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President: Leigh McAdam Secretary: Rob McGuire



Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 23 February 2015 commencing at 4.20pm

Present: Leigh McAdam (President), Ailsa Milburn (Deputy President), Grant Allford, Ross Bannister (until 5.10pm), Jan Booth, Paula Hadley, Shirley Hay, Tony Kerrison, Nick Lee and Rob McGuire.

Apology: Tony Fulton.

Minutes: Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded Paula Hadley that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2015 be confirmed. Carried

Matters Arising:

Appointment of new BTS Patron

Verbal advice has been received from Tania Hinden that Michael Johns from DJ Motors has accepted our invitation to become the new BTS Patron.

Updated Draft BTS Strategic Plan

The Secretary has updated the Strategic Plan however there is still a problem in printing out the updated document. In the interim the Secretary has created an alternative Strategic Plan which is able to be printed and which has been sent to Board members. It was agreed to discuss this in detail at the next Board meeting.

IMG BA Website Training

BT has advised that BA will conduct training with Clubs who have or those who may wish to have an IMG website in Hobart on Thursday 2 April 2015.

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

Written responses have been received from Dover RSL, Josh Mazur and Andrew Cowmeadow on Josh and Andrew's alleged poor behaviour at the BTS Men's Fours Championship at New Norfolk. It was agreed to accept the explanation received from Dover RSL and the apologies received from Josh Mazur and Andrew Cowmeadow in relation to the Championships.

Updated Conditions of Play

Changes to Conditions of Play have been made to conform to changes to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Domestic Regulations that came into effect from 1 January 2015. Changes have been sent to Clubs and an updated Conditions of Play is on the BTS website.

Venues for RCC Meetings

No response has been received from BT regarding 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, however, it was noted that our suggestion that all or some of these meetings in future could be held via a teleconference link-up is being acted on for other BT meetings.

Bowls Tasmania Minutes

The BTS Honorary Solicitor has provided a legal opinion on BT's position in not circulating full minutes of their meetings as required by the BT Constitution. It was agreed to write to BT advising it of the legal opinion and ask once again that full minutes of BT meetings be circulated to regions.

Appointment of BTS as "host region" for 2016 State Championships

BTS has received expressions of interest from Buckingham, Brighton, Claremont, Howrah, Kingborough, New Norfolk, St John's Park (and to a lesser extent from Sandy Bay) to host and be part of a Committee to run the 2016 State Championships. It was agreed to organise a meeting of those clubs to get the Committee underway.

Working with Children Checks

Clubs have been advised of this requirement. Copies of the Working with Children Check have been obtained from Carol Bannister, Ross Bannister and Tom O'Brien.

Amendments to Bowls Tasmania Constitution

Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading has advised that it is looking into BTS' allegation that BT has not complied with section 18.1 of the *Association's Incorporation Act 1964* by not registering the changes to its Constitution which were passed at last year's BT annual general meeting. It was agreed to write to BT advising it of the legal opinion received, that the matter had been referred to Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading and request BT lodge the amendment to its Constitution as per the special resolution passed at last year's annual general meeting.

Venues for State Pennant Finals and State Champion of Champion Finals

Beltana, Brighton, Buckingham, Claremont, Derwent City, Howrah, Kingborough, New Norfolk, Sandy Bay and St John's have all offered to host State Pennant Finals. BT has now written to BTS advising that it wants State Finals to be held at one or a maximum of two Clubs which would mean that most of these Clubs could not host the State Finals. It was agreed to host State Pennant Finals at Sandy Bay and Rosny Park if those Clubs agree.

Claremont, Kingborough and Sandy Bay have offered to host the Champion of Champion Singles Finals. It was agreed to conduct these games at Kingborough.

Annual Presentation 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. Rosny Park is not available on 27 April so the night has been moved to Monday 20 April 2015 at Rosny Park. Rosny Park has quoted \$22 per head for the food which would be similar to that provided last year.

Correspondence:**Inwards:**

Saturday Pennant Action Group – Request to meet BTS Board on 16 March 2015 - refused.

Trophy Traders – Quote for trophies 2014-15 – same as last year - accepted.

Bowls Tasmania – Re-accreditation of existing umpires – need to attend a National Umpires Course and new umpires need to do a Markers and Measurers and National Umpires Course. - noted.

Geeveston – Who signs card and filling out of results sheets – cards are filled out and signed by number two of each side, results sheets are to be completed and signed by Side Captains.

