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Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 18 April 2016 commencing at 4.25pm.

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

Apology: Tony Kerrison

Minutes: Moved: Ailsa Milburn Seconded Ken Copleman that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2016 be confirmed. Carried

Matters Arising:

BTS Uniform Register

At the June 2015 BTS Board meeting, it was agreed to re-establish a BTS Uniform Register which would include details of the current uniforms including trousers and bowls stickers of all Clubs. No work has been done on the register recently but the Secretary undertook to continue to work on the register in the off-season.

Sponsorship of sectional play score cards – Clarence Lifestyle Village

Jan Booth arranged a sponsorship with Clarence Lifestyle Village to print sectional play score cards. The Secretary is still waiting final approval from the Clarence Lifestyle Village to print the score cards.

Gambling on Lawn Bowls

Bowls Australia has been appointed as a regulatory body on gambling on lawn bowls. BTS may need to consider its position at a future BTS Board meeting on gambling on BTS games.

Umpires Clothing

BT has been provided with information on what has happened in the past in regard to official's polo tops – namely that the BT Umpires State Panel purchased polo tops for officials and sold them to regions and this should continue in the future. BTS has also recommended that BT also purchase a quantity of broad brim maroon hats with "OFFICIAL" embroidered on them for sale to regions. No response has yet been received from BT.

Roles of BTS Umpires Panel

At the November 2015 Board meeting, in accordance with the BTS Strategic Plan, it was agreed to consider the ongoing role of the BTS Umpires Panel at a future Board meeting. A report has now been received from the BTS Umpires Panel and President Peter Kirby also tabled his own report on this matter.

Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded: Ailsa Milburn "that the new structure as attached be adopted consisting of a Coordinator of BTS Bowls Officials and a committee of three to five Officials. The Coordinator will remain as a member of the BTS Board". Carried

Roles of BTS Coaches Panel

At the November 2015 Board meeting, in accordance with the BTS Strategic Plan, it was agreed to consider the ongoing role of the BTS Coaches Panel at a future Board meeting. A report has now been received from the BTS Coaches Panel on this matter but has not yet been considered by the BTS Board.

BT and Umpires Advisory Panel

At the January 2016 Board meeting, it was agreed to write to BT and suggest that BT form an Umpires Advisory Committee with a representative from every region on the Committee. This is a requirement under the BT Constitution. BT has since advised that it believes this is a regional responsibility and that view was also shared by the regions at the RCC meeting on 19 February 2016.

BT has further advised it believes that the BT Board is in compliance with its constitution regarding having an officiating committee. BT view the three presenters and assessors (one in each region) as being that officiating committee by conducting each course and accrediting and reaccrediting the relevant bowlers as need be. BT advised that the main issue that seems to have come from the regions at the last RCC meeting was the need for gatherings throughout the year for all accredited officials to get together and share scenarios that they have been involved in, discuss interpretations and generally learn more from one another. BT has taken this on board for consideration to perhaps travel to each region twice a year and hold a session to discuss frequently asked questions.

The BTS Board does not agree with BT's interpretation of compliance with its constitution but agreed to take no further action on this matter.

Suspension of Anthony Rowe:

The Secretary is seeking clarification from Kingborough to determine exactly what suspension was imposed by Kingborough on Anthony Rowe. Any such suspension will supported by BTS and BT.

Nominations for BTS elected position on BT Board:

Despite several reminders to Clubs, no nominations have yet been received for the BTS elected male position on the BT Board. Several names were suggested as possible nominees and Rob McGuire undertook to discuss this position with them. If these approaches are not successful it was agreed to go to Clubs again.

Behaviour of Howrah supporters at St John's Park on 5 March 2016:

At the last Board meeting the BTS Board considered a complaint from Sorell regarding poor behaviour of Howrah supporters at St John's Park on 5 March 2016. Howrah has responded outlining its version of the incident and apologised for what happened. The explanation and apology from Howrah was accepted.

Resignation of Leonie Price from BTS Umpires Panel:

Following support received from the BTS Board, Leonie Price has withdrawn her resignation from the BTS Umpires Panel.

BTS Budget 2016-17:

Tony Fulton advised that a meeting of the BTS Finance Committee will be held late in April 2016 or early May 2016 to prepare a draft budget for 2016-17.

