

Bowls Southern Cape

Presidents report to Executive meeting 25th January 2013

I welcome you all back into what I know will be a great year for bowls in the Southern Cape, as Executives we were given the time to be with our families and even spend time out of the country where nobody could get hold of one. Well rested, and ready for the bowling year ahead let's take bowls to new heights in this, the year of the BSC All Cape here in our back yard, where everyone wants to play bowls and that is not only us from the Southern Cape it's all our surrounding Districts, so come on let's all put something into the All Cape to make it a huge success.

If I go on the total commitment and dedication of the District Squad as to the way everyone has come to "the party" all I can say is that I am astounded that everyone has rallied around and raised the much needed funds, I express my gratitude and appreciation to each and every one that made the effort to make this exercise a huge success. This is again proof of how much easier it is to all pull together, rather than pull against one another.

Management Committee. Again at this time it would not be correct if from the outset I did not thank my Management Committee for what they do for this district as if we talk about going that extra mile then they again in these few months have moved mountains for bowls in this district and I thank them individually for what they do for bowls and am sure not many clubs and club executives and even players have any idea what these members willingly and often at a cost to themselves do for our game BOWLS.

Communication This has been amazing how communication has become the talking point in many clubs and even in pubs after social games and even district games. If we all keep communication lines open there is no way that we cannot all know exactly what is happening in your district.

Web site

I can now say that after hard and long hours the web site was launched on the date of our last Council meeting (9th November 2012) and it has grown and I would compare to be better than any District web site, To "it4me" the web site developers I express my gratitude for the many long hours spent to try and meet my requirements for this site, Facebook was launched yesterday 23rd January 2013 still under Laura's profile but on our site and we are now trying to get Facebook to remove just our section to our web site. We are still in the process of scanning the past 4 years photos that they can be included in the archives of the site and that everybody can see them. The banner has been a problem and we are struggling to get a program that we can load at least 2 photos of each club within the banner. Well done to Beaufort West in winning the competition and will have place of honour as first club opened on the banner each time somebody logs into our web site until the club of the year for 2013 is announced later this year.. This is our site and we should all be using it and be going into the web once a day to investigate "what is new" and what is happening in the District.

Clubs are requested to send Elma any items that you would like displayed in your club site, this belongs to you the individual club and lets have your club days forms etc. that they can be loaded on the web that everyone can see them and enter your club days.

This success I must give all the credit Elma and Johan Erasmus for the many hours put into getting this to where we stand today. Both your efforts are appreciated and the web site is the living proof of your hard work.

I again appeal to everyone come on board and let our web site be a success. And let's make it a show piece for all clubs and districts, to want to log in, remember the more hits the more advertisers want to be part of the web page the more money generated for the district.

Standing Committees- with the resignation of Michael Marques due to being relocated I would like to express our appreciation for what he did and effort he put into this portfolio, we are very privileged to have been able to appoint Theo van Aswegen as convenor of **BSC Membership growth and Marketing Committee** and trust that he will bring new ideas and that Bowls numbers will grow in our district.

All Cape. I again wish the committee well with their efforts and request that every club ensure that they enter the maximum teams. Let us ensure that this is the greatest, biggest, most successful ALL CAPE ever and only we can ensure that. Entries are about to close and I know the committee has not yet reached the target number of teams, each of us from club presidents to ordinary members should be doing everything in their power to ensure that these committee goals are reached. Sponsorship adverts for the hand book have been slow in coming forward so I appeal to clubs to assist the committee in getting adverts for our hand book. It must also bring to the attention of the All Cape Committee that the Controlling Body for this prestigious tournament is The Bowls Southern Cape Executive and in such it would be the correct protocol that minutes of all meeting of this committee are supplied to the executive after each meeting.

Fixture book

It is hard to believe that this year the books printed were sold out within a week after printing. Thank you to all clubs and players that supported the sale of these fixture books.

Provincial sports councils and SASCOC requirements and meetings.

This is again a very difficult portfolio with short notice meetings and returns with no concern as to what is in our program but just expected that we have to attend, however we have no option and I will just have to sacrifice other meetings and practices to ensure that Bowls is represented at these meetings

District Academy

This is one item that I feel has to be addressed in the next few months and it must become a reality. My idea is that all emerging players become part of this structure with regular outings and a special program that all players that register for the Academy program will benefit from this institution.

Sponsorship

1. I am presently in very confidential negotiations with a sponsor which if it realises could be changing Bowls in the Southern Cape forever,
2. I am also in negotiations that could see 50 new bowls bags being sponsored for the District

Media

This stays a grave area of concern (and have repeated this section of my council report that it can be discussed) as when speaking to club presidents and members there are amazing things happening in every club, so each club should be willing to share the good with everyone that we can as a District boast with your achievements. Please we need to make a greater effort to get news to Jaco that it can be used in our District magazine and most of all, that he can get it through to the press. This, if everyone from management committee members or to club executives, the person supplying the report/photos will be given credit for their work, but it is imperative that Jaco is aware of what is being sent to the press. We have two media representatives on the Executive portfolios namely Johnny and Philip so please let them have your articles. This is important as you may place it in your local paper where ever that could be but your executive and Jaco as media representative never get to see your local paper. I request all clubs to please submit any articles that appear in your local paper to both the executive and Jaco. Elma Davis has been appointed administrator of the new web site and any of your photos or happenings should be on the web for everyone to see.