Glenorchy City – Confirm will host AGM on Sunday 31 May 2015.

Commonwealth Games Australia – Tasmanian General Meeting 10 March 2015 - noted.

Bowls North – Men's Over 60's Fours Championships –BTS do not run a Men's Over 60's Championship.

North West Tasmanian Bowls Association – BT Constitution - noted.

Ailsa Milburn – Resignation from BTS Women's Match Committee – accepted with regret.

Lynne McDougall – Suggestion that Thursday Pennant commence at 1pm - declined.

Sandy Bay and Dover RSL – State of green - Division 6 Dover v's Sandy Bay 31 January 2015 - noted.

Sorell and Brighton – Rink allocation at Brighton 31 January 2015 - noted.

Rod Cooper – Player Misbehaviour Sandy Bay v's Dover RSL 10 January 2015. It was agreed to refer this to the player concerned for his comments with a copy to be sent to Dover RSL.

David McLean – Suggested greens for BTS Finals – it was agreed to refer this matter to the Men's and Women's Match Committees who are responsible for allocating greens for BTS finals.

Taroona – Request for bowling arm for John Lovelock – approved.

President BT Garry Beven – BT has appointed a facilitator to oversee the unification of men's and women's bowls on the North West Coast. BT has requested a copy of the BTS Constitution with a request to identify any changes that BTS would make to its constitution if it was starting afresh. It was agreed to provide BT with a copy of the BTS Constitution. Possible changes identified include:

- Change current Delegates to President's and Secretary's.
- The BT Constitution gives BT the power to veto any provision in the BTS Constitution which in BT's opinion is contrary to the Objects of BT. This power is illegal and should be removed from the BT Constitution.

Howard Sandler – Relationship between Auckland Bowls and BTS re Under 18 and Under 25 players – no interest for BTS – refer to BT.

Kingborough – Dispensation for Leonie Price to play in Premier League Finals – approved by BTS Men's Match Committee.

Huonville and Rosny Park – Anomaly re draw of cards Division 3 Saturday Pennant game 7 February 2015 – noted – Side captains are responsible for the draw of rinks and teams must play as drawn.

Bowls Tasmania – Bowls Connect Training Hobart 2 April 2015 - noted.

Cygnnet – Late notice cancellation of Glenorchy City / Claremont v's Cygnnet game on 14 February 2015 – has been referred to Claremont for comment.

Rosny Park and Claremont – Response to explain Rosny Park v's Claremont Premier League finish on 14 February 2015 – responses noted. It was agreed to write to all Clubs advising them of the requirements in the event of disruption of play due to the weather including the requirement to submit a Team Results Sheet to the BTS Statistician in all cases. It was further agreed to review this matter as part of Conditions of Play for next season to outline what is reasonable time to wait for the weather to clear.

Bowls Tasmania – Minutes February 2015 - noted.

St John's Park – Hosting of Saturday, Wednesday or Thursday Pennant Finals – referred to BTS Men's and Women's Match Committees.

Rod Purcell – Request from Saturday Pennant Action Group for BTS Board to direct Clubs to appoint two scrutineers to ensure integrity of BTS survey results - refused.

Bowls Tasmania – Conditions of Play Meeting 2 March 2015 – Ailsa Milburn and Neil Clark will be attending this meeting.

Glenorchy City – Dispensation to play Helena Gaylor in Saturday Pennant Division 6 - approved by BTS Men's Match Committee. .

Bowls Tasmania – Request to endorse BT Junior Selectors – Southern Selector is Ross Bannister who must be a Junior Selector for BTS – endorsed by BTS Board.

Murdoch Clarke – Invoice for constitutional advice – Noted.

Saturday Pennant Action Group – Results of its survey – noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Request that Saturday Pennant Finals be held at one or two venues only and seek advice of such venues - agreed.

Bowls Tasmania – Seek advice of venue for Champion of Champion championships - Kingborough.

