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MINUTES OF THE COMBINED WOMEN'S AND MEN'S DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT DERWENT CITY BOWLS CLUB COMMENCING AT 1.00 PM ON MONDAY 17 MARCH 2014

Welcome: President Trevor Quilliam welcomed all delegates and particularly Life Members Cath Smith and Joan Middleton.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Life Member Hedley Beechey, John Oliver (Glenorchy RSL) and Dellis Voss (Franklin).

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 45 delegates representing the following 27 clubs: Beltana, Berriedale, Brighton, Bruny, Buckingham, Claremont, Cremorne, Cygnet, Derwent City, Dover RSL, Geeveston, Glenorchy Rodman, Glenorchy RSL, Howrah, Huonville, Kingborough, New Norfolk, Oatlands, Orford, Ouse, Rosny Park, Royal Hobart, Sandy Bay, Sorell, St Johns Park, Taroona and Tasman. Board members Trevor Quilliam, Ailsa Milburn, Grant Allford, Ross Bannister, Jan Booth, Neil Clark, Tony Fulton, Shirley Hay, Tony Kerrison and Rob McGuire also attended. Twenty-eight interested men and women also attended the meeting.

Minutes: Moved Kingborough Seconded Sorell that the minutes of the Women's Delegates meeting held on 23 September 2013 be confirmed. Carried
Moved Glenorchy Rodman Seconded Sandy Bay that the minutes of the Men's Delegates meeting held on 23 September 2013 be confirmed. Carried

Business Arising:

Pennant in Two Regions:

At the last Men's Delegates meeting, a question was raised asking if a woman could play Thursday Pennant in the South and Saturday Pennant in the North. The Secretary wrote 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.")

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Match Committee:

As per the attached reports.

Neil Clark answered questions on why Clubs were asked to provide greens running between 12 and 14 seconds for finals, why Clubs with synthetics were overlooked for finals (except if one of their sides finished on top), why pennant games were rostered on long weekends as this caused availability problems for some Clubs, why Saturday Pennant finals were played over a four week period this season and why Saturday Pennant winners had to drop four players to play in the State Finals.

Ailsa Milburn answered a question on why Women's Pennant finals were played over three consecutive days this season.

Moved Cremorne Seconded Dover RSL "that the BTS Women's Match Committee consider changing the format of Women's Pennant finals in future such that they are not played over three consecutive days". Carried

Coaches:

As per the attached report.

Ross Bannister was asked if coaching for juniors will be undertaken during Winter. Ross advised that coaching will be undertaken at Buckingham, however, details have not yet been finalised.

Umpires:

As per the attached report.

Tony Kerrison confirmed that umpires due for re-accreditation before 1 January 2015 will be re-accredited.

Selection Committee:

As per the attached report.

MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE BTS BOARD:

Format of Pennant 2014-15:

The Board of Bowls Tasmania South is considering its options and sought directions from clubs as to the format clubs would like to see for pennant in 2014-15. Falling numbers of members and the difficulties experienced by many clubs in fielding pennant teams in 2013-14 has led Bowls Tasmania South to consider the following options for Pennant in 2014-15:

- Non-Gender Specific - Midweek, Thursday and Saturday pennants but with player protection measures (particularly for Thursday pennant); or
- Non-Gender Specific Saturday pennant only and allow opposite gender players from Division 3 downwards for Midweek and Thursday pennant.

- Maintain the status quo.
- Midweek pennant to return to twelve players per team.

Responses were received from 26 clubs with 10 (38%) voting for non-gender specific pennant across the board, 3 (12%) voting for non-gender specific pennant on Saturday only and 13 (50%) voting to maintain the status quo. There was much discussion on the question of maintaining the status quo as not all Clubs considered it an option as it wasn't one of the original choices sent out to Clubs.

Moved Sandy Bay Seconded Howrah "that the BTS Board makes decisions in the best interest of bowls in Southern Tasmania on the format of pennant for 2014-15 based on information provided by the Clubs".

Carried

Moved Howrah Seconded Berriedale "that the BTS Board makes decisions in the best interest of bowls in Southern Tasmania on the number of players in Midweek Pennant teams for 2014-15 based on information provided by the Clubs".

Carried

Discontinuance of Afternoon Tea 2014-15:

Buckingham has requested BTS to recommend to Clubs that they are no longer obliged to provide afternoon tea for Saturday Pennant. It was agreed that BTS would not direct Clubs in this direction and that provision of afternoon teas should be on a voluntary basis only. Clubs requested BTS to ascertain if any Clubs are not going to provide afternoon tea next season and advise all Clubs accordingly so that members can bring something to eat if they wish to.

Abolition of Condition of Play 3.21:

Kingborough has requested BTS to abolish Conditions of Play 3.21 which reads as follows:

3.21 In each section or Division, as applicable, when 50% or more of the pennant games on any one-day are played, points shall be allotted for all completed matches. Points for incomplete matches shall be shared. When more than 50% of the scheduled matches are cancelled because of inclement weather, all matches will be deemed incomplete and the points shared. Where a split round is included in the roster, all matches are considered to have been played on the one day.

