

# Southern Tasmanian Bowls Association Inc.

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### MINUTES OF THE DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT ST JOHN'S PARK BOWLS CLUB COMMENCING AT 1.09 PM ON MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2016

**Welcome:** President Peter Kirby welcomed all delegates, Patron and Life Member Joan Middleton and Simon Morrison from Bowls Australia.

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Life Members Hedley Beechey, Tony Fulton OAM, John Miller OAM and Cath Smith and BTS Vice President Shirley Hay. An apology was also received from the Bruny Club.

**Attendance:** The meeting was attended by 40 delegates present representing 22 clubs (Beltana, Brighton, Buckingham, Claremont, Cremorne, Cygnet, Derwent City, Dover RSL, Franklin, Geeveston, Glenorchy City, Glenorchy Rodman, Howrah, Huonville, Kingborough, Oatlands, Orford, Rosny Park, Royal Hobart, Sandy Bay, St. John's Park and Taroon). Ten interested men and women also attended the meeting.

**Minutes:** Moved Glenorchy City Seconded Cygnet that the minutes of the previous Delegates meeting held on 7 March 2016 be confirmed. Carried

#### **Business Arising:**

##### **New Friday Night Competition 2016-17.**

This will happen subject to support from Clubs and players.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Conditions of Play are currently being drafted and details will be sent to Clubs late in October 2016.

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### **Meeting of Premier League players**

This meeting was held on 21 April 2016 and notes from meeting were circulated to Clubs shortly thereafter.

### **Women's Thursday Pennant lunch break**

Conditions of Play have been amended for 2016-17 to read as follows:

*There will be a compulsory lunch break of at least 30 minutes at 1.00 pm during rostered games and finals, unless both side captains agree otherwise.*

Sandy Bay disagreed with this change in Conditions of Play, however, there was no support from the floor with their disagreement.

### **Matters raised at Annual General Meeting**

- Increase in junior affiliation fee may impact negatively on attracting new juniors - This matter was raised at the Regional Consultative Committee meeting held on 29 August 2016. Bowls Tasmania advised that it already subsidises junior fees by \$15 as it pays Bowls Australia an affiliation fees per head regardless of a person's age.
- Consider introducing a concessional affiliation fee for under 25's in 2017-18 – This matter was raised at the Regional Consultative Committee meeting held on 29 August 2016. Bowls Tasmania would not agree to this.
- Motion from Geeveston that Bowls Tasmania set the competition rules so that all regions in the State are under the same format - Bowls Tasmania is already working on a state wide Conditions of Play for local pennants.
- Selection of greens from smaller clubs for BTS finals - The BTS 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 – and has 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 – The BTS Board has agreed to trial this in Premier Division in 2016-17.

## **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Match Committee:**

Nothing to report.

### **Selection Committee:**

As per the attached report.

### **Coaches Panel:**

The winter coaching program was held on the synthetic bowling green at the Beltana Bowls Club on the first Sunday each month from May to September. This season the number of bowlers attending the training was down on previous years and we had two wash out days.

There was a Club Coaching course held on 17 and 18 September 2016 in the south with two Howrah Bowls Club ladies attending.

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**Officiating Panel:**

As per the attached report.

**MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE BTS BOARD:**

**Conditions of Play 2016-17:**

Changes to the Conditions of Play were summarised by the Secretary. Printed copies of Conditions of Play will be distributed to Clubs with the Bowls Tasmania Handbook.

**Forms:**

Pennant Results Forms, Initial Club Registration Forms, Register of Members and Championship Entry Forms have already been distributed to Clubs and are available on the BTS website. Pennant Cards will be distributed to Clubs with the Bowls Tasmania Handbooks. The Secretary stressed that the DJ Motors score cards are to be used only for pennant and BTS events. They are not for use in Clubs' own domestic events.

**Bowls Tasmania Handbook:**

The proof of the Bowls Tasmania Handbook has only recently arrived. The Handbook should be out in the first week of October 2016. Clubs will be notified when it arrives. It will be available for collection from the Hobart Bowls Centre.

**Nominations for Men's Midweek Divisions 3 and 4, Women's Division 5 and Saturday Division 7:**

Delegates were reminded that nominations for these Divisions close on Friday 30 September 2016. Rosters for these Divisions will be sent to Clubs by Friday 7 October 2016.

**Capitation Fees**

Delegates were reminded that Capitation Fees are due on 1 October 2015 and must be paid prior to the first Pennant game.

**Ensure all players are registered and cleared (if necessary) to play in 2016-17:**

Clubs were reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that all players playing pennant have been registered to play with BTS and, if necessary, have been cleared. Playing unregistered players or players without a clearance will result in a loss of the match or matches.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Dress Standards:**

Ike Smith from Buckingham noted that dress standards seemed to have slipped over the years and asked if BTS could do anything about this. Dress standards are outlined in Conditions of Play and penalties apply for breach of such standards. It is up to Clubs to ensure that their members are aware of the dress standards and adhere to them.