Bowls Australia – Stickers for bowls – it was agreed to send information out to Clubs and build the new BA guidelines into Conditions of Play for 2015-16.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Reminder that games scheduled to be held on Sunday 1 February 2015 can be played on Saturday 24 January 2015, Expressions of interest in hosting State Saturday Pennant Finals and Champion of Champion Singles, Notice and agenda for Combined Delegates Meeting, Working With Children check, January 2015 Board minutes, New Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Tasmanian State Championships 2016, Men's Seniors Statewide Pennant Team, Entries received for Women's RACT DL Reid Singles Championships, Review of Non-Gender Specific Pennant, Change of date for Combined Delegates Meeting, BT Technical Courses and Workshops, Barefoot Bowls Champion of Champions Competition, Draw for RACT DL Reid Singles Championships, Entries received for Men's Singles Championships, Draw for Men's Open and B Grade Singles Championships, Entries received for Women's Champion of Champion Singles, Amended Conditions of Play and Draw for BTS Women's Champion of Champion Singles Championships.

Bowls Tasmania – Technical Courses and Workshops, Re-accreditation of existing umpires, Interstate clearances for Linda and Owen Williams, 2016 State Championships, Junior Team - Statewide Pennant and Seniors Teams for SWC Launceston.

Kingborough, Dover RSL, Josh Mazur and Andrew Cowmeadow – Concerns at behaviour of players at BTS Men's Championships.

Cygnets – Poor behaviour.

Taroona - Behaviour complaints.

Rod Purcell – Non-gender specific pennant.

Master Cast – Acceptance of quote and place order 2014-15 medallions and championship bars.

John Dineley – Exception to insult re email to Clubs re Saturday Pennant Action Group.

Orford and Alan Walker – Permission to use bowling arm.

Helen Long – Acceptance of explanation re non-attendance at BTS Women's Championships.

John McKibben and Rod Cooper – Behaviour at BTS Championships.

Orford and Michael Castle – Permission to use bowling arm.

Sandy Bay – Dispensation to play Taelyn Male in BTS Saturday Pennant finals.

Kingborough and Irvine Brooks – Permission to use bowling arm.

Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading – Amendment to BT Constitution.

North West Tasmania Bowls Association – Copy of Murdoch Clarke legal opinion.

Kingborough and Cremorne – Approval to play Saturday Division 2 game schedules for Saturday 31 January 2015 on Friday night 30 January 2015 at the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre.

Buckingham – Delegates Meeting 16 February 2015.

Rosny Park – Annual Presentation of Pennant and Championship Trophies 27 April 2015.

Glenorchy City – Annual General Meeting 31 May 2015.

Moved Ailsa Milburn Seconded: Jan Booth that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

Reports:

Finance:

Treasurer Tony Fulton submitted his report prior to the meeting. Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded: Ailsa Milburn that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and accounts paid be approved. Carried

Clearances:

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

- Anthony Hilder – Glenorchy City to Tasman
- George Lockmer – Buckingham to Glenorchy Rodman
- Norma Lockmer – Buckingham to Glenorchy Rodman
- Bree-Anna Mabb – Rosny Park to Longford
- Kevin Williams – Cygnet to Kingborough
- Morgan Williams – Greenslopes Queensland to Open – Tasmania

Carried

Match Committees:

Jan Booth submitted the attached report for the Women's Match Committee.

Jan Booth reported that Lyn Triffitt and Regina Hays had failed to turn up for their allocated singles games at the DL Reid Singles Championships. Lyn Triffitt subsequently rang up two hours after her non-appearance and apologised advising that she had got the dates wrong. Lyn's apology was accepted. It was agreed to write to Regina Hays asking her to explain her non-appearance. It was further agreed to re-visit the penalties applicable for no-shows when formulating Conditions of Play for 2015-16 with the aim of increasing them.

Ross Bannister submitted the attached report for the Men's Match Committee.

Umpires:

As per the attached report.

Tony Kerrison advised that Leonie Price is now an accredited International Technical Officer.

Coaches:

As per the attached report.

Selectors:

As per the attached report.

General Business:Review of Non-Gender Specific Pennant

It was agreed to send out a reminder to Clubs to complete the survey and to request that they consult as widely as possible in completing the survey.

It was further agreed that a Committee be established at the next Board meeting to consider the responses from the survey and to make recommendations to the Board on the outcomes of the review.

BTS Selectors and Coaches

It was agreed that BTS Selectors and Coaches in future will be required to have successfully completed or undertake to complete a BT Selectors or Coaches Course prior to appointment.

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

Meeting closed at 6.15 pm.

Confirmed President: / / 2015

BTS WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

We have been very fortunate this Year with the Weather. We have not had a washout or any problems.

At the moment we are about to start the Champion of Champions Singles.

We have just completed the D.L. Reid which was won by Ailsa Milburn.

