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President: Trevor Quilliam

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Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Derwent City Bowls Club on Monday 17 March 2014 commencing at 3.20pm

Present: Trevor Quilliam (President), Ailsa Milburn (Deputy President), Grant Allford, Ross Bannister (from 4.30pm), Jan Booth, Neil Clark, Shirley Hay, Tony Kerrison and Rob McGuire and Mike McHugo and Chris Lee (Bowls Tasmania).

Apologies: Michael Eiszele and Tony Fulton.

Minutes: Moved: Ailsa Milburn Seconded Tony Kerrison that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2014 be confirmed. Carried

Matters Arising:

BT Southern Director

Marion Florence from Sorell has indicated an interest in filling the vacant female BT Directors position. Shirley Hay undertook to follow this up with Marion.

Umpire Accreditation Courses

No response has been received from BT regarding a recommendation that the personnel previously approved to undertake umpire accreditation courses be permitted to continue to do so until new presenters are in place by 1 January 2015.

OPSM Sponsorship

BT has advised that hats have been distributed to regions at an appropriate ration to the number of umpires in each region. There is no provision to provide more hats. Accordingly hats will not be provided to all umpires.

Format of Pennant 2014-15

It was agreed to defer a decision on this matter until the next meeting. The Secretary undertook to circulate to Board members results of the responses from Clubs and the recommendations from the BT Board on this matter.

Pennant games at the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre 2014-15

The BTS Executive met with the Kingborough Bowls Club Executive on Monday 3 March 2014 to discuss this matter. KBC is keen to use the Kingborough Indoor Centre to promote the Centre and the game of lawn bowls and would like to roster a number of pennant games in the Centre in 2014-15 at a time other than current normal playing times - for example a Friday or Saturday night. The BTS Executive supported the idea of amending Conditions of Play in 2014-15 to allow flexibility of when pennant matches could be played, however, the opportunity should be extended to all BTS clubs and not just matches at the Kingborough Indoor Centre. Perhaps in 2014-15 this should just involve A Grade or even just Division One matches? The BTS Executive agreed that it was up to KBC to get one or more clubs on board for the 2014-15 season before June 2014 so that BTS could build any such changed days or playing times into the roster when it is drawn up. The actions of the BTS Executive were endorsed by the Board.

Kingborough is interested in having more BTS Championship games allocated to the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre. KBC believe that the Centre should also be used more for BTS Championships when weather intervenes. It was resolved that this should happen and a recommendation accordingly should be made to the incoming Men's and Women's Match Committees.

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Abuse of Official at BT Men's Singles Championship

The Board considered a report submitted by the Disciplinary Committee set up to consider the abuse of an official by Josh Baker at the BT Men's Singles Championship in January 2014. Josh has accepted that he should not have abused the official and has apologised for his actions. He has written an apology to BTS and has requested that this apology be forwarded to the official concerned. It was resolved to accept the Disciplinary Committee's recommendation that Josh Baker be formally reprimanded for his behaviour and that no other action be taken against him. It was further resolved that BT and the official concerned be advised of the outcome.

Condition of Greens

At the last meeting, it was agreed that the Howrah green should be inspected by the BTS Greens Committee Chairman before any finals are allocated to the green. The BTS Greens Committee Chairman was subsequently also requested to inspect the Glenorchy RSL green.

The BTS Greens Committee Chairman inspected both greens on 25 February 2014. The Howrah green was timed as running at 12.5 seconds, there was little deviation of the bowls in motion, the surface was in reasonable condition and had recently been groomed. Although the surface was not of a very high standard the Chairman advised that there are insufficient reasons to deny Howrah the use of the green if one of their teams finished on top of the ladder in a lower division, however, he would not recommend its use for any other finals. The Chairman reported that the Glenorchy RSL green is in a poor condition and should not be used for pennant games next season until it has been approved for use. Moved Jan Booth Seconded Grant Allford that the Secretary write to Glenorchy RSL and advise them of the results of the green inspection and further advise the Club that the green must be inspected and approved before pennant games will be permitted to be played on the green next season. Carried

Annual General Meeting

Sandy Bay has confirmed that it will host the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Sunday 25 May 2014 at 2pm.

