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MINUTES OF THE DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT ROSNY PARK BOWLS CLUB COMMENCING AT 1.00 PM ON MONDAY 20 MARCH 2017

Welcome: President Peter Kirby welcomed all Delegates, Life Members Neil Clark, Tony Fulton OAM and Cath Smith and Simon Morrison from Bowls Australia.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Life Member Hedley Beechey and Life Member and Patron Joan Middleton and BTS Board Member Leonie Price. Apologies were also received from the Bruny, Cygnet, Franklin and Geeveston Clubs and Ike Smith from Buckingham.

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 34 Delegates present representing 21 clubs (Beltana, Brighton, Buckingham, Claremont, Cremorne, Derwent City, Dover RSL, Glenorchy City, Glenorchy Rodman, Howrah, Huonville, Kingborough, New Norfolk, Oatlands, Orford, Rosny Park, Royal Hobart, Sandy Bay, Sorell, St. John's Park and Taroon). Eleven interested men and women also attended the meeting.

Minutes: Moved Sandy Bay Seconded Beltana "that the minutes of the previous Delegates meeting held on 26 September 2016 be confirmed". Carried

Business Arising:

New Friday Night Super Pairs Competition 2016-17:

This was run with seven Premier Division and one Division One team competing. The competition was won by Buckingham. BTS will survey players and clubs to see how it went this year, to determine their interest in doing it again next season and if so, how can it be improved.

Bulk discount on Club Insurances:

At the last Delegates Meeting, Simon Morrison undertook to speak to Bowling Club Insurance Brokers (BCIB) on this matter, however Simon has advised that he can no longer do this as the Bowls Tasmania Board is doing something with BCIB. Bowls Tasmania has advised that it is in discussions with BCIB on this matter.

Bulk discount on Club Audit Fees:

At the last Delegates Meeting, it was agreed that if Clubs were paying more than \$1,000 for their audit then they need to consider changing auditors. The Secretary has contacted Max Peck and Associates to determine its capacity to undertake more audit work as its fees appear to be very reasonable. Max Peck and Associates has advised that it does have capacity to undertake more audit work. It does not have the overheads of the larger accounting firms and therefore can charge less. Buckingham is the highest fee charged for a bowls club by Max Peck and Associates at \$885 plus GST.

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Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading has advised BTS that from 1 October 2016 auditing requirements for incorporated clubs have changed. If clubs annual revenue is less than \$250,000 they do not have to have their accounts audited. To take advantage of this new \$250,000 threshold clubs will need to review their constitutions and, if required, change the constitution by special resolution to take out the requirement for an annual audit for any year that the club has revenue of less than \$250,000.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Match Committee:

As per the attached reports.

Selection Committee:

As per the attached report.

Coaches Panel:

As per the attached report.

Officiating Panel:

As per the attached report.

MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE BTS BOARD:

Timing of BTS Women's Championships:

Clubs were contacted prior to the Delegates Meeting to determine whether Women's Championships should remain as is on Wednesday's and Friday's or move them to Sunday's to enable more working women to compete. Moved: Howrah Seconded: St John's Park "that BTS Women's Championships be played on Sunday's in 2017-18". Carried

Eligibility issues for Saturday Pennant:

Clubs were contacted prior to the Delegates Meeting to determine whether Conditions of Play 4.5 – Selection Guidelines that restrict where A Grade players can play in lower divisions on Saturdays. This is causing selection problems for some Clubs like Howrah and Buckingham where some of these players are not good enough to play in Saturday Division 3, 4 and 5. Clubs were asked to consider if the current restrictions on Premier and Division 1 and 2 players should remain in place, be amended or removed altogether. Moved: Kingborough Seconded: Glenorchy City "that current restrictions on where Premier and Division 1 and 2 players cannot play in Saturday Pennants should remain in place". Carried

Come and Try Day 2017:

Clubs were contacted prior to the Delegates Meeting to determine whether Bowls Tasmania's Come and Try Day should continue next season and if so when should it be held. Moved: Kingborough Seconded: St John's Park "that the Come and Try Day be supported again in 2017 but that it would be better to hold it around the middle of October 2017 to incorporate the commencement of Club's Barefoot Bowls competitions." Carried

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GENERAL BUSINESS:**Greens:**

Glenorchy City raised its concerns over Clubs with both grass and synthetic greens changing their minds part way through the season as to which surface it would be playing its pennant games. Glenorchy City believes that Clubs should not be able to change playing surfaces midway through the season. Moved: Glenorchy City Seconded: Beltana “that where a Club has both grass and synthetic greens and has elected to play on a particular surface that they should not be allowed to change the playing surface without the agreement of both Side Captains.” Carried

Glenorchy City also raised its concerns that some Clubs appear to “doctor” greens by heavily watering their greens if they are playing clubs with quicker synthetic surfaces. Current Conditions of Play 1.12.3 already provide penalties for Clubs that present greens slower than 12 seconds or faster than 16 seconds. It is important that visiting Side Captains time greens shortly before play commences and record on the Results Sheet if they have a problem with the speed of the green. If there is a reason that the green is timed outside the 12 to 16 second limits, the home Side Captain should write the reasons for such a time on the Results Sheet.

21 or 25 Ends:

Claremont has requested that Saturday Pennant Premier Division and Divisions 1 and 2 revert back to 25 ends next season. Moved: Claremont Seconded: Howrah “that a survey of Clubs with Saturday Pennant Premier Division and Divisions 1 and 2 teams be undertaken to determine their support for a change to 25 ends next season”. Carried

Market Research:

Dennis Lourey from Howrah requested that the BTS Board consider undertaking market research to determine why the number of registered bowlers is dropping.

