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President: Trevor Quilliam

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Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Tuesday 22 April 2014 commencing at 4.30pm

Present: Trevor Quilliam (President), Grant Allford, Ross Bannister, Jan Booth, Neil Clark, Tony Fulton, Shirley Hay, Tony Kerrison and Rob McGuire and Chris Lee (Bowls Tasmania) from 5.05pm.

Apologies: Ailsa Milburn (Deputy President), Michael Eiszele and Mike McHugo (Bowls Tasmania).

Minutes: Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded Shirley Hay that the minutes of the meetings held on 17 March 2014 and 14 April 2014 be confirmed. Carried

Matters Arising:

BT Southern Director

A nomination form has been received from Marion Florence from Sorell to fill the vacant female BT Directors position. It was agreed to forward the nomination to Bowls Tasmania.

Umpire Accreditation Courses

No response has yet 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.

Format of Pennant 2014-15

Moved Neil Clark Seconded Ross Bannister that Wednesday Midweek Pennant and Women's Thursday Pennant for 2014-15 remain as is. Carried

Moved Neil Clark Seconded Ross Bannister that Saturday Pennant for 2014-15 be non-gender specific with Conditions of Play to be determined. Carried

Moved Rob McGuire Seconded Ross Bannister that a Mixed Competition be also offered for Saturday Pennant for 2014-15. Carried

It was agreed that consideration be given to amending Conditions of Play to include a "spirit of the game" clause which will penalise Clubs who act against the "spirit of the game".

It was further agreed to advise Clubs as soon as possible of the above decisions.

Closure of BTS Umpires Bank Account

At the February 2014 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 keep the bank account open.

BTS Strategic Plan

The draft BTS Strategic Plan has been circulated to Board members. It was agreed that Board members would review the draft plan and forward comments to the Secretary by 12 May 2014 so that any additions or changes could be incorporated into an updated Strategic Plan that will be considered at a special Board meeting on a date to be determined.

Glenorchy Rodman Sponsorship Proposal

A Sub-Committee of Rob McGuire, Tony Fulton and Grant Allford met on 8 April 2014 to consider the sponsorship proposal submitted by Glenorchy Rodman. A formal proposal is to be submitted to BTS by Glenorchy Rodman.

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Police Checks and Bowls Clubs

No response has been received from BT to the BTS request that it 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.

Election for BT Directors

Nominations are being sought by 28 April 2014 for a male BT Director for the coming two years. To date only one nomination has been received from Chris Lee and it was agreed to forward the nomination to BT if no further nominations are received.

Purchase of Laptops

At the last meeting it was agreed that requests that the current BTS computer be replaced with a laptop and the provision of a laptop for the BTS Statistician be referred to the Treasurer and if he supports them it was agreed to approve the purchase of both laptops. The Treasurer has requested more information on the requirements for both laptops before he will make a recommendation to the BTS Board (although only one may be required as the asset register search has found a laptop at the BTS Office).

It has previously been suggested that Denis Edwards may also be in possession of a BTS computer. The Secretary has contacted Denis but has not yet received a response from him.

BTS Asset Register

At the last meeting the Secretary undertook to compile an up-to-date asset register of all BTS equipment and the location of all such assets. Work is progressing on the asset register which should be completed by the next BTS Board meeting.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Bowls Tasmania - RCC Minutes 24 February 2014 and 15 April 2014 - Noted

Discussion took place at the recent RCC meeting regarding renumbering our Saturday Pennant Divisions from the current to Premier and Divisions 1 to 8. It was to defer consideration of this matter at present.

Buckingham - Permission to use new synthetic green for pennant

It was agreed to refer this request to the BTS Greens Committee.

Orford and New Norfolk - Decline promotion to Women's Division One in 2014-15

It was resolved to agree to the requests from both Orford and New Norfolk to decline promotion to Women's Division One in 2014-15 and that Buckingham would retain its place in Division One.

Derwent City - Women's finals in future years

It was agreed to refer Derwent City's request that women's finals be played on consecutive Thursday's in future as far as possible to the BTS Women's Match Committee for its consideration.

Berriedale - Change of name to Glenorchy City Bowls Club Inc. - Noted

The Secretary was requested to contact Corporate Affairs and Fair Trading to determine if anyone can object to the name change, if so is there a time limit and how do they go about such an objection.

Buckingham - Playing pennant on adjacent rinks

Buckingham requested that BTS policy be changed so that pennant teams from the same division are required to play on adjacent rinks. It was agreed to include this requirement where possible in the 2014-15 Conditions of Play.

Bowls Tasmania - Next Season's Statewide Pennant

It was agreed that BTS would have no issue with supplying teams of eight players in each of the proposed Boys Under 18, Women's Under 25 and Men's Under 25 divisions of Statewide pennant for 2014-15.

Glenorchy Rodman - Promotional pennant games at Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre 2014-15.

Noted and information provided to BTS Men's Match Committee.

