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Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 20 January 2014 commencing at 4.30pm

Present: Ailsa Milburn (Deputy President), Grant Allford, Ross Bannister, Jan Booth, Neil Clark, Michael Eiszele, Tony Fulton, Shirley Hay, Tony Kerrison, Rob McGuire, Mike McHugo (Bowls Tasmania) and Chris Lee (Bowls Tasmania from 4.44pm until 5.30pm).

Apology: Trevor Quilliam (President).

Welcome: Deputy President Ailsa Milburn welcomed Mike McHugo to the meeting as an observer.

Minutes: Moved: Neil Clark Seconded Jan Booth that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2013 be confirmed. Carried.

Matters Arising:

Missing Trophies

Bernard Knight has offered to purchase a trophy for one of the Junior Championships. Bernard's offer was accepted. A decision on the purchase of other missing trophies was left until the next Board meeting.

BT Southern Director

One expression of interest has been received in filling the vacant BT Directors position, however, this has not yet eventuated into a formal application.

Bowls Australia - Australian Premier League

No further action has been taken on this matter as Rosny Park is running a similar competition in Hobart.

Clearances from Norfolk Island

BT has advised no clearances are required (national or international) for players transferring from Norfolk Island.

Umpire Accreditation Courses

The Secretary has written to BT advising of BTS concerns that several Clubs had members who were interested in becoming umpires but the BTS Umpires Panel is no longer authorised to undertake courses. BT has advised that a suitable number of qualified presenters will be in place by 1 January 2015 to deliver various levels of coaching and umpires courses. In the interim the BT Executive Officer intends to recommend to the BT Board that the personnel previously approved to undertake these courses be permitted to continue to do so until the new presenters are in place.

OPSM Sponsorship

The Secretary has contacted BT regarding the insufficient number of hats being provided by OPSM as part of its sponsorship of umpires in Tasmania. Only 25 hats have been provided to the BTS Umpires Panel yet there are over 100 umpires in Southern Tasmania. BT has advised that the hats have been supplied without embroidery and BT is currently arranging same. No response has yet been received in response to the BTS enquiry regarding the shortfall of hats.

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Conditions of Play and Exceptional Circumstances

At the last meeting, 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 advised that he has considered these matters but was unable to define what constitutes “exceptional circumstances”. It was agreed to consider this matter again when formulating Conditions of Play for 2014-15.

Umpiring decisions at BTS Men’s Open Pairs Championships

No written reports have been received on several umpiring decisions made at the recent Men’s Open Pairs Championships. Accordingly it was agreed that no further action be taken on this matter.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Jim Gardner - Resignation Chairman BTS Men’s Selection Committee.

It was resolved to accept Jim’s resignation with regret.

Berriedale - Permission to use new synthetic green for pennant and intention to play pennant on it for remainder of season.

Moved Tony Kerrison Seconded Neil Clark that out-of-session approval for Berriedale to use its new synthetic green for pennant and to play pennant on it for the remainder of the season be confirmed.

Carried.

Sandy Bay - Dispensation to allow Robert McMullen to play pennant finals without qualifying.

Resolved not to give dispensation as requested.

Sorell re B Grade entry into BTS Women’s Pairs Champion of Champion event.

In response to Sorell’s request to play a substitute in the Women’s B Grade Pairs Champion of Champions event, clarification was sought from BT and BA. BT has advised that once at national level replacements and substitutes are not allowed and BT has determined that players in Champion of Champion events must be the current Club Champion with no substitutes or replacements allowed. It was agreed that BTS Conditions of Play in 2014-15 incorporate this requirement.

Vicki Baker and Joan Middleton - Incidents at Women’s Statewide Pennant 24 November 2013

Concerns were raised at Women’s Statewide Pennant on 24 November 2013 regarding the eligibility of Mikayla Baker to play for the Tasmanian Under 25 team. Verbal confirmation was received on the day that Mikayla had been registered by Beltana (and this has been subsequently confirmed by the Secretary). It was agreed to accept the letter of explanation received from Joan Middleton regarding the matter and that no further action be taken.

Kingborough - Conditions of Play 3.21.

