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Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 20 June 2016 commencing at 4.30pm.

Present: Peter Kirby (President), Shirley Hay (Deputy President), Ross Bannister (from 4.37pm), Tony Fulton, Paula Hadley, Ailsa Milburn, Malcolm Salier and Rob McGuire.

Apology: Ken Copleman and Leonie Price.

Minutes: Moved: Paula Hadley Seconded Shirley Hay that the minutes of the meetings held on 16 May 2016 and 29 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:

The score cards have now been printed.

Gambling on Lawn Bowls:

Bowls Australia has been appointed as a regulatory body on gambling on lawn bowls. Simon Morrison has forwarded a copy of the relevant Bowls Australia policy on this matter to BTS. It was agreed to consider this matter at the next Board meeting.

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 been received from the BTS Coaches Panel on this matter. It was agreed that the Secretary would re-send the report to Board Members and this matter will be considered at the next Board meeting.

BTS Board Polo:

At the April 2016 Board meeting, the Secretary undertook to investigate possible designs and colours for a Board polo top. It was agreed that a white with gold and red stripes design as circulated to Board members out-of-session would be used and that both a polo top and jacket would be supplied to all Board members. The tops would have a Bowls Australia logo on the right hand front and a new BTS logo is to be developed by Ailsa Milburn and the Secretary for the left hand front. The words "Board" or "Board Member" will be added under the BTS logo. The polo tops and jackets are to be made by an approved Bowls Australia manufacturer to ensure that it can be reproduced whenever BTS gets new Board members in the future.

Roles and responsibilities of BTS Greens Advisory Committee:

President Peter Kirby tabled a discussion paper outlining the Roles and Responsibilities of the BTS Greens Advisory Committee. It was agreed to consider this matter at the next Board meeting.

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

The complaint from Sandy Bay with Equal Opportunity Tasmania has been resolved between the parties.

BTS has agreed that its Conditions of Play will be amended as follow – current Conditions of Play 4.6 (b) to (f) will be removed and will be replaced with the following:

(b) Regular# Premier Division and Division 1 players (from either Saturday or Thursday pennant) can play in any position in Saturday Pennant Premier Division or Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 but are ineligible to play in Saturday Divisions 5, 6 and 7.

(c) Regular# Division 2 players (from either Saturday or Thursday pennant) can play in any position in Saturday Pennant Premier Division or Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 but are ineligible to play in Saturday Divisions 6 and 7.

(d) The BTS Match Committee shall have discretion to consider special or exceptional circumstances to grant a dispensation to CoP 4.6 (b) and (c) for smaller clubs.

(e) The penalty for playing an ineligible player under this condition is the loss of all match points for the game in which the infringement occurs.

Note:

Regular is defined as “someone who has played 50% or more of their games in the current season in that Division (or higher).

The agreement reached is enforceable as if it were an order made by the Ant-Discrimination Tribunal under Section 89 (1) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1998 (Tas)*.

Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Ailsa Milburn “that the Board formally endorse the agreement reached and that Clubs and Bowls Tasmania be advised of the outcome accordingly”. Carried

Constituted team for BTS Championships and BTS Bowler of the Year:

At its meeting on 16 May 2016, the Board considered correspondence from Chris Lee advising of a difference in BT and BTS interpretation of what is a constituted team for BTS Championships and earning of Bowler of the Year points. The BTS Umpires Panel has considered this matter and has advised that a constituted team is defined in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (DR2.2.1 determines that players become constituted when the jack is delivered in the first end in the first game of the competition.). DR2.2.10 permits the Controlling Body to impose special conditions on the composition of teams and the qualification of team members.

It was agreed that the BTS position would remain as is – that BTS Bowler of the Year points would be awarded to those players who actually played in the game in which the points were accrued. Conditions of Play for 2016-17 should clearly advise this position. The question of allocation of prize money and what names should be placed on trophies where more than the required number of players participated in a team over a championship event is to be considered by the BTS Conditions of Play Committee when it drafts Conditions of Play for 2016-17.

It was further agreed that this matter be again taken up with Bowls Tasmania at a future Regional Consultative Committee meeting as the BT position appears to differ from the BTS position.

DJ Motors Sponsorship

DJ Motors has submitted a draft sponsorship proposal to BTS for its comment. It was agreed that the President and Secretary would meet to consider the draft proposal and submit a response to DJ Motors. Board members are invited to consider the draft proposal and submit any comments to the Secretary as soon as possible.

Saturday Pennant Division 5:

At its meeting on 22 February 2016 the Board determined that Saturday Pennant Division 5 would change from four rinks to three rinks for 2016-17. Howrah and Ouse subsequently advised that they will be adversely impacted by such a decision. Accordingly 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.

Responses have been received from all Clubs that will have a team in Saturday Pennant Division 5 in 2016-17. Beltana, Cremorne, Derwent City, Orford and St John’s Park prefer three rinks. Buckingham, Howrah, Ouse and Rosny Park would prefer four rinks. Glenorchy Rodman do not mind either way.

