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President: Leigh McAdam Secretary: Rob McGuire



Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 20 October 2014 commencing at 4.30pm

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

Apologies: Ailsa Milburn (Deputy President).

Minutes: Moved: Jan Booth Seconded Shirley Hay that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2014 be confirmed. Carried

Matters Arising:

Matters raised at Delegates Meeting – Shelter at Buckingham

Buckingham has advised that no shelter has ever been provided at the Club playing North / South but the Club no longer plays that way. The Club has shelter playing East / West on the Main Road end and the Clubhouse provides shelter in the mid to late afternoon but not in the morning and early afternoon. It is almost impossible to provide shade on the Clubhouse end without spending many thousands of dollars to provide a veranda from the Clubhouse. The advice from Buckingham was accepted.

DJ Motors Sponsorship

The Secretary undertook to submit a revised sponsorship agreement to DJ Motors in the next few days.

Expressions of Interest - Selectors for BTS Southern Teams

It was agreed to accept the verbal nomination of Michael Eiszele as Chairman of Selectors of the BTS Men's Senior teams. A verbal nomination from Rosie Geeves as a Selector for the BTS Women's teams was declined as Rosie is a player.

It was further agreed to appoint Tony Kerrison as Coach and Verona Kerrison as Manager of the Women's Southern team for the remaining rounds of Statewide pennant.

It was agreed to send out a flyer seeking further nominations for the BTS Men's and Women's Senior teams.

Glenorchy RSL Green and the 2014-15 Season

The President and Secretary met with the President and Secretary of Glenorchy RSL on 3 October 2014 and advised the Club that the main green is not currently suitable for pennant, however, it can be salvaged with advice and guidance.

Whilst the main green has been deemed not to be suitable for pennant at present, the BTS Board is optimistic that it will be ready within the next six weeks if the Club is prepared to follow the advice given to it by the BTS Greens Advisory Committee above.

In the meantime the Club was given a number of options to consider in regard to playing pennant in 2014-15:

- Play its early games as 'away' games whilst their green is being remedied with the later games against such Clubs to be 'home' games. In this way the Club will still play half of all games played at "home". The BTS Board is sure that opposition Clubs will agree to such requests and it will assist if required to make this happen.
- A less favourable option is to play its first few "home" games at another Club and it is understood that Glenorchy City has offered its greens for such games.

Glenorchy RSL has since advised as follows in regard to pennant for 2014-15:

- The Club's Saturday Pennant Premier Division Four side has been withdrawn from pennant. The Club's men have decided that they will only play social bowls this season.
- The Club's Women's Thursday Pennant Division Four side will continue to play pennant, however, home games in the near future will be played at St John's Park and not at the Glenorchy RSL green.

BTS Lanyards

The lanyards have arrived. The Secretary will now prepare the ID inserts for Board and Committee members.

Return games re Kingborough's Premier League Friday night games

Glenorchy Rodman has advised that its return Premier League game against Kingborough will be played at 11am on Saturday 13 December 2014. No response has yet been received from Rosny Park or Buckingham.

Side Captain's Guide

A final document has been prepared by Tony Kerrison which has been circulated to Clubs and is on the BTS website.

Appointment of new Patron

It was agreed to leave this matter at present.

Updated BTS Strategic Plan

The Secretary undertook to update the Strategic Plan and circulate it to Board members for ratification at a future Board meeting.

Amended Conditions of Play

The Secretary updated Conditions of Play Clause 4.6 and circulated the amended document to Clubs and put it on the BTS website.

Umpires Concerns

At the September 2014 meeting it was agreed to write to BT outlining concerns that BTS had in regard to future accreditation and reaccreditation of umpires and seek its urgent action to address these concerns. The letter was not written to BT as arrangements were made with the BT Executive Officer to hold an information session in the south on 20 October 2014. Invitations were sent to all umpires on the email data base and were also to all Club Secretaries for as wide as possible distribution. Approximately 40 people attended.

