



**Southern Tasmanian Bowls
Association Inc.**
Trading as:
Bowls Tasmania South

**MINUTES OF THE COMBINED WOMEN'S AND MEN'S DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT
GLENORCHY CITY BOWLS CLUB COMMENCING AT 3.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 24
SEPTEMBER 2014**

Welcome: President Leigh McAdam welcomed all delegates, Life Members Neil Clark and Joan Middleton, Simon Morrison from Bowls Australia and Sponsor Carol Cragg (RACT).

Apologies: Apologies were received from Life Members Hedley Beechey, Tony Fulton and Cath Smith, Sponsor Doug Cole, Tania Hinden (DJ Motors) and Kathy Stocks (RACT) and Ike Smith (Buckingham) and Dellis Voss (Franklin).

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 38 delegates representing the following 21 clubs: Beltana, Brighton, Buckingham, Claremont, Cremorne, Cygnet, Derwent City, Dover RSL, Geeveston, Glenorchy City, Glenorchy Rodman, Howrah, Huonville, Kingborough, New Norfolk, Orford, Rosny Park, Sandy Bay, Sorell, St Johns Park and Tarooma. Board members Leigh McAdam, Ailsa Milburn, Grant Allford, Ross Bannister, Jan Booth, Paula Hadley, Shirley Hay, Nick Lee, Tony Kerrison and Rob McGuire also attended. Eight interested men and women also attended the meeting.

Minutes: Moved Derwent City Seconded Kingborough that the minutes of the previous Delegates meeting held on 17 March 2014 be confirmed. Carried

Business Arising:

Changing the format of Women's Pennant finals in future such that they are not played over three consecutive days

This has been addressed in 2014-15 when finals will be played on the Thursday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Format of pennant 2014-15

This matter was left to the BTS Board to decide. Saturday Pennant has been changed to non-gender specific but Midweek and Thursday Women's Pennant remain unchanged.

Are any Clubs not providing afternoon tea 2014-15?

The only club not supplying afternoon tea is Ouse - but BTS has not yet heard from Cremorne (Cremorne has advised since the meeting that it will be supplying afternoon tea in 2014-15).

Amend Conditions of Play 3.21 this coming 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 have been amended accordingly.

Rostering of pennant games at Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre

There will be four Friday night Premier Division games at KIBC in 2014-15.

Policy re receipt of BTS Championship entries

The BTS Secretary will email Club Secretaries after close of entries advising the names of Clubs that have submitted entries for a particular championship (but not the names of individual entries received from those Clubs). Club Secretaries will then have 24 hours to query entries not received before the draw is undertaken.

Conduct a membership forum to discuss ways of increasing membership at Clubs

A forum will be held on Thursday 13 November 2014 at Buckingham, at 7.30pm.

Eligibility for Finals restrictions should be eased

This was not approved by the BTS board.

“A” and “B” Grade players should be identified on Midweek Pennant team sheets

This was not considered necessary by the BTS board.

Inadequate shelter at Buckingham and Dover RSL

No response has yet been received from Buckingham. Dover RSL is unable to provide shelter at the southern end as it is the entrance to the club and there is insufficient space, however, the greenkeeper has been instructed to play east west on hot and sunny days because there is shelter on those ends.

Greens not being mowed and rolled for the Women’s B Grade Pairs Finals held at Rosny Park

Rosny Park has denied that its greens were not mowed and rolled for the Women’s B Grade Pairs Finals held at Rosny Park. The greens were cut the day before and were rolled on the morning of the finals.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Match Committee:

The Chairs of the Men’s and Women’s Match Committee’s outlined details of when pennant would commence and provided details of upcoming BTS championships.

Huonville questioned why BTS has promotions and relegations in Women’s Thursday Pennant when some Clubs refuse to be promoted and are allowed to remain in the same Division.

Coaches:

As per the attached report.

Umpires:

As per the attached report.

Selection Committee:

As per the attached report.

MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE BTS BOARD:

Conditions of Play:

Conditions of Play booklets were provided to all Clubs. Changes to the Conditions of Play are highlighted in the booklet and were summarised by the Secretary. The major change for next season is the introduction of non-gender specific pennant on Saturday's. Other changes include changes to the calculation of the BTS Bowlers of the Year, the abolition of the requirement to play 50% of games in a Division to earn points and the introduction of relegations and promotions in Midweek Pennant.

Forms:

The Secretary handed out Pennant Cards, Pennant Results Forms and Championship Entry Forms. The Secretary stressed that the DJ Motors score cards are to be used only for pennant and BTS events. They are not for use in Clubs' own domestic events.

Bowls Tasmania Handbook:

The Bowls Tasmania Handbook is due in the next few days. Clubs will be notified when it arrives. It will be available for collection from the Hobart Bowls Centre.

Nominations for Men's Midweek Division 4, Women's Division 5, Saturday Challenger League and the Mixed Division:

Delegates were reminded that nominations for these Divisions close on Wednesday 1 October 2014.

Affiliation Fees

Delegates were reminded that Affiliation Fees are due on 1 October 2014 and must be paid prior to first Pennant game.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Matters from Regional Consultative Committee:

Leigh McAdam reported on the recent RCC meeting that Tony Fulton and he had attended. Clearance fees will rise to \$10 intrastate and \$20 interstate from 1 October 2014. Clubs have also been asked to provide details of any players suspended by Clubs.