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Shirley Hay “to re-affirm the decision on 22 February 2016 that Saturday Pennant Division 5 would change from four rinks to three rinks for 2016-17”. Carried

Amalgamation of BTS Men's and Women's Match Committees:

It was agreed to hold a Special General Meeting immediately prior to the next Delegates Meeting to recommend a change of Constitution to amalgamate the Men's and Women's Match Committees.

The following changes to the BTS Constitution will be required to combine the Men's and Women's Match Committees:

(i) Change Clause 9.1 (d) to read:

9.1 (d) shall in particular appoint annually a Match Committee consisting of up to four members in addition to the Chairperson.

(ii) Change Clause 10 to read:

The Board shall consist of the Office Bearers of the Association, the Chair of the Match Committee, a nominee from each of the Umpires and Coaching panels, the Executive Assistant and four ordinary members, each appointed as hereafter provided. (If possible, two of the four ordinary members will be male and two female.)

Nominations for BTS Women's Match Committee:

Expressions of interest have been called for vacancies on the BTS Women's Match Committee. Nominations close on 1 July 2016.

Nominations for BTS Men's Match Committee:

Expressions of interest have been called for vacancies on the BTS Men's Match Committee. Nominations close on 1 July 2016.

Nominations for Selectors and Managers of BTS Southern Teams:

Expressions of interest have been called for vacancies for Selectors and Managers of BTS Southern teams for 2016-17. Nominations close on 1 July 2016.

Nominations for BTS Greens Advisory Committee:

Peter Kirby advised that he has contacted David McLean and Andrew Norris and that both want to continue in their roles on the BTS Greens Advisory Committee. It was agreed to confirm their appointments for 2016-17.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Derwent City, Rosny Park, Beltana, Buckingham, Orford, Cremorne, Howrah, Ouse, Glenorchy Rodman and St. John's Park – Saturday Division 5 next season – Dealt with in Matters Arising above.

Leonie Price – BTS Championships and Bowler of the Year problem – Dealt with in Matters Arising above.

BTS Coaches Panel – Ross Bannister will be the Panel's Board representative for 2016-17 - Noted.

BTS Umpires Panel – Leonie Price will be the Panel's Board representative for 2016-17 - Noted.

Rod Pursell – Discrimination against male members by BTS – Nothing has been received by BTS from the Anti-Discrimination Commission.

Alan Barnes – Nomination for BTS Men's Match Committee – Deferred to next Board meeting.

Leonie Price – Nomination for Women's Open Selector – Approved as Leonie Price is a BT Selector and therefore automatically a BTS Selector.

New Norfolk – Request amendment to Conditions of Play so that Clubs with both grass and synthetic greens can only play pennant on the nominated surface and any change must be approved by the opposition club. Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Ailsa Milburn "that Conditions of Play for 2016-17 be amended accordingly". Carried

Equal Opportunity Tasmania – Agreement Sandy Bay and BTS re Anti-Discrimination claim - Dealt with in Matters Arising above.

Bowls Tasmania – Reminder re Department of Sport & Recreation Community Sports Governance Forum in Hobart on 22 June 2016 – Noted.

Mick Sweeney – Nomination Senior's Men's Chairman of Selectors and Senior's Selector – Deferred to next Board meeting.

DJ Motors – Sponsorship Proposal - Dealt with in Matters Arising above.

Bowls Australia Regional Bowls Manager (Tasmania) Simon Morrison – Match Fixing Policy - Dealt with in Matters Arising above.

Rosny Park and Kingborough – Request that their Premier Division round one game be held on Friday 11 November 2016 at the Kingborough Indoor Centre commencing at 6pm and that the return game at Rosny Park commence at 3pm on the Saturday afternoon - Approved. It was further requested that the Premier Division games be linked with Rosny Park and Kingborough's Division 3 teams so that hopefully Kingborough Division 3 players may stay to watch the finish of the Premier Division game after their own game finishes – Approved.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Format of Midweek Pennant 20016-17, Eligibility to play in Club and BTS Championships, Saturday Pennant Division 5 – 3 or 4 rinks, Information for BT 2016-17 Handbook, Board Meeting Minutes 18 May 2016, Affiliation Fees 2016-17, Expressions of Interest - BTS Women's Match Committee, Expressions of Interest - Selectors and Coaches for BTS Southern teams 2016-17 and Reminder re Pennant Team nominations 2016-17.

Bowls Tasmania – Delegate to AGM, Request for copies of Annual Report and Financial Statements, Nomination of Nick Lee for BT Board and BT Advertising Campaign.

Sandy Bay and Orford – Format of Midweek pennant 2016-17.

Dover RSL – Ability to enter additional Saturday Pennant team if needed.

Glenorchy City – Review of Midweek Pennant dispensation provisions when Conditions of Play 2016-17 are being drawn-up.

