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President: Trevor Quilliam

Secretary: Rob McGuire



Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 16 December 2013 commencing at 4.30pm

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

**Apology:** Nil

**Welcome:** President Trevor Quilliam welcomed Board members to the meeting, thanked them for their support in 2013 and wished them all a very Merry Christmas.

**Minutes:** Moved: Neil Clark Seconded Ailsa Milburn that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2013 be confirmed. Carried.

#### Matters Arising:

##### Missing Trophies

The Secretary is seeking donations via the BTS Newsletter from Clubs or individuals who may be interested in sponsoring one or more of the missing (or non-existent) trophies.

##### BT Southern Director

The Secretary is making another plea via the BTS Newsletter to Clubs seeking anyone interested in nominating for the BT Women's Director vacancy including nominations for a male Director instead if no females are interested.

It was agreed to invite all Southern BT Directors to attend any future BTS Board meetings if they wished to attend.

##### 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. No response has yet been received from Bowls Tasmania despite several reminders. As Women's Statewide Pennant has already started it was acknowledged that no changes will be made by BT this season.

##### Bowls Australia - Australian Premier League

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

##### Saturday Division 4 Reserve and Division 5

The Secretary wrote to Clubs in Division 4 Reserve and 5 and asked if any were prepared to move from Division 4 Reserve to 5. Rosny Park took up the offer and new rosters were drawn up for the two Divisions accordingly.

##### 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, the BTS Umpires Panel and Tony Vince have been received. Moved: Michael Eiszele Seconded: Grant Allford that Tony Vince be issued with a warning and that the infringement notice be withdrawn. Carried

BTS Greens Advisory Committee

The Secretary has via the BTS Newsletter called for nominations for two vacancies on the BTS Green's Advisory Committee. Grant Allford advised that he had approached David McLean who is interested in going on the Committee. It was resolved to appoint David McLean accordingly.

Registration Mikayla Baker

The Secretary reported that Mikayla Baker is now a registered player with the Beltana Bowls Club.

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:**

Ray McCulloch - Permission to use bowling arm

Moved: Neil Clark Seconded: Michael Eiszele that approval be granted to Ray McCulloch to use a bowling arm. Carried

Bowls Tasmania - Playing in more than one region or state

The Secretary has written to Bowls Tasmania asking if a woman could play Thursday Pennant in the South and Saturday Pennant in the North and has been advised that this is permissible. (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.") It is understood that BT Conditions of Play are silent on this matter and no BT Board resolution has been made in this regard - accordingly the legality of the response from BT is considered questionable.

Dave McCormick - Update BTS fax machine

Dave McCormick has suggested that the BTS facsimile machine used for results should be updated given the problems experienced this season. This matter is being looked at by the BTS Statistician.

Bowls North - Suspension of Andrew Appleyard until 31 December 2013 - Noted

Buckingham - Remove afternoon tea for Saturday Pennant

It was agreed to refer this matter to the next Delegate Meeting.

Bowls Tasmania - Venues for State Championships January 2014

It was agreed again 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.

Tony Vince - Infringement Notice

This matter was dealt with in "Matters Arising" above.

**Outwards:**

All Clubs – Divisions 4 and 5 problems, draws for various BTS Championships, entry forms for BT Junior State Championships, Women's Pennant and the French Holbrook Series, entry forms for the Bowlers with Disabilities Championships and Newsletter December 2013.

Bowls Tasmania - Non-registration of Mikayla Baker, 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, Venues for Men's State Championships January 2014.

Berriedale - Requirement to get approval for pennant play on new synthetic green.

Geeveston - Permission to play Division 3 Men in Women's Division 4 team.

Tony Vince - Invitation to respond to Infringement Notice.

Kingborough - Conditions of Play and refusal to permit Kingborough to change games to the Kingborough Indoor Centre on 17 October 2013.

Cremorne - Coaching Day 14 September 2014.

Gordon Johnson - Approval to use bowling arm.

Wayne Newman - Approval to use bowling arm.

Alan Waller - Approval to use bowling arm.

Ross Bannister Seconded: Ailsa Milburn that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

## Reports:

### Finance:

Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Shirley Hay that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and accounts paid be approved. Carried.

