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Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 17 November 2014 commencing at 4.30pm

Present: Leigh McAdam (President), Ailsa Milburn (Deputy President), Grant Allford, Ross Bannister (from 4.50pm), Jan Booth, Tony Fulton, Paula Hadley, Shirley Hay, Nick Lee and Rob McGuire.

Apology: Tony Kerrison

Minutes: Moved: Shirley Hay Seconded Paula Hadley that the minutes of the meetings held on 10 October 2014 and 20 October 2014 be confirmed. Carried

Matters Arising:

DJ Motors Sponsorship

The DJ Motors sponsorship agreement has been signed.

Glenorchy RSL Green and the 2014-15 Season

The BTS Greens Committee inspected the Glenorchy RSL green on 17 November 2014. Leigh Higgins has advised that the green is in the best condition he has seen it for many years and will be ready for pennant to resume on it from next week. The BTS Greens Committee has prepared a greens program for Glenorchy RSL to follow in future. The BTS Board agreed to accept the advice from the BTS Greens Committee.

BTS Lanyards

ID inserts have now been prepared for BTS Board and Committee members and have been fitted to the lanyards.

Return games re Kingborough's Premier League Friday night games

Rosny Park has advised that its return Premier League game against Kingborough will be played at 3pm on Saturday 17 January 2015. No response has yet been received from Buckingham.

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.

Umpires Questionnaire for Clubs

At the last BTS Board meeting 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. As Tony Kerrison was not present at the meeting it is uncertain whether or not this questionnaire has been sent to Clubs.

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

At the last 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.

RSL Bowls

BT has advised that RSL Bowls are not affiliated with BA or BT and are therefore able to wear clothing without the BA logo on it.

BT Hall of Fame Working Party

Clubs were invited to nominate members to assist on this Working Party however no nominations were received. Grant Allford offered to assist

BT State Conditions of Play

BT has advised that it will change State Conditions of Play to 12 ends for sectional play rounds for Women's Over 60 Championships.

Use of Coaches for BTS Championships

At the last Board meeting 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. As Tony was not present at this meeting, it was agreed to leave this matter to the next meeting.

Keghan Booth and Statewide Challenge

Keghan Booth was contacted seeking an explanation why he did not turn up to play for the second BTS Men's team at the first round of Statewide Challenge. Keghan has submitted a written explanation which was accepted by the Board.

IMG BA Website Training

BT has been requested to organise further training with Clubs who have or those who may wish to have an IMG website. BT has agreed to do this with three provisos:

1. There is time allocated (1st item) to the Membership Database component of the system. This is the most important component that will enable BT, BTS (all Regions), and Clubs to manage everything we do in our sport effectively into the future.
2. That the people attending are aware that the above item is a priority.
3. That the Bowls South administrators are able to attend.

The priority for BTS is the website training and BTS believes that in most instances in Clubs the people doing website and the membership database will be different. It was agreed to keep talking to BT in an effort to make this happen.

Correspondence:**Inwards:**Cygnets and Sandy Bay – Inability to fly DJ Motors Flag

Cygnets and Sandy Bay have advised that they are unable to fly the DJ Motors flag due to insufficient flag poles. It was agreed that the Secretary should check protocol to determine if more than one flag can be flown on a single flag pole. If this is not possible the Clubs should be requested to hang the flag in a prominent position on pennant days.

Beltana – Withdrawal from Challenger League and opposition to non-gender specific pennant

It was 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.

Brighton – Request change of pennant dates due to clash with Peet Kay event

Agreement has been reached with both Howrah and Kingborough to play these games at Brighton on Tuesday 27 January 2014. This was endorsed by the BTS Board.

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

It was agreed that, rather than postpone games interrupted by natural or civil disasters, match points will be shared. BTS Conditions of Play in future seasons need to be amended to reflect this decision.

Shane Peck and Beltana – Protest re Women’s Over 60’s Championship

It is acknowledged that the BTS Women’s Match Committee made several mistakes in regard to the running of these championships:

1. The draw sent to Clubs showed that semi-finals and the final would be played over 21 ends whereas BTS Conditions of Play stated that they should be played over 18 ends
2. The scores cards for the semi-finals were drawn off after 18 ends but it was intended to play the games over 21 ends as per the draw that was sent to Clubs.

It was resolved that the results will stand as played and that a formal apology be sent to Shane Peck and the Beltana Club.

The BTS Board noted the hard work of the BTS Women’s Match Committee. It is hard enough to get anyone to volunteer to be part of the Match Committee and criticism of their efforts does not help retain Committee members.

Rosny Park – Return Premier League game v’s Kingborough will be held on Saturday 17 January 2015 commencing at 3pm - Approved.

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

This matter was considered out-of-session. Whilst on paper this looks to be a logical and reasonable request, the logistics of making it happen, changing rosters, changing ladders etc., ensuring the home and away rotation is maintained, determining what roster points should be lost or maintained with such movements make it a near impossibility to make it happen at all, let alone in a fair manner. Accordingly it was agreed to refuse the request.

