

# 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 25 May 2015 commencing at 4.30pm

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

**Apologies:** Ross Bannister, Shirley Hay and Tony Kerrison.

**Minutes:** Moved: Jan Booth Seconded Nick Lee that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2015 be confirmed. Carried

### Matters Arising:

#### 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.

#### 2016 State Championships

The next meeting of the BTS 2016 State Championships Committee was scheduled to be held on Wednesday 13 May 2015, however, the BTS President was 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. However this meeting was cancelled due to the unavailability of the BTS Secretary due to emergency surgery. The meeting will be re-scheduled as soon as possible.

#### Issues of difference between BT and Regional Authorities

No response has been received from BT in regard to the BTS recommendation that BT convenes a meeting to which the executive committee of all Regional Authorities and the BT Board be invited in an attempt to resolve a number of current issues of difference between BT and some Regional Authorities

#### No-shows at BTS Men's Singles Championships

No response has yet been received from Danny Lockley in regard to his non-appearance at the Men's BTS Singles Championships.

#### Review of Non Gender Specific Pennant

The Committee formed to consider the results and the comments received as part of the survey has submitted a draft report to the BTS Board. It was agreed to make a number of changes to the draft report and to circulate it to BTS Board members for urgent approval out-of-session before the Annual General Meeting.

#### Bowls Stickers

BT has advised that the Bowls Australia guidelines for bowls stickers will apply next season. A one-page explanation will be included in the BT Handbook for 2015-16. It was agreed that guidelines should also be included in the BTS Conditions of Play for 2015-16.

#### Pro-Rata Capitation Fees

BT has advised that since it passes on the full capitation fee to Bowls Australia it is not in a position to offer pro-rata capitation fees for members who join part way through a season. However BT would encourage all regions to offer discounted capitation fees if a benefit could be gained to their region or their member clubs.

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.

Venue for launch of 2015-16 Season

It was agreed to launch the 2015-16 season at the Howrah Bowls Club on Wednesday 7 October 2015.

Proposed Amendments to Section 9 of BTS Constitution

It was agreed not to pursue a suggestion from Sorell proposing changes to Section 9 of the BTS Constitution which would reduce the requirement to call a General Meeting of BTS from five to three clubs and would require the change to be called for by Club Secretaries.

BT Calendar of Events

BT has issued its Calendar of Events after consultation with but not meeting with regional authorities as requested. The Secretary undertook to finalise the BTS Calendar of Events as soon as possible after consultation with the BTS Match Committees.

Eligibility for Regional and State Representative Teams

BT has advised that no players would be discriminated against in regional and state representative teams by not playing Premier League Pennant, however, players needed to challenge themselves at the highest level and could risk being overlooked if they are not playing in the Premier League.

**Correspondence:****Inwards:**

Kingborough, Derwent City, Howrah, Rosny Park, Buckingham, Claremont, Beltana and Sandy Bay – Venue for launch of the 2015-16 season. It was agreed to launch the 2015-16 season at the Howrah Bowls Club on Wednesday 7 October 2015

Leigh Higgins – Unable to continue on the Greens Advisory Committee 2015-16. It was agreed to accept Leigh's resignation with regret and to thank him for his efforts. It was further agreed to leave the appointment of his replacement to the new BTS Board.

BTS Coaches Panel – The BTS Coaches Panel should only consist of four members including the Chair who should be elected by the Panel. The primary role of the BTS Coaches Panel is to run coaching sessions at Clubs if asked to do so.

Cremorne – Request that starting time for all Saturday home games be changed to 12 noon. 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.

David Foster – Non-attendance at BTS Singles Championship. At the April 2015 meeting it was agreed that David's explanation be accepted and that no further action be taken.

BT – Women's Champion of Champion support events will not be held in 2015-16 and new Seniors State Championships. It was agreed to raise the Board's concerns at the Next RCC meeting that there was no consultation with regions before cancelling the Women's Champion of Champion support events.

Grant Allford – Southern Men's Selection Committee - it was agreed to leave appointments to this Committee to the new BTS Board.

Saturday Pennant Action Group – Men's Only Bowls Competition 2015-16, non-release of full BTS Survey results and urging SPAG members to attend BTS AGM. It was agreed to advise Clubs that only members registered with BTS will be eligible to be selected in BTS representative sides and to play in BTS Pennant and Championships.

