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President: *Peter Kirby* Secretary: *Rob McGuire*



Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 18 February 2019 commencing at 4.28pm

Present: Peter Kirby (President), Pat Zapotocky (Vice President), Ross Bannister, Ken Copleman, Tony Fulton, Paula Hadley, Leonie Price, Malcolm Salier and Rob McGuire.

Apologies: Ailsa Milburn

Minutes: Moved: Ken Copleman Seconded: Pat Zapotocky “that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2019 be confirmed.” Carried

Matters Arising:

Sponsorship 2017-18 and beyond

At the meeting in June 2018 it was agreed that this matter should remain on the agendas for future Board meetings. No further action was taken in regard to this matter at this meeting.

Review of BTS Strategic Plan

The Secretary has previously sent out a copy of the existing Strategic Plan to Board members. This matter is to be considered by the BTS Board at a future Board meeting after the BT Strategic Plan has been adopted. BT has advised that its Strategic Plan will be launched soon.

Lee Schraner and Lyn Triffitt clashes with BT Calendar

At the August 2018 Board meeting, it was agreed to refer Lee Schraner’s clashes with SWC Round 1 and the BTS Fours to BT for advice. Lyn Triffitt had a similar issue with a clash with the Australian Singles Championships and the BTS Pairs. Going on precedent, BT has never altered its calendar when individual players have been competing on national duties. Despite previous advice received to the contrary, BT has now advised that this matter has never been on the agenda of its previous meetings but will be discussed at its February 2019 meeting.

Venue for Juniors SWC

At the November 2018 Board meeting BTS received advice from BT that the venue for all Junior SWC games would be at Longford. This was not as discussed at a previous RCC meeting. President Peter Kirby advised that BT advised at the December 2019 RCC meeting that it had undertaken a survey of the parents of juniors and based on those outcomes BT made the decision to hold all Junior SWC games at Longford. At the January 2019 Board meeting it was agreed to re-list this matter for discussion again at the next RCC meeting.

Beltana v Buckingham Premier Division Games

The BTS Match Committee had previously received advice from Buckingham that its two Premier Division games against Beltana would both be played at Buckingham – in the first round on Friday 7 December 2018 on grass under lights and the return game on Buckingham’s synthetic green. Beltana subsequently advised that the return game would be played at Beltana as scheduled. Buckingham further advised that the first round game would revert to its synthetic green as scheduled.

Bowls Tasmania Men’s Seniors Southern Selector

Bowls Tasmania has called for expressions of interest in the position of Bowls Tasmania Men’s Southern Seniors Selector. Expressions of interest closed on 4 February 2019.

Selection Policy

At the November 2019 Board meeting concern was raised that BTS may not have a Selection Policy. It was agreed that BTS needs to develop a Selection Policy if we do not already have one. The BTS Selectors, Coaches and Team Managers Duties document contains quite a bit of content that covers a selection policy. This document has been reviewed in conjunction with the BT Selection Policy. Moved: Ken Copleman Seconded: Ross Bannister “that the BTS Selectors, Coaches and Team Managers Duties document remain as is”. Carried

Leonie Price advised that she believes that Selectors, Coaches and Managers should not be eligible to be selected in BTS teams and voted against the motion.

Royal Hobart discussion paper on why we are losing bowlers

At its January 2019 meeting, the BTS Board considered a submission from Royal Hobart on why we are losing membership numbers. It was agreed to circulate the discussion paper to Clubs and to discuss this matter at the next Delegates Meeting. Clubs have been invited to make their own submissions to the BTS Board before the Delegates Meeting.

Dumping of Bowls

The Secretary has written to Clubs to remind them of the Bowls Australia policy regarding dumping of bowls and advising them that clubs are entitled to enforce the policy. Conditions of Play Clause 1.11 has been amended to remove the sentence “Deputised Representatives as outlined in the Policy shall be Club Greenkeepers or their appointed representatives”. Clubs have been advised to report players who are dumping their bowls to BTS who will take appropriate action in consultation with the players Club. Bowls Tasmania has been approached to recommend a change to the procedure for approval for use of a bowling arm whereby a club coach can also certify that a player needs to use a bowling arm. Bowls Tasmania has advised that Bowls Australia intends to amend its policy in the near future to remove the requirement that a medical certificate is required to use a bowling arm.