Venue for BT Champion of Champions 16 April 2016:

Beltana, Glenorchy Rodman, Kingborough and Rosny Park all volunteered to host this event. The BTS Men's Match Committee allocated the event to Kingborough. In the end only one game was played – the NW champion was excluded as he was the NW singles champion and not a Club champion. Carol Bannister withdrew due to health reasons so the Women's event was transferred to Launceston. Bowls Tasmania has advised that this event in future will be held over the same weekend as the Tasmanian State Triples are held in early March 2017. It was agreed to write to Clubs and advise them of this decision to enable them to re-schedule their singles events if necessary to meet the new deadlines.

BTS Board Polo:

The BTS Board has agreed to investigate the purchase of a polo top for BTS Board members. The Secretary undertook to investigate possible designs and colours and report back to the next Board meeting. If any Board members has any thoughts re design etc. please contact the Secretary.

Matter raised at Delegates Meeting:

At the Delegates Meeting on 7 March 2016 it was Moved: Sorell Seconded: Buckingham "that the Bowls Tasmania South Board investigate with Bowls Tasmania the possibility of standardising the number of rinks per team in each competition to bring them in line".

BT is already supportive of standardising the number of rinks per team for pennant play throughout Tasmania. Apart from MTS Midweek and Saturday Pennant and North West Men's Pennant, all other pennant in Tasmania is three rinks per team and BT has previously advised that it would prefer that all pennant consist of three rinks per team.

This question has been raised with Clubs and members in the past via two surveys with an absolute majority of players wanting to keep Saturday Pennant at four rinks per team albeit not as big a majority wanting to keep Midweek Pennant at four rinks per team.

Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded: Tony Fulton “that BTS is aware of BT’s position on this matter, that members have voted to remain at four rinks per team for Saturday Pennant in the 2013 survey and to remain at four rinks per team for Midweek Pennant in the 2015 survey. Accordingly Midweek Pennant and Saturday Pennant should remain at four rinks per team except in the lower divisions where it has already been decided that some divisions should be three rinks per team.” Carried

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Sandy Bay – Copy of complaint to Anti-Discrimination Commissioner re non-gender specific pennant restrictions - Noted.

Leonie Price – Withdrawal of resignation from BTS Umpires Panel - Accepted.

Howrah – Response to complaint from Sorell re grand final at St John’s Park on 5 March 2016 - Accepted.

Glenorchy City – Request to avoid clash with Midweek Pennant Finals and Women’s Thursday Pennant State Finals in the future – Agreed if at all possible.

Ross Bannister – Copy of letter to Cremorne expressing disappointment in comments made by Geoff Doyle attacking honesty of Ross Bannister re Midweek Finals query – Agreed to write to Cremorne reprimanding the comments made by Geoff Doyle.

Bowls Tasmania – Request to endorse Ross Bannister’s nomination for the BT Southern Junior Selector position – Agreed to endorse Ross Bannister’s nomination.

Sorell – Suggestions re Conditions of Play – Referred to 2016-17 Conditions of Play Committee.

Huonville, Cremorne and Cygnet – Expressing interest in filling vacancy in Saturday Pennant Division 6 – Referred to 2016-17 Men’s Match Committee.

Sorell – Clarification of eligibility to play in Club Championships – Conditions of Play 1.3 is quite specific and provides that a member can only play in the championships of one club in any one season and where a member is a member of more than one club he or she can only play in the championships of the club for which he or she has nominated to play in pennant competitions.

Ouse – Concerns at changing Saturday Pennant Division 5 to three rinks – Noted, however a number of Clubs had difficulty in filling their teams in the bottom three divisions in 2015-16 as evidenced by the number of dispensation requests received by the BTS Men’s Match Committee.

Bowls Tasmania – State Umpires Advisory Committee – refer Matters Arising.

Bowls Tasmania – Draft calendar 2016-17 – The following concerns were raised by the BTS Board which are to be taken up with BT:

- Junior SWC will be held separate to Open SWC. This results in three less Sundays for BTS and other regions to run its Men’s Championships.
- Round 2 of Juniors SWC clashes with Open State Championships which some Junior’s enter.
- State Junior Championships have been moved from January 2017 to late April 2017 when many greens are not available.

Geeveston – Notices of motion for Annual General Meeting – Agreed to add to second notice for Annual General Meeting.