It was resolved to amend Conditions of Play 3.21 next season to remove the requirement that 50% or more of the pennant games in a Division be completed before points are allocated.

Rostering of Pennant Games at Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre:

Kingborough has requested BTS to play pennant games in the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre at times other than current normal playing times. Kingborough is keen to use the 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 on a Friday or Saturday night. The BTS Executive supports 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 have agreed that it is 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.

Policy re receipt of BTS Championship entries:

The BTS Secretary reported that on several occasions this season, BTS Championship draws had to be re-done due to the non-receipt of entries from Clubs. It has been 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, accept entries by email only, bringing forward closing dates so that an entry list could be confirmed with clubs prior to undertaking the draw, confirmation of receipt of entries with Club 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. Most suggestions would require more time after close of entries before doing the draw. It was also suggested that BTS need to do more to market Championship events. It was agreed that BTS should develop a policy regarding receipt of Championship entries.

Men's Champion of Champion Championships:

Clubs were reminded that entries for the Men's Singles and Pairs Champion of Champion 2013-14 events close on 28 March 2014.

Return of Perpetual Trophies:

The Secretary requested that Clubs and individuals holding BTS perpetual trophies return them to Bowls Tasmania South or the Hobart Bowls Centre by the end of March 2014.

BTS Presentation Night:

The BTS Presentation Night will be held at the Rosny Park Bowls Club on Monday 28 April 2014.

BTS Annual General Meeting:

The BTS Annual General Meeting will be held at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club on Sunday 25 May 2014.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Office Bearers:

President Trevor Quilliam advised that he will not be seeking re-election after three years as BTS President. He also advised that the positions of Chairs of the Men's March Committee and the Women's Match Committee and the BTS Publicity Officer would also be vacant next season and he encouraged Clubs to nominate people to fill these important BTS positions.

Dumping Deliveries and Synthetic Greens:

Berriedale raised the problem of damage caused to synthetic greens caused by dumping deliveries. It is developing information to help educate the bowling community about the problems caused by dumping deliveries and the mechanisms available to assist bowlers- including a dumping mats and bowling arms.

Membership Forum:

Bruny suggested that BTS should conduct a membership forum to discuss ways of increasing membership at Clubs.

Eligibility for Finals Restrictions:

Rosny Park advised that restrictions in the last six roster games caused problems for the Club. Is there a better way of calculating eligibility for finals - perhaps using a percentage of games played rather than a specific number of games?

Identification of Midweek Pennant Players:

Sorell suggested that "A" and "B" Grade players should be identified on Midweek Pennant team sheets.

Inadequate Shelter:

Kingborough raised the issue of inadequate shelter at Buckingham and Dover RSL.

Women's B Grade Pairs Championships:

Cygnets raised the issue of greens not being mowed and rolled for the Women's B Grade Pairs Finals held at Rosny Park.

As there was no further business the President closed the meeting at 3.10 pm, thanked all delegates for their attendance and participation and thanked the Derwent City Bowls Club for making its facilities available for the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: September 2014 – day and venue to be advised.

BTS MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT FOR DELEGATES MEETING 17 MARCH 2014

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).

FOR THOSE OF YOU WITH GAMES LEFT TO PLAY, GOOD BOWLING FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON, WINTER WELL AND COME BACK NEXT YEAR BETTER THAN EVER.

WOMENS MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT - MARCH 2014

BUCKINGHAM HOSTED THE CHAMPION OF CHAMPION SINGLES AT THE END FEBRUARY AND THE OPEN WINNER WAS VICKI BANNISTER OF KINGBOROUGH. THE "B" GRADE WAS WON BY JAN GEAPPEN OF BRIGHTON BOWLS CLUB..

WE HAVE HAD A FEW PROBLEMS WITH CLUBS CLOSING GREENS EARLY, AND THE DJMOTORS DIVISIONAL FOURS AND THE SOUTHERN SINGLES HAVE BEEN MOVED TO ROSNY PARK. WE STILL HAVE THE D.L.REID SINGLES TO COMPLETE.

THE STATE PAIRS HELD AT SPREYTON RESULTED IN A WIN FOR THE SOUTHERN TEAM OF LYN TRIFFITT AND JEANETTE LANE WHO DEFEATED JUDY REEVE FROM THE SOUTH AND MARY BEAUMONT FROM LATROBE. LYN TRIFFITT,S TEAM WERE ALSO RUNNERS UP IN THE STATE FOURS. A VERY GOOD RESULT FOR THE SOUTH.

LADIES PENNANT FINALS ARE ON TUES. WED AND THURS OF THIS WEEK, AND THE STATE PENNANT FINAL AND CHAMP OF CHAMP WILL BE HELD AT ROSNY PARK IN APRIL.

AILSA MILBURN
MATCH COMMITTEE



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH COACHES PANEL

Delegates 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



Bowls Tasmania South Umpires Panel

REPORT FOR BTS DELEGATES MEETINGS HELD ON 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

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.