

BOWLS SOUTHERN CAPE ROLBAL SUID-KAAP

Presidents report to Executive meeting 8th September 2012

May I start with my total gratitude to my Executive and my management committee who have stood by me and that we have worked like a team and all pulled in one direction and it has changed the face of bowls in the SOUTHERN CAPE. A special word of thanks to those at times, ordinary bowlers, that have offered their assistance to the District.

My report starts from the 9th August where the entire Executive (to be) got together at Kenako at 08h00 for a workshop, up to lunch time where all of us were able to brainstorm “our way forward”, all making a contribution and participating in the mornings session. The management committee members of Christine, Les, Laura, and Koos then joined us for lunch and after lunch we then afforded them the opportunity to brainstorm what they thought, could be done to improve this District.

The thoughts were amazing and everyone gave an input that later became our working document and a PowerPoint presentation was put together to be used as a starting point at the presentation after lunch to the delegates attending the AGM. This was completed by 19h00.

To summarize the most important decisions taken, that were ratified at a meeting after the AGM.

- 1. Membership drive from the Districts side, would be addressed by preparing and including a pamphlet for all clubs, that we as District are prepared to give a discount to all “first timers” for this year, and also reward those members that made the effort to recruit new members, and we would encourage clubs to do the same, that in the coming year membership would grow significantly.**
- 2. Badges for all district winners would be reintroduced and all badges not issued will also be made and presented to the winners and runners up.**
- 3. With the decision to save petrol, it was decided that conveners of standing committees would NOT be expected to attend meetings but reports would be made available to the District Secretary at least 7 days before the meeting, these reports would be sent to the entire Executive and management committee at least 4 days before the meeting for comment. This decision was also taken for the entire Executive and management committee that the length of meetings could be limited, as most of the committee members are still working.**
- 4. No communication from standing committees, management committees and executive members may be sent direct to a club. All correspondence will be sent through the secretary. This excludes any accounts to be sent to clubs by the treasurer and any Competition draws to be sent out by the competition secretaries, any other correspondence will go out under the secretary’s name.**

- 5. Christine's "absa mail" address would be closed with immediate effect yet this address is still being used by many clubs.**
- 6. The principal of players being selectors was debated and the status changed that no selector would be eligible for selection.**
- 7. Japie would get the selection criteria being used for 2012/2013 from the two conveners of selectors and it would be discussed with them as, it appeared that there was an inconsistency between the document and what was happening in practice.**
- 8. Selectors were discussed in detail and the letter form the PPA was discussed in detail and Japie, Johnny and Bennie from the PPA would head up an investigation into the ladies selection of squads and withdrawals of players in last year's medal winning teams.**
- 9. The letters from Outeniqua club would also be handled by the above subcommittee as it had to do with selectors.**
- 10. Communication in the district was discussed for a long time and it was agreed that something had to be done to improve communication at all levels.**
- 11. All the clubs would supply 5 cell numbers to be used in all sms communication/ reminders sent from the executive.**
- 12. The website would be updated and if not functional, a new web site created, that was practical and user friendly.**
- 13. The clubs would be divided between the Executive members and each club would be contacted by that member at least once a month and that exco member would be responsible for that club and ensure when target dates are not met by that club that exco member would obtain the information required.**

	CLUBS	FROM END AUG
1	BEAUFORT WEST	PH
2	CARNARVON	JdeK
3	GEORGE	LdeV
4	GREAT BRAK	PH
5	HARTENBOS	LdeV
6	HEIDELBERG	PH
7	KAROO PARK	JC
8	KNYSNA	JC
9	LADISMITH	LdeV
10	LEISURE ISLE	JdeK
11	MILITARY SPORTS	PH
12	MOSSEL BAY	JC
13	OUDTSHOORN	LdeV
14	OUTENIQUA	JC
15	PLETTENBERG BOWLING	CdeH
16	PLETTENBERG COUNTRY CLUB	JdeK
17	RIVERSDAL	CdeH
18	SEDGEFIELD	CdeH
19	STILL BAY	JdeK
20	VISTA	CdeH

14. The fixture book would be redesigned to bring the clubs open days into the book, thus making them more visible and to ensure that clubs in close proximity don't clash with festival days.

