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President: *Leigh McAdam* Secretary: *Rob McGuire*



Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 27 April 2015 commencing at 4.28pm

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

Apologies: Grant Allford and Tony Kerrison.

Minutes: Moved: Ailsa Milburn Seconded Nick Lee that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2015 be confirmed. Carried

Matters Arising:

Appointment of new BTS Patron

Michael Johns has accepted our invitation to become the new BTS Patron.

Updated BTS Strategic Plan

The updated BTS Strategic Plan was circulated to Board members prior to the meeting. It was resolved to adopt the Strategic Plan and circulate it to Clubs and put it 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.

Bowls Tasmania Minutes

BT has advised that in future there will be one set of minutes produced for BT Board meetings and that these minutes will be public documents.

2016 State Championships

The first meeting of the BTS 2016 State Championships Committee was held on Monday 30 March 2015 and notes from that meeting have been circulated to Board members and Clubs. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Wednesday 13 May 2015, however, the BTS President is unable to attend on that day and it was agreed to postpone the meeting until Wednesday 20 May 2015 at the Buckingham Bowls Club commencing at 4.30pm.

Amendments to Bowls Tasmania Constitution

BTS has previously contacted Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading advising that BTS' request that BT lodge the amendment to its Constitution as per the special resolution passed at last year's BT AGM had been ignored. Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading has now advised that the BT notice specifying the intention to propose a resolution as a special resolution was not circulated to members for passing at the BT AGM as required in terms of section 23 of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1964*. The BT notice of the AGM made no reference to a Special Resolution for discussion so the provisions of the Act have not been complied with meaning that a Special Resolution was not passed at the AGM to amend the Constitution.

Discussion subsequently took place on a number of current issues of difference between BTAS and some Regional Authorities. Such issues include but may not be limited to:

- Change of BTAS Constitution to allow local pennants and competitions to be organised by Regional Authorities as they deem fit.
- Change of BTAS Constitution to increase the term of office of BTS Directors.

- Legality of the power of veto in BTAS Constitution to Bowls Australia.
- Legality of the power of veto in Regional Authority Constitutions to BTAS.
- Unification of North Western Tasmanian Bowls Association and North Western Tasmanian Women's Bowls Association.
- BTAS desire for uniformity for all things related to bowls in Tasmania.

Rather than resort to legal means to address these issues, it was resolved to recommend that BT convene a meeting to which the executive committee of all Regional Authorities and the BT Board be invited in an attempt to resolve these issues to the satisfaction of all parties if at all possible. It is further recommended that this meeting be held as soon as possible and be held in a central location for all parties such as Campbell Town or Ross.

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

Claremont has advised that it assumed that Glenorchy City would have advised Cygnet of the closure of the green and Glenorchy City assumed that Claremont would have done it – whereas no-one did. Claremont has accepted full responsibility for the oversight and has apologised to Cygnet. The explanation offered by Claremont was accepted.

No-shows at BTS Men's Singles Championships

Responses have been received from David Foster and Norm Goodwin in regard to their non-appearances at the Men's BTS Singles Championships. Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Shirley Hay that the explanations be accepted and that no further action be taken. Carried

No response has yet been received from Danny Lockley in regard to his non-appearance at the Men's BTS Singles Championships. Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Shirley Hay that Danny Lockley be suspended from all future BTS Championships until a satisfactory response has been received from him. Carried

Review of Non Gender Specific Pennant

The Committee 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 has held two meetings to date and will submit a formal report to the next BTS Board meeting.

Bowls Stickers

BT advised that it would not be applying the Bowls Australia guidelines for bowls stickers until, as a minimum, after 1 April 2015 and therefore they did not apply to State Pennant Finals.

Function for State Wide Challenge (SWC) Representatives

The cocktail party for SWC representatives, coaches, selectors and managers will be held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Tuesday 5 May 2015 to recognise their efforts in winning the SWC. Buckingham will charge \$12 per head for food plus drinks at normal bar prices. Invitations have been issued. Partners have also been invited to attend at a cost of \$25 per head.

Pro-Rata Capitation Fees

No response has been received from BT regarding the BTS recommendation that pro-rata capitation fees be introduced for members who join part way through a season.

Payment for running BT Training Courses

No response has been received from BT regarding our recommendation that presenters conducting BT training courses throughout Tasmania be compensated for their efforts in conducting such training courses.

BTS female representative on BT Board

In accordance with the BT Constitution, nominations were called from BTS Clubs for this position. One nomination was received at the close of nominations – from Marion Florence, the current BTS female representative on the BT Board but whose term of appointment on the BT Board expires at the coming BT Annual General Meeting. It was agreed to recommend Marion's re-appointment to the BT Board.

Correspondence:**Inwards:**

Kingborough – Request to play up to four Premier Division games in the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre on Friday night's in 2015-16. It was agreed that the day and time of any Pennant match may be varied by mutual consent of participating Clubs and with the approval of the relevant BTS Match Committee. It was further agreed that it is up to Kingborough to get one or more clubs on board for the 2015-16 season before 1 June 2015 so that BTS can build any such changed days or playing times into the roster when it is drawn up.

