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Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 18 November 2013 commencing at 4.30pm

Present: Trevor Quilliam (President), Ailsa Milburn (Deputy President), Grant Allford, Ross Bannister, Jan Booth, Neil Clark, Tony Fulton (until 5.40pm), Shirley Hay, Tony Kerrison and Rob McGuire.

Apology: Michael Eiszele.

Minutes: Moved: Jan Booth Seconded Shirley Hay that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2013 be confirmed. Carried.

Matters Arising:

Missing Trophies

The Secretary obtained a quote from Trophy Traders of approximately \$200 per trophy to replace the missing (or non-existent) trophies. He undertook to seek donations from Clubs or individuals who may be interested in sponsoring one or more of these trophies.

DJ Motor's Sponsorship 2013-14

BTS has now received the signed sponsorship agreement from DJ Motors on the same terms and conditions as last year.

Delegates Meetings

The only matter still arising from the Delegates Meetings was a question raised asking if a woman could play Thursday Pennant in the South and Saturday Pennant in the North. The Secretary has written to Bowls Tasmania re this question and has been advised that this is permitted however BTS believes that BT has not approved of this in its Conditions of Play or in BT Board minutes. (Note: Bowls Australia's Affiliation and Eligibility to Play Policy - Clause 6.2.1 states that "A player shall not be permitted to play Pennant for two (2) or more clubs which are each affiliated with the same STA (State and Territory Association) in the same bowling season unless specifically permitted by the STA under the conditions of play applicable to the event.")

BT Southern Director

Rob McGuire contacted Rosie Geeves to see if she was interested in nominating for the BT Women's Director vacancy but Rosie is too busy to do it. This matter was raised at the recent Regional Consultative Committee meeting and we can nominate a male Director instead if no females are interested else BT will appoint someone. It was agreed to make another plea to Clubs via the next BTS Newsletter.

Statewide Pennant Format

The Secretary has written to Bowls Tasmania and suggested that the format for both men and women be the same for Statewide Pennant. If no change is made, clarification was sought from Bowls Tasmania on whether the Women's Under 25 side is selected before or after regions have selected their sides. No response has yet been received from Bowls Tasmania.

Bowls Australia - Australian Premier League

The Secretary has not yet prepared a proposal for consideration at the next Board meeting to determine if BTS should consider a similar competition in Hobart.

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Wheelchair on Greens

Tony Kerrison reported on the authority to use a wheelchair or walking frame on greens. BA has a policy on this matter.

The large and usually rear tyres (pneumatic or soft rubber slicks) on wheelchairs, should have a minimum width of 45mm. Tyres must be smooth “slicks” or inverted tread tyres, for example a standard ‘BMX tyre’. The most suitable tyres for the small or front wheels are 200mm x 50mm with a pneumatic tyre or soft rubber slicks. If there are any doubts about tyre tread, as a temporary or precautionary measure, duct tape can be placed over the tyre to provide a smoother surface. In the case of particularly wet greens or other unusual circumstances, consultation and a common sense approach between the wheelchair user and club administrator or greenkeeper is appropriate. To further ensure there is no undue damage to the green, players should ensure a wide circle is taken when turning their chair on the green. The use of an electric wheelchair encompasses the above guidelines and measurements, with the additional consideration of the weight of the chair. This is of particular importance for the care of the surface where the green is wet or experiencing another unusual circumstance.

Walking frames can be used provided the walker does not cause undue damage to the green. To eliminate damage that may be caused to the green, the walker should preferably have wheels of 45mm and pneumatic as applied to wheelchairs or wide wheels that are smooth and without tread. If the walker has feet, each foot must have its own base covered with rubber or similar material. The base should measure at least 76mm across. Players are requested not to sit on their walkers while on the green unless each foot and wheel complies with the specifications above.

If at all possible Clubs should allocate an outside rink to players who use wheelchairs or walking frames to enable them to travel from end to end without going on the rink.

It was agreed that this information be put in the next BTS Newsletter.

Clash of Events

On 29 September 2013 the Secretary wrote to Bowls Tasmania seeking advice on whether or not there is a BA or BT policy in place that forbids regions from playing pennant at the same time that there is a BA or BT event on - or can regions organise pennant whenever it suits them? BT has advised that there is no BT policy as such but has advised that nobody should be disadvantaged by being involved in a BA or BT event. Accordingly if someone wanted to enter a BT event such as the Michael Hill Triples and therefore could not participate in BTS pennant, a Club would be justified in asking the game to be postponed to a date to be fixed. It was agreed that the Saturday Division 1 games next season at the time of the Michael Hill Triples be played as a double header either the week before or the week after the weekend of the Michael Hill Triples.

Statewide Pennant Arrangements

Concern was raised at the lack of information from BT re derailed catering requirements for Rosny Park at the coming Women’s Statewide Pennant on Sunday. It was agreed to contact BT as soon as possible to determine requirements.

Accommodation has been booked in Ulverstone for Statewide Pennant in March 2013.

