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President: Peter Kirby Secretary: Rob McGuire



Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 15 June 2015 commencing at 4.25pm

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

Apology: Tony Kerrison.

Minutes: Moved: Ailsa Milburn Seconded Paula Hadley that the minutes of the meetings held on 25 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 be confirmed. Carried

Matters Arising:

Venues for RCC Meetings

Garry Beven, the BT President, has advised that RCC meetings will in future be held at the BT office in Launceston which was agreed to at an RCC meeting not attended by BTS representatives. However, Garry conceded that Longford is a better and more central location, alternating between Campbell Town and Launceston is also an option and video meetings are being looked at.

2016 State Championships

The second meeting of the BTS 2016 State Championships Committee has not yet been held due to the illness of the Secretary and the unavailability of BT Board member Chris Lee but will be held before the middle of July 2015.

Issues of difference between BT and Regional Authorities

This matter has been listed for discussion at the next RCC meeting which will be held on 6 July 2015.

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 further updated draft report to the BTS Board. The following recommendations were approved by the Board:

- With the majority of clubs and members in favour, non-gender specific Saturday Pennant should continue, however, it will in future be referred to simply as Saturday Pennant.
- A Grade Thursday Pennant Women cannot play in the bottom one third of Saturday Pennant (Division 5 down). The BTS Men's Match Committee will have discretion to consider special or exceptional circumstances to approve the selection of A Grade Women lead and second players for Saturday Pennant who do not meet all the requirements of this condition in lower divisions. Such players should be of a similar standard to the division to which they are seeking to be selected.
- Remove the Challenger League name and simply number divisions accordingly (Premier, Division 1, 2 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 etc.).
- Leave Midweek Pennant basically as is i.e. principally men but allowing opposite gender players in Division 3 and below. All available and eligible men must be selected before any opposite gender player. Opposite gender players will continue to be restricted to one per rink. However, opposite gender players can now play lead, second or third.
- Consider reducing Midweek Division 4 to 3 rinks. This matter should be taken to the next Delegates Meeting and clubs decide whether Division 4 should be 3 or 4 rinks.

- Consider removing the current A Grade/ B Grade restrictions which apply to Midweek Pennant. This matter should be taken to the next Delegate's Meeting to determine whether clubs wish to remove the current A Grade/B Grade Restrictions in full or perhaps just for Division 1.
- Leave Women's Thursday Pennant basically as is i.e. principally women but allowing opposite gender players in Division 3 and below. All available and eligible women must be selected before any opposite gender player. Opposite gender players will continue to be restricted to one per rink. However, opposite gender players can now play lead, second or third.
- Consider reducing Women's Thursday Pennant Division 5 to 2 rinks. This matter should be taken to the next Delegates Meeting and Clubs decide whether Division 5 should be 3 or 2 rinks.
- Conditions of Play Committee should re-visit the conditions that have applied to opposite gender players who play in Women's Thursday Pennant i.e. Saturday Division 3 and 4 players are deemed to equate to Women's Division 3, Saturday Division 5 and 6 players are deemed to equate to Women's Division 4 and Challenger League players are deemed to equate to Women's Division 5. Perhaps there should be some regard to the standard of the opposite gender player rather than just the Division they normally play.

It was agreed to further update the draft report to incorporate all the above recommendations and to circulate it to BTS Board members for urgent approval out-of-session.

Payment for running BT Training Courses

The BTS recommendation that presenters conducting BT training courses throughout Tasmania be compensated for their efforts in conducting such training courses will be discussed at the next BT Board meeting.

BTS Calendar of Events

A draft calendar has been prepared and forwarded to Board members and Clubs for comment – to date no changes have been requested.

Appointment of BTS Greens Advisory Committee

It was agreed that the Secretary would approach Clubs to seek expressions of interest in membership of the BTS Greens Advisory Committee.

Department of Justice Annual Return

The Annual Return of the Association has not yet been completed by the Secretary.

BTS Southern Uniforms

The Secretary has not yet worked out additional uniform requirement nor has he contacted Wrest Point to seek additional sponsorship from them towards the cost of these uniforms.

Appointment of selectors, coaches and managers for Southern Representative teams

The Secretary has written to clubs seeking expressions of interest in these positions. Nominations close on 17 July 2015.

Appointment of BTS Men's and Women's Match Committees

The Secretary has written to clubs seeking expressions of interest in these positions. Nominations close on 17 July 2015.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

BT – Calendar of Events 2015-16 - noted.

BT – Notice and agenda for RCC Meeting 6 July 2015. It was agreed that the President and Secretary would be the BTS delegates for the RCC Meeting and that the Vice President would also attend.

BT – Notice of Special General Meeting 6 July 2015. It was agreed that the President would be the BTS delegate for the BT Special General Meeting.

Kingborough – Premier League games at the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre 2015-16 - noted.

Rod Purcell, Ken Coppleman and John McKibben – Nominated for vacant Board position. Moved Ross Bannister Seconded Nick Lee that Ken Coppleman from the Beltana Bowls Club be appointed to the casual Board vacancy. Carried

Uniform City – New uniform for Tasman. It was agreed to request Tasman to submit an official request to change its uniform. It was further agreed to re-establish a BTS Uniform Register which would include details of the current uniforms including trousers and bowls stickers of all Clubs.

