

# Southern Tasmanian Bowls Association Inc.

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President: Leigh McAdam Secretary: Rob McGuire



Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 19 January 2015 commencing at 4.25pm

**Present:** Leigh McAdam (President), Ailsa Milburn (Deputy President), Ross Bannister, Jan Booth, Paula Hadley, Shirley Hay, Tony Kerrison, Nick Lee and Rob McGuire.

**Apology:** Grant Allford and Tony Fulton.

**Minutes:** Moved: Ailsa Milburn Seconded Nick Lee that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2014 be confirmed. Carried

### Matters Arising:

#### Appointment of new BTS Patron

Michael Johns from DJ Motors has been invited to become the new BTS Patron. No response has yet been received from Mr Johns.

#### Updated BTS Strategic Plan

The Secretary has updated the Strategic Plan however there is a problem in printing out the updated document which has not yet been fixed.

#### Umpires Questionnaire for Clubs

Tony Kerrison has prepared a draft questionnaire to go to Clubs to see if there is any interest for new umpires, measurers and markers within Clubs. However, in the interim BT has issued a detailed calendar of training dates for these courses from now until October 2015. It was agreed not to proceed with the questionnaire to Clubs.

#### 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 has advised that the following changes to the BTS Constitution will be required:

Existing Section 19:

#### **19 REPRESENTATION OF VOTING MEMBERS AT MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

*19.1 Each Member Club shall be entitled to be represented by two voting delegates at every general meeting of the Association. Where a Club has both male and female Club Members, one delegate must be male and the other female.*

*19.2 On the appointment of a Delegate, the Club concerned shall notify in writing to the Secretary the name of such Delegate.*

Replace with:

#### **19 REPRESENTATION OF VOTING MEMBERS AT MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

*19.1 Each Member Club shall be entitled to be represented by two voting delegates at every general meeting of the Association. The voting delegates shall be each Member Club's President and Secretary or their nominees.*

*19.2 On the appointment of a nominee, the Club concerned shall notify in writing to the Secretary the name of such a nominee.*

It was agreed to take this change to the Annual General Meeting.

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.

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.

Behaviour at BTS Championships

Further information has been received on this matter. It was agreed to write to Josh Mazur and Andrew Cowmeadow and seek an explanation on their alleged poor behaviour at the BTS Men's Fours Championship at New Norfolk. It was further agreed to accept the explanation received from Kingborough and the apology received from Ryan Guy and Jacob Wall in relation to the same Championships.

All Clubs have been written to and information was included in the January 2015 BTS Newsletter advising of BTS concerns that the behaviour and language of some players at BTS Championships and Pennant is unacceptable. Clubs have been advised that swearing, over-exuberant celebrations and encouragement of team-mates, unbecoming conduct or any other behaviour that brings the game of bowls into disrepute will not be tolerated in future and that action will be taken against any players undertaking any such behaviour.

Dates for Coaching, Umpires and Marker Courses

Ross Bannister has provided a list of dates for umpires, coaches, markers and measurer courses to BT which in turn has issued a comprehensive program of courses to be conducted throughout the State from February to October 2015.

It was agreed that BTS would strongly promote the new courses to Clubs but needs more information first. It was agreed to contact BT to request more details on each course explaining what each course entails and any pre-requisites for each course to enable a one-page summary sheet to be circulated to Clubs and to be put on the BTS website with the list of available training dates. It was further agreed to seek advice from BT on exactly what existing umpires need to do to be re-accredited.

Updated Conditions of Play

Changes to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Domestic Regulations came into effect from 1 January 2015, however, it has not been possible to amend Conditions of Play until the new Law Book is received.

Venues for RCC Meetings

BT has been advised of the BTS Board's concerns that the venue for future RCC meetings has been changed from the previously agreed central location of Campbell Town to Launceston with a suggestion that all or some of these meetings in future could be held via a teleconference link-up. No response has been received from BT.

Bowls Tasmania Minutes

The Secretary has contacted the BTS Honorary Solicitor to seek a legal opinion on BT's position in not circulating full minutes of their meetings as required by the BT constitution. No response yet has been received from the BTS Honorary Solicitor.

**Correspondence:****Inwards:**Cygnets – Poor behaviour and behaviour.

This matter has been dealt with via BTS correspondence to all Clubs and via the January 2015 BTS Newsletter.

Taroona – Behaviour complaints.

The explanation and apology received from Taroona was accepted.

Rod Pursell – Non-gender specific pennant.

The format of the review of non-gender specific pennant will be determined by the BTS Board in the near future.