Glenorchy Rodman and Pennant Finals

Glenorchy Rodman previously raised concerns at the spread of dates for the BTS Saturday finals this year and has suggested that the Preliminary Finals be played on Sunday 16 March and the Grand Finals be played on Saturday 22 March 2014. Glenorchy Rodman may have had three men's teams finish on top of the ladder and doesn't have room to play all three games at home at the same time and was seeking to have one of the three games rescheduled to either a Friday night or Saturday morning if that happens. Both these matters were referred to the BTS Men's Match Committee for its consideration. The BTS Men's Match Committee agreed to leave the current finals dates as scheduled. Glenorchy Rodman only had two teams finish on top of the ladder so no decision was required to have one of its home games rescheduled.

BT Women's Championship Challenge

At the Regional Consultative Committee meeting on the 24 February 2014, BT gave approval for the Championship Challenge events to be played in conjunction with the Champion of Champion Singles and Pairs in the South. BTS will host the Open and Minor Triples, the Open and Minor Fours as well as the Over 60's and has invited both the North and North West to participate. These events will commence on Sunday 6 April 2014 at the Rosny Park Bowls Club.

Closure of BTS Umpires Bank Account

At the last meeting, it was agreed to close the BTS Umpires bank account and transfer any funds to the BTS General Account. This has not been done as the Treasurer has reconsidered this matter and believes that the bank account should remain open but with a float of just \$250. It was agreed to re-consider this matter at the next meeting when the Treasurer will be in attendance.

Reimbursement of umpire costs at Australian Sides Championship

At the last meeting, it was agreed to contact BT seeking reimbursement of costs for any BTS umpires who are required to umpire at the Australian Super Sixes and Sides event to be held at South Burnie Bowls Club from 28 March to 3 April 2014. BT has advised that it will cover the travel and accommodation costs of any umpires that provide their services for this event, however, BT intends using local umpires as much as possible to minimise costs.

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BTS Strategic Plan

At the last meeting, it was agreed to that BTS should develop a Strategic Plan with assistance from BT's Simon Morrison. Simon has agreed to assist and will fit in with a day and time to suit the BTS Board. It was agreed to have a Special Board Meeting on Monday 14 April 2014 at 4.30pm to start work on the development of the Strategic Plan.

Correspondence:**Inwards:**Kingborough - DJ Motors Women's Divisional Fours

Kingborough has advised that it has closed one of its greens for regeneration and can only host the DJ Motors Women's Divisional Fours at the Club if a combination of its remaining grass green and the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre is used. The BTS Women's Match Committee determined that the event should be held on grass greens and the event was moved to Rosny Park and the dates changed to 14 and 21 February 2014.

North Western Tasmanian Women's Bowling Association - Women's Championship Challenge - Noted.Claremont - Greens Markings -

It was agreed to contact all Clubs prior to the commencement of the 2014-15 season to remind them of rules regarding marking of greens.

Glenorchy Rodman - Sponsorship

A Sub-Committee of Rob McGuire, Tony Fulton and Grant Allford was formed to consider the sponsorship proposal submitted by Glenorchy Rodman.

Sorell - Confusion re format of pennant 2014-15.

Sorell raised concerns that the option of status quo in regard to the format of pennant 2014-15 was not provided by BTS in its original correspondence of 23 January 2014 but was included in its subsequent reminder of 19 February 2014. Out-of-session agreement was reached by the BTS Board that the status quo option was a default option that could also be considered by Clubs.

Bowls Tasmania - Badges - NotedBarry Fleming - Police Checks and Bowls Clubs

Barry Fleming has suggested that BTS seek approval from Tasmania Police to consider bowls clubs as charitable organisations for purposes of charging fees for police checks when working with school groups. It was resolved to refer this matter to Bowls Tasmania to take up with Tasmania Police on behalf of all Clubs in Tasmania.

Bowls Tasmania - Elections for BT Directors

BTS has been requested to have an election for a male BT Director for the coming two years. Advice of the elected nominee is required to be submitted to BT by 20 May 2014. Information has been forwarded to Clubs inviting nominations.

Bowls Tasmania - Southern Coaches Course

BT has advised Ross Bannister that Holly Simmons from BA will come to Hobart to conduct a coach's course. Ross has been asked to contact interested members and determine the best available dates and times for the course.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Women's Singles Champion of Champion Championship draws, clarification re Men's Midweek Roster venues Divisions 3 and 4, reminder re response re format of pennant 2014-15, eligibility of players for BTS finals, change of dates and venue DJ Motors Women's Divisional Fours, venues for Saturday Pennant finals, agenda for Delegates Meeting, details of Winter Coaching Program, teams and venues for semi-finals and preliminary finals Midweek Pennant, BT Director Position vacancy, Women's DJ Motors Divisional Fours draw and Women's Thursday semi-final teams and venues.