Bowls Tasmania and Club’s Accounting Systems

Bowls Tasmania is seeking information on what accounting systems are currently being used by Clubs. The Secretary advised that he has collected all the information he needs other than from Franklin and Tasman.

Venue for next Delegates Meeting

Buckingham has agreed to host the next Delegates Meeting at 1pm on Monday 25 March 2019.

Venue for BTS Presentation Cocktail Party

Rosny Park has agreed to host the BTS Presentation Cocktail Party on Monday 29 April 2019. Cost for provision of food will be \$22 per head which is the same as last year. It was agreed to accept the quote. Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded: Tony Fulton “to charge members \$20 per head and juniors \$10 per head to attend the function” Carried

It was also agreed to talk to Rosny Park about providing more seating at the function as happened last year.

Venue for Annual General Meeting

North Hobart has agreed to host the BTS Annual General Meeting at 2pm on Sunday 26 May 2019.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Cremorne – Appeal against Glenorchy Rodman for playing an ineligible player in their Midweek pennant Division One game on 16 January 2019 - The BTS Match Committee has determined that Glenorchy Rodman breached Conditions of Play 1.13.3 (d) (i) by playing an unregistered player and the penalty for same is outlined in 1.13.3 (f) namely loss of all pennant points and a penalty of minus 15 shots. Cremorne will be credited with all pennant points and will also be credited with 15 shots.

Glenorchy Rodman – Response re Appeal against Glenorchy Rodman for playing an ineligible player in their Midweek pennant Division One game on 16 January 2019 – Refer Correspondence Inwards above.

Beltana - Confirm that it will be playing its Division 6 game against Taroona scheduled for 3 February 2019 on 26 January 2019 - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Dismissing appeal by Ken Copleman against the decision of its Appeals Committee hearing re Beltana on 12 November 2019 - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Advising that BTS and Clubs are constitutionally bound to acknowledge and adhere to punishments imposed by Clubs on members - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Health advice regarding smoky conditions for sporting events - Noted

Rosny Park – Confirm that it will host Annual Presentation Cocktail Party on 29 April 2019 with the cost being \$22.00 per person which is the same cost as last year – Refer Business Arising above.

North Hobart – Confirm that it will host Annual General Meeting on 26 May 2019 - Noted.

Buckingham – Confirm that it will host Delegates Meeting on 25 March 2019 - Noted.

Dover RSL – Appeal against Huonville in Women’s Division 5 on 7 February 2019. Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Pat Zapotocky “that Dover RSL correctly acted on a telephone call from a Huonville player advising that Huonville had forfeited its game against Dover RSL on 7 February 2019. Accordingly Dover will be awarded a forfeit for that game and will be credited with ten pennant points and 15 shots. Huonville will receive no pennant points for the game and will receive -15 shots.” Carried

Huonville – Response re appeal by Dover RSL against Huonville in Women’s Division 5 on 7 February 2019 – Refer Correspondence Inwards above.

Buckingham – Querying eligibility of two players in Women’s Division 5 versus North Hobart on 7 February 2019 - The BTS Match Committee determined that North Hobart’s Division 5 team was not selected on merit and ability. North Hobart was given a warning on this occasion and was advised that any further breaches will result in more severe penalties.

North Hobart – Response re eligibility of two players in Women’s Division 5 versus North Hobart on 7 February 2019 – Refer Inwards Correspondence above.

North Hobart – Official complaint concerning Women’s Division 5 game versus Buckingham on 7 February 2019 - The BTS Match Committee accepted the explanation given by Buckingham and has dismissed the appeal by North Hobart.

Buckingham - Response re official complaint from North Hobart concerning Women’s Division 5 game versus Buckingham on 7 February 2019 – Refer Inwards Correspondence above.