Moved: Paula Hadley Seconded: Ailsa Milburn 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: Rob McGuire “that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and that accounts paid be approved”. Carried

Clearances:

Moved: Ailsa Milburn Seconded: Tony Fulton “that the following clearances be noted:

- Scott Booth – Brighton to Buckingham
- Bill Eather – Derwent City to Kingborough
- Linda Rose George-Lang – Sorell to Tasman
- Robert Graf – Cremorne to Sandy Bay
- Rick Ormerod – Glenorchy Rodman to Rosny Park
- Diane Peck – Beltana to Sandy Bay”

Carried

Match Committees:

Women's Match Committee

Nothing to report.

Men's Match Committee

As per the attached report.

It was agreed to play the 2016-17 Saturday Premier Division Grand Final by itself on Sunday 26 March 2017. In the event of inclement weather the grand final would be played at an Indoor Centre on the same day. All other Saturday Divisions Grand Finals will be played on Saturday 25 March 2017.

It was also agreed that all BTS Men's Championships closing entry dates will be moved forward a week to give time to allocate greens for the Championships.

The BTS Men's Pairs Championships need three days to be played and BTS only has two Sundays free unless the Singles Championships are pushed out to early March 2017. It was agreed to organise the Men's Pairs grand finals when we know who is playing in the grand finals which will be played on a mutually agreed date.

Losing a week of Midweek Pennant due to the State Seniors Championships being held in February 2017 means that Midweek Pennant must either start on Wednesday 5 October 2016 or play on Wednesday 21 December 2016 (so that Midweek Pennant can start on the 12 October 2016). It was agreed that the latter scenario is the preferred option of the BTS Board provided that BT does not object to playing the game during the Christmas break.

Current Conditions of Play provide that, in the event of finals not being able to be finished, the side which finished higher on the roster ladder shall be declared the winner. It was agreed that this needs to be amended to clarify that in the event of any finals match not being able to be finished, the side which finished higher on the roster ladder of the two competing sides any such finals match shall be declared the winner.

Umpires:

No report received.

Coaches:

The Winter Coaching due to be held on Sunday 5 June 2016 at the Beltana Bowls Club was washed out.

Selectors:

No report received.

General Business:

Matters raised at meeting held after Annual General Meeting:

The following matters were raised at the meeting after the Annual General Meeting on 29 May 2016:

- Increase in junior affiliation fee may impact negatively on attracting new juniors - Agreed to raise this matter with Bowls Tasmania at a future Regional Consultative Committee Meeting.
- Consider introducing a concessional affiliation fee for under 25's in 2017-18 – Agreed to raise this matter with Bowls Tasmania at a future Regional Consultative Committee Meeting.
- Motion from Geeveston that BT set the competition rules so that all regions in the State are under the same format – BT is already working on a state wide Conditions of Play for local pennants.
- Selection of greens from smaller clubs for BTS finals – the Board determined last season that multiple BTS finals would be played at the one Club if to facilitate increased atmosphere and Clubs with more than one team in a final would be played at the same venue wherever possible – it was agreed that the same policy would apply in 2016-17, however, this did not exclude holding some finals at smaller Clubs.
- Entry of pennant teams into IMG results system by Clubs – Agreed to raise with the BTS Statistician to determine if this is feasible.

Thursday Pennant Lunch Break:

Discussion took place on the current time differences in players taking lunch breaks for Thursday pennant, particularly when playing on both synthetic and grass surfaces at the same Club. It was resolved to amend Conditions of Play for 2016-17 such that the compulsory lunch break will be taken at 1pm rather than after 11 completed ends.

BTS Patron:

It was agreed to invite Joan Middleton to become the BTS Patron.

Next Delegates Meeting:

It was agreed that the next Delegates Meeting be held at the St John's Park Bowls Club at 1pm on Monday 26 September 2016 – subject to confirmation from St John's Park.

Opening Day:

It was agreed that the 2016 Opening Day be held at the Howrah Bowls Club on Monday 17 October 2016 to enable Howrah to showcase its new Indoor Centre – subject to confirmation from Howrah.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 18 July 2016 at the Buckingham Bowls Club at 4.30pm. Shirley Hay advised that she will be an apology for the meeting and Paula Hadley advised that she will be an apology for the next two meetings.

Meeting closed at 6.16 pm.

Confirmed President: // 2016



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH Men's Match Committee

Report June 2016

The Men's Match Committee has determined dates for Saturday and Midweek and Men's Championships and is submitting the following matters for BTS Board consideration and approval:

- The Saturday Premier division Grand Final be played by itself on Sunday 26th March 2017.
- All other Saturday Divisions Grand Finals to be played the day before on Saturday 25th March 2017. The Sunday could be use if they were to be washed out, but the Premier Division would not have a wash out day.
- All men's Southern championships closing entry dates be moved forward a week to give time to allocated greens for the championships.
- Men's pair's championships dates need three days and only have two Sundays free unless we push out the singles championships to early March. The other option is to organise the men's pairs Grand Final when we know who is playing in the Grand Finals the same as last year and this can be played at a mutual date between the players in the final if needed.
- Wednesday Men's midweek pennant do they play on Wednesday 21st December 2016 so midweek can start on the 12th October 2016 or start midweek pennant on the 5th October to free up December 21st.

Ross Bannister
Chairman
Men's Match Committee