An outline of the current position and new structure to be implemented from 1 January 2015 was provided at the information session. The BT EO is willing to arrange a reaccreditation course for any umpires due before 31 December 2014 using Ross Bannister, the only accredited assessor/presenter in the south at this time. This requires about 4 hours of time depending on numbers wishing to be reaccredited. They will only be reaccredited under the existing structure i.e. Level 1 and it will apply for 4 years. The alternative is to delay and reaccredit under the new structure which will give them recognition as a National Umpire and include both marker and measurer components. Priority for the new structure will be marker courses in the north before Statewide championships.

Reaccreditations and new accreditations will commence as soon as it is practical to arrange courses and presenter/assessors to do them.

At the information session approximately six of those present, who are due to be reaccredited, indicated that they would like a course as soon as possible. Ross Bannister and Tony Kerrison undertook to take this to the BTS Board for its consideration and to arrange for an official request to be made to BT. It was agreed that Tony Kerrison would prepare a questionnaire to go to Clubs to see if there is any interest for new umpires, measurers and markers within Clubs and to umpires seeking their advice on whether or not the course should be run before or after December 2014.

Replace Delegates Meetings with President's and Secretary's Meetings

Bowls North do not have Delegates Meetings but have regular President's and Secretary's Meetings. It was agreed that we should do the same here but would need to change the BTS Constitution to allow this to happen. Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Grant Allford that the Secretary prepare draft amendments to the BTS Constitution accordingly. Carried

RSL Bowls

At the September 2014 Board meeting it was agreed to ask BT if RSL Bowls fits under Bowls Australia as it is believed that not all their clothing has the BA logo on it (specifically a new polo top). The Secretary has not yet done this but undertook to do so.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Carol Bannister – Application for playing coach and selector of Ladies Over 60's Side - Approved.

Glenorchy City – Change of pants form bottle green / white to burgundy with a two-year transition - Approved.

Beltana – Withdrawal of Women's Thursday Division 5 side - Noted.

Brighton and Kingborough - Willing to host BT and BTS Championship events - Noted

Buckingham - Inadequate shelter - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania - Change of conditions of play Statewide Pennant - Noted.

Buckingham - Women will play all Pennant on synthetic green - Noted.

Ailsa Milburn - Nomination as selector for Woman's Southern side - Approved.

Glenorchy Rodman - Premier League game v's Kingborough on 13 December - 10.40am roll-up for 11am start - Noted

Best Western - Accommodation Over 60's for 28 people on Monday 19 January 2015 @ \$45 per person - Noted

Sorell - Permission to use bowling arm for Alan Grant.

Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Shirley Hay that permission be given to Alan Grant to use a bowling arm. Carried

Glenorchy City - Offer to host Southern round of Over 60's Statewide pennant on 9 December 2014 – Referred to BTS Men's Match Committee for a decision.

Glenorchy City - Consideration be given to allowing Clubs to play scheduled double-header round on Sunday 1 February 2015 on Saturday 24 January 2015.

It was agreed that Clubs could play the scheduled double-header round scheduled to be played on Sunday 1 February 2015 on Saturday 24 January 2015 provided that both participating Clubs agree to the change. If agreement cannot be reached then the round will be played on Sunday 1 February 2015. Clubs are reminded that players who play on Saturday 24 January 2015 are ineligible to play again in a different side on Sunday 1 February 2015. Leigh McAdam undertook to prepare information and an agreement form to be sent out to Clubs.

Ross Bannister - BTS Jack Attack Kits - where do we keep them, rules for borrowing etc.

The Jack Attack Kits were purchased primarily for "Active after School" use. It was agreed that the BTS Secretary would keep the Jack Attack Kits for use by Clubs as requested. There is no cost for borrowing them but any damage done to the kits must be paid for by the borrowers. Clubs are to be advised of their availability.

Bowls Tasmania - Hall of Fame Working Party – It was agreed to seek nominations from members through Clubs.

Kingborough - Dispensation for John Walker and Saturday Division 4 to play Women's Division 5.

It was resolved that approval be given to Kingborough to play John Walker in Women's Thursday Pennant Division 5 subject to the following conditions:

- John cannot be used if any of Kingborough's women are available to play.
- John can only play as a lead or a second.