Kingborough – Offer to host launch of the 2015-16 season. It was agreed to seek expressions of interest from Clubs to host the launch of the 2015-16 season.

Garry Beven Bowls Tasmania – Minutes, Problem with Training Courses in March 2015 and Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading re Constitution - noted.

Sorell – Vacancy in Division 4 2015-16. It was agreed that Sorell will be promoted if there is still a vacancy after close of nominations.

Norm Goodwin – Non-attendance at BTS Singles Championship – accepted.

Tony Chaffey – Submission re points for pennant competition – contrary to Laws of the Sport of Bowls - rejected.

Bowls Tasmania – Application for affiliation 2015-16 – agreed to apply for affiliation.

Kingborough – Eligibility of players for BTS B Grade Men's Champion of Champion Singles – agreed to remind Clubs re eligibility requirements.

Saturday Pennant Action Group – Submission re review of non-gender specific pennant – referred to Review Committee.

Kingborough – Tony Chaffey submission - noted.

Beltana – Incident at Premier League presentation. It was agreed that Nick Lee's comment was made in jest and advise Beltana accordingly.

Nick Lee – Comment on incident at Premier League presentation - noted.

Monica Hughes – Ladies Saturday Pennant attire – being addressed as part of the BTS Strategic Plan.

Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading – Notice of BT AGM – noted.

Master Cast – Quotes for BTS Champion of Champion and "8" badges - accepted.

Kingborough – Application for bowling arm for Stephanie Green - approved.

Marion Florence – Nomination for BT Director – approved.

Bowls Tasmania – Notice of AGM including Life Member nomination for Max Minns and notice of motion to change BT constitution to increase Directors term of office from two to three years. It was agreed that Tony Fulton would be the BTS voting delegate at the BT AGM and would also represent BTS at the BT Presentation Dinner. It was further agreed to pay Tony's accommodation and dinner costs. It was agreed to vote in favour of Max Minns Life Member nomination and to vote against the proposed change to the BT Constitution. It was further resolved to advise BT that its notice to amend the BT Constitution at the coming AGM appears to be contrary to the *Association Incorporation Act 1964*. Such notice must specify BT's intention to propose the motion as a special resolution. The notice does not specify that and as such is contrary to section 23 of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1964*.

Sorell – David Foster's non-attendance at BTS Singles Championship - accepted.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Saturday Pennant Grand Final venues, Livestreaming of 2015 Tasman Series, Summary of review of non-gender specific pennant survey, BT Southern Female Board member nominations, Thursday Pennant Grand Final venues, Midweek Pennant Grand Final venues, March 2015 Board minutes, DJ Motors Barefoot Bowls Champion of Champions Competition, Promotion and relegations 2015-16, State Pennant Finals, Return of BTS Perpetual Trophies, BTS Annual Presentation Night,

BT Australian Indoor Singles Championship, Notice of BTS AGM, Request for information for BTS Annual Report, BTS Coaches Winter Program at Beltana, BTS 2016 State Championships Committee meeting and Cocktail party for southern SWC representatives.

Bowls Tasmania – Bowls Connect training in Hobart, Adhesive sticker guidelines for State pennant Finals, Pro rata capitation fees, Payment for BT Training Course Presenters, Meals for players at State Pennant Finals, Notes from BTS 2016 State Championships Committee meeting 30 March 2015, Information required for next BTS 2016 State Championships Committee meeting and Order Super Veterans Badges.

Robert McMullen – Accept explanation re behaviour at Sandy Bay v's Dover RSL on 10 January 2015.

Regina Hayes – Accept explanation for non-appearance at BTS Women's Singles Championship.

David Foster, Norm Goodwin and Danny Lockley – Second letter requesting explanation of non-appearance at BTS Men's Singles Championship

Beltana – Request that Premier League Grand Final be played on the other way on the Beltana green to that on which the Preliminary Final was played.

Moved Shirley Hay Seconded: Ailsa Milburn 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, that accounts paid be approved and that Honorariums as approved at the 2014 AGM be paid as amended subject to changes recommended by the Treasurer due to the changes in make-up of some Committees. Carried

Clearances:

Moved: Nick Lee Seconded: Paula Hadley that the following interstate clearances be approved:

- Robert Priest – Beltana to Club Kawana (Queensland)
- Patricia Wright – Orford to Leeming (West Australia) Carried

Match Committees:

Women's Match Committee – nothing to report.

Men's Match Committee – as per attached.

The Men's Match Committee has recommended that Division 2 be deemed to be B Grade for BTS Men's B Grade Championships in 2015-16 and beyond. It was agreed to advise Clubs that this recommendation will be left to Club's to decide at the next Delegates Meeting.