Kingborough has requested that Conditions of Play 3.21 be deleted in 2014-15 which would result in teams receiving any pennant points earned without the requirement that 50% of pennant games in a division be first completed. Moved Neil Clark Seconded Tony Fulton that this matter be referred to the next Delegates Meeting and be considered again when Conditions of Play for 2014-15 are being formulated.

Carried

Kingborough - Pennant games in the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre in 2014-15 season.

It was resolved that the BTS Executive meet with the Executive Committee of the Kingborough Bowls Club to discuss the rostering of pennant matches at the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre in 2014-15. It was further resolved to raise this matter at the next Delegates Meeting.

Bowls Tasmania - Minutes Regional Consultative Committee Meeting 18 November 2013 - Noted

Oatlands - Change uniform trousers from white to royal blue.

It was resolved to agree to Oatland’s request.

Kingborough - Change men's uniform trousers from white to black.

It was resolved to agree to Kingborough's request.

Abuse of Official at BT Men's Singles Championship

A brief written report has been received from an official who alleged that he had been verbally abused at the recent BT Men's Singles Championship. A response has been received from the player concerned. It was agreed to contact BT to determine if this matter should be dealt with by BT or BTS as this was a BT event. If the matter is to be considered by BTS then it was agreed that the BT Appeals Committee set up for the event (consisting of Neal Clark, Rob McGuire and Grant Allford) consider the matter with recommendations to go back to the next BTS Board meeting.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Women's Pairs Champion of Champion Draws and Amended Draws, Re-opening of Howrah greens and pennant, Berriedale - synthetic green for pennant, Board minutes December 2013, BT Women's Master Fours entry forms, Women's Over 60's Championship Draw and Amended Draw and Men's Singles draws.

Bowls Tasmania - Requirement for clearances from Norfolk Island, Umpire Courses, OPSM sponsorship, Eligibility for Champion of Champion Pairs, Requirement of Clubs for State Championships and Venue for BT Women's Master Fours.

Mike McHugo and Chris Lee - Invitation to attend future BTS Board meetings.

David McLean - Appointment to BTS Greens Advisory Committee.

Tony Vince - Infringement Notice.

Ray McCulloch - Approval to use bowling arm.

Moved Neil Clark Seconded: Tony Kerrison 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 Tony Fulton that the following interstate clearances be approved and the other clearances be noted:

- Pauline Connell - Beltana to Kingborough
- Horace Geappon - Berriedale to Derwent City
- George Johns - Bribie Island (Queensland) to Rosny Park
- Jean Johns - Bribie Island (Queensland) to Rosny Park
- Brad Knight - Sorell to Cremorne
- Wayne Lampkin - Claremont to Open
- Andrew McKenzie - Bruny to Sandy Bay
- Ian Mills - Howrah to Sandy Bay
- Barry Reeves - Beltana to Howrah
- Denise Reeves - Beltana to Howrah
- Lee Schraner - Brighton (Victoria) to Glenorchy Rodman.
- Nick Wallis - Mornington Civic (Victoria) to Rosny Park

Carried

Match Committees:

Neil Clark advised that the Match Committee had run the BT Men's Singles, Pairs and Fours Championships in early January 2014. There were good entries received for the Men's Singles Championships which are now down to the final 8 in the Open and the final 4 in the B Grade event.

Ailsa Milburn reported that the Champion of Champion Pairs had been completed and the Women's Over 60's Championship will commence at Beltana on Friday 24 January 2014. An amended draw had to be done for the Women's Over 60's Championship due to the non-receipt of entries. It was agreed that BTS needs to have a policy in place in regard to receipt of entries. Suggestions put forward included requiring money to be received with entries, bringing forward closing dates so that an entry list could be confirmed with clubs prior to undertaking the draw or requesting Club Secretaries to send an email when entries are faxed to BTS so that confirmation of receipt can be sent back to Clubs. It was agreed that this matter should be discussed further at the next Delegates Meeting.

Umpires:

Tony Kerrison advised that there had not been a meeting of the BTS Umpires Panel since the last BTS Board meeting.

One matter that had been raised involved the legality or otherwise of using a vaporised smoking device on greens. (A vaporised smoking device is an electrical device that simulates the act of cigarette smoking by producing an inhaled 'vapor' bearing the characteristics of tobacco smoke, but without the nicotine content.) It was agreed that as these devices do not use tobacco or smoke it is permitted to use them on greens.