Junior Jack Attack Kits:

Simon Morrison addressed the meeting and demonstrated the Junior Jack Attack Kits which are available for purchase from Bowls Tasmania. With the assistance of a sponsor and Bowls Tasmania, BTS has purchased two kits which will be available for loan to BTS Clubs.

IMG Portal:

The BTS Statistician gave a presentation on the variety of uses available to Clubs who have access to the IMG Portal. After the meeting he gave a more detailed presentation on the new Results Portal that he will be trialling in 2014-15 using the Premier League and Thursday Division One.

As there was no further business the President closed the meeting at 4.50 pm, thanked all delegates for their attendance and participation and thanked the Glenorchy City Bowls Club for making its facilities available for the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: March 2015 – day and venue to be advised.



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH COACHES PANEL

Delegates Coaches Report for September 2014

Bowls Tasmania flew a representative over from Bowls Australia to assess four Tasmanians as Presenters and Assessors, they were Ross Bannister from Bowls South, Noelene Purdon from Bowls North West and Marie Cleaver from Bowls North and the Bowls Tasmania Executive Officer Steve Tomlin. All four are now accredited to run coaching courses in Tasmania. Fifteen bowlers also sat a Club Coaches Course at the same time and their exam papers are yet to be marked to see if they have passed the course. This has been a long process since 2007 to have accredited Presenters and Assessors in each region for Bowls Tasmania to run courses again.

There is a Selectors Module workshop being held at the Derwent City Bowls Club on Friday 3rd October from 6 pm to 10 pm to help people to become better selectors at their bowls club. If you would like to attend this course please book with Bowls Tasmania Executive Officer at the Bowls Tasmania office.

Last winter the Southern Coaches Committee again held 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 was from 9 am to 12 noon and the second session is from 12 noon to 3 pm. These sessions were open to new bowlers through to division 1 bowlers. We covering everything from line and length to what shot to play and how to play that shot. There were qualified coaches on each rink with over thirty bowler's participation in each month.

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

Ross Bannister
President
Bowls Tasmania South Coaches Panel



Bowls Tasmania South

REPORT FOR BTS DELEGATES MEETINGS HELD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2014

Since the end of last season there have been several resignations from the Panel. The Chair Suzie Rogers resigned prior to moving to the mainland. Our longest serving Panel Member Shirley Knight resigned as did one of our newest members, Keith Bailey, who has moved to Queensland. In addition Trevor Govey resigned prior to end of last season and has since moved to New South Wales. Each of these members has provided excellent service on the Panel, in training umpires and when called upon to umpire at all levels including BT and BA events. It may be appropriate for this delegates meeting to record a vote of appreciation for their contributions to umpiring activities in Bowls Tasmania South.

The remaining three members Helen Ducker, Leonie Price and Tony Kerrison have agreed to continue on the Panel. The BTS Board has agreed that the Panel continue with the smaller numbers at this time. This agreement will be reviewed as further information is gathered on its future role in the new Officiating Structure which is due to commence on 1 January 2015.

Bowls Australia has been working on new training procedures and new materials will, hopefully, be available before January 2015. Future accreditation and reaccreditations for the new structure will require accredited assessor/presenters to carry out the training and at this time it is understood that BT will be responsible for managing the training programs. Until such time as all matters relevant to introducing the new structure are sorted out, the BT EO has recommended that Panels in the three regions in Tasmania hold off running reaccreditation courses. Reluctantly our Panel has accepted the recommendation. Any current umpires who are overdue for reaccreditation will have their current expiry date extended until such time that new courses are offered.

The Panel has decided that no preseason forum will be held this year. The reasoning for this is that there has been no indication of any changes to the Law and until new officiating is in place there are virtually no other matters for discussion. Instead of the forum the Panel will prepare and issue a memo outlining matters pertaining to new structure, accreditation processes and limited role of the BTS Umpires Panel.

The Panel has undertaken a review of the side captains Guide and the BTS Board has endorsed the amended Guide which will be issued later this week and also placed on the web site.

BTS Umpires Panel

24 September 2014

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Bowls Tasmania South **Selectors Report**

The first round of the Veolia Statewide Challenge is to be held in the South on 19 October 2014. The selectors - Alex Stanelos, Tony Hack and Grant Allford - have met and selected a squad of players. Players were notified by letter and via Social Media. With the Men's games being played on the synthetic surface at the Buckingham Bowls Club, practice has been arranged on the synthetic on 7 and 14 October 2014.

The format for the SWC is the same as last season. State squad members are included in their regional teams and 3 Under 25s must be selected also. The host region fields two sides to eliminate a bye. The two sides will be announced on 14 October 2014.

Bowls Tasmania has also introduced a Senior's (Over 60) Statewide pennant with the first round to be played in the South on Tuesday 9 December 2014. Future State Senior sides will be picked from this competition. An email seeking expressions of interest for the Senior sides have been sent to all clubs. The selectors are Tom O'Brien, Gerry Tew with a third appointment to be made.

Expressions of interest have also been sought for the following positions:

1. Selectors - Women's Statewide Challenge and Women's Senior side;
2. Team Managers - Men's and Women's Statewide Challenge and Women's Senior Side;
3. Coaches - Women's Statewide Challenge team.

Grant Allford