

# 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 16 May 2016 commencing at 4.32pm.

**Present:** Peter Kirby (President), Shirley Hay (Deputy President), Ross Bannister (from 4.40pm), Tony Fulton, Paula Hadley, Nick Lee, Ailsa Milburn and Rob McGuire.

**Apology:** Ken Copleman and Tony Kerrison

**Minutes:** Moved: Ailsa Milburn Seconded Ken Copleman that the minutes of the meetings held on 18 April 2016 and 9 May 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

Final approval has been received from the Clarence Lifestyle Village and the score cards are now being printed.

#### 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 advised that Bowls Australia will be offering Officials uniforms for purchase directly from Bowls Australia. Officials will still be able to wear their maroon uniforms if they wish to.

#### Roles of BTS Coaches Panel

At the November 2015 Board meeting 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.

#### Suspension of Anthony Rowe:

Kingborough has advised that Anthony Rowe was suspended from Kingborough for six months. Anthony is not allowed on the Kingborough premises and cannot play bowls anywhere in Australia during the period of his suspension. This suspension is supported by BTS and BT.

#### Nominations for BTS elected position on BT Board:

Nick Lee from Rosny Park has been nominated for the BTS elected male position on the BT Board. It was resolved to endorse Nick Lee's nomination and send it to BT.

#### BTS Budget 2016-17:

Tony Fulton advised that a meeting of the BTS Finance Committee was held on 6 May 2016 to finalise the budget for 2016-17.

Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Rob McGuire "that affiliation fees in 2016-17 for adult members be set at \$72 and for junior members be set at \$36 and championship entry fees be set at \$10 (all such amounts include GST). The Club Affiliation Fee will remain at \$50 per team. Carried

These amounts need to be approved by Delegates at the Annual General Meeting before becoming actual affiliation fees for 2016-17.

#### BTS Board Polo:

At the April 2016 Board meeting, the Secretary undertook to investigate possible designs and colours for a Board polo top and report back to this meeting. No work has been done on the polo top yet but the Secretary undertook to report back to the Board at its next meeting.

#### Roles and responsibilities of BTS Greens Advisory Committee:

At the April 2016 Board meeting, 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. No work has been done on the document yet but the President undertook to present it to the Board at its next meeting.

#### Meeting re future of Premier Division:

This meeting was held on Thursday 21 April 2016 at the Buckingham Bowls Club to hear from Premier League players as to what they would like to see for the Premier League into the future. Notes from the meeting have been circulated to Clubs.

It was agreed to implement the following for 2016-17:

- All Divisions in all Pennants will be 21 ends.
- Premier Division will remain at four rinks of four players.
- An elite eight-team Super League Club competition will be run on Friday nights in January and February 2017. Rules will be developed by the BTS Conditions of Play Committee.

#### Equal Opportunity Tasmania – Anti-Discrimination Act complaint lodged by Sandy Bay:

BTS has received correspondence from Equal Opportunity Tasmania advising that it has received a complaint from Sandy Bay in regard to non-gender specific pennant restrictions and the complaint from Glenorchy City in relation to Sandy Bay playing an ineligible woman in its Saturday Pennant Division 6 game on 28 November 2016.

BTS has submitted a response to the Equal Opportunity Office advising what happened and why. A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 2 June 2016 to try and resolve the complaint.

#### **Correspondence:**

##### **Inwards:**

Clarence Lifestyle Village – Confirming sponsorship of bowls score cards - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Request to present BT awards at BTS Trophy Presentation Night – Approved.

BTS Umpires Panel – Notes from meeting on 14 April 2016 - Noted.

Sandy Bay – Concerns at format of Midweek Pennant 2016-17. Moved Ross Bannister: Seconded: Nick Lee “that the Board reverse its decision of 22 February 2016 namely that for Midweek Pennant, B Grade will be deemed to be Saturday Pennant Division 3 and below. Accordingly for Midweek Pennant 2016-17 (and also for BTS Men’s B Grade Championships) B Grade will be deemed to be Saturday Pennant Division 2 and below.” Carried

Bowls Tasmania – Reasons for wanting to move Senior State Championships to February 2017 and dates of Junior SWC – Noted.

Dover RSL – If Premier Division is reduced to three rinks, would Dover RSL be able to enter another Saturday Pennant team – Agreed.

Bowls Tasmania – Notice of Annual General Meeting – President and Vice President are both unable to attend. Nick Lee will be the BTS Delegate. Nick was requested to bring back copies of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for BTS.

Southern Tasmanian Women’s Past President & Secretaries Association – Winding up - Noted.

Chris Lee – Difference in BT and BTS interpretation of what is a constituted team for Championships and earning of Bowler of the Year points – Agreed to investigate further with BTS Umpires Panel.

Glenorchy City – Concerns at decision of BTS Men’s Match Committee to grant dispensation to Buckingham to allow Ike Smith to play in Midweek Division 2 finals – Noted and agreed to review when Conditions of Play for 2016-17 are being drawn up.

Bowls Tasmania – Capitation Fees 2016-17 - Noted.