Outwards:

All Clubs – BTS Women's Thursday Pennant Grand Finals Venues, BT BTS Men's Board Position, Use of non-accredited coaches, Expressions of interest to host Bowls Tasmania Champion of Champion Men's and Women's Singles Championships, BTS Men's Midweek Pennant Grand Finals, Information for Thursday State Pennant Finals, State Pennant Finals, Return of BTS Perpetual Trophies, DJ Motors Barefoot Bowls Champion of Champions, Promotions and relegations 2016-17 Season, BTS Board Meeting Minutes March 2016, Nomination of Pennant Teams for 2016-17, Variation of playing times for Pennant games 2016-17, BTS 2016 Annual Presentation Night, Information for 2015-16 BTS Annual Report, BTS Notice of Annual General Meeting and Reminder re BTS 2015 Annual Presentation Night.

Bowls Tasmania – Endorse Grant Allford's application for BTAS Open Men's Selector, Endorse Leonie Price's application for BTAS Open Women's Selector, BTS Women's Thursday Pennant Winners, Eligibility query regarding Ladies Division 4 State Finals and Venue for BT Champion of Champions.

Wayne Clarke – reprimand for behaviour.

Howrah – Policy re 8 badges earned in incomplete game.

Kingborough – Clarification re suspension of Anthony Rowe.

William Armstrong – Permission to use bowling arm.

Rosny Park and Kingborough – Eligibility of Division 4 players.

Glenorchy City and Kingborough – Inappropriate action by umpire.

Glenorchy Rodman – Lack of officials at Saturday Pennant Semi-Finals.

Claremont and Beltana – Use of “unregistered” coach.

Cremorne – Dismissed appeal against BTS Men's Match Committee re Midweek Pennant eligibility of player for finals.

Leonie Price – BTS will not accept resignation from BTS Umpires Panel.

Royal Hobart and Buckingham – Dismiss appeal against Buckingham for playing ineligible player.

Cremorne and Derwent City – Upholding appeal from Cremorne against Derwent City playing an ineligible player in Midweek Pennant semi-finals.

Cygnets – Approval for Sue Hill to use bowling arm.

Tony Kerrison – Acceptance of resignation as Chair of BTS Umpires Panel at end of season.

Moved: Nick Lee Seconded: Shirley Hay that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

Reports:**Finance:**

Treasurer Tony Fulton presented his report to the meeting. Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Shirley Hay “that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and that accounts paid be approved”. Carried

Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Ross Bannister “that Honorariums and Allowances for 2015-16 be as follows:

President Expense Allowance	\$600
Deputy President Expense Allowance	\$300
Secretary	\$10,000
Executive Assistant	\$1,000
Treasurer	\$3,000
Statistician	\$5,000
Assistant Statistician (Results)	\$500
Men's Match Committee (Chair +3)	\$800
Women's Match Committee (Chair + 1)	\$600
Green's Advisor	\$200
Publicity Officer	\$250

Coaching Panel Expenses (Chair + 2)	\$200	
Umpires Panel Expenses (Chair + 2)	\$600	Carried

Tony Fulton asked Ross Bannister and Ailsa Milburn to advise him of venues used for 2015-16 championships so that payments for green use can be made to Clubs.

Tony Fulton advised that he has received several letters from the Australian Taxation Office requesting BTS to submit tax returns for the last seven years. BTS is a not-for-profit organisation and is not required to submit tax returns and Tony Fulton has written to the ATO advising it accordingly.

Clearances:

Moved: Nick Lee Seconded: Paula Hadley “that the following clearances be noted:

- Lee Schraner – Glenorchy Rodman to Rosny Park
- Mick Sweeney – Glenorchy Rodman to Rosny Park
- Jeff Maughan – Glenorchy Rodman to Burleigh Heads (Interstate Pennant Declaration).” Carried

Match Committees:

Women’s Match Committee

Nothing to report.

Men’s Match Committee

Nothing to report.

Umpires:

Tony Kerrison reported that the only activities undertaken by the BTS Umpires Panel were appointing umpires for Wednesday and Thursday Grand Finals and Helen Ducker did an excellent job of ensuring that experienced umpires were appointed.

Coaches:

Nothing to report.

Selectors:

Nothing to report.

General Business:

Promotions and Relegations 2016-17:

The Secretary has advised Clubs of promotions and relegations for 2016-17. Clubs have been requested to advise if there are any issues with any of the proposed promotions and relegations.

Meeting with Howrah re 2016-17:

The Secretary and Chair of the BTS Men’s Match Committee met with Howrah on 6 April 2016. Howrah outlined its concerns with the proposed format of pennant for 2016-17 and in particular the problems that restrictions on Thursday Pennant A Grade women playing in Saturday Pennant create for Howrah. The Board agreed that its proposed format for pennant for 2016-17 will remain as is.