Bowls Tasmania – Urging BTS to mediate with Beltana re restrictions imposed on Beltana as a result of penalties imposed on Ken Copleman – Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Malcolm Salier “that the BTS Board appoint Rob McGuire to mediate with the Beltana Executive” Carried

Ken Copleman advised that he was prepared to allow his response re the alleged Maroochy incident to be given to Beltana if that assisted the mediation process.

Bowls Tasmania – Amendment of Bowls Australia policy re requirement of medical certificate for bowling arm - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Minutes of RCC Meeting December 2018- Noted.

Ross Bannister – Proposed pennant re-structure 2019-10 – Deferred until next meeting as the proposal has not yet been approved by North Hobart.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Junior Singles and Pairs Championship Entries Received, Thursday and Saturday Pennant and Extreme Weather Conditions, Dumping of Bowls, Thursday Women's Pennant and current fire situation, Teams for Seniors (Over 60's) State Wide Challenge, Entries received for Men's and Women's 2018-19 Open and B Grade Singles Championships, Saturday Pennant and current fire situation, Men's and Women's 2018-19 Open and B Grade Singles Championship Draws, January 2019 Board Meeting Minutes, 2019 Cyber-safety free workshop for sport, Final Schedule - Bowls Tasmania State Seniors Championships 2019, Bowls Tasmania Men's and Women's Open Triples Championships 2019, Royal Hobart submission on falling membership numbers,

Bowls Tasmania – Teams and Catering for Seniors SWC, Interstate Clearance Brad Griffiths, Issues re Gala Week 2019, Bowls Tasmania Strategic Plan, Catering for Juniors SWC, Bowling arms and medical certificates,

Beltana and Buckingham – Premier Division games on 7 December 2018 and 2 March 2019.

Darren Monks – Selection issues.

Beltana and Huonville – Appeal Women's Pennant game 22 November 2018.

Franklin - \$10 clearance fee David Welling.

North Hobart – Dispensation to play additional three A Grade players in its Midweek Division 3 team.

Glenorchy City – Dumping of bowls.

Mastercast – Accept quote for medallions and bars.

Cremorne – Dispensation for uniform for Peter Marshall.

Beltana – If players are prohibited from playing at Beltana, game will be transferred to a neutral venue.

Kingborough, New Norfolk, Rosny Park, Brighton, Buckingham – Hosting BT and BTS championships and events.

Buckingham – Request to host Delegates Meeting 25 March 2019.

Rosny Park – Request to host Presentation Cocktail Party on 29 April 2019.

North Hobart – Request to host Annual General Meeting on 26 May 2019.

Rosny Park, Kingborough, Claremont and Buckingham – Thanks and congratulations for hosting Gala Week.

Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Malcolm Salier “that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be endorsed”. Carried.

Reports:**Finance:**

Treasurer Tony Fulton forwarded his report to Board Members prior to the meeting. Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Ken Copleman “that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and that accounts paid be approved”. Carried

Clearances:

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Pat Zapotocky “that the following interstate clearances be approved and the intrastate clearances be noted:

- George Ashwood – Tarooma to Kingborough.
- Stephen Garside – New Norfolk to Orange (NSW).
- Brad Griffiths – Rosny Park to Albion Park (NSW).
- Diane Peck – Sandy Bay to Claremont.”

Carried

Match Committee:

As per attached report.

It was noted that Match Managers at Host Clubs for BTS Championships do not always understand exactly what is required of them. It was agreed that the BTS Match Committee will develop an information sheet outlining the roles and responsibilities of Match Managers and Host Clubs for BTS Championships.

Officiating Panel:

As per attached report.

Concerns were raised that players in sectional play at BTS Singles Championships who play in the first game and then not until the third game are disadvantaged because green conditions may have changed and they are not permitted trial ends before the third game. It was agreed to change Conditions of Play in 2019-20 to allow trial ends before each game.