BT – Adherence to correct procedures at meetings. It was agreed to send this to all clubs. Due to BTS not following correct procedures when it amended its own constitution on 20 May 2012, it was agreed to hold a Special General Meeting immediately prior to our next Delegates meeting to re-confirm the whole BTS constitution as it currently stands to ensure that it complies with the requirements of Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading.

Leonie Price – Querying appointment as a Southern Selector. It was agreed that Leonie is automatically a Southern Women's Open Selector as she is a State Women's Open Selector until 2017.

Bill Mottershead – Nominating for membership of BTS Men's Match Committee – referred to Chair of BTS Men's Match Committee for recommendations re appointments.

BTS Coaches Panel – The BTS Coaches Panel has advised that the Panel for 2015-16 consists of Ross Bannister (Chair), Tom O'Brien, Shane Peck and Michael Purcell.

Tony Fulton – Nominating himself as Manager and Gerald Tew and Ken Broomhead as Selectors of the Southern Seniors Men's Team. It was agreed to accept the nominations. It was further agreed to write to Club's seeking a Chairman of Selectors for the team.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Saturday Pennant Action Group - Proposed Men's only Social Bowls Competition 2015-16, Affiliation fees 2015-16, BTS Survey - Summary and Individual Club Responses, Reminder re Pennant Teams for 2015-16, Information for Bowls Tasmania Handbook 2015-16, Board meeting minutes 25 May and 31 May 2015, AGM minutes 31 May 2015, BT Calendar and Draft BTS Events Calendar 2015-16, Expressions of Interest - Casual Vacancy BTS Board, Expressions of Interest - BTS Women's Match Committee and Expressions of Interest - BTS Men's Match Committee.

Bowls Tasmania – Reminder re RCC Meetings Venue, Reminder re BT Training Courses and Interstate Clearance - Andy Monk.

Howrah – Host launch of 2015-16 season.

Kingborough, Derwent City, Rosny Park, Buckingham, Claremont, Beltana and Sandy Bay – Howrah will be hosting launch of 2015-16 season.

Leigh Higgins – Accept resignation and thanks for work as Chair of BTS Greens Advisory Committee.

Cremorne – Refuse request to change starting time for all pennant games to 12 noon.

David Foster – Accept explanation for non-attendance at BTS Singles Championships.

Moved: Paula Hadley Seconded: Jan Booth 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: Ailsa Milburn that \$20,000 be deposited into the Sandhurst Select Mortgage Fund for three months after which the money will be available at call. The fund's current indicative rate for the quarter ended 30 June 2015 is 2.95% per annum. Carried

Clearances:

The following clearance were noted:

- Anthony Butcher – Orford to Beltana
- Carlene Ackerley – Derwent City to Glenorchy City
- Neville Ackerley – Derwent City to Glenorchy City
- Nick Lee – Beltana to Open

Match Committees:

Women's Match Committee – nothing to report.

Men's Match Committee – nothing to report.

Umpires:

No report received.

Coaches:

Ross Bannister has written to BT requesting a list of all accredited Southern Coaches and Umpires names, contact details and when their accreditations runs out to enable BTS to contact coaches and umpires to see if they are going to re-accredit again. If we just leave it up to individual coaches and umpires without reminding them that their accreditation is about to expire or has already run out, we may have uncredited bowlers acting as officials. BTS intends putting the information on its website. No list has yet been received from BT. Clubs should also be advised by BT of their members who are approved coaches, markers, measurers and umpires. It was agreed to raise this matter at the next RCC Meeting.

Selectors:

Nothing to report.

General Business:Matters raised at the meeting after the Annual General Meeting:Results in The Mercury

A question was raised about the lack of results in "The Mercury" in the past season. It was agreed to contact IMG to determine if BTS is able to export the results from the IMG system in a format suitable for use by The Mercury. If that is not possible, it was agreed to seek expressions of interest from members to see if anyone is interested in doing this during the 2015-16 season.

Starting Times for Pennant

It was suggested that Thursday Women's Pennant should start at the same time as Wednesday Midweek and Saturday Pennant. It was also suggested that consideration be given to starting all pennant earlier than is currently the case to avoid the afternoon heat. The hottest part of the days are between 1pm and 3pm so we would need to start much earlier to avoid these hours. Getting greens prepared much earlier would be a problem with time restrictions on when mowers can be used in place at many clubs. Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Ross Bannister that starting times for pennant for 2015-16 remain unchanged unless agreed otherwise by the participating clubs and ratified by the relevant BTS Match Committee. Carried

BTS Conditions of Play 2015-16:

It was agreed that a committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Chairs of the Match Committees and the Umpires Panel and Coaches Panel prepare Conditions of Play for 2015-16. The first meeting of the Committee will be held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Wednesday 24 June 2015 at 10 am.

Junior Jack Attack Kits:

It was agreed to remind Clubs that BTS has two Junior Jack Attack Kits which are available for use by Clubs if needed.

President's Thoughts:

Incoming President Peter Kirby addressed the Board with his thoughts on his role and ambitions as BTS President:

- BTS now has an opportunity to make decisions with Club Presidents and Secretaries who will represent Clubs at future Delegates Meetings.
- BTS should be doing more to promote bowls to juniors and in particular in high schools.
- BTS should seek to change its constitution so that the President only has one vote and not a casting vote as well.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 20 June 2015 at the Buckingham Bowls Club at 4.30pm.

Meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

Confirmed President: / / 2015