a *July Championship* weekend (4" bowls, 30ft Carpets) and a Gala Weekend in October (replacing the current October Championships – a mixture of – 4 ¾" bowls, 24ft Carpets and 4" bowls, 30ft Carpets). He explained in detail what will be put forward and asked the delegates at this meeting to think about it and discuss the aspects of the proposal so that an informed vote could be had at the November Delegates meeting.

11. State Team Directive

Kaylene Weir asked about the "State Team Directive" that was mentioned in the minutes of the COM meeting that was held on the 25th May. This is the Directive that is sent out to players who have been selected in the State Team. It was found to be outdated and will be updated to cover any recent changes.

12. State Team Dinner

This year's Team Dinner is to be held on the 9th August, 2025 at Russell's Tavern, 1 Cunningham Street, Dalby. They have sent us a menu and we will get numbers at the first Compulsory Practice.

13. State Badges and New Trophy Boards

There is no further information regarding the State Badges. Secretary Annette will contact the Ipswich Trophy Shop to get an update.

The new Trophy Boards are progressing. We have 8 boards for \$105.

14. May State Championships

David Blyth commented on the late finishes at the May Titles, also the driving and the timing of some bowls. This was hard to keep an eye on as all Umpires were playing – playing Umpires cannot time. There is a need for more Umpires. There was a discussion on what could be done to enforce the rules. One suggestion was shot clocks but these could be annoying to other players/mats and may cause arguments. The cost and availability of shot clocks will be looked into.

15. Money Board Winners

Today's Money Board Winners were drawn. First and second prizes went to Graham Myers and third prize went to Maryanne Pearce.

16. Compulsory Practices

Janet Stockel asked if an email had been received from Shane Cashill outlining some different ideas for compulsory practices. The email was read out to the meeting.

Errol Weir stated that the Selection Committee has come up with an idea for the last game on the Sunday of the first Compulsory practice – a Triples game with everyone mixed up to get a different perspective and new ideas from other players.

Errol Weir moved that we Trial his proposal on the Sunday of the first Compulsory Practice with mixed up Teams, seconded Maude Telfer *Motion Carried*

17. Coaching for State Team Members

There was a discussion on how and when coaching sessions could be held.

Marilyn Long asked about Coaching in Toowoomba for State Team members. She was advised to write to the QIBA Secretary requesting a Coaching session. Players can approach Coaches themselves.

18. Honour Boards

Errol Weir asked how was the Honour Boards updating going? There are 7 years of information to be added to each board. Secretary Annette will contact the Ipswich Trophy Shop.

19. State Team Withdrawals

Marilyn Long asked how long do you give a player to pull out of the Team?

Players are advised of the process they have to follow when they are notified of their selection in the Team.

20. State Team Photos

The State Team Photos will be taken at the first Compulsory Practice in Toowoomba. The Photographer has advised that he cannot start them at 9am due to the time it takes to set up his equipment. He has suggested that he will be able to start taking the individual photos at 9.30am and the main Team Photo at 10am.

21. Second Compulsory Practice

The second Compulsory Practice on the 9th and 10th August, 2025 is at Dalby with the first game starting at 10am.

Dulcie Casey advised that there are no food shops handy so BYO lunch or you have to go downtown.

22. Warrnambool Open Singles Tournament

Nominations for this year's Open Singles Competition close 7pm Tuesday, 15th July, 2025. The nomination fee is \$10.00

23. Mats for July State Titles

There was a discussion on the mats needed for the July State Titles. The Associations with QIBA Mats on loan were asked to bring them.

24. Disputes Committee Requirements

Kaylene Weir asked who is the keeper of the Disputes requirements and who makes sure that the outcome is followed through. The Chairman of the disputes Committee should be the one to keep the records.. If there is a penalty from a Dispute, how do we know it has been enforced. There was a lengthy discussion on how and what should be down. The Disputes Committee Chairman will be contacted to follow up on the process.

25. Payments

Kaylene Weir asked if people are still paying their nomination fees on the day of competition. Only people who have been asked to fill-in are paying their fees on the day of competition.

President Carmel thanked Toowoomba Association for having us here today, for your work on setting up the hall and for providing afternoon tea

She also thanked them for hosting the first Compulsory Practice and the July State Titles.

There being no further business, President Carmel thanked everyone who played today and stayed for the meeting and closed the meeting at 5pm.

Diane Knight
Assistant Secretary QIBA Inc
7th September, 2025.

Carmel Blyth
President QIBA Inc.

Next Delegates Meeting

To be hosted by Rockhampton Association

Saturday, 1st November, 2025 starting at 1pm or at the completion of The Restricted Singles – whichever is later

Delegates names to be advised to QIBA Secretary by 7 days prior.

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RESTRICTED SINGLES – 1st November, 2025.

Nominations close 14 days prior to event (17th October, 2025)

Names of players to be advised to QIBA Secretary 7 days prior to event