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MINUTES OF THE DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT BUCKINGHAM BOWLS CLUB COMMENCING AT 1.25 PM ON MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2015

Welcome: President Peter Kirby welcomed all delegates, Life Members Neil Clark, Tony Fulton, Joan Middleton and Cath Smith, Simon Morrison and Tony Sherwill from Bowls Australia and Rebecca Van Asch from Bowls Tasmania.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Life Member Hedley Beechey and Rake Raine (Huonville).

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 45 delegates present representing 24 clubs (Beltana, Brighton, Buckingham, Claremont, Cremorne, Cygnet, Derwent City, Dover RSL, Franklin, Geeveston, Glenorchy City, Glenorchy Rodman, Howrah, Huonville, Kingborough, New Norfolk, Orford, Rosny Park, Royal Hobart, Sandy Bay, Sorell, St. John's Park, Taroon and Tasman.) Nineteen interested men and women also attended the meeting.

Minutes: Moved Rosny Park Seconded St John's Park that the minutes of the previous Delegates meeting held on 23 February 2015 be confirmed. Carried

Business Arising:

Review of Non Gender Specific Pennant

The BTS Board has approved the following changes to non-gender specific pennant for 2015-16:

- With the majority of clubs and members in favour, non-gender specific Saturday Pennant will 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.
- Removed 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.

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- 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.
- Changed the conditions that have applied to opposite gender players who play in Women's Thursday Pennant and have changed the conditions i.e. Saturday Division 4 players are deemed to equate to Women's Division 3, Saturday Division 5 players are deemed to equate to Women's Division 4 and Saturday Division 6 and below players are deemed to equate to Women's Division 5.

Pro-Rata Capitation Fees

BTAS 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 BTAS would encourage all regions to offer discounted capitation fees if a benefit could be gained to their region or their member clubs. The BTS Board agreed to leave capitation fees as they are.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Match Committee:

As per the attached report.

Coaches:

Nothing to report.

Umpires:

As per the attached report.

Selection Committee:

No report was provided.

MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE BTS BOARD:

Pennant 2015-16:

A number of matters in the review of non-gender specific pennant were referred to this meeting for Delegates to decide on.

The BTS Board determined that only Delegates of Clubs affected by these possible changes to Conditions of Play be allowed to vote on them at the meeting, however, one Club advised BTS that this is not permitted according to legal advice that has been offered from within the Club – the BTS Board cannot tell delegates that they are not permitted to vote on certain issues. Accordingly the BTS Board agreed to have two votes on each issue – one for all delegates and a second vote just by Clubs affected by these possible changes. The BTS Board will then make the final decisions at its meeting following the Delegates Meeting.

Moved Rob McGuire Seconded Ross Bannister “that eligibility for B Grade Championships in 2015-16 shall be Division 2 and below – instead of Division 3 and below”. An amended motion was Moved Kingborough Seconded Derwent City “that eligibility for B Grade Championships in 2015-16 shall be Division 2 and below for Men’s Championships and Division 3 and below for Women’s Championships”. Carried

Moved Rob McGuire Seconded Ross Bannister “that Women’s Thursday Pennant Division be changed to nine players (three rinks of three players playing 18 ends)”. An amended motion was Moved Dover RSL Seconded Kingborough “that Women’s Thursday Pennant Division be changed to eight players (two rinks of four players playing 21 ends)”. Carried
(This motion was also supported by Clubs affected by this possible change)

Moved Rob McGuire Seconded Beltana “that Men’s Wednesday Midweek Pennant Division 4 be changed to 12 players (three rinks of four players). Lost
(This motion was supported by Clubs affected by this possible change.)

Moved Rob McGuire Seconded Howrah “that the Men’s Wednesday Midweek Pennant requirement that every rink must include a minimum of two players eligible for B Grade events remain as is”. Carried

Moved Howrah Seconded Sorell “that the BTS Board review its decision to not allow Thursday Women’s Pennant Division One and Two players to play in Saturday Pennant Division 5 and below.” Carried

Conditions of Play 2015-16:

Changes to the Conditions of Play were summarised by the Secretary. Changes include the new rules re bowls stickers, the restriction of movement of players during the course of play, the introduction of a maximum time to finish a game in the event of inclement weather, rules in the event of a game being affected by a natural or civil disaster and the re-introduction of neutral venues for Midweek Pennant finals other than the second-semi-final.

Forms:

Initial Club Registration Forms, Register of Members and Championship Entry Forms have already been distributed to Clubs. Pennant Cards and Pennant Results Forms will be distributed to Clubs with the BTAS Handbooks. The Secretary stressed that the DJ Motors score cards are to be used only for pennant and BTS events. They are not for use in Clubs’ own domestic events.

Bowls Tasmania Handbook:

The BTAS Handbook is due in the next few days. Clubs will be notified when it arrives. It will be available for collection from the Hobart Bowls Centre.