Nick Lee – Nomination Form BTS Male Director on BT Board - Resolved to endorse Nick Lee’s nomination and send it to BT.

Bowls Tasmania – Calendar 2016-17 – Noted – It is understood that the Seniors State Championships will only be held in February next year and thereafter will be held in conjunction with the Open State Championships in early January each year.

Orford – Concerns at format of Midweek Pennant 2016-17 – Already dealt with see Sandy Bay correspondence above.

Bowls Tasmania – Officials Uniform – refer Matters Arising

### **Outwards:**

All Clubs – Reminder re BTS 2016 Annual Presentation Night, Board Meeting Minutes 18 April 2016, Reminder re Premier Division Meeting, Second notice of Annual General Meeting, Affiliation Fees 2016-17 and BTS Champion of Champion Singles Championships.

Bowls Tasmania – BTS Annual Presentation Night, BT Calendar, Interstate Pennant Declaration - Jeff Maughan, BT Capitations 2016-17 and Officials Uniforms.

Howrah and Sorell – Behaviour of supporters at St John’s Park on 5 March 2016.

Leonie Price – Withdrawal of resignation from BTS Umpires Panel.

Glenorchy City – Avoid clash with Midweek Pennant Finals and Women’s Thursday State Finals in future.

Cremorne – Reprimand comments of Geoff Doyle re Midweek Finals query.

Sorell – Suggestions re Conditions of Play have been referred to Conditions of Play Committee.

Huonville and Cygnet – Expressions of interest in filling Division 6 vacancy in 2016-17 have been referred to BTS Men’s Match Committee.

Sorell – Clarification of eligibility to play in Club Championships.

Ouse – Concerns at changing Saturday Pennant Division 5 to three rinks.

Geeveston – Receipt of notices of motion for Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Paula Hadley 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: Ross Bannister “that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted and that accounts paid be approved”. Carried

#### **Clearances:**

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

- John Corba – Howrah to Bramble Bay (Queensland)
- Maree Evans – Glenorchy Rodman to Buckingham
- Paul Evans – Glenorchy Rodman to Buckingham
- Helen Hepburn – Glenorchy Rodman to Buckingham
- Scott MacKenlay – Beltana to Derwent City

- Dennis Mayes – New Norfolk to Kingborough
- Lorraine Parker – Glenorchy Rodman to Buckingham.”

Carried

**Match Committees:**Women’s Match Committee

Nothing to report.

Men’s Match Committee

Nothing to report.

**Umpires:**

Notes from the meeting of Umpires Panel on 14 April 2016 were received and noted.

**Coaches:**

First session of Winter Coaching was held at the Beltana Bowls Club on Sunday 1 May 2016.

**Selectors:**

Nothing to report.

**General Business:**Nominations for BTS Board and Committees:

Nominations have closed for these positions for 2016-17. Three nominations have been received for two male Board members, however, Nick Lee has now been appointed to the BT Board and will have to withdraw his nomination from the BTS Board in accordance with the BT Constitution. Accordingly there will be no elections necessary at the Annual General Meeting. The only Board vacancy is for the Chair of the BTS Women’s Match Committee. We need more nominations for the Match Committees and Selection Committees but these can be filled by the new Board in due course.

Junior Presentations:

Due to the lack of attendance of juniors at the BTS Annual Presentation Night it was agreed to present trophies in future immediately after the grand final of each event.

DJ Motors Sponsorship:

The Secretary reported the outcomes of a meeting he had with DJ Motors on 20 April 2016 re sponsorship in 2016-17. The sponsorship will look different in future and Clubs will generally have to deal with BTS rather than DJ Motors for sponsorship of specific events. DJ Motors have undertaken to put a proposal together before the end of May 2016 for consideration of the BTS Board.

Saturday Pennant Division 5:

At its meeting on 22 February 2016 the Board determined, amongst a range of other decisions, that Saturday Pennant Division 5 would change from four rinks to three rinks for 2016-17. Howrah and Ouse have advised that they will be adversely impacted by such a decision. It was agreed to contact all Clubs that will have a team in Saturday Pennant Division 5 in 2016-17 and ask them whether or not they would prefer three or four rinks and why.

Bowls Tasmania Advertising Campaign:

It is understood that BT is considering asking regions for a contribution of \$2,500 each (which will be matched by a \$2,500 contribution from BT) towards an advertising campaign for lawn bowls in Tasmania. The Secretary advised that he had approached the previous CEO of BT with details of several lucrative sponsorship deals that he had done or was aware of with local television stations for minimal outlay and advertising in excess of \$100,000 per annum. It was agreed to make BT aware of such sponsorship deals again to enable BT to try and get better value for its advertising campaign than just paid advertising.

Thank You

As this will be the last meeting of the current Board, President Peter Kirby thanked Board members for their support and hard work over the past twelve months.

Date of next meetings: The next BTS Board meetings will be held as follows:

- Sunday 29 May 2016 immediately after the Annual General Meeting
- Monday 20 June 2016 at 4.30pm at the Buckingham Bowls Club.

Meeting closed at 6.24 pm.

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