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President: Peter Kirby

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Bowls Tasmania South, held at Derwent City Bowls Club commencing at 2.00pm on Sunday 29 May 2016.

Welcome: The President, Peter Kirby, welcomed members to the meeting, especially Life Members Neil Clark, Tony Fulton and Joan Middleton, and advised that a quorum was present.

Attendance and Apologies: There were 32 delegates from 18 clubs and 17 others in attendance. Apologies were received from Bruny, Life Member Cath Smith and Board Members Ken Copleman and Ailsa Milburn.

Recognition of deceased members: All members stood for a short period of silence in recognition of those members who had passed away during the preceding year.

Minutes of last preceding AGM: Moved Robert Davies Seconded Leigh McAdam that the minutes of the AGM held on 31 May 2015, as circulated, be accepted as read and confirmed.
Carried.

Annual Report and Financial Report:

The President, Peter Kirby, spoke to his report, as published within the Annual Report, and expanded on some points. He particularly thanked Leonie Price and Helen Ducker for stepping in to arrange umpires for finals. He also mentioned the passing of our Patron Michael Johns and DJ Motors Tania Hinden during the year. Moved Peter Kirby Seconded Ross Howard "that the annual report be received".
Carried

The Treasurer, Tony Fulton, presented his financial report and the audited financial statements. Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Ross Howard "that the audited financial statements be adopted".
Carried.

Recommendations from the Board:

Appointment of Patron: The Board has decided to wait for a period of time before appointing a new Patron in respect to the passing of its previous Patron, Michael Johns.

Appointment of Auditor: Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Robert Davies that Rendell Ridge of Max Peck & Associates be re-appointed as auditor.
Carried.

Affiliation Fees: Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Doug Lowe that affiliation fees for 2016-

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17 for adult members be increased by \$5.00 to \$72.00, that the affiliation fee for juniors be increased by \$3.00 to \$36.00, that the registration fee of \$50.00 per team remain unchanged and that entry fees for BTS Championships be increased by \$2.00 to \$10.00.
Carried.

Concerns were raised by Diane Willett that the increase in junior affiliation fees may impact negatively on attracting new juniors to lawn bowls. It was agreed to raise this matter with Bowls Tasmania.

David Back suggested that BTS should consider introducing a concessional affiliation fee for under 25 members for 2017-18 and should canvass Bowls Tasmania for the same.

Honorariums: Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Ray Headlam “that Honorariums and Allowances for 2016-17 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

Motions Received from Clubs:

Geeveston – Moved Liz Rickards Seconded Mick Rodwell “that Bowls Tasmania set the competition rules so that all regions in the State are under the same format”.

Rationale:

The three regions all play different formats at present and when playing one another as happened in recent finals, one side had to miss out. Other discrepancies are the number of ends i.e. A Grade 25 ends, B Grade 21 ends. Therefore if there was a uniform set of rules this would not occur.
Carried

Geeveston – Moved Mick Rodwell Seconded Liz Rickards “that the non-gender rule should encompass all competitions and divisions”.

Rationale:

At present men are allowed to play in Division 3 and below in Thursday Pennant but not in the top two Divisions.



Not that many of Geeveston’s male members wish to play on Thursdays but there are times during the season when there is a lack of players and there are only three men allowed in a division (although some clubs have dispensation for extra men). Women are allowed to play in all divisions on Saturdays but we believe it is discrimination for the Thursday games. A Club in Division 2 this year had a man in their team. Geeveston believe there is an argument that the non-gender rule be applied in all grades. Lost

Appointment of Office Bearers:

- President: 1 nomination – Peter Kirby
- Deputy President: 1 nomination – Shirley Hay
- Secretary: 1 nomination – Rob McGuire
- Treasurer: 1 nomination – Tony Fulton
- Executive Assistant: 1 nomination – Paul Hoddy
- Board members: 5 nominations – Ken Copleman, Paula Hadley, Nicholas Lee, Ailsa Milburn and Malcolm Salier. Nicholas Lee subsequently withdrew his nomination as he has been appointed to the Board of Bowls Tasmania and cannot also be a BTS Board member.

All the above nominations were elected unopposed.

The Annual General Meeting was then closed at 2.40pm and President Peter Kirby invited members to participate in a post meeting discussion.

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Matters discussed at post meeting discussion chaired by President Peter Kirby:

Selection of Greens for Finals: Ross Howard (Brighton) queried the process of selecting greens for finals. Ross believes that it is important that smaller Clubs with good greens be allocated finals to get the additional revenue that they raised.

Format of Midweek Pennant 2016-17: Jeff Maughan (Glenorchy Rodman) raised concerns at the format of Midweek Pennant 2016-17 to change Saturday Pennant Division 2 players to A Grade for Midweek Pennant. The BTS Board at its meeting in May 2016 reversed its decision of 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.

Number of rinks for Saturday Pennant Divisions 5, 6 and 7: Dennis Lourey (Howrah) asked where BTS is at regarding the number of rinks for Saturday Pennant Divisions 5, 6 and 7. At its meeting in February 2016, the BTS Board determined that Saturday Pennant Divisions 5, 6 and 7 would be three rinks for 2016-17, however, Howrah and Ouse subsequently advised that they will be adversely impacted by such a decision. The BTS Board has 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. Saturday Divisions 6 and 7 will be three rinks in 2016-17.

Results in "The Mercury": Judy Maughan (Glenorchy Rodman) raised concerns about lack of coverage of other than Premier Division and Women's Division One in "The Mercury", the lack of photos and the lack of results in "The Mercury" in the past season. Rob McGuire advised that "The Mercury" had reduced its allocated space for lawn bowls in recent years and there was simply not enough space to report on anything other than Premier Division and Women's Division One. "The Mercury" does not have enough photographers to take photos to accompany lawn bowls results in "The Mercury". The BTS Statistician now prepares separate results on all Divisions and submits these to "The Mercury" and these are regularly published.

21 or 25 ends for Saturday Pennant: Craig Griggs (Kingborough) asked how many ends would be played in Saturday Pennant in 2016-17. At its meeting in May 2016, the BTS Board agreed that all Divisions in all Pennants will be 21 ends.

Entry of teams into IMG Database: Leigh McAdam (Glenorchy City) commented that in future it would be good if Clubs entered all their teams into the IMG database so that results could easily be entered and player eligibility could also be checked by anyone.

Clearances: Craig Triffitt (New Norfolk) suggested that players should be able to play with whomever they wanted without the need for a clearance. Peter Kirby advised that Clubs are required to obtain clearances for players coming from other Clubs and must submit them to BTS before being the players are allowed to play with their new Club.

Anti-Discrimination Commission: Rob McGuire provided an update on Sandy Bay's complaint to the Anti-Discrimination Commission 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. A meeting has been scheduled by the Anti-Discrimination Commission for Thursday 2 June 2016 to try and resolve the complaint.

Peter Kirby thanked Derwent City for the use of their Club for the meeting. He also thanked everyone for attending and wished them all the best for the coming season.

Meeting closed at 3.12 pm.