

AOBC OBLIGATIONS

Arising from the original suggestion that in future AOBC should accept responsibility for registering its members with Bowls SA, and the discussion paper by the AOBC President dated 12th. January 2013, the AOBC Committee has given further consideration to the matter. Additional enquiries have been made, and the AOBC Committee has identified several obligations which AOBC must fulfil. In doing so AOBC wishes to ensure that there are no disadvantages to ABC.

The obligations are:

1. All AOBC members must also be ABC members.

Currently there are 76 AOBC members of whom 39 are Full members and 37 are Associate members.

2. All AOBC members to be registered with Bowls SA.

Bowls SA Constitution, particularly Section 14, requires all Full and Associate/Social members of a club to be registered with Bowls SA, the current registration fees payable being \$44 for Full and \$27 for Associate members.

At the beginning of each bowling year Bowls SA sends forms of return to each club secretary. These are to be completed by the recognised club listing by name each Full and Associate member, signed off and sent back to Bowls SA with the registration payments due. Bowls SA expects AOBC to make its own registration returns and payments.

Recently AOBC has realised that its Associate members have not been registered with Bowls SA in recent years. Associate members do receive some benefits from Bowls SA membership. AOBC believes that it has an obligation to directly register its Full and Associate members with Bowls SA in future.

3. ABC shall not be financially disadvantaged.

AOBC has realised that under the future subscription renewal proposal in its President's paper of 12th. January 2013 the Associate subscription previously received by ABC would be reduced by the \$27 Bowls SA registration fee. AOBC regards this as unacceptable, and intends to compensate ABC for this reduction in income as described below.

Currently there are 37 AOBC Associate members. Thus under present circumstances the reduction in subscription income to ABC would be $37 \times \$27 = \999 (say \$1000). AOBC will make an independent annual payment to ABC when subscriptions are renewed equivalent to the Bowls SA Associates registration fees paid by AOBC. This independent payment could be categorised, for example, as "AOBC annual payment to ABC as a contribution to general maintenance costs".

The subscription renewal account components issued by AOBC to its members would therefore be as set out in the paper of 12th. January 2013. In the case of Associates the amount of the ABC subscription, on present figures, would be \$183, and the \$27 "reduction" to ABC would be compensated for as described above. Of course the figures will be subject to mutual review by AOBC and ABC in the light of future circumstances.

4. Transparency.

AOBC intends that there be full transparency and close liaison with ABC on this matter. The AOBC President has recently collaborated with the ABC club manager and treasurer to ensure that AOBC and ABC membership and payment records are current and accurately coincide.

AOBC Committee intends appointing a membership secretary to maintain its records. These records will be available to ABC, and it is envisaged that there be liaison between the AOBC membership secretary and the ABC club manager, and if necessary the ABC treasurer, to ensure consistency.

Conclusion.

AOBC believes it is obliged to make its own member registration returns and payments to Bowls SA, and that ABC must not be disadvantaged financially by this. AOBC believes the measures described above achieve this intention. AOBC commends these measures to the ABC Board and trusts the Board will find them acceptable.

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