Bowls Tasmania – Applications for State Junior Selectors - NotedBowls Tasmania – Applications for State Junior Coaches – Noted.Bowls Tasmania – Applications for State Open Coaches - Noted.Bowls Tasmania – Appointment of Kingborough to host Tasmanian Indoor Championships 2015, 2016 and 2017 - Noted.Bowls Tasmania – Appointment of BTS to be “host region” for 2016 State Championships.

BTS is keen to host these championships, however, concerns were raised at the lack of availability of accommodation in Hobart and the price of same at that time of the year. A Committee will need to be established to organise the Championships including looking at options for accommodation such as block-booking suitable hotels, billeting and the like. If Clubs want to host the Championships then they would need to be prepared to work as part of the Committee. It was agreed to write to Clubs seeking their interest and support. It was further agreed to advise BT of the situation.

Bowls Tasmania – Working with Children Check.

It was agreed to re-iterate this requirement with Clubs. It was further agreed to obtain copies of the Working with Children Check for any BTS coach working with BTS juniors.

Master Cast – Quote medallions and championship bars 2014-15 - Accepted.John Dineley - Exception to insult re email to Clubs re Saturday Pennant Action Group - Noted.Orford – Permission to use bowling arm for Alan Walker - Approved.Helen Long – Reason for non-attendance at BTS Women’s Championships.

Moved Nick Lee Seconded Rob McGuire that the explanation offered by Helen Long be accepted and that no further action be taken

Carried

Alisa Milburn voted against this motion and wanted her negative vote recorded.

John McKibben and Rod Cooper – Behaviour at BTS Championships – Noted and acted upon above.Bowls Tasmania – Appointment of Kerry Moles as NW Men’s Selector to replace Tim Douce who has resigned - Noted.Orford – Permission for Michael Castle to use bowling arm - ApprovedSandy Bay – Dispensation to play Taelyn Male in finals without playing six roster matches – Referred to BTS Men’s Match Committee.Kingborough – Permission for Irvine Brooks to use bowling arm – ApprovedMurdoch Clarke – Amendment to Bowls Tasmania Constitution

The BTS Honorary Solicitor has advised that the Bowls Australia veto of the amendments made to the BT Constitution is invalid as clause 6.2(b) of the BT Constitution is contrary to section 18.1 of the *Association’s Incorporation Act 1964*. It was agreed to write to Corporate Affairs and advise them of the legal opinion received and seek its advice on the matter. It was further agreed to advise NWTBA what BTS is doing and seek its advice on where it is at in regard to this matter.

**Outwards:**

All Clubs – Approved BA clothing, Saturday Pennant Action Group, Men's Seniors SWC teams, new Laws of Bowls, reminder BTS Championship entries close soon, clarification age requirements for Tasmanian Junior Championships, minutes December 2014 Board meeting, Newsletter January 2015, entries received Women's Pairs Championships, extension of closing date for Women's Pairs Championships, entries received for Junior Singles and Pairs Championships, DJ Motors Sponsorship of Barefoot Bowls, draw for Women's Pairs Championships, draw for Junior Singles and Pairs Championships, change of venue of Junior Singles and Pairs Championships to Derwent City, advise Men's and Women's teams for SWC at Launceston on 8 February 2015.

Bowls Tasmania – Comments on Bowls North President's letter re SWC 2015-16, order new Law Books, 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, suggest that dates for training course be set from now until October 2015, confirmation of age dates and conditions of play for Tasmanian Junior Championships, draw and results for Tasmanian Junior Championships, teams and lunch requirements for Seniors SWC at Port Sorell on 20 January 2015.

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

Michael Johns – Invitation to be BTS Patron.

Rod Purcell – Non-gender specific pennant.

Malcolm Salier – Royal Hobart – Difficulty of monitoring eligibility of players.

Rod Cooper and John McKibben – Concerns at behaviour of players at Pennant and BTS Men's Championships.

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

Royal Hobart – Infringement notice re Royal Hobart v's Sandy Bay Midweek 6 December 2014.

Orford – Approve dispensation to play two opposite gender players per rink in Women's Division 4.

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

Taroona – Unacceptable behaviour Saturday Division Three side.

Bowls North – Review of non-gender specific pennant.

BTS Honorary Solicitor – BT minutes.

