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President: Leigh McAdam Secretary: Rob McGuire



Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 15 December 2014 commencing at 4.30pm

Present: Leigh McAdam (President), Ailsa Milburn (Deputy President), Grant Allford, Ross Bannister, Tony Fulton, Paula Hadley, Shirley Hay, Tony Kerrison, Nick Lee (from 4.35pm) and Rob McGuire.

Apology: Jan Booth

Minutes: Moved: Ailsa Milburn Seconded Shirley Hay that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2014 be confirmed. Carried

Matters Arising:

Return games re Kingborough's Premier League Friday night games

Buckingham has advised that its return Premier League game against Kingborough will be played at 1pm on Sunday 1 February 2015.

Appointment of new Patron

It was agreed to ask Michael Johns from DJ Motors to be BTS Patron.

Updated BTS Strategic Plan

The Secretary has updated the Strategic Plan and has circulated it to Board members for ratification at the next Board meeting. There is a problem in printing out the updated document which needs to be fixed

Umpires Questionnaire for Clubs

Tony Kerrison advised that he has not yet prepared a questionnaire to go to Clubs to see if there is any interest for new umpires, measurers and markers within Clubs and to umpires but will do so as soon as possible. BTS will determine what action is required once interest is determined.

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

At the October 2014 Board meeting, it was agreed that to change the BTS Constitution to replace Delegates meetings with President's and Secretary's meetings. The Secretary undertook to prepare draft amendments to the BTS Constitution in due course but has not done this yet.

Use of Coaches for BTS Championships

At the October 2014 Board meeting a query was raised in regard to the use of coaches in BTS Championships. Tony Kerrison has advised that Laws of the Sport of Bowls 57 permit a manager or coach of a player, team or side to give advice during play provided that the umpire is given the name of the manager or coach before the game starts, only one person can give advice at any one time and the person giving the advice does so from outside the boundaries of the green. The new Laws which come into effect from 1 January 2015 change this law to provide that only a coach can give advice and only when their team or side is in possession of the rink.

IMG BA Website Training

The Secretary has contacted BT again asking it to organise further training with Clubs who have or those who may wish to have an IMG website. No response has been received from BT.

Cygnets and Sandy Bay – Inability to fly DJ Motors Flag

The Secretary has checked protocol and has determined that two flags can be flown on a single flag pole other than the Australian flag which must fly alone. Both Cygnets and Sandy Bay have been advised accordingly.

Sandy Bay has since advised that it does have a DJ Motors flag and that it is flown on pennant days.

Membership Forum

Notes from the Membership Forum have been circulated to Board members. Actions arising from the Membership Forum will be considered at the next Board meeting as part of consideration of the draft BTS Strategic Plan.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Kingborough – Request to play two Saturday Pennant Division 4 skips in Women’s Thursday Division 4
– Refused.

Rod Purcell – Sorell – Non-gender specific pennant

The BTS Board re-affirmed its support of non-gender specific pennant. It was agreed to advise Rod Purcell that non-gender specific pennant will be reviewed at the end of the season. Clubs will be fully consulted as part of that review.

BTS Greens Advisory Committee – Approval to use Glenorchy RSL Green for pennant – Noted

Sandy Bay – DJ Motors flag - Noted

Bowls North – State Wide Challenge 2015-16

Bowls North has requested BT to change State Wide Challenge (SWC) in 2015-16 to revert back to having the State Team participating in SWC rather than a second team from the host region and that SWC matches be played on the best available greens in each region as the first two rounds were played on sub-standard greens. The BTS Board supports the current BT concept and it was agreed to write to BT accordingly.

Malcolm Salier – Royal Hobart – Concerns re eligibility of players and difficulty in monitoring them

It was agreed that this matter will be considered as part of the review of non-gender specific pennant at the end of the season.

Cygnet – Cygnet v’s Huonville Division 3 on Saturday 29 November was played at Huonville due to water mains being cut off at Cygnet on that day with the round two game to be played at Cygnet - Noted

Rod Cooper, Pat Hoffman, John Howard and John McKibben – Concern at behaviour of some players this season and particularly at BTS Men’s Championships

It was agreed that the Secretary obtain more details from these players and seek their thoughts on the apology received from two of the players concerned.