Reduce Premier Division to 8 Teams:

Van Ransley from Brighton asked if there is a move to reduce Premier Division to eight teams. This matter has not been discussed by the BTS Board in the past few years and is currently not on the BTS Board’s agenda.

Allocation of Finals to New Norfolk:

Craig Triffitt from New Norfolk asked why New Norfolk was not allocated any finals this season given that many bowlers believe that New Norfolk’s greens are the best in Southern Tasmania. Had New Norfolk finished on top in any division then the first and second semi-finals in that division would have been held at New Norfolk. The BTS Board has determined that finals should be combined wherever possible so that more than one final can be played at the same venue to make it easier to obtain officials and to create an atmosphere around finals. Where possible, Clubs playing in more than one grand final are played at the same venue. Grand final venues should be held in a central location and no further out than Brighton, Howrah or Kingborough. In particular the Premier Division grand final this year is being played on a Sunday to maximise the opportunity for all players to watch the Premier Division grand final and to achieve this it is essential that it be played in a central location.

Trade Waste Assessment:

Neville Wigg from New Norfolk advised that TasWater has recently undertaken a trade waste assessment of the New Norfolk club which could cost the club money for any remedial work required. Other clubs should be aware that this could also happen at their clubs.

As there was no further business the President closed the meeting at 3.00 pm, thanked all Delegates for their attendance and participation and thanked the Rosny Park Bowls Club for making its facilities available for the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: September 2017 – date and venue to be advised.

Confirmed President: / / 2017



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH MATCH COMMITTEE

Report March 2017

Women's Sub-Committee

All Southern championships have now been successfully completed. Congratulations to all winners and those who participated.

I would like to thank the Clubs for the use of their greens and facilities during this season and for their help and assistance in the running of all the ladies championships.

Pennant has been run and won and finals are now in progress. The grand finals will all be held at Rosny Park on Thursday 23rd March.

Ailsa Milburn
Match Committee

Men's Sub-Committee

All BTS men's championships and the Champion of Champions have been played and finished for season 2016-17

This season the B-Grade pairs were changed to three bowls instead of four bowls cross over and the entry's is well up from previous years even though some players were complaining about the three bowls

The clubs that held the men's championships this season were New Norfolk, Beltana, Derwent City and Kingborough

The Saturday and Wednesday pennant season has also finished and the finals will be played in the city area from a direction from the Bowls South board.

Thank you to all the clubs that accepted to hold the championships and finals as there was a number of clubs that did not won't these this season.

Ross Bannister
Chairperson of the BTS Mach Committee

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BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH SELECTOR REPORTS

BTS WOMEN'S OPEN SELECTORS REPORT - MARCH 2017

The final round of the Veolia Statewide Seniors competition was played in perfect conditions at the Kings Meadows Bowls Club on 7th March 2017.

The first game against North 2 resulted in a win on all rinks giving us a total of 14 points. With the final chance for state selection in mind the teams were playing well and showing good draw bowling and shot selection.

The afternoon game against North 1 didn't go as well for our ladies. One rink having a great win by 18 shots but unfortunately it was still not enough to cover the other two rinks.

The presentation after the game by Chris Lee saw our Southern men win the shield. The overall trophy was won by the North with a score of 346. The South was second with 245 and North West with 240.

The Tasmanian Senior Team will compete in Moonta, South Australia from 16th to 19th October 2017.

Ailsa Milburn
Selector



Bowls Tasmania South **Officiating Panel**

Report March 2017

At the February meeting of the Officiating Panel discussions took place about various events that had occurred in both Pennant and BTS Championship events.

It was decided that several changes to the structure of the 'Side Captains Guidelines' should be made for the next season. These included more emphasis on the requirement for both Side Captains to participate in the timing of the greens and to report accurately on the team sheet in relation to the condition of the greens.

There also needs to highlight the CoP requirement that if there is not a currently accredited umpire at the host club that a visiting currently accredited umpire must be used.

Clubs also need to be aware when appointing Tournament Managers for BTS Championship events that the Laws of the Sport of Bowls are paramount, followed by the BTS Conditions of Play and cannot be over ridden.

Those Umpires that are due for reaccreditation (and some that passed their accreditation date) have been contacted and asked to participate in the reaccreditation process. Some Umpires have withdrawn from umpiring duties and some have not responded.

Two Umpires have been asked to join the Panel and both Geoff Price, Kingborough, and Lee Cowie, St Johns Park, have agreed to become members. These members will ably assist in the business of the Panel.

A Current list of accredited Umpires in the South has been circulated to all Club Secretaries courtesy of BTS Secretary and Clubs are asked to use these contact details when needing umpires for Semi and Preliminary finals. The Officiating Panel will appoint Umpires for all Grand Finals.

Leonie Price
BTS Officiating Panel



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH COACHES PANEL

Report March 2017

Once again on the first Sunday in each month over winter in May, June, July, August and September 2017 the Bowls Tasmania South Coaches Panel is going to hold coaching sessions at the new Howrah Indoor Centre.

The session will be from 12 noon to 3 pm and the cost of the centre will be covered by Bowls South. These sessions are open to new bowlers through to Premier bowlers. We covering everything from line and length to what shot to play and how to play that shot.

We will try to have qualified coaches on each rink to help.

The course dates are:

Sunday 7th May 2017

Sunday 4th June 2017

Sunday 2nd July 2017

Sunday 6th August 2017

Sunday 3rd September 2017

If your club would like to organise a coaching day for your members please fill free to give Ross Bannister a call on 0439 629 831 and we can organise a day to come to your club and run a session.

Ross Bannister
President
Bowls Tasmania South Coaches Panel

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