Nominations for Men's Midweek Division 4, Women's Division 5 and Saturday Division 7:

Delegates were reminded that nominations for these Divisions close on Tuesday 29 September 2015.

Capitation Fees

Delegates were reminded that Capitation Fees are due on 1 October 2015 and must be paid prior to the first Pennant game.

New Capitation Fee Structure 2016-17:

President Peter Kirby spoke on a new and simpler method to determine and collect the capitation fees to be levied on Clubs which is in place on the mainland and which both BTAS and BTS are currently considering introducing in Tasmania. This would mean moving away from the current method whereby capitation fees are paid per member to one where they will be paid per club. This single fee will be based on the total capitation fees paid by each Club in the previous year, but adjusted annually for operating cost increases that have been incurred by BTAS and BTS. Once a Club has made its annual payment all members indicated by the Club as financial will be deemed to be registered. For simplicity and as a recruitment incentive for Clubs, there will be no additional capitation fees payable during the season for any new members recruited. This will act as an encouragement for Clubs to actively recruit new members. The more a Club can grow its membership the lower the fee on a per capita basis.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Tony Sherwill, General Manager Bowls Operations, Bowls Australia:

Tony Sherwill addressed the meeting and encouraged Clubs to use the services offered by Bowls Australia which include Jack Attack, Junior Jack Attack, Bowls Connect and in particular the Competition Management section of it and the many services offered by Simon Morrison, the Tasmanian Regional Bowls Manager for Bowls Australia.

Rebecca Van Asch, CEO Bowls Tasmania:

Rebecca Van Asch addressed the meeting and outlined her background and some of the work she is currently doing in her new role. She advised that she wants to make Clubs jobs as easy as possible. She also advised that she will be taking time off without pay whenever she is playing bowls for Australia.

Simon Morrison, Tasmanian Regional Bowls Manager, Bowls Australia:

Simon Morrison addressed the meeting outlining the importance of each Club having one or more Member Protection Information Officers (MPIO) who are trained to be the first point of contact if a member has a complaint within a Club. Information on available courses has been emailed to Clubs. Dennis Lourey from Howrah supported Simon's thoughts and advised that Howrah had paid for a number of its members to do the MPIO course.

Selectors Course:

Gail Price from Sandy Bay asked if there would be a course in the near future for Selectors. Gail was advised that there was and that details of the course were on the Bowls Tasmania website.

Royal Hobart:

John Dineley from Royal Hobart voiced his concerns at two “back-handers” from the BTS Secretary for questioning Royal Hobart’s decision to query the validity of the BTS Board to determine that only Clubs affected by possible changes to Conditions of Play be allowed to vote on them at the meeting. John’s concerns were noted. President Peter Kirby apologised to Royal Hobart if any offence was taken by it over the BTS Board’s decision.

As there was no further business the President closed the meeting at 3.10 pm, thanked all delegates for their attendance and participation and thanked the Buckingham Bowls Club for making its facilities available for the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: February / March 2016 – date and venue to be advised.



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Men's Match Committee Report September 2015

Men's Southern fours championships are to be played from 15th and 22nd November 2015.

The men's triples 29th November and 6th December

The men's pairs 13th and 20th December 2015.

This is all due to the full ness of the bowls calendar and also having to play State finals before Easter in mid-March 2016.

The men's Southern single will be played on the 24th January, 7th and 21st February 2016

The Men's Champion of Champions Singles March 15th to 17th 2016

The Men's Southern Match Committee will try and spread these championships around different southern bowls clubs but the greens will need to be of good standards before clubs will be asked to hold and run these events for both Open and B-grade divisions.

Ross Bannister
Chairman
Men's Match Committee



Bowls Tasmania South **Umpires Panel**

REPORT FOR BTS DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2015

The Umpires Panel has had a very quiet time since the end of last season. There are currently only 3 Panel members (Leonie Price, Helen Ducker and Tony Kerrison) looking after umpiring matters. A meeting was held on Tuesday 15 September to commence planning for the upcoming season.

The Panel is arranging an umpire's forum to be held at Derwent City Bowls Club on Thursday 8th October 2015 commencing at 7.00 pm. The Panel has prepared a flyer inviting umpires, measurers and markers to attend and also any other bowlers who may be interested in accrediting for any of the above officiating roles.

Because of the changed nature of accreditation process the Panel is reviewing its current role and intends to prepare a document outlining its future roles and activities.

Ross Banister is the BTS Presenter and Accreditation person for all Marker, Measurer and National Umpire training and has with the help of panel members and experienced umpires conducted a total of 14 courses run from February this year

New Markers, Measurers and National Umpires (including previous level 1 umpires due for reaccreditation to National Umpires) have completed the relevant courses. Current Level 1 and 2 Umpires who are will be due for reaccreditation over the next two years may apply to complete the new National Umpire course as their expiry date is reached.

From the 14 courses conducted by Ross the following numbers of bowlers have completed relevant qualifications as:

Markers - 39

Measurers 52

National Umpires 21

BTS Umpires Panel

21 September 2015