Kingborough – Actions taken by Club re behaviour of two of its members at BTS Men’s Open Fours Championships

It was agreed that to defer consideration of this matter until further information is obtained by the Secretary.

Ryan Guy and Jacob Sheerin-Wall- Apology for their behaviour at the BTS Men’s Open Fours Championships

It was agreed that to defer consideration of this matter until further information is obtained by the Secretary.

Shane Peck – Further Protest re Women’s Over 60’s Championship

It was resolved that the original decision of the BTS Board will stand.

Royal Hobart – Infringement Notice re Royal Hobart v’s Sandy Bay 6 December 2014

Royal Hobart has lodged an infringement notice re the above game claiming that Sandy Bay played a woman as a skip on one of their rinks which is in contravention of Conditions of Play 5.5. Conditions of Play 5.5 refers to Men’s Midweek Pennant, however, the game in question was played in Saturday Pennant which have different Conditions of Play which do not prohibit women playing as a skip. Accordingly no breach of Conditions of Play occurred.

Orford – Extension of dispensation to play two opposite gender players per rink

At its meeting on 10 October 2014 the BTS Board considered a request from Orford to play two opposite gender players in its Thursday Women's Division Four team. It was agreed to give Orford dispensation to play up to two opposite gender players per rink in its Women's Thursday Pennant Division 4 team subject to the following conditions:

1. No opposite gender players can be used if any of its women are available to play.
2. Such opposite gender players must come from its Saturday Pennant Division 5 team and can only play as a lead or a second.
3. Such dispensation is only provided until 31 December 2014. If Orford need dispensation after that it will need to reapply.

Orford has requested that dispensation be extended until the end of the season and it was agreed accordingly.

Glenorchy City – Women's Division 4 v's Glenorchy RSL 11 December 2014.

Glenorchy RSL closed its green on 11 December 2014 due to rain on the previous day and overnight. Glenorchy City invited Glenorchy RSL to play the scheduled game at Glenorchy City with the return game in round two to be played at Glenorchy RSL but this was declined by Glenorchy RSL. Glenorchy City is claiming a forfeit rather than sharing the points. It was agreed that existing Conditions of Play cannot force a change of venue and accordingly points for the game will be shared. It was agreed that this situation be reviewed when Conditions of Play for 2015-16 are being prepared.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Glenorchy RSL Greens and Pennant, Breaches of Conditions of Play, Smoking near greens, Bruny bus, Draw Men's Fours Championship, Draw Junior Fours Championship, Minutes November 2014 Board meeting, Draw Men's Pairs Championship, Poor language and behaviour, SWC Senior Men and Women's teams, Draw Women's Singles Championship,

Bowls Tasmania – No BTS representatives at November 2014 RCC meeting, Grant Allford on BT Hall of Fame Working Party, Lunch numbers, umpires, teams and match manager for Seniors SWC at Kingborough, Confirmation that southern State Senior Selectors are also BTS Seniors Selectors, IMG website training, entry forms re BT Junior Championships, Laws from 1 January 2015.

Glenorchy RSL – Approval to play pennant on green.

Kingborough – Refuse permission to play two Saturday Division 4 skips in Women's Thursday Division 4 pennant.

Buckingham – Date and time of return Premier league game v's Kingborough.

Keghan Booth – Accept explanation for non-attendance at SWC.

Cygnets and Sandy Bay – Inability to fly DJ Motors flag.

Beltana – Review of non-gender specific pennant.

Brighton – Endorse change of pennant date due to clash with Peet Kay event.

Orford – Allocation of match points regarding roster interruptions arising from natural or civil disasters.

Beltana and Shane Peck – Protest re Women's Over 60's Championships.

Kingborough – Date and time of return Premier League game v's Rosny Park.

New Norfolk – Refuse to move Saturday Division 5 team up to Division 4.

Derwent City and Brighton – Upheld protest from Derwent City for Brighton playing ineligible men in Women's Pennant Division 5.

Debbie Lee – Approve appointment as BTS Women's Senior Selector.