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**Come and Try Day:**

Diane Willett from Kingborough advised that the Bowls Tasmania Come and try Day was an outstanding success. Bowls Tasmania intends to survey participating Clubs to determine outcomes.

**Club Insurances:**

Robert Davies from Cygnet asked if it was possible for BTS to get a bulk discount on Club insurances. Simon Morrison undertook to talk to BCIB and report back to BTS.

**Club Audit Fees:**

Daryl James from Rosny Park asked for a similar deal re Club audit fees. It would appear that some Clubs are paying much higher audit fees than other similar sized Clubs. It was agreed to look at this matter further.

**Saturday Pennant Afternoon Tea:**

Robert Davies from Cygnet asked if Clubs had to have an afternoon break for Saturday Pennant. Conditions of Play require that there is a compulsory break of at least twenty minutes for afternoon tea unless both side captains agree otherwise. The Secretary reported that he is canvassing Clubs at present to determine if any Clubs are not providing afternoon tea for the coming season.

**Saturday Pennant Start Time:**

Barry McDonald from Claremont suggested a later starting time for Saturday Pennant due to the reduction in ends from 25 to 21 for Premier and Divisions 1 and 2. This matter has already been discussed by the BTS Board and was rejected.

**Bowls Australia Discipline Policy:**

Simon Morrison alerted Clubs to the new Bowls Australia Discipline Policy which has quite harsh penalties for breach of the policy. This matter will be looked at by the BTS Board at its next meeting and information will be circulated to Clubs.

**Bowls Clubs Visitors:**

Ross Mitchelmore from Brighton alerted Clubs to the need to enter visiting pennant teams in an "events book" to comply with Liquor Licensing laws. Contrary opinions were offered at the meeting. Clubs were reminded of the need to comply with Liquor Licensing laws.

**Simon Morrison, Tasmanian Regional Bowls Manager, Bowls Australia:**

Simon Morrison addressed the meeting on the benefits of membership of the Good Sports for Clubs program.

As there was no further business the President closed the meeting at 2.15 pm, thanked all delegates for their attendance and participation and thanked the St John's Park Bowls Club for making its facilities available for the meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting:** February / March 2017 – date and venue to be advised.

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## **BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH WOMEN'S OPEN SELECTORS**

### **Women's Open Selectors Report September 2016**

Expressions of Interest for the Women's Open Veolia Statewide Challenge have been sent to all clubs and as soon as they are received practice will be arranged. Teams will be selected with the assistance of our State Selector Leonie Price as our southern state squad players are included in the team. The first game in the series commences on 13th November in the North West.

We are still looking for a Manager, so if you are interested please get in touch with myself or Bowls South.

The Southern ladies have been in great form over the last two seasons with back to back wins, so we will be aiming to make it three in a row this series.

I am looking forward to another successful year and wish everyone good bowling

Ailsa Milburn  
Chair of Selectors



## **Bowls Tasmania South** **Officiating Panel**

### **REPORT FOR BTS DELEGATES MEETING SEPTEMBER 2016**

During the winter months Ross Bannister has continued in his role as the Southern Presenter/Assessor and has conducted the following courses;

28<sup>th</sup> August – National Umpire reaccreditation (1 person)

1<sup>st</sup> September – Selectors Course (16 People) and

5<sup>th</sup> September – Measurers Course (6 people)

The following courses are available and highly recommended for all bowlers to assist with both their involvement in the game and to benefit their club.

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September - Club Coach Course

19<sup>th</sup> September - Selectors Course

26<sup>th</sup> September – Competition Course

17<sup>th</sup> October – National Umpires Course

14<sup>th</sup> November – Measurers Course and

12<sup>th</sup> December – Markers Course

Also during winter the Board has had a working group to address the Conditions of Play for the coming season. It is with many thanks that during my absence Helen Ducker represented the Panel in that group. She supplied valuable information to assist with keeping the Conditions of Play in line with the Laws and Domestic Regulations (DR's).

Helen is also reformatting the Umpire, Marker, and Measurers lists for the BTS website. These lists will assist clubs when they need to contact any qualified people for the conduct of competitions in their club or for BTS.

Bowls Tasmania has restructured the State Officiating Panel. Our ever present and hardworking Ross Bannister, the other two district's Presenter/Assessors and the State's two International Technical Officers (myself and Alona Rogers from the north) make up the group. The group will be chaired by Les Harrison who has been appointed to the State Board. It is hoped that with such a technical group we will be able to assist bowlers and clubs with umpiring and technical questions.

The State Officiating Panel will also assist districts with local forums to keep all bowlers and officials up to date with interpretations and Laws. Ross and I will be attending the first meeting of this group in September.

Hopefully within the next couple of months we are able to expand the Panel to include other umpires to assist in our tasks (at the moment there are only two of us) and be of the most use possible to bowlers and clubs in the South of the State.

Please feel free to approach the Panel at any time with appropriate inquiries and we will do our best to resolve any problems.

Leonie Price  
BTS Officiating Panel

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