Kingborough's blanket request seeking dispensation for any of its Saturday Pennant Division 4 players to play in Women's Thursday Pennant Division 5 was refused.

Cygnnet – request to be promoted to Challenger League in event of a vacancy - Noted.

Glenorchy Rodman – Dispensation to play Division 1 and 2 Women in Division 4 Midweek - Allowed

Cygnnet – Permission for bowling arm for Andrew Thorn.

Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Shirley Hay that permission be given to Andrew Thorn to use a bowling arm. Carried

Outwards:

All Clubs – Collection of BT Handbooks, reminder re payment of registration fees, appointment of The Mercury bowls reporter and seeking reports from Clubs, Expressions of interest Men's and Women's Seniors teams, Entries received for Women's over 60's Fours Championship, Entries for BTS lowest divisions, Draft draw for Challenger League, Reminder re invitations to BTS Open Day, Southern Junior Training and Development, Withdrawal of Beltana from Women's Division 5, Season opener at Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre, Outstanding registrations, Details of Clubs playing on synthetic greens in lieu of grass, BT Handbook correction, Details re Glenorchy RSL and 2014-15 pennant season, September 2014 Board meeting minutes, September 2014 Delegates meeting minutes, Draw for Women's Over 60's Fours Championship, BT information session on new officiating structure, Re-drawn Saturday Division 4 roster, Re-drawn Women's Thursday Division 5 roster, Amendment to Midweek Division 4 roster, BTS representative sides announcement, DJ Motors flags, Notice of entries received for Women's Fours Championships, Side Captains Guide 2014-15.

Bowls Tasmania – Information re Statewide Pennant at Buckingham, BTS teams for Statewide Pennant, Changes to BT Handbook information, Query green allocation for Statewide Pennant.

Huonville – Dispensation to play men in Women's Division 2.

Michael Eiszele – Thanks re Southern Selector.

Sorell – Reject appeal against decision to refuse change of Divisions.

Howrah – Refuse to allow second team in Saturday Division 6 in case of vacancy.

Derwent City – Approve use of bowling arm by Horace Geappon.

Invitation to past President's Association re Opening Day.

David Genford re Premier Division Awards Night.

Moved Ross Bannister Seconded: Paula Hadley that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

Reports:**Finance:**

Treasurer Tony Fulton submitted his report to the meeting. Tony advised that he had deposited \$50,000 in a term deposit for one month and a further \$60,000 in a term deposit for two months. Tony further advised that Rosny Park was the only Club not to have paid registration fees. It was resolved that the Secretary contact Rosny Park and request payment by the end of the week.

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

Clearances:

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

- Daniel Baker - Glenorchy Rodman
- Craig Bishop - Sandy Bay to Devonport
- Ross Brokate - Claremont to Sorell
- Graham Bury - Kingborough to Sandy Bay
- Simon Butler - Rosny Park to Sorell
- Grant Chamberlain - Glenorchy Rodman to Buckingham
- Wayne Clark – Glenorchy Rodman to New Norfolk
- Ian Cockshutt – Kingborough to Cygnet
- Solomon Cooper – Kingborough to Sandy Bay
- Tom Courto - Beltana to Bruny
- Danny D’Abate - Buckingham to Derwent City
- Daniel Elwell - Brighton to Beltana
- Royce Farrow - Claremont to Sorell
- David Foster - South Hedland (WA) to Sorell
- Ryan Guy - Franklin to Kingborough
- Peter Flack - Buckingham to Glenorchy City
- Geoff Fletcher - Buckingham to Glenorchy City
- Geoff Giblin - Orford to Sorell
- Anthony Hill – Sorell to Rosny Park
- Melanie Jefferts - Kingborough to Sandy Bay
- Brad Johns – Sandy Bay to Franklin
- David Johns – Sandy Bay to Franklin
- Michael Johnson – Rosny Park to Oatlands
- Wayne Lampkin - Claremont to Glenorchy Rodman
- Brad Mabb - Derwent City to Sandy Bay
- Rod Marshall - Howrah to Glenorchy City
- Alex McCoull - Buckingham to Glenorchy Rodman
- Darren Monks - Rosny Park to Buckingham
- Leigh Munnings – Rosny Park to Cremorne
- Rod Pursell - Leongatha (Vic) to Sorell
- Francis Reid - Ouse to Queensland (Interstate Pennant Declaration)
- Andrea Sealy – Glenorchy City to Glenorchy RSL
- Noel Siely – Cremorne to New Norfolk
- Patricia Taylor - Tasman to Sorell
- Robert Taylor - Tasman to Sorell
- Doreen Thompson - Huonville to Kingborough
- Craig Triffett - Glenorchy Rodman to New Norfolk
- Bob Waddington - Port Sorell to Ouse
- Steve Weeding - Glenorchy City to Beltana
- Kevin Williams - Kingborough to Cygnet