Derwent City and Brighton – Protest by Derwent City for Brighton playing ineligible men in Women’s pennant Division 5 on 30 October 2014.

Brighton acknowledged that it played an ineligible man in this game due to having difficulty in fielding a Division 5 team on that day due to illnesses, accidents and holidays. In accordance with Conditions of Play 3.35 it was agreed that Brighton will be deemed to have forfeited that match and will receive no pennant points and a penalty of minus 15 shots. Derwent City will be credited with 12 pennant points and 15 shots.

Keghan Booth – Non-appearance at Statewide Challenge - Accepted.

Debbie Lee – Nomination as BTS Senior Women’s Selector – Approved.

BT – Conditions of Play – State Events – Noted and sent to Clubs.

Cremorne – Protest at change to Challenger League amalgamation of Glenorchy City and Claremont

Peter Krstic from Cremorne has queried the above and what happens to points already earned. The BTS Board noted that the two Clubs have not merged but have formed a composite side (as has been done by a number of other Clubs). The composite side was supposed to happen at the start of the season but Claremont was unable to provide any players for the composite side and Glenorchy City then went it alone but Claremont now has available players and the composite side is on again. The BTS Board has determined that pennant points earned to date will stand as is.

Kingborough – Concern at lack of consultation re return Challenger League game v’s Glenorchy Rodman

There is no BTS requirement for the four Clubs who agreed to play Friday night Premier League games against Kingborough to discuss this with Kingborough prior to confirmation of the proposed day and time of their second round game. BTS agreed that the day and time of the return games was entirely up to those four Clubs with the proviso that it had to be ratified by the BTS Executive.

Glenorchy Rodman – Dispensation to play more than one man per rink in Women’s Division 5 Pennant and to play a man in Women’s Division 2 pennant occasionally – Refused.

Kingborough – Permission for bowling arm for Michael Cawthorn.

Resolved that permission be given to Michael Cawthorn to use a bowling arm.

Cygnets – Permission to play Cygnets v's Geeveston Women's Division 2 and 4 games on 27 November 2014 at Cygnets and on 19 February 2015 at Geeveston - Approved.

BT re RSL Bowls - Noted.

BT re Change of State Conditions of Play re Sectional Play for Women's Over 60's – Noted

BT re possible change of venue for southern round of Seniors Statewide Challenge

BT requested BTS to review its decision to hold the southern round of Seniors SWC at Kingborough. BT believed that there may be other, more convenient and suitable venues to hold these matches. Based purely on the 'extra' time taken to travel, it is possible that the North and NW bowlers may be able to spend one hour less on the road (there and back) should the venue be a more northern, Hobart based, club.

This matter was re-considered by the BTS Board out-of-session and it was agreed that the event would remain at the Kingborough Bowls Club. The BTS Men's Match Committee was authorised by the BTS Board to select the venue for Seniors SWC. The BTS Men's Match Committee considered the requirements of BTAS for the event and then considered which Clubs and greens could best deliver those needs. BTS had received an offer to hold the event at the Glenorchy City Bowls Club which has one grass and one synthetic green, however, due to some criticism received at the BTS decision to play the last SWC on the synthetic green at the Buckingham Bowls Club it was decided to hold the Seniors SWC on grass greens. As Senior SWC is on a Tuesday clubs will still need a green for their ladies to practice for pennant so BTS needed a three green club for the event – Buckingham has already held SWC this season so it was down to Rosny Park (which has held many such events in recent years) and Kingborough. In an effort to try and share these events around different Clubs, the BTS Men's Match Committee decided that the event would be held at Kingborough whose two grass greens are in excellent condition at present. BTS noted that the NW round of Seniors SWC will be held at Port Sorell, however SWC last weekend was held at South Burnie which involves considerable additional travel. Kingborough is much closer to Hobart than South Burnie is to Port Sorell so the additional travel argument is not considered a major obstacle.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Glenorchy City / Claremont composite side in Challenger League, Draw Women's Over 60's Championships post-sectional play, Expressions of interest BTS men and women's senior side, Amendment to Conditions of Play, Details of dispensations from Conditions of Play, Breaches of Conditions of Play, Withdrawal of Beltana from Challenger League, Entries received for Men's Triples Championship, Draw for Women's Fours Championship, St John's Park / Glenorchy RSL composite Challenger League side, Draw Men's Triples Championship, Increase in Clearance Fees, Saturday Pennant Double Header, BT hall of Fame Working Party, Amended draw for Men's Triples Championship, Sport & Recreation Community Sports Governance Forum, Seeking additional team for Men's Open Triples Championship, Board minutes 10 October 2014, Board minutes 20 October 2014, Membership Forum, BTS Men's Southern Side – 2nd round Statewide Challenge, BTS Women's Southern Side – 2nd round Statewide Challenge, Women's Fours results and finals draw, Men's Triples results and finals draw, Entries received Women's Triples Championship, Announcement re State Championships at lunch breaks, Conditions of Play – State Events, Women's Triples Championship draw, Senior Statewide Pennant Men's Training Squad, Women's Triples Championship amended draw, Entries received Men's Fours Championship and Junior Jack Attack Kits,

Bowls Tasmania – Confirmation of Kingborough for Seniors SWC, Training for IMG websites, RSL Bowls and use of BA logo, Southern sides for 2nd round of SWC, Catering for 2nd round of SWC, Request to change State Events Conditions of Play,

Rosny Park – Payment of registration fees.

