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President: Leigh McAdam Secretary: Rob McGuire



Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 16 March 2015 commencing at 4.30pm

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

Apologies: Ross Bannister and Tony Kerrison.

Minutes: Moved: Nick Lee Seconded Paula Hadley that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 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 draft Strategic Plan was considered in detail and a number of changes were made to it. The Secretary undertook to update the document and circulate it to Board members for ratification at the next Board meeting.

IMG BA Website Training

The date of the training session has been changed to Tuesday 24 March 2015 at the Buckingham Bowls Club. BT has advised Clubs of the training session.

Membership Forum

Notes from the Membership Forum were considered in detail and a number of relevant suggestions are to be included in the draft Strategic Plan.

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.

Bowls Tasmania Minutes

No response has been received from BT regarding the legal opinion obtained by BTS on BT's position in not circulating full minutes of their meetings as required by the BT Constitution and BTS' request that full minutes of BT meetings be circulated to regions.

2016 State Championships

The first meeting of the Committee made up of representatives from Buckingham, Brighton, Claremont, Howrah, Kingborough, New Norfolk, St John's Park and Sandy Bay formed to organise the 2016 State Championships will be held on Monday 30 March 2015 at the Buckingham Bowls Club commencing at 4.30pm.

Amendments to Bowls Tasmania Constitution

No response has been received from BT in regard to the legal opinion received on BT's refusal to amend its Constitution, that the matter has been referred to Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading and BTS' request that BT lodge the amendment to its Constitution as per the special resolution passed at last year's annual general meeting.

Player Misbehaviour Sandy Bay v's Dover RSL 10 January 2015

A response has been received from Robert McMullen in regard to the allegation of player misbehaviour at the Sandy Bay v's Dover RSL Premier League game on 10 January 2015. It was agreed to accept the explanation and that no further action be taken.

Late cancellation Glenorchy City / Claremont v's Cygnet game 14 February 2015

No response has been received from Claremont on the concerns raised by Cygnet.

No-shows at BTS Men's and Women's Singles Championships

A response has been received from Regina Hayes in regard to her non-appearance at the BTS Women's Singles Championship. It was agreed to accept the explanation and that no further action be taken.

No responses have yet been received from David Foster, Norm Goodwin or Danny Lockley in regard to their non-appearances at the Men's BTS Singles Championships. It was agreed that the Secretary should follow-up with these players.

Review of Non Gender Specific Pennant

The Secretary tabled a draft summary of the responses received from Clubs in regard to the survey sent out to ascertain Club and member opinions on non-gender specific pennant to see how it worked, to determine if it should be continued next season and if so to see what went wrong if anything, how it can be fixed and to determine what Clubs think about also extending it to Midweek Pennant and Thursday Women's Pennant.

No responses have yet been received from the Cremorne, Glenorchy RSL, Oatlands, Ouse or Tasman Clubs.

It was agreed to circulate the draft summary of responses received to Clubs and advise them that a Committee has been formed to consider the results and the comments received as part of the survey and to make recommendations to the BTS Board in regard to pennant for the next season.

A Committee consisting of Leigh McAdam, Ailsa Milburn, Grant Allford and Shirley Hay was formed and will hold its first meeting on Wednesday 1 April 2015 at 10am at the Glenorchy City Bowls Club.

Bowls Stickers

The Secretary was requested to query with BT its position regarding adherence to the Bowls Australia guidelines for bowls stickers for State Pennant Finals.

Correspondence:**Inwards:**

Bowls North – Will not have entries in the B Grade Women's State Champion Challenge - noted.

North West Women Bowls Association – Will have entries in the B Grade Women's State Champion Challenge - noted.

Robert McMullen – Explanation of behaviour on 10 January 2015 – accepted.

Bowls Tasmania – IMG training Hobart 25 March 2015 – noted.

Regina Hayes – Explanation of non-appearance at BTS Women's Singles Championship – accepted.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Reminder re player eligibility for finals, Bowls sticker guidelines, Reminder re deadline for return of BTS survey results, Disruption of play due to the weather, Saturday Pennant semi-final and preliminary final venues, 2016 State Championships Committee meeting notice, Midweek Pennant semi-final venues, Entries received for Men's Champion of Champion Championships, February 2015 Board minutes, February 2015 Delegates meeting minutes, Draw for Men's Champion of Champion Championships, Midweek Pennant preliminary final venues and Bowls Tasmania Women's Champion of Champions and Thursday pennant finals and support events.