Kingborough – Concern at lack of consultation re return Premier league game v's Glenorchy Rodman.

Glenorchy Rodman – Refuse dispensation to play more than one man per rink in Women’s Division 5 Pennant.

Kingborough and Michael Cawthorn – permission for Michael Cawthorn to use bowling arm.

Cygnnet – Permission to play Cygnnet v’s Geeveston Women’s Division 2 and 4 games on 27 November 2014 at Cygnnet with the return games on 19 February 2015 at Geeveston.

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

Reports:

Finance:

Treasurer Tony Fulton submitted his report to the meeting. Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Nick Lee that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted and accounts paid be approved. Carried

Clearances:

Moved: Nick Lee Seconded: Grant Allford that the following clearances are noted:

- Bruce Bastian – Deloraine to Howrah
- Alison Chamberlain – Glenorchy Rodman to Buckingham
- Rosemary Etherington – Rosny Park to Beltana
- John Hadley – Howrah to Derwent City
- Robin Wilkinson – Glenorchy Rodman to Glenorchy City Carried

It was agreed that responsibility of collecting and payment of clearance fees rests with the Club to which players are transferring to.

Match Committees:

No report was received from the Women’s Match Committee.

Ross Bannister tabled the attached Men’s Match Committee report.

Discussion took place on obtaining markers for the BTS Men’s Singles Championships in February 2015. It was agreed that the first-named player in the draw will be required to find a marker for his first-round match. If unable to do so, the player is required to contact the BTS Men’s Match Committee who will request the host club to provide a marker.

It was agreed to contact BT and suggest that State Conditions of Play for 2015-16 be changed to change the format of play for pairs from four bowls crossover to three bowls pairs due to the time it takes to play four bowls crossover pairs and the inability to complete the required number of games in a day.

It was noted that no Clubs have yet advised of changes to pennant games scheduled to be played on Sunday 1 February 2015 to Saturday 24 January 2015

Umpires:

As per the attached report.

Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded Ross Bannister that the BTS Board agrees to implement changes to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Domestic Regulations from 1 January 2015, that Conditions of Play be amended and Clubs be advised accordingly. Carried

Coaches:

Ross Bannister advised that the BT Executive Officer has requested dates for various coaching, umpiring and markers courses for inclusion in the 2015-16 BT handbook. It was agreed that it would be better in the first instance to set dates for such courses prior to October 2015.

General Business:

Unacceptable Behaviour – Taroona Saturday Pennant Division Three Side

Two reports of unacceptable language being used by members of the Taroona Saturday Pennant Division Three side were received. It was agreed this is unacceptable and that Taroona be advised accordingly.

Review of Non-Gender Specific Pennant

The BTS Board has previously agreed that non-gender specific pennant will be reviewed at the end of the season. Clubs will be fully consulted as part of that review. It was agreed that further consideration on how this will happen will take place at the next Board meeting. It was further agreed to contact Bowls North prior to that meeting to determine how it undertook its review last season.

Saturday Pennant Action Group

This Group was recently established as a consequence of the BTS decision to establish non-gender specific Saturday Pennant in 2014-15. The Group appears to be pressing for a return to the previous Saturday format of conducting both a Men's Pennant and a Mixed Pennant for the 2015-16 season. The Group has approached clubs with a survey seeking views of members as to their preferences for the 2015-16 season. As the BTS Board has already agreed that non-gender specific pennant will be reviewed at the end of the season, the unofficial survey being undertaken by the Group is not endorsed by the BTS Board. It was further agreed to advise Clubs accordingly. It was also agreed that this information be advertised via Rob McGuire's lawn bowls column in The Mercury.

Venues for Regional Consultative Committee (RCC) Meetings

Concerns were raised that the venue for future RCC meetings has been changed from the previously agreed central location of Campbell Town to Launceston. This decision was made without prior notice at the last RCC meeting when BTS was unable to have representatives present. It was agreed that the BTS President should write to BT advising of our concerns and in particular raise again the possibility of having all or some of these meetings via a teleconference link-up. It was agreed that a draft letter would be sent to Board members for comment prior to sending the final letter to BT.