Department of Justice – Annual Return of Association – Secretary will complete after AGM and give to Treasurer for payment of annual fee.

BT – Annual Report and Financial Statements – Tabled.

**Outwards:**

All Clubs – Pennant team nominations for 2015-16, Variation of playing times for Pennant games 2015-16, Expressions of interest hosting launch of 2015-16 season, Postponement of BTS 2016 State Championships Committee meetings, Eligibility of players for BTS Men's B Grade Champion of Champion Singles, BTS Strategic Plan March 2015, Board meeting minutes April 2015, Second notice and agenda for the Annual General Meeting and Reminder re information for 2014-15 BTS Annual Report.

Bowls Tasmania – Application for affiliation 2015-16 season, Nomination form from Marion Florence for southern female director for Bowls Tasmania for the coming two years, Meeting with BT and Regional Associations Executives to address issues of difference between BT and regions, Advice that notice to amend BT Constitution is contrary to *Associations Incorporation Act 1964*, Request for meeting with regional authorities to set the BT calendar of events and Clarification re eligibility for selection in regional and state representative teams.

Cygnets – Late cancellation of Glenorchy City / Claremont v's Cygnets game 14 February 2015.

Sorell – Accept explanation re of non-appearance of David Foster at BTS Men's Singles Championship.

Norm Goodwin - Accept explanation re of non-appearance at BTS Men's Singles Championship.

Danny Lockley – Suspension from all future BTS Championships until a satisfactory response has been received from him re non-appearance at BTS Men's Singles Championship.

Kingborough – Playing Premier League games in the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre on Friday nights in 2015-16.

Kingborough – Launch of 2015-16 season.

Sorell – Vacancy in Saturday Pennant Division 4 2015-16.

Tony Chaffey – Suggested points for pennant competition contrary to Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

Kingborough – Eligibility of players for BTS B Grade Men's Champion of Champion Singles.

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

Kingborough – Tony Chaffey submission contrary to Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

Beltana – Incident at Premier League presentation.

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

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

Kingborough – Application for bowling arm for Stephanie Green approved.

BTS Umpires Panel – Review of structure and role of Panel.

BTS Coaches Panel – Review of structure and role of Panel.

Moved Rob McGuire Seconded: Tony Fulton 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 that accounts paid be approved. Carried

Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Grant Allford that Affiliation Fees for 2015=16 be increased by \$2 for adult members and that there be no increase for junior member fees. Carried

Tony Fulton advised of a move interstate towards a fixed affiliation fee model. Bowls Victoria has moved away from a scheme whereby affiliation fees are paid per member to one where they will be paid per club. The new system will apply initially for three seasons. There will be a single fee based on the total affiliation fees paid by each club in the previous season, but adjusted annually for operating cost increases that have been incurred by Bowls Victoria. In order for a club to calculate an amount per member for the purpose of applying this system to their club membership fee, clubs have to divide the Bowls Victoria club fee by the number of members they estimate they will have during the year. For simplicity and as a recruitment incentive for clubs, there are no additional Bowls Victoria affiliation fees during the season for new members. Bowls Victoria believes this will act as an encouragement for clubs to actively recruit new members. As some clubs offer free first-year club membership to new bowlers, this “no additional Bowls Victoria affiliation fees” policy is a similar arrangement to assist clubs.

**Clearances:**

Moved: Paula Hadley Seconded: Nick Lee that the following interstate clearance be approved and the other clearance is noted:

- Heather Banks – Rosny Park to Cremorne
- Andy Monk – Sorell to Queensland

Carried

**Match Committees:**

Women’s Match Committee – nothing to report.

Men’s Match Committee – no report received.

**Umpires:**

No report received.

**Coaches:**

No report received.

**Selectors:**

Nothing to report.

**General Business:**

BTS Survey Results

Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded Grant Allford that the full BTS Survey Results be released to Clubs and others. Carried

BTS Southern Uniforms

The Secretary undertook to work out additional uniform requirements and come back to the next Board meeting. It was further agreed to contact Wrest Point to seek additional sponsorship from them towards the cost of these uniforms.

Thank You

As this will be his last Board meeting, President Leigh McAdam thanked Board members for their support over the past twelve months and advised of his regret that he cannot continue on as President next year.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 15 June 2015 at the Buckingham Bowls Club at 4.30pm.

Meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

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