Umpires:

The Board acknowledged and thanked all umpires officiating at BTS Pennant Finals and also those officiating at the BT State Pennant Finals.

Coaches:

As per attached.

Selectors:

No report received.

General Business:

Replacement of Blackberry with Apple iPhone 6

Action taken out-of-session to replace the Secretary's Blackberry with an Apple iPhone 6 was endorsed.

Sorell – Proposed amendment of Section 9 of BTS Constitution

It was agreed to consider this matter out-of-session.

Promotions and relegations for 2015-16

The Secretary has advised Clubs of the promotions and relegations for 2015-16. Clubs have been requested to advise if there are any issues with any of the proposed promotions and relegations.

Social Bowls Calendar Clashes

Discussion took place on date clashes on the social bowls calendar which has sometimes resulted in some events being cancelled due to lack of entries. Ross Howard from Brighton suggested a meeting of clubs be held to try and sort out the calendar, however, it was agreed not to do this as clubs will hold their events when they want to and most would not change the date of their event even if it clashed with another event.

BT and BTS Calendar of Events

It was agreed to contact BT to determine when it will be meeting with regional authorities to set the BT calendar of events so that BTS can in turn set its calendar of events.

Winter Synthetic Pennant

Simon Morrison has contacted all BTS Clubs with synthetic greens to explore the potential of a preseason competition based at clubs with synthetic greens. Simon would like Clubs to work together to have more participants use their greens. The goal is not to clash with current activities at these Clubs but on the days that the Clubs are not being utilised during winter/autumn to have people around the club and playing bowls. If Clubs are interested Simon will arrange for a meeting next month with those interested parties.

Roles and structures of the Coaches and Umpires Panels

In accordance with the timelines set in the BTS Strategic Plan, it was agreed to ask the BTS Coaches Panel and the BTS Umpires Panel to review the role and structure of their respective panels and report back to the BTS Board before the start of the 2015-16 season.

Eligibility for Regional and State Representative Teams

Discussion took place on eligibility for BTS and State representative sides. Peter Bannister plays with Derwent City which has been relegated from Premier League to Division 1 for the next season. Peter wants to stay with Derwent City next season to help them get back to Premier League for the following season but does not want to ruin his chances of playing for Tasmania in the Under 25 team or even the Men's team. Peter contacted BT to seek its advice on this matter and was advised as follows:

"The selection criteria may be applied by State selectors equally when considering players from all divisions, not just Premier League. However, regional selectors choose sides for Veolia Statewide Challenge based upon the performances they see on a weekly basis, as well as player performances in regional championships. It is also reasonable to expect that a player competing in a lower standard competition will find it more difficult to maintain high level performance or improve. If you choose to play in a lower standard competition you risk being overlooked by regional selectors, in which case you will not be seen by the full State selection panel. You also place yourself in a position where you may lose form due to the lack of regular high level competition.

The decision is yours. State selectors will continue to consider you for selection, however you need to ensure you continue to challenge yourself at the highest level, especially by being selected for the Veolia Statewide Challenge games."

A number of women in particular play at BTS and/or State level and are not playing at Clubs with a Women's Division 1 side. Any move to not select players simply because they do not play in the Premier League or Women's Division One could be seen to be discrimination. It is particularly hard for smaller clubs to survive when their better players are told that they should change clubs to be considered to be picked in representative teams.

It was agreed to write to Bowls Tasmania to clarify its position in this matter.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 25 May 2015 at the Buckingham Bowls Club at 4.30pm. (This is a week later than our normal meeting date.) Shirley Hay advised that she will be an apology for this meeting and the Annual General Meeting as she will be overseas.

Meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

Confirmed President: / / 2015



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH Men's Match Committee

Men's Match Committee Report April 2015

The Men's Champion of Champions Open and B-Grade singles event was held at the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre again this season and once again was a very successful event and some very good bowls were watched by a good crowd on the two nights.

Kingborough also held the State Champion of Champions Open men's singles event but this was played outside on the grass green in April. I was under the impression that this competition was given to Kingborough so it could be played inside.

DJ Motors sponsored the Southern Twilight Bowls Champion of Champions event that was also held at the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre at night. Eight Southern bowls clubs entered their twilight champions with the Howrah team winning. This competition is going to get stronger next year.

Ross Bannister
Chairman
Men's Match Committee



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH COACHES PANEL

Southern Coaches Report for April 2015

Since October 2014 I have run the following bowls certification courses:

- One National Umpire course with 7 people
- Two Markers Courses for 27 people
- One Competition Course with 2 people
- Two Selectors Courses for 18 people
- Two Measurer's Courses for 32 people
- One part time Club Coach Course for 1 person

Sunday 3rd May 2015 is the first of the winter coaching programs that is held on the synthetic bowling green at the Beltana Bowls Club, this coaching program is held on the first Sunday in the month from May to September each year.

Ross Bannister
Bowls Tasmania South Coaches Panel
Monday 27th April 2015