15. Our mission statement was issued as ----- Bowls SC is to create equal opportunities for every bowler to grow in the sport of bowls. Ensure harmony and effective communication and training to all our clubs and bring the "enjoyment" back into the game of bowls for everyone.

16. Our Vision with the following goals.

- a. With teamwork we will develop a selection policy and criteria for selection with integrity and fairness to every bowler.
- b. Coaching Clinique's: Groups of dedicated coaches will be arranging coaching clinique's within the district.
- c. Clubs will be involved with decision making in the District.
- d. The existing communication network like our web site, sms communications and direct communication will be improved.

17. OUR GOALS FOR 2012/2013 Are

- a. Clubs will be involved in decision making by personal contact
- b. We will welcome criticism but it must be in writing.
- c. Decisions will be faster but democratic and feedback will be given
- d. Selection criteria and policy will be made clear and be transparent and fair.(Selectors will not be eligible for selection)
- e. We will encourage a "winning atmosphere" within a team, as this will result in a winning team
- f. Communication with improved and better web site will be created/ updated and if necessary it will be changed.
- g. Sms data base established.
- h. Direct communication with the clubs by Executive members.
- i. Clubs having insight to fixture book/calendar before being published.
- j. A more user friendly fixture book to include the clubs open days in the calendar.
- k. Look into the costing of the Inter Districts, with greater PPA fundraising initiatives.
- l. Travelling costs need to be addressed.
- m. Membership drive to increase membership, and will look to every club to investigate ways to increase members.
- n. The constitution and by-laws will be updated and placed in one document.
- o. Investigate Sunday bowls?
- p. The formation of a Sub District, Central Karoo, to fall in line with the national constitution and provincial boundaries as stated in the national constitution and demarcation documents.
- q. We will be focusing on our shareholders --- OUR BOWLERS.
- r. We will be encouraging our Business leagues.(Within the parameters as set out by BOWLS SA).
- s. To get an enthusiastic council with accredited delegates that attend regular meetings for continuity of discussions and feedback sessions.
- t. A more enthusiastic and active environment of all clubs and players within the district.
- u. In summary COMMUNICATION, GROWTH, IMAGE and INTEGRITY.

LUNCH WITH COUNCIL DELEGATES

Lunch after the BSC AGM was time well spent and it gave the new executive time to listen and spend informal time with all the council delegates that attended in informal surroundings.

I also gave the new executive time to share our vision and goals for the year ahead with them and I would like to thank every delegate that took the time to enjoy lunch with us.

SELECTORS

The appointment of selectors after the resignation of the previous ladies selectors and the filling of vacant posts were done by appointing Dawn Hicks as convener of the ladies selection committee and then the appointment of Claudia de Hahn as the second selector and we have a number of nominations for the final position, which Japie will conduct the necessary interviews, and the final selector will be appointed in due course. The men's selection committee Peter Hudson was retained as convener and Piet Botha and Francis Williams were appointed, that completing the men's selection team and we wish them well with a very difficult job.

SQUADS

All squad members were brought back into the squad with the changing of the selectors and the recent filling of all the positions. It was agreed that the new selectors would be given the opportunity to look at all players and in such all players are still in the squad for the 14th October.

LETTERS FROM OUTENIQUA AND THE PPA

These have been addressed and clubs notified and the matter closed.

STANDING COMMITTEES

With the possibility of Kallie Haupt being elected as Vice President of Bowls SA it was decided to only appoint Standing committees after the Bowls SA AGM, and as predicted Kallie was elected Vice President. He had however already indicated his working for Bowls SC would only be on an ad hoc basis, but will retain the convener of the All Cape Tournament for 2013. We wish him well with his new task and we are convinced he will make a difference in bowls, being in that position. With that the conveners were appointed

- a. Greens- Vlam Basson
- b. Technical officials- Elize Nel
- c. Coaching, as Director and technical advisor district coaching - Peet Badenhorst
- d. Development—Michael Marques
- e. Development--- George schools- Johan Havenga
- f. PRO- Gerrie van Rensburg
- g. Marketing--- still to be appointed
- h. Ladies selectors- Dawn Hicks
- i. Men's selectors- Peter Hudson
- j. Media---- Jaco Visagie

As can be seen an amazing team has been put together and I trust that each and every bowler will assist where they can to make each of these conveners' job a lighter one

PORTFOLIOS OF EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Please see attached organogram.