Bernard Knight, John McKibben and Doug Cole - Non gender specific pennant. - Noted

Brighton - Change of name to Brighton Bowls and Community Club Inc. - Noted

Thorpe & Turner Travel Associates - Sponsorship Proposal

It was agreed to decline this sponsorship proposal as it would be in conflict with an existing sponsorship with RACT.

Kingborough - Launch of 2014-15 Season

It was agreed that the BTS Delegates Day and Opening of the 2014-15 Season be held at Kingborough on the Friday afternoon prior to the first Saturday game of the season. Kingborough is proposing to have Division One Men's and Women's Pennant games to open the season at the Indoor Centre that night.

Kingborough - Change of Uniform

It was resolved to approve the request from Kingborough to change the colour of their women's slacks from bottle green to black.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Australian Senior Sides Championships nominations, BTS Women's Singles Championship draw, February 2014 and March 2014 BTS Board minutes, reminder re BTS Men's Champion Championship entries, Men's Midweek Pennant Grand Final teams and venues, promotional pennant games 2014-15, Saturday Pennant Grand Final teams and venues, BT Women's and Men's State Pennant finals details, DL Reid Championship draw, BA Officials Training / Mentor sessions, Delegates minutes March 2014, BT Women's Champion of Champion and Championship Challenge details, return of BTS trophies, Annual Presentation Cocktail Party, BTS Men's Champion of Champions draw, notice of AGM, BT Gala Dinner, wet weather conditions for BT Men's State Pennant Finals and BT National Survey.

Bowls Tasmania - Abuse of official at BT Men's Singles Championship, query re Australian Indoor Singles Championships and non-receipt of BT Board minutes.

Kingborough - Agree to hold pennant games at Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre at a time other than current normal playing times subject to approval from opposing clubs.

Josh Baker - Reprimand re abuse of official at BT Men's Singles Championships.

Glenorchy RSL - Requirement to have green approved for pennant games prior to 2014-15 season.

Barry Fleming - Request re police checks and bowls clubs referred to Bowls Tasmania.

Beltana and Kingborough - No change to venue for Mixed Red Division Preliminary and Grand Finals.

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

Reports:

Finance:

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

Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Shirley Hay that the following Honorariums apply for the 2013-14 season:

President Expense Allowance	\$600.00		
Deputy President Expense Allowance	\$300.00		
Secretary	\$9,500.00		
Assistant Secretary	\$1,000.00		
Treasurer	\$2,500.00		
Statistician	\$3,000.00		
Men's Match Committee	\$1,000.00		
Women's Match Committee	\$1,000.00		
Publicity Officer	\$250.00		
Coaching Panel Expenses	\$200.00		
Umpires		Panel Expenses	\$1,000.00
			Carried.

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Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Shirley Hay that approval be given for BTS to use electronic banking including payment of creditors. Carried

The Treasurer advised that he will be sending cheques to Clubs this week for use of their greens for BTS Championships this season.

Concern was raised at using the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre for BTS Championships if BTS has to pay more for the use of the Indoor Centre than it does for the use of other greens.

Clearances:

The following clearance was noted:

- Neale Hall - Buckingham to Claremont

Match Committees:

The attached promotions and relegations for Women's Thursday Pennant and Men's Saturday Pennant were confirmed.

Umpires:

As per attached report.

Chris Lee advised that BT is currently looking at paying umpires \$50 per day for officiating at BT events. Chris further undertook to talk to Nicole Smith, the BT Director in charge of Umpiring in Tasmania, to determine what is happening with training for new umpire accreditations and for current umpire reaccreditations.

Coaches:

Ross Bannister advised that 18 nominations for a coaching course had been sent to BT eight weeks ago. The BT Executive Officer has verbally advised Ross that he is currently too busy to deal with this matter. Ross further advised that the BTS Winter Coaching Sessions will commence at the Beltana Bowls Club next month.

Men's Selectors:

Nothing to report.

General Business:

Amendment to BT Constitution:

It was resolved to confirm the recommendations of the BTS Sub-Committee established to look at the BT Constitution to advise BT that BTS intends to give notice of the following changes to the Bowls Tasmania Constitution at the Annual General Meeting on 26 May 2014:

- Clause 3 (b) "conduct, encourage, promote, advance and administer Bowls throughout Tasmania" be amended to add "except for local pennants and competitions organised by Regional Authorities".
- Clause 3 (k) talks about uniformity in bowls in Tasmania and should be amended to add "except for local pennants and competitions organised by Regional Authorities".

Women's Southern Selector for Bowls Tasmania:

Leonie Price has indicated that she is interested in being the Southern Women's Selector for BT. It is understood that BT would prefer that the Southern Women's Selector is also a BTS Women's Selector. Chris Lee advised that BT will be calling for expressions of interest in this and other positions in the near future. It was agreed that BTS would endorse Leonie's application if she is interested. As Leonie is going away in the near future, the Secretary was asked to contact her as soon as possible to ascertain her interest.

Policy for BTS Bowler of the Year:

It was resolved that policy for BTS Bowler of the Year includes the following:

- The winner's names on the trophy and the points allocated for BTS Bowler of the year will only be allocated to actual players in the grand final of each event.
- There will be trophies provided to each winner of the BTS Bowler of the Year if there is more than one player tied on votes as the winner, however, prize money will remain as is and will be split between winners.

