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Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 16 June 2014 commencing at 4.25pm

Present: Leigh McAdam (President), Ailsa Milburn (Deputy President), Grant Allford, Ross Bannister, Tony Fulton, Paula Hadley, Shirley Hay, Nick Lee and Rob McGuire and Marion Florence and Chris Lee (Bowls Tasmania).

Welcome: President Leigh McAdam welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Board and asked everyone to introduce themselves to the meeting.

Apologies: Jan Booth and Tony Kerrison.

Minutes: Moved: Ailsa Milburn Seconded Shirley Hay that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2014 be confirmed. Carried

Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded Nick Lee that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2014 be confirmed. Carried

Matters Arising:

BTS Strategic Plan

It was agreed to circulate the draft Strategic Plan to new Board members. It was further agreed that the draft Strategic Plan will be considered at a special board meeting on a date to be determined at the next Board meeting.

Police Checks and Bowls Clubs

BTS has requested that BT lobby the State Government to change the legislation so that bowls clubs are deemed to be charitable organisations for purposes of charging fees for police checks when working with school groups. Garry Beven, the BT President, has advised that he has spoken to the Premier on this matter and he expects BT to arrange a meeting with the Premier or the Attorney General in the near future to pursue this further. In the interim, Simon Morrison, the BA Community Development Officer (Tasmania) has advised that club members who wish to provide assistance at school sessions (but who are not registered coaches) can obtain a "good character check" from the relevant school at no cost.

Purchase of Laptops

The Secretary has not yet provided the required information to the Treasurer on the requirements of the laptops for the Secretary and BTS Statistician. The suitability of the existing BTS laptop for one of the requirements is yet to be ascertained.

BTS Asset Register

Work is progressing on the asset register which should be completed by the next BTS Board meeting.

Matters raised at Delegates Meeting

- It was agreed to leave the matter of a membership forum to discuss ways of increasing membership at Clubs on the agenda as it is not considered the right time of the year at present to hold such a forum. It was agreed that the matter of a common state wide "Come and Try Bowls Day" should be put on the agenda for the next BT RCC meeting.
- No response has been received from Buckingham or Dover RSL regarding the issue of inadequate shelter at the Clubs.

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Casual Vacancies

Paula Hadley has agreed to fill the casual vacancy on the BTS Board and Max Banks has agreed to fill the vacancy on the BTS Men's Match Committee.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Lorraine Pulford - Lack of individual badges for winners of DJ Motors Divisional Fours

It was agreed to provide certificates to winners of the DJ Motors Divisional Fours if the event is held.

Sorell - Proposed amendment to Section 9 of BTS Constitution

The BTS Board has already agreed to consider such an amendment. It was agreed to look at this when the draft BTS Strategic Plan is considered.

Bowls Tasmania - Naming of Pennant Divisions

Moved Rob McGuire Seconded Ross Bannister that the BTS Board agrees with the direction from BT to re-name its current Saturday Pennant Divisions 1 to 4 Reserve to Premier Division and Divisions 1 - 6 accordingly with no "Reserve" divisions. All these divisions will be 16 players per side and will compete in the State Pennant Finals. Premier Division and Division 1 will be deemed A Grade with the remaining Divisions to be deemed B Grade. Any remaining teams will be placed in a Challenger League commencing with Division 1, 2, 3 etc. followed by the Mixed Division if it occurs in 2014-15. All divisions in the Challenger League will be 12 players per side and will be deemed to be B Grade. Carried

Kingborough - Division One games at Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre

Kingborough has advised that it has reached agreement with Glenorchy Rodman (Round 1), Rosny Park (Round 3), Buckingham (Round 5) and hopefully Sandy Bay (Round 7) to play these Premier Division games at the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre on the Friday night before the scheduled Saturday games. The return games will be played at a time to be determined by the host Clubs. It was agreed to approve these arrangements.

Bowls Tasmania - Regional Constitution Updates

It was agreed to forward a copy of the BTS Constitution to BT by 30 June 2014 (a copy is already available on the BTS website). It was further agreed to recommend to Clubs to alter the BTS Constitution at the next BTS general meeting in line with Section 39(d) of the BT Constitution to recognise BT as the authority for bowls in Tasmania and BA as the national authority for bowls in Australia.

Southern Coaches Panel - Advice of Panel 2014-15 and recommendations re Under 18 and 25 teams - Noted

Recommendations on the Under 18 and Under 25 teams will be considered after expressions of interest close on 30 June 2014.

Bowls Tasmania - Refusal to change clauses 3(b) and 3(k) of BT Constitution as approved at the BT AGM

It was agreed to write to Bowls Australia pointing out why the changes were proposed and approved by the regional authorities.

Kingborough - Request not to roster Saturday Pennant games on the Australia Day Long Weekend

The draft roster does not include games on this weekend.

Kingborough - Request for men to change to plain black trousers

The BTS Board has previously approved Kingborough's request to change from white to black trousers with the word "Kingborough" written in gold down one leg. Kingborough has now decided not to proceed with the writing down one leg. It was resolved to agree to Kingborough's request.

St John's Park - Request for men to change to bottle green trousers

It was resolved to agree to St John's Park's request with, the change to be made over a maximum of two seasons.