At the last meeting it was agreed to reimburse players \$20 towards meals and travel costs to get to Statewide pennant in Launceston and \$50 per player to get to Statewide Pennant on the North West Coast, however, BTS paid \$30 per player for trips to Launceston last season. It was agreed to rescind the decision from last meeting and that players would be reimbursed \$30 towards meals and travel costs to get to Statewide pennant in Launceston and \$60 per player to get to Statewide Pennant on the North West Coast

It was agreed that Tom O’Brien and Ross Bannister would be responsible for the Under 18 Boys for Statewide Pennant on the North West Coast and that they will stay overnight in Ulverstone on the Saturday night prior to Statewide Pennant.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Sorell - Permission for Alan Waller to use bowling arm

Moved: Tony Kerrison Seconded: Tony Fulton that approval be granted to Alan Waller to use a bowling arm. Carried

Denis Menzie - Resignation from Green's Advisory Committee

Denis Menzie's resignation was accepted with regret.

It was agreed to call for nominations in the next BTS Newsletter for two vacancies on the Green's Advisory Committee. Grant Allford undertook to approach David McLean to determine if he is interested.

Cremorne - Permission for Wayne Newman to use bowling arm

Moved: Neil Clark Seconded: Grant Allford that approval be granted to Wayne Newman to use a bowling arm. Carried

Dover RSL - Concern at number of wash-outs on 17 October 2013

Discussion took place on this matter. It was agreed that not a lot can be done by BTS to avoid the washouts - closure of greens is a matter for individual Clubs and is outside the jurisdiction of BTS.

Howrah - Confirmation of a composite Division 3 Reserve side with Derwent City - Noted.

Howrah Amalgamation of Divisions 4 Reserve and 5

It was agreed to write to Clubs in Division 4 Reserve and 5 and ask if any were prepared to move from Division 4 Reserve to 5 (first in accepted). If no Club is interested the Divisions will be amalgamated for the last eleven weeks of Pennant. In either case:

- Clubs will keep all pennant points and shots as the currently stand.
- An adjustment will be made at the end of pennant for byes in accordance with Conditions of Play.

Kingborough Interpretation of Conditions of Play

Kingborough was concerned at the interpretation of Conditions of Play by the BTS Women's Match Committee on 17 October 2013 when permission was denied to move games indoors. The facts outlined by Kingborough were disputed as the BTS Women's Match Committee understood that the greens were not closed when permission was sought and refused. It was agreed to write to Kingborough acknowledging its letter and outline the situation from our perspective.

Cremorne - Coaching Day

Cremorne thanked Ross Bannister and the coaches who attended a "Come and Try Day" at Cremorne on 15 September 2013. Cremorne has requested Ross Bannister and his team attend next year's "Come and Try Day" on Sunday 14 September 2014 which has been agreed to.

Infringement Notice 9 November 2013

An Infringement Notice was issued by an umpire against Tony Vince at the Sandy Bay v Beltana Division One game on 9 November 2013. Reports from the Beltana Match Manager and the BTS Umpires Panel have been received. It was agreed to write to Tony Vince seeking his written explanation of his conduct on that day and re-consider this matter at the next BTS Board meeting.

Gordon Johnson (Tasman) - Permission to use bowling arm

Moved: Neil Clark Seconded: Shirley Hay that approval be granted to Gordon Johnson to use a bowling arm. Carried

Bowls Tasmania - Venues for State Championships January 2014

It was agreed that it is too difficult to make a decision on venues for the State Championships in January 2014 without knowing number of participants and the conditions of greens at that time. A decision will be made after close of entries.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Seeking players for Derwent City’s Division 3 Reserve side, Side Captains Guide, Draws for BTS Championships, BT Forum, Department of Sport and Recreation Seminars, Draws for Australian Open Qualifying events, Tasmanian Blind Bowlers, Statewide Pennant Roster, Amended Division 5 Roster and State Championship Entry Forms, Change of date for BTS Women’s Triples Championships.

Bowls Tasmania - Clarification of playing for more than one region, Clarification of policy forbidding pennant at the same time there is a BA or BT event on, Suggestion for changed format for Women’s Statewide Pennant, Non-selection of Jack Ellis in Tasmanian Junior Team.

Derwent City - Refusal to play more than four women in its Division 3 Reserve team.

Jan Booth - Approval to use bowling arm.

Moved: Tony Kerrison Seconded: Neil Clark that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

Reports:**Finance:**

Treasurer Tony Fulton forwarded his report to Board members prior to the meeting. He thanked Rob McGuire for filling in during his absence. As at 7 November 2013 we have received 1,949 registrations which is down on last year but the registrations are still coming in. Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Tony Kerrison that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted and accounts paid be approved. Carried.

Tony Fulton sought clarification on when a Club would be entitled to a refund of registration fees for a player who transfers to another Club during the-season. It was agreed that if a player has paid a registration fee to a Club which includes an affiliation fee (whether the player has played or not) no refund is payable to the Club.