Moved Ross Bannister Seconded: Shirley Hay 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 Kerrison Seconded: Nick Lee that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and accounts paid be approved. Carried

**Clearances:**

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Shirley Hay that the following interstate clearance be approved and the other clearances be noted:

- Maureen Foley – Buckingham to Beltana
- Brian Johnson – Howrah to Rosny Park
- Jeanette Lane – Claremont to Derwent City
- Stephen Lanning – Mingara (NSW) to Sandy Bay
- Taelyn Male – Burnie to Sandy Bay
- Raymond Reibel – Glenorchy Rodman to Glenorchy City
- Tony (Charles) Smith – New Norfolk to Glenorchy Rodman
- Linda Williams – Geeveston to Kaniva (Victoria)
- Owen Williams – Geeveston to Kaniva (Victoria)

Carried

**Match Committees:**

Jan Booth reported that the Women's Triples and Singles Championships had been conducted with very poor entries in the B Grade events. The Pairs Championships started on 16 January 2015. Jan advised that she will not be continuing on as Chair of the BTS Women's match Committee next season and we need to start working on finding a replacement for next season.

The BTS Board reiterated its position that running of championships including finding umpires other than for the finals is the responsibility of the host clubs and not the BTS Women's Match Committee.

Ross Bannister advised that the Men's Pairs Championships has been conducted.

**Umpires:**

As per the attached report.

**Coaches:**

Nothing to report.

**General Business:**Review of Non-Gender Specific Pennant

It was agreed that a draft review of non-gender specific pennant survey form be developed and be sent to Clubs with a strong recommendation that the views of members be sought in responding to the survey. BTS Board members were requested to submit possible survey questions to the Secretary as soon as possible. Out-of-session approval will be sought on the final survey form so that the form can be sent to Clubs by 1 February 2015.

Saturday Pennant Double Header Weekend

Clubs have been advised that games scheduled to be held on Sunday 1 February 2015 can be played on Saturday 24 January 2015, provided that both clubs agree to the change and that both Clubs sign the relevant consent form and send it to BTS prior to 24 January 2015. To date four games have been brought forward to 24 January 2015.

It was agreed that if a Club agrees to change a game from 1 February 2015 and play it on 24 January 2015 and submits a signed form to BTS but then changes its mind it will forfeit the game if it is not played unless its opponent agrees to change the game back to 1 February 2015.

Out-of-session approval was given for the Saturday Division 2 Kingborough v's Cremorne game which was scheduled for Saturday 31 January 2015 but will now be played at the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre on Friday 30 January 2015 commencing at 6pm.

Venues for State Pennant Finals and State Champion of Champion and Men's Over 60's Fours Finals

The State Saturday Pennant Finals will be held in Hobart on 28 and 29 March 2015 and the State Men's Singles Champion of Champion Finals and Men's Over 60's Fours Finals will be held in Hobart on 18 April 2015. It was agreed to seek expressions of interest from Clubs in and around the Hobart area (but no further north than Brighton and no further south than Kingborough) interesting in hosting these championships.

End of Season Barefoot Bowls Champion of Champions

It was agreed that the BTS Men's Match Committee would run the end-of-season Barefoot Bowls Champion of Champion competition.

Next Delegates Meeting:

A combined Women's and Men's Delegates Meeting will be held at the Buckingham Bowls Club at 3pm on Monday 16 February 2014. Topics for discussion will include new laws, review of non-gender specific pennant, training courses, feedback from membership forum and proposed change of definition of Delegates to President and Secretary.

Annual Presentations of Pennant and Championship Trophies:

It was agreed that this night be held at the Rosny Park Bowls Club (subject to its approval) on Monday 27 April 2015 commencing at 6pm. It was further agreed that the Secretary should seek approval from Rosny Park for same and get a quote for catering from them. (Note: Rosny Park is not available on 27 April so the night has been moved to Monday 20 April 2015 at Rosny Park.)

Annual General Meeting:

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 31 May 2015 at the Glenorchy City Bowls Club (subject to its approval) commencing at 2pm.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 16 February 2015 at the Buckingham Bowls Club at 4.30pm.

Meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

Confirmed ..... President: ..... / ..... / 2015

### **BTS Umpires Panel Report to BTS – 19 January 2015**

The members of the Panel planning to meet in the next two weeks to discuss the new officiating structure and training program, the changes in Laws and Domestic Regulations applicable from 1 January 2015 and allocation of umpires for finals of Association events and Ladies, Midweek and Saturday Grand Finals.

The only activities undertaken since the last report have been arranging umpires for the State Junior Championships held at Buckingham Bowls Club. Those who officiated reported that everything went smoothly.

BT EO requested the supply of one BTS Umpire to assist in the State Championship event held in Launceston at the beginning of January. Geoff Price was nominated and accepted as it was known that he was going to be in Launceston during that time.

#### **BTS Umpires Panel**