### Clearances:

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

- Mikayla Baker - Derwent City to Beltana
- Leonard Barker - Midlands to Oatlands
- Bradleigh Griffiths-Walker - Brighton Victoria to Glenorchy Rodman
- John Holloway - Cremorne to Howrah
- Daniel Hudson - Brighton Victoria to Glenorchy Rodman
- Derek King - Kingborough to Sandy Bay
- Geoffrey McLean - Mt Gravatt Queensland to Tasmania (Club TBA)
- Ian Young - Howrah to Queensland (Open)
- Lynette Young - Howrah to Queensland (Open) Carried

A question was raised whether or not John and Trudy Davis who recently transferred from Norfolk Island require clearances and if so what sort of clearances. The Secretary undertook to find out from BT.

### Match Committees:

Neil Clark advised that the Men's B Grade Pairs Championships had been completed with the final of the Men's Open Pairs Championships will be played on Sunday 22 December 2013.

Ailsa Milburn reported that, despite problems being experienced in finalising Women's Championship matches due to inclement weather, the Pairs and Triples Championships had been completed and all Women's Championships were now back on track. The draw for the Women's Champion of Champion Pairs has been done and the Championships will commence at Buckingham on 10 January 2014. The RACT DL Reid Women's Singles Championships will now be held at Claremont in April 2014 as the Sandy Bay greens will not be available.

### Umpires:

Tony Kerrison advised that several Clubs had members who were interested in becoming umpires but the BTS Umpires Panel is no longer authorised to undertake courses. It was agreed that the Secretary should raise this matter with BT.

OPSM is now sponsoring umpires in Tasmania and it is understood that part of its sponsorship is the provision of hats for all umpires. However only 25 hats have been provided to the BTS Umpires Panel yet there are over 100 umpires in Southern Tasmania. It was agreed to contact BT regarding this matter to determine what is happening in regard to the hats and query whether or not BT will be providing the remainder of the hats.

Tony Kerrison further advised that it will be difficult to provide the required number of umpires for all the events happening in Southern Tasmania early in the New Year.

### Coaches:

Ross Bannister reported that expressions of interest for coaching and selection courses have been sent to Clubs and a number of responses have been received. These responses will be forwarded to BT as soon as we have more names.

**Forward Planning:****Draft BT Strategic Plan:**

Following consideration of the draft BT Strategic Plan by Board Members, a response was forwarded to BT. Concerns raised by BTS included comments that "Participation across the state is strong", questioned the need for uniformity in all aspects of bowls across the state given that there is no uniformity throughout Australia, questioned why BT would be investigating options for conducting pennant competitions throughout the State when this is clearly not the domain of BT, questioned whether one set of Conditions of Play is considered achievable if pennant is included and requested a review of timelines as many appeared not to be achievable.

**Format of Pennant 2014-15:**

General discussion took place on the format of BTS Pennant in 2014-15. Neil Clark undertook to circulate information from Bowls North regarding recent changes made to its Conditions of Play addressing problems that have arisen since BN adopted gender specific pennant this season. The Secretary undertook to prepare an options paper for consideration at the next Board meeting before disseminating to Clubs prior to the next Delegates meeting.

**General Business:****Conditions of Play**

General discussion took place on what constitutes "exceptional circumstances" regarding Conditions of Play clause 3.34 and whether or not that Condition of Play should be amended to allow match managers to agree to play on an alternative surface without the need to get approval of the relevant BTS Match Committee Chair. Neil Clark undertook to consider these matters and come back to the next Board meeting with recommendations.

Ross Bannister suggested that Conditions of Play be amended in future years to limit the number of games to be played in a day for some championships - for example cross-over pairs and singles.

**Next Delegates Meetings:**

Moved Ailsa Milburn Seconded Ross Bannister that a combined Women's and Men's Delegates Meeting be held at the Derwent City Bowls Club early in March 2014. Carried

**Women's Roster and French Holbrook Series:**

Jan Booth raised concerns at the late notice given to Clubs advising them of the possible need to change Women's Division One games if players were involved in the French Holbrook Series. It was agreed that this needs to be considered when the roster is drawn up for 2014-15.

**Umpiring Decisions at BTS Men's Open Pairs Championships**

Discussion took place on several umpiring decisions made at the recent Men's Open Pairs Championships. Michael Eiszele undertook to attempt to get a written report on the incidents for discussion at the next Board meeting.

Date of next meeting: Will be held on Monday 20 January 2014 at 4.30pm at the Buckingham Bowls Club.

Meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

Confirmed ..... Chairman: ..... / ..... / 2014