Coaches:

Nothing to report.

Forward Planning:

Format of BTS Pennant 2014-15:

Neil Clark has circulated 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.

An options paper was prepared by the Secretary and circulated to BTS Directors prior to the meeting outlining six possible options for Pennant for 2014-15. Following discussion it was Moved Neil Clark Seconded Grant Allford that the following options for Pennant for the 2014-15 season be put to Clubs to consider their positions prior to further consideration at the next Delegates Meeting:

- Non Gender Specific - Midweek, Thursday and Saturday Pennants but with player protection measures as recently introduced by Bowls North or
- Non-Gender Specific Saturday Pennant only and allow opposite gender players from Division 3 downwards for Midweek and Thursday Pennant.
- Midweek Pennant to return to twelve players per team. Carried

General Business:

Bowls Tasmania Directors:

Both Mike McHugo and Chris Lee attended the meeting at the invitation of the BTS Board and both spoke about the current work of the BT Board and answered questions raised by BTS Directors. An open invitation has been extended to Mike and Chris to attend all future BTS Board meetings.

Mike McHugo encouraged BTS to develop its own Strategic Plan and offered to assist if required.

Error in Scorecard:

An error was made in the scorecard in the Women's Division 4 Howrah v Geeveston game on 16 January 2014. Both match managers signed the scorecard which showed Geeveston winning the game, however, Geeveston played one short in one rink and the 25% penalty for playing one short was incorrectly calculated. An amended scorecard was subsequently produced by Howrah which showed Howrah winning the game. The amended scorecard complies with Laws of the Sport of Bowls 46.2.2 by correctly calculating the 25% penalty for playing one short. Accordingly it was agreed that the amended scorecard will stand.

Condition of Howrah Green:

Concern was raised at the condition of the Howrah green which was re-opened in the New Year and is currently being used for Pennant matches. The Secretary undertook ascertain with the BTS Statistician the green ratings at Howrah since Pennant recommenced on the green.

Statewide Pennant in Burnie on 2 March 2014:

It was agreed that Saturday Pennant games on 1 March 2014 involving Statewide Pennant players would commence at 11am to enable the players to travel to the North West Coast later that day. It is the responsibility of the Club with the Statewide pennant players to arrange the early start. The Secretary is to advise Clubs of this requirement.

It was agreed that the Junior Boys and the Women could arrange to travel by bus with the cost to be met by players and from the travel allowance provided to players by BTS.

Team managers are required to provide the Secretary with names of players and whom they will be sharing accommodation with by Wednesday 26 February 2014.

Pennant Medals and Championship Bars:

The Secretary reported that he had approached Master Cast to provide medallions and championship bars and Trophy Traders for pennant trophies and engraving for the 2013-14 season. Master Cast has increased its price for pennant medallions by 20 cents each and it was agreed to accept the quote. The Secretary is still waiting for a formal quote from Trophy Traders.

Registration of Social Playing Members:

Sandy Bay queried why Clubs should register their Social Playing Members with Bowls Tasmania South. It was agreed that some Clubs did register their Social Playing Members whilst other Clubs did not. Social Playing Members are not entitled to play Pennant nor should they be permitted to play "social bowls" at other Clubs if they are not registered. If Clubs did not register their Social Playing Members there could be an increase in Registration Fees to cover the revenue shortfall that would occur.

Next Delegates Meeting:

A combined Women's and Men's Delegates Meeting will be held at the Derwent City Bowls Club at 1pm on Monday 17 March 2014.

Annual Presentations of Pennant and Championship Trophies:

It was agreed that this night be held at the Rosny Park Bowls Club (subject to its approval) on Monday 28 April 2014 commencing at 6pm. (Note: It was agreed that the presentation night was to be held on 21 April 2014, however, this is Easter Monday.) It was further agreed that the Secretary should seek approval from Rosny Park for same and get a quote for catering from them.

Annual General Meeting:

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 25 May 2014 at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club (subject to its approval) commencing at 2pm.

Date of next meeting: Will be held on Monday 17 February 2014 at 4.30pm at the Buckingham Bowls Club. (Michael Eiszele advised that he will be an apology for the meeting.)

Meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

Confirmed Chairman: / / 2014

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