Bowls Tasmania – State Pennant Finals venues, Endorsement of Junior Selector, Men’s Champion of Champion finals venue, Legal opinion BT Constitution, Lack of communication re National Umpires Course 2 February 2015, Legal opinion BT minutes and Howard Sandler relationship between BT and Auckland Bowls.

Dover RSL – Accept explanation re behaviour of players at BTS Men’s Championships.

Sandy Bay and Rosny Park – Hosting of Saturday Pennant State Finals.

Kingborough – Hosting of State Champion of Champion Finals.

Saturday Pennant Action Group - Decline invitation for meeting and refuse request to direct Clubs to appoint two scrutineers for collation of BTS survey results.

Geeveston – Signing of score cards and completion of results sheets.

Bowls North and North West Womens Bows Association – Men’s Over 60’s Fours Championship.

Ailsa Milburn – Acceptance of resignation from BTS Women’s Match Committee.

Lynne McDougall – Decline suggestion that Women’s Thursday Pennant commence at 1pm.

Dover RSL and Sandy Bay – State of green at Dover RSL on 31 January 2015.

John Lovelock – Approval to use bowling arm.

Howard Sandler – Decline relationship between BTS and Auckland Bowls.

Kingborough – Dispensation for Leonie Price to play in Premier League finals.

Huonville and Rosny Park – Anomaly re draw of cards 7 February 2015.

Rosny Park and Claremont – Accept explanation re Premier League finish on 14 February 2015.

Glenorchy City – Dispensation for Helena Gaylor to play in Saturday Division 6 finals.

Regina Hayes – Request explanation of non-appearance at BTS Women’s Singles Championship.

Moved Grant Allford 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 Fulton Seconded: Ailsa Milburn that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted and accounts paid be approved. Carried

Tony Fulton requested the Secretary to provide him with a list of all championship winners as soon as possible for the Presentation Night.

Clearances:

Nil

Match Committees:

Nothing to report.

Umpires:

No report received.

Coaches:

No report received.

Selectors:

Nothing to report.

General Business:Function for State Wide Challenge Representatives

It was agreed to hold a cocktail party for SWC representatives, coaches, selectors and managers at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Tuesday 5 May 2015 from 5.30pm until 7.00pm to recognise their efforts in winning the SWC. Partners will be invited to attend at a cost to be determined.

Matters Arising from February 2015 Delegates Meeting

It was agreed that future Delegates Meetings commence at 1pm and not 3pm.

It was further agreed to write to Bowls Tasmania to recommend that pro-rata capitation fees be introduced for members who join part way through a season.

BT Training Courses

Concern was raised at the significant time and effort currently being put in by Ross Bannister in conducting BT training courses in Southern Tasmania for which he receives no compensation. It was agreed to write to Bowls Tasmania to recommend that presenters throughout Tasmania be compensated for their efforts in conducting such training courses.

Midweek Pennant Finals Venues

Concern was raised at the significant advantage some Clubs were getting in hosting BTS Midweek Pennant finals. It was agreed that Conditions of Play for next season should be amended to play Midweek Pennant grand finals on neutral venues.

Saturday Pennant Finals Venues

The BTS Men's Match Committee has allocated venues for Saturday Pennant Finals. The Premier League Grand Final will be played at Beltana where the Preliminary Final was also played. If at all possible it was agreed to try and play the Grand Final the other way on the Beltana green.

Dispensation from Conditions of Play

Concern was raised at what constitutes "exceptional circumstances" in granting dispensation from Conditions of Play to allow members to play in finals without playing the minimum six games required. It was agreed to review this matter when drafting Conditions of Play in 2015-16.

Bowls Tasmania South Female Representative on Bowls Tasmania Board

Marion Florence's term of appointment on the BT Board expires at the coming BT annual general meeting. Marion has indicated that she is willing to stand for re-election. In accordance with the BT Constitution nominations will be called from Clubs for this position.

BA Logo and Uniforms

Discussion took place on the dropping of dress standards at Pennant and non-compliance with Bowls Australia logo requirements. It was agreed to look at this matter before the beginning of next season.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 27 April 2015 at the Buckingham Bowls Club at 4.30pm.

Meeting closed at 6.15 pm.

Confirmed President: / / 2015