OR

We do away with the newsletter and clubs send all their news to Elma and that is loaded onto the web and I put out a monthly 1 page newsletter that is placed on the web home page, however we have to get more newspaper coverage and the two Executive members tasked with Media will have to ensure that this is achieved

Sports awards ----SWD

I would like to congratulate Koos as being the winner as Administrator of the year and the accolade fits what he has done for this district for years and always with enthusiasm and passion. WELL DONE KOOS

SA MASTERS

Once again Billy and Elma have been invited to the SA masters and Rozanne to the U25 Masters we wish them well and that they will enjoy the honour of playing at that level. Good Bowling and bring back the medals.

Coaching/Umpires and Markers registers

These are no longer available and can be down loaded FREE from the BSA web site. I would also like to thank Koos and Christine for the time put in to clean up this issue on the BSA web site. So let's give recognition to those that offer their time as both Umpires, Coaches and Green keepers by updating the registers displayed in the clubs.

Year-end prize giving

This has become a reality and will be taking place with the capping ceremony at Outeniqua bowling club on 3rd of March with a Marimba band that will be playing for two hours. The committee appointed for this event is under the leadership of Mariska Nortje , Wendy Murray, Christine Lombard and Elma Davis so you will see it's in good hands and all ladies hands so guys watch out "hier kom a ding". Invitations will go out this week for the winners of the 2012 district competitions and guests of honour and an impact speaker. Guests will pay R60.00 and players will not be paying as the PPA and the District will be settling this account as its long overdue that we give recognition to our winners. Watch the web and circulars for more details.

History of Bowls SC

I have tried unsuccessfully to get details of all our winners of past and present Protea/Springbok achievements and players that have achieved at National level but have been promised and yet still nothing materialises. There must be some members who can supply us with these names and achievements that they can also be placed on the web in the history of SC section PLEASE can somebody not let us have the achievements of players like Mike Steyn, Billy Radloff, Leonie Durand, and I am sure there are many other individuals that have achieved honours at our nationals and SA masters. Any information will be appreciated

Loerie tournament

This was a huge success with the men eventually winning this section. The plus point to me was the amazing camaraderie and sportsmanship displayed by everyone and the spirit that the BSC players acquitted themselves WELL DONE.

Meeting with the clubs and members of the Central Karoo

This meeting was held on 3rd December and was done in an orderly manner and well attended, and in the end 100% approval to form the Central Karoo Zone this should be initialized at our meeting today a date set for their elections and the formation of the new Zone.

Level 3 coaches

I would like to thank the executive for giving me the opportunity to attend this course last week and trust that I will have time to complete my post course project that is a very detailed and extensive research program that I have to complete in about 4 months

Cancellation of Tri angular tournament (letter from Boland attached)

It is with great regret that I bring this item to the table and report on the disgusting manner in which your Executive were treated with regard to this matter and I am concerned that this will have far reaching effects on the relationship between Boland and Bowls SC which has always been open and frank and to mutual benefit.

It writing this paragraph is one reason for my late report. However it is very clear according to documents and signed agreements between the two parties that “in preparation for each year’s Inter Districts we would travel to Worcester in December and as a reciprocal agreement they would travel to us in the January following our December trip to Boland” Boland however chose to not negotiate with us and chose to cancel the January section of the agreement after we had spent District monies and even a cost to every player that in good faith made their December tournament a success, and the future of any further bi lateral agreement will have to be investigated as to the absolute disregard to long standing agreement. We like all Districts are struggling to make ends meet but through communication long term and mutual benefits could have come up with a solution but Boland decided otherwise.

Worst of all Boland players and the possibility of administrators had before our date was cancelled officially had made enquires to play against WP on the same day that we were supposed to have played against Boland.

With this breakdown in a long term working agreement and the way it was done we should be exploring other ways of getting our teams prepared for the inter Districts

League

The league system needs to be reviewed and I would like suggestions from each member of the executive that these can be collated and a list sent to all clubs for consideration in build up to the council and workshop on 7th June 2013.

Managers symposium

A generic workshop for managers will be held on the 22nd of February at 18h00 to 22h00 at the Kenaco golf academy, in conjunction with SWD sport and I would recommend that all our mangers attend at a cost of R60 each.

BSC vs EP

This has been arranged at a cost of R60 per person which the District will pay, we also have two busses one for the ladies and one for the men which will again not cost the players anything as it has been sponsored, as it is seen as a team building exercise with an early start and a late return to George..

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