New Norfolk - Request to move from Saturday Pennant Division 4 Reserve to Division 4 if there is a vacancy

It was resolved to agree to New Norfolk's request.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Notice of SGM, advice that stocks of Veteran's and Super Veteran's badges on hand, letter from Sorell revoking signature on call for SGM, May 2014 Board minutes, reminder re SGM, expressions of interest in coaches, selectors and team manager positions for Southern Teams, reminder re Pennant entries, May 2014 AGM minutes, BT letter re SGM, June 2014 Board minutes and decision re non-gender specific pennant from June 2014 SGM.

Bowls Tasmania - delegate for BT AGM, concern that BTS may not be able to fill Under 18 and 25 Statewide Pennant teams, non-receipt of entry forms for Australian Indoor Championships and BTS database.

Buckingham - Approval to use synthetic green for BTS pennant and championships.

Dover RSL - Unable to promote Dover RSL Women Division Three without a vacancy in Division Four.

Lindsay and Monica Lovell - Thanks for Sponsorship.

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

Reports:

Finance:

Treasurer Tony Fulton presented his report. Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Nick Lee that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and accounts paid be approved. Carried

Clearances:

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded Grant Allford that the following interstate clearances be approved and the other clearances are noted:

- Roger Boucher - Rosny Park to Bruny
- Trevor Govey - Claremont to Maclean (NSW)
- Robert Humes - Broadbeach (QLD) to Buckingham
- Stephen Lockley - Marlin Coast (Queensland) to Oatlands
- Julianne Pursell - Leongatha (Victoria) to Howrah
- Rodney Purcell - Leongatha (Victoria) to Sorell
- Suzanne Rogers - Claremont to Maclean (NSW)
- Patricia Taylor - Tasman to Sorell
- Robert Taylor - Tasman to Sorell
- John Zagni - Interstate Pennant Declaration for Maroochy Beach (QLD) Carried

Match Committees:

The BTS Men's Match Committee submitted its draft calendar for the 2014-15 season. The calendar was approved subject to making the following changes to it:

- Round 1 of Saturday Pennant will commence on 11 October 2014 and not 18 October 2014.
- Saturday Pennant Semi-Finals will be played on Saturday 14 March 2015, Preliminary Finals on Sunday 15 March 2015 and Grand Finals on 21 March 2015 with a reserve day if required on Sunday 22 March 2015.
- Southern Champion of Champions will be played from 16 - 20 March 2015.

It was agreed to explain to Clubs why it was necessary to start Saturday Pennant a week earlier than planned and request Clubs to schedule their Singles and Pairs Championships to finish prior to commencement of the Southern Champion of Champions events.

Men's Midweek will commence on 8 October 2014 with Semi-Finals to be played on 4 March 2015, Preliminary Finals on 11 March 2015 and Grand Finals on 18 March 2015.

A recommendation from the BTS Men's Match Committee that Pennant Grand Finals should be played on the best greens available and not necessarily on neutral greens was rejected.

Tony Davie has submitted his resignation from the BTS Men's Match Committee due to ill health. It was agreed to approach Clubs to see if anyone is interested in filling this vacancy.

The BTS Women's Match Committee submitted its draft roster for the 2014-15 which was approved. Women's Pennant will commence on 16 October 2014 with Semi-Finals to be played on Thursday 12 March 2015, Preliminary Finals on Tuesday 17 March 2015 and Grand Finals on Thursday 19 March 2015.

It was agreed not to conduct the DJ Motors Divisional Fours Championships in future due to falling entries and an already packed calendar of events.

It was agreed to change Conditions of Play for 2014-15 to allow up to two opposite gender players in each rink in a Club's lowest Midweek and Women's Pennant teams.

Umpires:

No report received.

Coaches:

The Southern Coaches Panel is conducting coaching sessions at the Beltana Bowls Club on the first Sunday in the month during winter. Approximately 30 people are attending each session.

Men's Selectors:

Grant Allford advised that State Squad training commenced yesterday at Cosgrove Park.

General Business:

DJ Motors Sponsorship:

It was agreed that the Secretary and Treasurer should approach DJ Motors to discuss their ongoing sponsorship for 2014-15. Instead of sponsoring the DJ Motors Divisional Fours in 2014-15 it was further agreed that DJ Motors be approached for "naming rights" sponsorship of the Saturday Premier Division and Women's Division One.

Bowls Tasmania News:

Chris Lee advised that the Men's and Women's Singles, Pairs and Fours State Championships will be held early in January 2015 in Launceston and the following year will be held in Hobart. There will be no Under 25 Statewide Pennant in 2014-15. Under 18 Statewide Pennant will be a mixed competition with a minimum of two girls in each regional team - with Under 18 Statewide Pennant to be played on the same day as Men's and Women's Statewide Pennant but will be played in Launceston. Men's and Women's Statewide Pennant will rotate around the regions with Men required to play at least three under 25 men in each regional team and Women will be required to play at least three under 35 women in each regional team.

Publicity Officer

It was agreed to hold off appointing a Publicity Officer until The Mercury has appointed someone to do its lawn bowls reports. It is preferable that that person also be the BTS Publicity Officer.

Media Release re Non-Gender Specific Pennant

It was resolved that the Secretary prepare a media release for The Mercury re non-gender specific Saturday Pennant.

Date of next meeting: Will be held on Monday 21 July 2014 at the Buckingham Bowls Club at 4.30pm.

Meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

Confirmed President: / / 2014