Bowls Tasmania - Travel and accommodation costs Under 25 Women's Team, reimbursement of umpire's costs to attend Australian Sides Championship, insurances BTS office and agenda for RCC meeting.

Berriedale - Remediation of dumping delivery on synthetic greens.

Vicki Baker -Reporting in minutes re incidents at Women's Statewide Pennant.

Stan Smith - Approval to use bowler's arm.

Tony Jones - Approval to use bowler's arm.

Trophy Traders - Acceptance of quote.

Tasman- Request not to schedule pennant on Australia Day long weekend in future referred to BTS Men's Match Committee.

Moved Ailsa Milburn Seconded: Jan Booth that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

Reports:

Finance:

Moved: Neil Clark Seconded: Jan Booth that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and accounts paid be approved. Carried.

Clearances:

Nil.

Match Committees:

Women's Match Committee - as per the attached report.

Men's Match Committee - as per the attached report.

Neil Clark tabled a letter received from Beltana requesting that the Mixed Red Division Preliminary and Grand Finals be moved from Kingborough to another venue due to concerns several of their players have about playing there. It was resolved not to change the venue and advise Beltana accordingly. It was further resolved to advise Kingborough of Beltana's concerns.

Umpires:

As per attached report.

Coaches:

As per attached report.

Men's Selectors:

As per attached report.

General Business:

Presentation of Grand Final Medallions:

The Secretary advised that as many Board members as possible will be required to present Grand Final Medallions over the coming weeks and requested their assistance accordingly.

Purchase of Laptops:

The Secretary has requested that the current BTS computer be replaced with a laptop to enable him to undertake his duties away from the BTS Office. The Statistician no longer has a computer and has also requested BTS to supply him with a laptop to enable him to continue on as Statistician next season (he has currently borrowed a computer to enable him to finish his duties this season), It was suggested that Denis Edwards may be in possession of a BTS computer and the Secretary was requested to investigate. It was agreed to refer both requests to the Treasurer and if he supports them it was agreed to approve the purchase of both laptops.

Tony Kerrison reported that he is in possession of



the BTS Umpires Panel printer but does not use it.

The Secretary undertook to compile an up-to-date asset register of all BTS equipment and the location of all such assets.

Bowls Tasmania:

Mike McHugo and Chris Lee provided a report on Bowls Tasmania activities including the following:

- The BT Board is now meeting monthly.
- Financially BT is in a better position now than it was twelve months ago. It is looking at obtaining better returns on money invested. New sponsors have been obtained and old sponsors have returned.
- The BT Strategic Plan has been endorsed and will be launched at the Australian Sides Championships in Burnie later this month.
- The Gala Presentation Dinner will be held at the Country Club Casino.
- All BT policies are being reviewed.
- Statewide Pennant will be revamped in 2014-15 and will include Open Men and Women, Over 60's Men and Women, Under 25 Men and Women and Under 18 Boys. \$10,000 in prize money will be on offer as a result of a new sponsorship arrangement with Veolia.

Date of next meeting: Will be held on Tuesday 22 April 2014 (Easter Tuesday) at the Buckingham Bowls Club at 4.30pm. (Ailsa Milburn advised that she will be an apology for the meeting.)

Meeting closed at 5.10 pm.

Confirmed President: // 2014



BTS MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

All championship events, with the exception of the Champion of Champions, have been completed successfully. Entries for the Champion of Champions close on Friday March 28 and the events will be conducted between the 7th and 17th April with the state finals being held in the north on 26-27 April.

Pennant finals are well underway and should complete on 5 April with the state finals to be played in the north on 12-13 April. Southern winners should be aware of the requirement for participating sides to be 3 teams of four (12 players only) (refer to pages 8 and 9 of the handbook for the conditions of play for state pennant finals).