Discussion Paper – BTS Greens Advisory Committee:

President Peter Kirby tabled a discussion paper outlining concerns and suggestions from the BTS Greens Advisory Committee. It was agreed to use the discussion paper as the basis for a Roles and Responsibilities of the Greens Advisory Committee document. Peter Kirby agreed to work on this for consideration by the Board at its next meeting.

Meeting re future of Premier League:

This meeting will be held on Thursday 21 April 2016 at 7pm at the Buckingham Bowls Club. The BTS Board has no pre-conceived ideas about the future of Premier League but is interested in hearing from Premier League players as to what they would like to see for the Premier League into the future. President Peter Kirby will chair the meeting and ideas will be collected and all attendees will have the opportunity to vote for the best ideas put forward on the night.

BTS Annual Presentation of Pennant and Championship Trophies:

Last year Rosny increased the cost of the food for the night to \$22 per person but the BTS Board agreed to leave the cost at \$20 and BTS covered the \$2 shortfall. It was agreed out-of-session that BTS again charge \$20 for the presentation function with juniors being charged \$10.

BTS Annual General Meeting:

The Secretary advised that he has sent out the first notice of meeting for the Annual General Meeting and has commenced work on preparation of the Annual Report.

Date of next meeting: The next BTS Board meeting will be held on Monday 16 May 2016 at the Buckingham Bowls Club at 4.30pm. Ken Copleman advised that he will be away for four months and apologised for meetings that he will miss during that time.

Meeting closed at 6.35 pm.

Confirmed President: // 2016



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH BTS OFFICIALS STRUCTURE

A. STRUCTURE OF BTS BOWLS OFFICIALS PANEL:

1. The BTS Bowls Official Panel will consist of a Coordinator and three to five officials.
2. The BTS Board shall appoint a suitably qualified person to the position of *Coordinator BTS Bowls Officials*, and that the appointment be made after consideration of an EIO process, in which interested persons address selection criteria established by the BTS Board. The successful applicant will be appointed to the position, by the BTS Board, for a period of time (advertised in the EIO process), after which time the position will be re-advertised (the incumbent may re-apply).
3. The remainder of the Panel will be approved and appointed by the BTS Board either through a nomination and confirmation process at a meeting of BTS bowls officials, by recommendation of the Coordinator, or through a separate EIO process.
4. The Coordinator should be a member of the BTS Match Committees, to assist with the appointment of officials for BTS bowls events, and to provide expert advice to the Match Committee when the Committee is considering matters regarding the Laws of the Sport of Lawn Bowls (and their interpretation) and issues arising from the BTS Conditions of Play.
5. The Coordinator will be a member of the BTS Board.

B. ROLE AND DUTIES OF BTS BOWLS OFFICIALS PANEL:

6. The primary roles of the BTS Bowls Officials Panel will be:
 - a) To work with the Coordinator to assess BTS bowls officials for appointment to higher duties, and the planning and preparation of workshops/forums/training sessions for BTS bowls officials, and to determine the agenda for formal meetings of BTS bowls officials.
 - b) To conduct regular meetings of BTS bowls officials for the purpose of maintaining/enhancing skill levels.
 - c) To oversee the development and maintenance of a list of accredited bowls officials active in the southern region.
 - d) Liaise with the BTS accredited Course Presenter/Assessor for the purposes of assisting with the provision of training courses for new and re-accrediting bowls officials, as well as to gain information from the Presenter in regard to the details of those who have newly qualified.

- e) To provide expert advice to the BTS Match Committee and the BTS Board in regard to the interpretation and application of the Laws of the Sport of Lawn Bowls, and BTS Conditions of Play.
 - f) To recommend the appointment of bowls officials to the BTS Match Committee for BTS Championship events, for BTS Pennant Finals, and for any Bowls Tasmania events for which BTS is required to host.
 - g) To be a point of reference for contact/interaction with representatives of bowls officials from other regions in Tasmania.
 - h) To improve the standard of performance and knowledge base of BTS bowls officials, and their ability to interpret and apply the laws of lawn bowls, as well as the Conditions of Play relevant to the particular bowls competition in which officiating.
 - i) To provide counsel to BTS bowls officials, especially where competency is poor and the expectation of improvement is not evident. Incompetent bowls officials, even at club level, should not be tolerated. Player respect for bowls officials is of paramount importance.
7. The Coordinator will be required to provide the BTS Board with progress reports regarding activities of BTS bowls officials, as well as in regard the support provided to registered players on the BTS Bowls Officials List.

**Approved by the BTS Board
April 2016**