BOWLS SA AGM

Summary and minutes available and were sent to the clubs.

I would like to thank the executive and the council members that gave Koos and I the opportunity to attend the AGM. It was great to see the “changing of the guard” and seeing one’s own representative getting in.—We thank you.

The executive in conjunction with George club gave Kallie a cocktail party on Wednesday night the 29th September.

DRESS FOR TEAM’S TO REPRESENT BSC AGAINST SANDF AND TEAMS TO PLAY IN WORCESTER

It was decided that the dress would be full provincial colors as the team needs to be dressed uniformly and after all they are representing BSC in these matches.

DONATION OF TROPHY

Mike Millard donated a trophy to BSC to replace one of those lost or misplaced and we thank Mike for his generous donation

MANAGERS REPORTS

These reports are still with the previous selectors and as they are the property of the district, letters have been written to these previous selectors, that all the managers reports are to be returned to the district immediately.

SPONSORSHIP

- a. Letter written to Petro SA for financial assistance for the U19 / U25 tournament.
- b. Letter written to Mossel bay Toyota for transport assistance for the Loerie team to Swellendam.
- c. Petrol for this vehicle donated by Theo van Aswegen.
- d. Japie is also negotiating with another sponsor.
- e. Sponsorship for our fixture book is also in hand
- f. Sponsorship for the All Cape is also in an advanced stage for a substantial amount.

SPORTS COUNCILS

This is a difficult part of my portfolio and all I can request from all clubs, if we as a District request information that we need to submit to the Sports Council, it is URGENT and an almost immediate reply is required as they always give us very little time to reply to them.

BOWLS DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

These books have been purchased and each member of the Executive will receive one and it is important that we all make sure we understand the contents, as DEVELOPMENT is each of our responsibilities and NOT just those on the Development committee

BADGE REQUEST ---DISTRICT WINNERS

Quote obtained and with the same money as quoted in George we can get a further 3 years badges and would like ratification that I can order the badges

CLUBS AGM

Les and Laura represented the Executive at the Plett club’s AGM and handed out trophies won by its members. Any club having an AGM and notifies the secretary accordingly, one of the Executive will attend to represent the Executive.

BSC MASTERS

These names will be announced in due course and probably soon after the SANDF tournament. We need to define as per the selection criteria for 2012 the "Presidents/U25 tournament"

TEAMS TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT

These teams will be ratified and announced only by the Executive

ALL CAPE 2013

From my side, may I make an appeal that we as a District, and the home District have maximum entries and request, that all clubs enter as many teams as possible, let's go for a record entry in 2013.

My special thanks to Elma, for her assistance while Christine was away for the way she kept up with the huge deluge of circulars and cell phone numbers to be placed in spread sheets. Also my personal thanks for her support over the past four weeks that has kept us in the office, at times from 06h00 until on average 02h00 the next morning but the paper volume has now subsided slightly. To Christine to the way she has kept up with me and my late nights, a huge thank you.

**TREVOR DAVIS
PRESIDENT**

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS STANDING COMMITTEE

Prepared by T Davis as I have handled the portfolio up to now but written in conjunction with Elize Nel

COURSES

A number of courses were conducted by Claudia, Trevor and Elma over the past two months.

Oudtshoorn

Vista (Mossel bay, Hartenbos, Great Brak, Vista)

Knysna (Plett club, Leisure Isle, and Knysna)

There were in total 25, candidates, 3 level two's, 12 level ones of which 4 also completed the Markers course, and 10 Markers.

2 level twos qualified, 12 level ones qualified and 8 plus 4(also completed level 1) markers qualified.

My thanks goes to, Knysna Club, Oudtshoorn Club, Vista Club and Hartenbos Club for making their club facilities available and providing teas, etc.

DATA BASE

The combined and updated data base listings were sent to all clubs for ratification and Elize also has a combined list.

ALL CAPE

Elize has requested the clubs to be used for the All Cape, that refresher courses can be done with all Umpires going to be used

STANDING COMMITTEE

Elize has nominated the following members of her committee:

Andre Bezuidenhout

Elma Davis

Pieter/Rose Potgieter

Claudia de Hahn (Executive)

I now hand over to Elize and wish her well with her task at hand and she must be assured that at all times I will support her in all her endeavors as TO's stays my passion

TREVOR DAVIS