Clearances:

Moved: Neil Clark Seconded Bannister that the following interstate clearances be approved and the other clearances be noted:

- Shane Baker - Derwent City to Glenorchy Rodman
- Eleanor Burge - Claremont to Melbourne (Club TBA)
- Lesley Cornish - Sorell to Rosny Park
- Brandon De Bamford - Taroona to Newport Victoria
- Jennifer Gordon - Rosny Park to Buckingham
- Jackie Knight - Derwent City to Glenorchy Rodman
- Grant Langridge - Royal Hobart to Buckingham
- John McDonald - Buckingham to Claremont
- John McLean - Dookie Victoria to Rosny Park
- David Miller - Brighton to Glenorchy RSL
- Robert Newton - New Norfolk to Beltana
- Rodney O’Brien - St John’s Park to Yamba, NSW
- Justin Plummer - Rosny Park to Claremont
- Chris Schofield - Oatlands to Sorell
- Elizabeth Woodberry - Buckingham to Howrah
- Dean Zantuck - Buckingham to Howrah

Carried

Match Committees:

Neil Clark advised that the Men’s Open and B Grade Fours Championships had commenced.

Ailsa Milburn reported that problems were being experienced in finalising BTS Women’s Championship matches due to inclement weather.

Umpires:

As per the attached report.

Discussion took place on playing of Division One players in lower divisions when a Club's Division One side had a wash-out. The BTS Umpires Panel believes this gave a Club an unfair and unsporting advantage. To overcome blatant breaches of "fair play", it was agreed to add a "spirit of fair play" rule to the Conditions of Play for 2014-15.

Coaches:

Ross Bannister reported that he had undertaken coaching at Ouse last Friday. At the BT Forum last week, Garry Beven advised that BT would undertake coaching courses for small groups if anyone was interested.

Forward Planning:

Draft BT Strategic Plan:

The draft BT Strategic Plan has been circulated to Board Members. Comments were requested by 30 November 2013 to enable a response to be forwarded to BT.

General Business:

Death of Life Member June Foster:

The Board noted with regret the passing of esteemed Life Member June Foster on 22 October 2013.

Bowls Tasmania Forum:

Approximately 45 people attended the Bowls Tasmania Forum held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on 14 November 2013. Concern was raised that the BT Forum was allowed to generate into a forum to air grievances against BTS.

Regional Consultative Committee Meeting:

Trevor Quilliam and Ailsa Milburn attended a BT RCC meeting at Campbell Town earlier the same day and reported on the outcomes of the meeting.

Mikayla Baker:

Concern was raised that Mikayla Baker is not a currently registered player but she is playing in the BA Australian Open Qualifying event and will play in the Under 25 team at the Women's Statewide Pennant next weekend. It was agreed to contact BT regarding this matter.

Date of next meeting: Will be held on Monday 16 December 2013 at 4.30pm at the Buckingham Bowls Club.

Meeting closed at 6.15 pm.

Confirmed Chairman: / / 2013

BTS Umpires Panel Report to BTS – 18 November 2013

The Panel provided two level 2 and 2 Level 1 umpires for the Men's Statewide Pennant event. This was a very useful exercise in providing valuable experience to the Level 1 umpires. Level 2 umpires were also provided for southern championship finals where required. Unfortunately the adverse weather has caused delays in most of the events to date.

The Umpires Forum held on Tuesday 29 October at Rosny Park Bowls Club was very successful. As there were no Law changes the main information provided was the changes to the BTS C of P document and a limited outline of future changes in umpire structure. The forum spent some very useful educational time discussing a variety of unusual scenarios that recently occurred.

In our last report the Panel mentioned the introduction of a new structure for accrediting. Since then the Panel has received verbal advice from the State Umpires Committee Chair Suzanne Rogers that it is required to cease all training activities. Initially The BT EO Steve Tomlin's verbal advice was to continue as normal to 31 December but subsequently he changed the verbal advice directing that all umpire training by the regional panels cease. The Panel had intended to conduct a training course for new umpires in late November. Planning for this and a reaccreditation course before 31 December has ceased despite the fact that the Panel has subsequently received a BA document which indicates new procedure initially commences from 1 January 2014. Panel members are a little perplexed as to what the future role of the panel will be.

One matter which has been drawn to the attention of several of the Panel members involves a potential problem where a Division 1 Skip played in that division one week, skipped a Division 5 team the next week, and returned to Division One the next. This matter appears to have been made worse by the fact that his normal Division 1 team had a washout in the middle week. The questions raised include whether this action was fair on the opposition's lower side. Was the Skip actually named in the team before the washout, did the club submit details of its division 1 side to the statistician. There is an anomaly in C of P which may allow players to be dropped from highest to lowest division which may allow Clubs to take an unfair and unsporting advantage. If no complaint has been made should this be reviewed in light of the unusually high amount of comment generated amongst players from many clubs?

Another issue that the Panel has investigated involves a foot fault call and subsequent verbal abuse from a player not directly involved in the matter. The Panel executive has discussed this with the umpire in question and has submitted a report on their review to BTS Secretary.

BTS Umpires Panel