Entries in Division B have been very low which has been disappointing.

Good luck to all for the Finals.

**Jan Booth
Chairman.**



**BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH
Men's Match Committee**

Men's Match Committee Report for February 2015

Bowls Tasmania South men's B-Grade singles are down to the Grand Final to be played on Sunday 1st March 2015 they only had 12 entries in the B-Grade section.

The Open singles has one quarter final to be finished due to being suspended after fifteen ends on Sunday 22nd February as a result of the heat by the officials. This game will be completed Sunday 1st March at 9 am before the semi- finals are played. There were 66 entries in the open section and was played over five different southern city bowls clubs for the first round.

Recommendation to Bowls South that the Saturday division 2 is classed as B-Grade for men's Bowls South championships like it is for Wednesday midweek pennant for season 2015 – 2016

Final venues for Saturday pennant championships will be looked at over the next week

Ross Bannister
Chairperson
Bowls Tasmania South Men's Match Committee
23rd February 2015

BTS Umpires Panel Report to BTS – 23 February 2015

The three Panel members met at Derwent City Bowls Club on Monday February 16 and discussed the new officiating structure and training program, appointment of umpires for finals of Men's and Women's Championship events, appointment of umpires for Women's, Midweek and Saturday Pennant Grand Finals and updating the data base of Bowls south accredited umpires.

Ross Bannister joined the meeting and outlined what was happening with the training under the new structure. One Markers course has been held with all participants were successful in gaining accreditation as markers. The National Umpires course originally scheduled for February 2 didn't proceed due to timing problems with the supply of information on candidates by BT was rescheduled to March 6 but as this a Friday evening of a long weekend it has now been reallocated to March 13. Ross will advise BTEO and candidates of this change. Ross intended asking the new markers to officiate at the men's open singles events at Sandy Bay Club held yesterday. Leonie Price and Helen Ducker were appointed as the umpires for the Open Semi Finals and the Open and B Grade Grand Finals.

In respect of Women's and Men's Champion of Champions Singles events Panel agreed that appointment of umpires for the Finals be arranged by Tony Kerrison with relevant match committees organising umpires for preliminary rounds. As for Pennant Grand Finals the Panel will meet again on Tuesday 10 March to consider appointments. At that meeting Umpire appointments for Men's State Pennant Finals will also be considered.

At the recent meeting the Panel also reviewed current list of accredited umpires and commenced action to bring the data base up to date. It was also agreed that those umpires due or overdue for reaccreditation are to be contacted as soon as possible to advise them inviting them to undertake the new umpires training program if they wish to continue as umpires.

BTS Umpires Panel



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH COACHES PANEL

Delegates Coaches Report for February 2015

The new coaching system is up and running with courses set to be held

9th Feb Markers Course
13th Feb Competition Workshop
20th Feb Selector's Workshop
23rd Feb Marker's Course
2nd March Measurer's Course
13th March National Umpire Course
18th & 19th April Club coach Course
26th April Measurer's Course
4 May National Umpire Course
31 May Measurer's Course
28 June National Umpire's Course
26 July Measurer's Course
30 Aug National Umpire's Course
7th Sept Measurer's Course
20 sept Selector's Course
20 Sept Competition Workshop
26th & 28th sept Club coach Course
5th Oct National Umpire's Course

Once again on the first Sunday in each month from May, June, July, August and September 2014 the Bowls Tasmania south Coaches Panel is going to hold coaching sessions at the Beltana Bowls club on their synthetic green. The first session will be from 9 am to 12 noon and the second session is from 12 noon to 3 pm, these sessions are open to new bowlers through to Premier bowlers. We covering everything from line and length to what shot to play and how to play that shot. There will be qualified coaches on each rink.

If your club would like to organise a coaching day for your members this season please fill 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
23rd February 2015

BTS Selectors Report to BTS – 23 February 2015

The Veolia SWC comprises regional competition between Junior's, Open Men and Women and Senior (O60s) Men and Women.

The result of the final round of the Seniors SWC is to be played on 24 February in Launceston will determine the overall winner of the SWC. At present the South sits on top of the overall standings.

After the completion of the third round of SWC the individual results were:

Open Men: Winner NWTBA; 2nd South

Open Ladies: Winner South

Juniors: Winner NTBA; 2nd South

Seniors Men and Women currently on top.

Congratulations to all players who have represented the South and thank you to managers, coaches and selectors for your time and effort.

Grant Allford