Uniforms

Concerns were raised that some players are not conforming to Bowls Australia policies in regard to wearing of approved clothing whilst playing pennant and in BTS competitions. It was agreed to send a reminder to Clubs in regard to this matter.

Bowls Tasmania Minutes

Concerns were raised that BT is still not circulating full minutes of their meetings as required by the BT constitution. This matter has been previously raised with BT who refuse to issue anything other than an abbreviated form of their minutes to the regions. It was agreed to seek a legal opinion on this matter.

Christmas Wishes

President Leigh McAdam wished all Board members a Merry and Safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 19 January 2015 at the Buckingham Bowls Club at 4.30pm. Grant Allford and Tony Fulton advised that they will be apologies for their meeting as they will be away with the BTS Seniors teams at SWC at Port Sorell.

Meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

Confirmed President: / / 2014



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH Men's Match Committee

Men's Match Committee Report for December 2014

The men's southern fours championships were on the 23rd and 30th November 2014. The open division had 20 teams entered and B-Grade only had four teams entered. The men's match committee awarded the New Norfolk Bowls Club to run the both fours competition and the club was parsed by all the players on what a great job they did in holding the fours there.

The men's Southern pair's championships started on the 7th December with forty two teams in the open section and twelve teams in the B-grade section. St Johns Park held the first three games of the B-grade pairs and Sandy Bay had six sections of the open pairs with Glenorchy Rodman's holding the last five sections of the open pairs. All three clubs was unable to hold the next rounds or finals so they were moved to Derwent City Bowls Club for Sunday 14th December.

The B-grade grand final was won by Bruce & Scott McKinley from the Beltana Bowls Club, this is the third time they have won the B-Grade Pairs Championship.

The open grand final will be played at a time agreed upon by the two semi-final winners who is L. Schraner / S. Young and K. Booth / D. Monks.

The junior fours championship was played on Friday nights at the Buckingham Bowls Club and was won by one shot to Jack Ellis, Mitchel Banks, Nathan Fuller and Adam Taylor they defeated Ryan Guy, Alex McCoull, Mat Sweeney and Isaac Maughan.

Ross Bannister
Chairperson
Bowls Tasmania South Men's Match Committee
15th December 2014

BTS Umpires Panel Report to BTS – 15 December 2014

The 3 members of the Panel have not met since Monday, 15 September 2014 but routine matters have been dealt with as needed. This included the appointment of 3 Umpires to officiate at the recent Statewide Over Sixties Pennant series held at Kingborough Bowls Club. The event was very successful and the appointed umpires received acknowledgement and thanks from players and officials from the three regions.

It has come to my attention that there are a number of changes to the Crystal Mark Laws of the Game of Bowls. Crystal Mark Version 3 is currently available on the World Bowls site in pdf format. It can be found by using the following internet link:

http://www.worldbowls.com/Portals/9/Laws/Crystal_Mark_Third_Editionv3.pdf

Within the amendments made to the law are some new points that allow National Bowls Authorities to introduce additional Domestic Regulations (DRs). These include allowing the keeping of the score card to be delegated from the skips to another team member. Bowls Australia has prepared a document setting out information of the changes to the Law and to its own Domestic Regulations. The relevant documents are available from the BA web site using the following links:

<http://www.bowlsaustralia.com.au/Portals/9/Policies/Updated%20June/BOWLS%20AUSTRALIA%20SUMMARY%20SHEET.pdf> (Summary Document)

<http://www.bowlsaustralia.com.au/News/laying-down-the-law-117272> (BA News item)

As no official notification of these changes appears to have been received from the matter was raised with BT President Gary Bevan at the recent event at Kingborough. He advised that BT are meeting on Wednesday 17 December he expects that all the BA Domestic Regulations will be endorse and all changes will come into effect on January 1 2015. (It is puzzling as to why BT needs to endorse BA DRs and World Bowls Law Changes.)

It is understood that the Law Book is being reprinted and the new version 3 should be available by January 1. At this point in time the cost of the new Law Book is not clear.

Because of the short timeline involved it will be necessary to issue a memo to all existing umpires and to all clubs as soon as practically possible.

BTS Umpires Panel