BTS Umpires Panel Report to BTS - 17 March 2014

The Panel has had an interesting season. Reaccreditation of several Level 1 and Level 2 umpires were completed in September. Planning was commenced in October to offer new umpires courses but this didn't proceed. Bowls Australia have been working on a new structure for umpiring which is to include changes to training procedures. It is expected that the revised structure will be in place by 1 January 2015. In the meantime the bowls Tasmania Executive Officer and the Bowls Tasmania Board Chair has instructed the 3 regional Umpires Panels to put further accreditation and reaccreditation courses on hold until arrangements can be made to train presenters /assessors to oversee future courses.

As a result of these instructions the Panel's Accreditation Officer, Trevor Govey has resigned from the Panel. The Panel expresses its thanks for the valuable input he has made in maintaining the professionalism of the Panel.

The fallout from the BT instruction has also affected the State Umpires Committee with the resignation of Suzanne Rogers from the position of chair and Trevor Govey as the Southern Delegate. It is also understood that the Northern and North Western Delegates have resigned.

Another issue which has cause problems for this Panel is the Umpires Hat sponsorship from OPSM. In the negotiations with BT only 100 hats were provided to cover the more than 300 currently accredited Umpires in the State. The Panel received only 38 hats of various sizes. Some of these have been distributed to umpires who have recently officiated in BTS and BT events. The balance is held by the Panel pending a decision on how to distribute them.

There have been a small number of issues raised with and dealt with by the Panel including foot faulting and player registration.

Currently the Panel is organising the appointment of umpires to officiate at Pennant Grand Finals. During the season the Panel has provided umpires at various BTS and BT events. The Panel has also been asked to provide a small number of Umpires to officiate at the BA Sides event at South Burnie Bowls Club.

BTS Umpires Panel
16 March 2014

Southern Coaches Report for March 2014

Another season is over for most of our bowlers and we still don't have a Bowls Australia qualified person in the south to present and assess courses to qualify people as coaches. As a result, no coach's courses were run in the South this season. There is only one person in Tasmania according to Bowls Australia qualified to run these courses and she is based in Launceston.

We have a list of fifteen bowlers in the south who would like to do the Club Coaching course or the Selectors course so hopefully a course can be organised and run by Bowls Tasmania.

On a brighter note, some of the Southern Coaches panel members and I have visited several clubs this season to run coaching clinics for them. We have also been asked and run several one on one special bowls coaching sessions.

There is still the perception that bowlers think that after a year or two of playing they don't need coaching. Most other sports have more than one coach and have regular sessions where they train and practice not just turn up at the club, have a social game and a few drinks and then go home. Clubs and their committees need to change this attitude and get behind all their volunteers, Coaches, Umpires and members that work around their clubs and promote training.

This coming winter the Southern Coaches Committee will again be running two bowls coaching sessions on the first Sunday in each month in May, June, July, August and September 2014 at the Beltana Bowls club on their synthetic green. The first session is from 9 am to 12 noon and the second session is from 12 noon to 3 pm, these sessions are open to new bowlers through to division 1 bowlers. We will be covering everything from line and length to what shot to play and how to play that shot.

If your club would like to organise a coaching day for your members next season please fill free to give Ross Bannister a call on 0439 629 831 and we will organise a day to come to your club and run a session.

Ross Bannister
President
Bowls Tasmania South Coaches Panel
17th March 2014

MEN'S SELECTORS REPORT

Bowls Tasmania introduced a new format to Statewide Pennant in 2013/14. The State side is no longer part of the pennant and all State players now represent their region. Statewide pennant is also now played in all regions rather than just in the North. The host region fields a second side to eliminate the bye and all sides must include at least three Under 25's. This initiative gives regions the opportunity to provide those players, particularly the younger ones, vying for higher representation the chance to showcase their skills against quality opposition. Selection may change with the introduction of a Statewide Under 25 and Under 18 pennant in 2014/15, as proposed by BT.

The Southern teams performed well without much success but the selectors in Michael Eiszele, Phil Hobbs and Grant Allford are hampered by some of our best bowlers making themselves unavailable for a variety of reasons. On the points table the South ran third behind the other two regions. BT is also looking to introduce new initiatives such as a Statewide Pennant for Over 60's. BA and BT recognise that the majority of bowlers are over 60 and funding and sponsorship is being made available. This initiative will inform the selection of future State Over 60 sides.

In conclusion BTS recognises the contribution made by Chairman of Selectors Jim Gardner who sadly passed away during the season and thanks Michael Eiszele for taking over managing the team.