

# Southern Tasmanian Bowls Association Inc.

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President: Peter Kirby Secretary: Rob McGuire



Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 22 February 2016 commencing at 4.20pm.

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

**Apologies:** Nil.

### General Business:

#### Anti-Discrimination Commission

Further to the appeal from Sandy Bay in regard to its loss of points for playing an ineligible women in its Saturday Pennant Division 6 game against Glenorchy City, the Secretary has written to the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner seeking clarification on what it can and can't do under the *Anti-Discrimination Act*.

A response has been received from the Ant-Discrimination Commissioner and has been forwarded to Board members. The response does not specifically answer most of the questions raised by BTS. The Anti-Discrimination Commission has advised BTS that it is not permitted to give legal advice to parties and is not therefore permitted to advise BTS as to whether the specific conditions and/or competitions BTS referred to in our letter are permitted under the Act. It has recommended that BTS seek independent legal advice and it was agreed that BTS should not do this.

It is recommended that this information be provided to Sandy Bay with a recommendation that it takes this matter to the Anti-Discrimination Commission in an attempt to resolve the matter.

#### Pennants for 2016-17:

A general discussion took place on pennant for 2016-17 with many options considered. The outcomes were as follows:

##### Saturday Pennant:

- Same format as in 2015-16 except for the following:
- No exemptions will be granted to larger clubs (definition of larger clubs to be developed and may need to apply separately for men and women where for example a club has many men members but limited women members or vice versa).
- Division 5, 6 and 7 will be 12 a side

##### Premier League:

- Agreed to hold a meeting of interested Premier League players and Clubs in the near future to discuss what they would like to see in the future for Premier League, what should it look like in five year's.

##### Thursday Women's Pennant:

- Same format as in 2015-16.

##### Midweek Pennant:

- Same format as in 2015-16 except for the following:
- For Midweek Pennant, B Grade will be deemed to be Saturday Pennant Division 3 and below.
- Divisions 3 and 4 will be three rinks only.

Super 8's:

- A new short, sharp game on Friday nights similar to the Australian Premier League concept.
- Runs for eight weeks from January to early March each year.
- Teams of four players playing two bowl triples with substitutions required, two sets of five ends with a sudden death tie breaker if required, one power play per set for each team when shots scored earn double points. Detailed rules to be developed by the Secretary.
- Divisions in Premier League, Open and B Grade Divisions if enough interest is shown – with each division limited to one entry per Club.
- All games from each Division to be played at one Club – each Club gets a Friday night over the length of the Pennant. Up to host Club to promote their night, run BBQ and raffle etc. Clubs may be able to sell sponsorship of their night to a local sponsor to raise additional funds for Club.
- Divisions in Premier League, Open and B Grade Divisions if enough interest is shown – with each division limited to one entry per Club.
- Teams will be charged an entry fee and all entry fees will be returned to players in prize money. Additional prize money could be obtained through sponsorship.

It was agreed to advise Clubs of the above at the next Delegates Meeting.

It was further agreed to reject the sponsorship offer received from Saturday Pennant Action Group.

Query from Dover RSL

Dover RSL has queried why Glenorchy City received points when Sandy Bay played an ineligible player against it in Saturday Pennant Division 6 on 28 November 2015 when Sorell did not receive any additional points when Glenorchy Rodman played an ineligible player against it earlier in the season. As a result of the additional points Glenorchy City received, Dover RSL has missed out on the four in Saturday pennant Division 6.

The two situations raised by Dover RSL were different and were dealt with by the BTS Board under different sections of Conditions of Play hence the penalties imposed by the BTS Board were different. In the Sandy Bay / Glenorchy City (and not Glenorchy Rodman) instance the penalty was imposed by the BTS Men's Match Committee and was ratified by the BTS Board upon appeal by Sandy Bay. In the Glenorchy Rodman / Sorell instance the penalty was imposed by the BTS Board and was ratified by a separate appeal committee upon appeal by Glenorchy Rodman.

It was agreed to re-affirm previous decision by the Board on these matters.

State Pennant Finals Division 4

Peter Kirby advised that BT advised at the recent RCC meeting that the venue of Division 4 of State Pennant Finals may be changed to the East Coast when other State Finals are being played on the North West Coast as North West do not participate in Division 4. It was agreed to contact BT and seek confirmation ASAP as to where these finals will be played as our Division 4 Pennant Final winners may book accommodation on the North West Coast after next weekend's grand finals.

Infringement Player Report – Wayne Clarke

BTS has written to Wayne Clarke asking for his comments on the Player Infringement report issued against him. Wayne was requested to respond by Tuesday 23 February 2016. It was agreed to leave this matter until the next Board meeting.

Meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

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