Matters raised at Delegates Meeting:

Consideration was given to the following matters raised at the Delegates Meeting on 17 March 2014:

- That the BTS Women's Match Committee considers changing the format of Women's Pennant finals in future such that they are not played over three consecutive days - referred to BTS Women's Match Committee.
- 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 - refer to Matters Arising in the minutes of this meeting.
- 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 - refer to Matters Arising in the minutes of this meeting.
- 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 - Secretary to write to all Clubs to ascertain their intentions for next season.
- 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 - Conditions of Play for 2014-15 will be amended accordingly.
- Rostering of pennant games in the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre at times other than current normal playing times. The BTS Executive has 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 can build any such changed days or playing times into the roster when it is drawn up - Secretary has written to all Clubs inviting them to consider requesting playing of Division One matches at a time other than current normal playing times.
- BTS should develop a policy regarding receipt of Championship entries - Secretary to present draft policy at the next BTS Board meeting.
- BTS should conduct a membership forum to discuss ways of increasing membership at Clubs - Secretary to list on the agenda for the next BTS Board meeting.
- 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 - referred to BTS Men's and Women's Match Committee for possible amendment of Conditions of Play for 2014-15.
- Sorell suggested that "A" and "B" Grade players should be identified on Midweek Pennant team sheets - - referred to BTS Men's and Women's Match Committee for possible amendment of Conditions of Play for 2014-15.
- Kingborough raised the issue of inadequate shelter at Buckingham and Dover RSL - Secretary to write to Buckingham and Dover RSL.
- Cygnet raised the issue of greens not being mowed and rolled for the Women's B Grade Pairs Finals held at Rosny Park - Secretary to write to Rosny Park

Date of next meeting: Will be held on Monday 19 May 2014 at the Buckingham Bowls Club at 4.30pm. (Tony Kerrison advised that he will be an apology for the meeting.)

Meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

Confirmed President: / / 2014

BTS WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

PROMOTIONS / RELEGATIONS FOR THE 2014-15 SEASON

The promotions / relegations for next season are as follows:

Division 1	Buckingham finished last - but to stay in Division 1
Division 2	Orford finished second but don't want to be promoted. New Norfolk finished fourth but don't want to be promoted. (Rosny Park and Howrah not eligible to be promoted). Taroona out - Cygnet in.
Division 3	Cygnet out - Taroona in. Orford out - Howrah in.
Division 4	Orford in - Howrah out. Tasman out - Cygnet in.
Division 5	Tasman in - Cygnet out.

BTS MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

MEN'S DIVISIONS – PROMOTIONS/RELEGATIONS FOR THE 2014-15 SEASON

The promotions/relegations for next season are as follows:

Division 1 –	Geeveston out – New Norfolk In
Division 2 –	New Norfolk out - Geeveston In. Franklin out – Beltana In
Division 2 Reserve –	Beltana out – Franklin In. Oatlands Out – Bruny Island In (Glenorchy Rodman not eligible)
Division 3 –	Bruny Island out – Oatlands In. Glenorchy RSL out – Beltana In.
Division 3 Reserve –	Beltana Out – Glenorchy RSL In. Derwent City/Howrah out – Howrah In
Division 4 –	Howrah Out – Derwent City/Howrah In. Royal Hobart out – Howrah In
Division 4 Reserve –	Royal Hobart In – Howrah out. May be no other promotion/relegation due to numbers
Division 5 –	May be no promotions/relegation due to numbers.

BTS Umpires Panel Report to BTS – 21 April 2014

The Panel has met once since the last Board meeting. The meeting reviewed the activities of the past season and all members agreed that it has been a difficult period, especially with the direction to undertake new umpire accreditation and current umpire reaccreditation training. A number of names have been referred to the BT EO for him to arrange training as the Panel was directed but to date nothing has happened. It seems that the need for quality umpires for the future has no priority. Several clubs currently have no umpires and it will be very difficult to correct this situation in the near future. (No other sports treat their officiating personal in such a manner.)

5 BTS Umpires travelled to South Burnie for the National Sides Championships to officiate. Comments received from the Mark Cowen and Sandy Wallace (BA officials in charge of Umpires) by the BTS Umpires was very positive and after discussions it was suggested those present consider making application to accredit as International Technical Officers. BT provided accommodation for those attending.

Panel members and a small number of experienced umpires officiated at the Women's Triangular State Pennant event at Rosny Park Bowls Club. The Panel also provided umpires for the BTS men's, women's and midweek finals and some additional BTS events.

Notifications of resignation from Suzanne Rogers, Shirley Knight and Keith Bailey were tabled and accepted at the recent Panel meeting.

At the moment the panel only has 3 members Leonie Price, Helen Ducker and Tony Kerrison. These members have agreed to continue and over the next few months review requirements of the Panel.

It would also be timely for the BTS Board to be involved in such a review.

The Panel thanks the Board for its assistance throughout this most difficult season.

BTS Umpires Panel