

**The Hills District Bowling Club
Umpires Meeting Minutes
9am Friday 23rd November 2018**

Meeting opened at 9.03am.

Present Bill Norris, Graeme Drabsch, John Vassett, Peter Eagle, Ron Donaldson (*Chair*), Tony Bromley, Vin-Hoa, Don Hazeltine, Uwe Bendt, Barry Lemon, Steven Miller, Ian Miller.

Apologies. Kenneth Jones

1) Confirmation/acceptance of Minutes of 31st August 2018

Moved U Bendt, seconded G Drabsch result – agreed.

Business Arising

- a) Missing Bowls Measurer/marker DVD - Gordon Lark loaned out a DVD on lawn Bowls measuring and marking and respectfully requests its safe return should any of the Umpires have it in their possession.

U Bendt recalled having and returning the DVD, he also recalled that the DVD didn't work.

- b) pm Umpires car park signage.

There will be no change to signage. Where the situation arises where there will be a pm umpire, a check of the parking will be made in the am. *Serial parking offenders to be advised.*

Post Meeting Suggestion – it would be prudent if the umpire scheduled for pm duty and in need of a parking spot would remind the Bowls Co-ordinator prior to the event to reserve.

2) General Business –

Zone items

- a) Restricting the Movement of Players.

Umpires were alerted to some subtle differences between the Bowls NSW Conditions of play that apply to association events as opposed to those in the Laws of Lawn Bowls manual.

- b) Temporary markings (Stickers) on bowls.

Group discussion.

c) Movement of players at the mat end not delivering a bowl.

Group discussion

d) Umpires duties before games.

Group discussion

e) Markers and their duties.

Group discussion – suggestions

i) re-print Marker duties and re-paste on marker score card holder.

ii) refresh Markers of their duties prior to matches.

iii) Assign more experienced Markers to the higher graded matches.

f) Umpires Xmas Party. (Tuesday Dec 4th)

Umpires were reminded of the event. The requested \$5 meal subsidy was thought to be unlikely given that this has never been the case.

Other items

a) Peter Eagle highlighted an incident and from this raised the issue of play when inclement weather conditions exists to alert Umpires particularly now as Summer is about to start.

Group Discussion – with a review of Bowls NSW Conditions of Play that apply and to those in the Laws of Lawn Bowls manual.

A check is to be made that an Extreme Weather Policy is available and is in place at the Club.

b) Tony Bromley raised the issue of Bowls Australia approved sandals/ thongs being worn when playing bowls at the Club suggesting that they be banned.

Group Discussion – Umpires present agreed in principle. Some issues regarding the enforcement of a ban were raised e.g. How to manage visitors from other Clubs should they attend without alternate footwear and what of barefoot bowlers if one were to pursue a ban based upon safety grounds.

Tony to write a supporting letter to the Bowls Committee for consideration should this issue need to be pursued further.

3) **Next Zone Meeting** -- Thursday March 14th 2019

4) **Next Hills Meeting** -- TBA

Meeting Closed at –9.45am