Buckingham and Rosny Park – Return Premier League game against Kingborough.

Glenorchy City – Approve change of uniform to burgundy.

Ailsa Milburn – Appointment as Southern Women's Selector.

Sorell – Approval for Alan Grant to use bowlers arm.

Glenorchy City – Decline use of greens for Seniors SWC.

Kingborough - Dispensation to use John Walker in Women's Division 5.

Glenorchy Rodman – Approval to use Division 1 and 2 Women in Midweek Division 4.

Cygnets – Approval for Andrew Thorn to use bowlers arm.

David Genford – Acknowledgement of work promoting bowls.

Keghan Booth - Non-appearance at Statewide Challenge.

Moved Ailsa Milburn Seconded: Ross Bannister 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: Jan Booth 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:

- Keghan Booth – Sandy Bay to Buckingham
- Bill Eather – Derwent City to Brighton
- Peter Godfrey – Huonville to Kingborough
- Don Patmore – Buckingham to Rosny Park
- Tony Smith – Glenorchy Rodman to New Norfolk
- Kathleen Townsend – Dover RSL to Geeveston Carried

Match Committees:

Jan Booth advised that the Women's Over 60's Fours and the Women's Four's Championship had been completed. Entries were down in both championships, particularly in the Four's B Grade event.

Ross Bannister tabled the attached Men's Match Committee report

Umpires:

No report received.

Coaches:

Nothing to report.

State Wide Challenge:

Grant Allford provided a verbal report on round two of SWC held at South Burnie on 16 November 2014. Weather conditions were difficult and the greens were very fast which added to the length of the day. South Men defeated North West Men 2 in the morning but lost to North West Men 1 in the afternoon. There was a problem with men arriving late on Saturday night after having to play BTS pennant at Dover RSL that day. It would be good to look at this when drafting the roster next season to avoid such additional travel. Ailsa Milburn added that South Women defeated North West Women 2 in the morning but lost to the North West Women in the afternoon.

General Business:

Breaches of Conditions of Play

At the last Board meeting, 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. Clubs were advised accordingly including in Midweek Pennant each rink must have a minimum of two B Grade players in it. Eligibility for B Grade has changed this season and Saturday Pennant Division 2 (the former Saturday Pennant Division 2 Reserve) does not qualify for B Grade. This advice to Clubs contravenes the BTS Board decision of 21 July 2014 when the Board agreed to follow the BT determination that B Grade will be from Division 3 down except for eligibility for Men's Midweek Pennant when B Grade will be considered to be from Saturday Division 2 down. Clubs were advised of this via the minutes and in the September 2014 BTS Newsletter.

It was agreed to stand by the original decision of 21 July 2014 and amend Conditions of Play accordingly to clarify this ruling.

Concerns were raised that some Clubs are still breaching Conditions of Play particularly in relation to selection of opposite gender players for Midweek and Thursday Pennants – in some case simply because they don't understand what the Conditions of Play mean. It was agreed to write to Clubs and remind them of the Conditions of Play and the consequences of abusing them.

Smoking

It is believed that many Clubs are still breaking the law in regard to smoking near greens whilst pennant is being played. It was agreed to remind Clubs of the current law and ask them to ensure that all players adhere to it.

Membership Forum

There was a very disappointing attendance at the membership forum held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Thursday 13 November 2014 with just ten members from five clubs turning up. Notes from the forum will be prepared in due course and will be circulated to Board members.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 15 December 2014 at the Buckingham Bowls Club at 4.30pm.

Meeting closed at 6.25 pm.

Confirmed President: / / 2014



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH Men's Match Committee

Men's Match Committee Report for November 2014

The men's southern triples championships were on the 2nd and 9th November 2014 and have been played with 22 entries in the open division and only 8 entries in the B-Grade division

The men's southern fours championships are on the 23rd and 30th November 2014 and closed on Sunday 16th November. The draws for the A & B sections will be done on Tuesday 18th November 2014

The men's Southern pair's championships are on the 7th and 14th December 2014

The men's singles championships are on the 15th, 22nd February and the 1st March 2015

The men's triples, fours and pairs championships have to be played before Christmas due to the full ness of the pennant roster after Christmas.

Bowls South Board needs to look at Saturday's Division 2 and make it B-Grade for Saturdays and Championships due to lack of players being able to entre B-Grade Championships.

Ross Bannister
Chairperson
Bowls Tasmania South Men's Match Committee
16th November 2014