Carried

Match Committees:

Ross Bannister advised that entries close for the Men’s Open and B Grade triples on Wednesday 22 October 2014.

Jan Booth advised that the Women’s Over 60’s Fours Championship was underway. One problem that has arisen is that three games in a day in Sectional Play is too much. It was agreed to write to Bowls Tasmania to suggest that Conditions of Play be changed to 12 ends for Sectional Play rounds.

A query was raised in regard to the use of coaches in BTS Championships. Tony Kerrison undertook to investigate this matter and report back to the next Board meeting.

Umpires:

The BTS Umpires Panel has not met since the last Board meeting. The Side Captains Guide had been finalised and sent to Clubs. Umpires had been appointed and officiated at the Southern round of Statewide Pennant.

Coaches:

Nothing to report.

General Business:David Genford

The BTS Board acknowledged the work done by David Genford in publicising bowls in Tasmania and in particular Southern Tasmania and the great work being done by David to promote lawn bowls generally as co-ordinator of the BTS and BT Facebook pages and his recent innovation with Talking Bowls. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to David thanking him for his efforts.

Increase in Clearance Fees

It was agreed to write to Clubs advising them of the increase in clearance fees from \$5 to \$10 effective from 1 October 2014. It was further agreed to amend the forms accordingly on the BTS website.

Amendments to Conditions of Play

It was agreed to amend Conditions of Play as follows:

- Condition of Play 2.5 to clarify eligibility where less than four games have been played in the current season. Clause 2.5(d) is to be added to Conditions of Play:
- Conditions of Play 5.5 to clarify that opposite gender players do not have to be from the same or lower division. Regular Division 1 and 2 Women's Thursday Pennant players can play in Midweek Division 3 and below but can only play as a lead or a second and will count as A Grade players.
- Conditions of Play 5.6 to increase the number of ends required to constitute a game to 60. This was not amended when the sides were increased from three to four rinks.
- Conditions of Play 6.4 to clarify that one opposite gender player can be played in each rink in addition to one substitute or borrowed player. Reference to opposite gender players is to be removed from the condition.

It was agreed to issue a list of amendments to the original printed Conditions of Play document and issue a new electronic version of Conditions of Play to Clubs.

Abuse of Conditions of Play

Concerns were raised that some of the BTS 2014-15 Conditions of Play are currently not being adhered to. It was agreed that if Clubs continue to breach Conditions of Play penalties will be applied to such Clubs. Breaches currently being observed include the following:

- Condition 3.20 requires that given names and surnames of every player must be on the results sheet – initials are insufficient.
- In Midweek Pennant, opposite gender players have been playing in positions other than as a lead or a second which breaches Condition 5.5.

It was agreed to write to Clubs advising them of the above.

Statewide Pennant

Some negative feedback was received concerning the uniform for the second BTS Men's team. There was also some negative feedback about playing games on the synthetic green at Buckingham.

Concern was raised that Keghan Booth did not turn up to play for the second BTS Men's team. It was agreed to contact Keghan and ask him for an explanation as to why he did not play. Keghan is to be given seven days to provide a written response failing which may result in him being suspended from all BTS competition play.

IMG Bowls Australia Websites

It was agreed to approach Bowls Tasmania to determine if further training can be done with Clubs who have or those who may wish to have an IMG website.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 17 November 2014 at the Buckingham Bowls Club at 4.30pm.

Meeting closed at 6.30 pm.

Confirmed President: / / 2014