Discussion took place on the roles and responsibilities of umpires following a recent report of an umpire working behind the bar at a Club rather than being in close proximity to the matches that were in progress. The Officiating Panel undertook to develop a memorandum to go out to Clubs reminding them of the roles and responsibilities of umpires.

It was noted that current Conditions of Play require the Officiating Panel to arrange markers for BTS Singles Championships beyond sectional play. It was agreed that Conditions of Play for 2019-20 be change so that the Officiating Panel will only arrange markers for semi-finals and grand finals. It will be up to the Host Club to arrange markers for the first games beyond sectional play and then losers will be required to mark games after that.

For the 2018-19 BTS Champion of Champions Singles Championships, the Host Club will be required to find markers for the first games and then losers will be required to mark games after that. The Officiating Panel will arrange markers for the semi-finals and grand finals.

Ross Bannister advised that he had conducted a Markers Course at Kingborough last week with ten new markers approved.

Coaches Panel:

Nothing to report.

Selectors:

No report received.

General Business:

Death or injury whilst playing pennant:

An injury to a player recently at Rosny Park during a pennant game created uncertainty amongst players as to whether play should proceed or not. It was agreed that the BTS Board would develop a policy which would cover possible actions available to players if another player is injured or passes away whilst playing pennant.

Bowl Tasmania Bowling Arm Committee:

Tony Fulton advised that he will be attending the next meeting of the Bowls Tasmania Bowling Arm Committee which will be held on 22 February 2019. Rosny Park's Kevin Bowkett is also on the Committee.

Timing of Greens:

It has been reported that some Clubs have not been timing greens before the commencement of pennant because they believe that greens do not have to be timed anymore. This is not the case and is contrary to Conditions of Play. It was agreed to remind Clubs of the requirement to time greens before the commencement of pennant and inform them when this is to be done and by whom.

Portfolios for BTS Board Members

Ken Copleman noted that not all BTS Board Members have specific portfolios or areas of responsibility as is the case with Bowls Tasmania Board Members. It was agreed that this matter has merit and should be referred to the new BTS Board for its consideration following the Annual General Meeting.

Results Portal Issues:

Malcolm Salier noted that the Results Portal has some issues that need to be resolved:

- If an away team uses a substitute player, their name cannot be added to the portal.
- If away skips do not line up with the home club, only the away team can correct the portal,

It was agreed to refer these matters to the BTS Statistician in the hope that the new Results Portal that will be introduced next season will resolve these issues.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 18 March 2019 at 4.30pm at the Buckingham Bowls Club.

Meeting closed at 5.55 pm.

Confirmed President: // 2019



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH MATCH COMMITTEE

Report February 2019

The Men's Open and B-Grade pair's competition has been completed after dates had to be rescheduled

B-Grade pair's winners:

Brad and David Johns defeated Neil Winthrop and Tom Kitchener

Open pair's winners:

Steve Graff and Brad Mabb defeated Josh Mabb and Paul Williamson

The Men's Open and B-Grade singles started on the 10th February 2019 with eleven sections in both divisions which were played in sectional play at Rosny Park Bowls Club.

The post sectional and quarter finals knock outs will be played on the 3rd March and the semi and grand finals will be on the 17th March 2019 at the Rosny Park Bowls Club.

Ross Bannister
Chairperson of the BTS Match Committee



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH OFFICIATING PANEL

Report February 2019

Ross Bannister attended the meeting and informed the Panel of the new changes to the Umpires re-accréditation program.

Appointments were made for the Senior State-wide Challenge at New Norfolk and a start made to the Open SWC to be held at Rosny on the 24th of February.

The Champion of Champions event is also approaching as is the BTS Singles.

Response was made to several players with umpiring questions. Once again green timing was a problem.

Umpire's notes have been posted to the website and emailed to registered umpires.

Several umpires have re-accrédited which is good news as there is a problem with decreasing numbers.

There was a problem with a player claiming to be an Umpire but when questioned was found that the registration had expired. Umpires numbers should be written on the game sheet and on checking that, the expiry date should also be checked.

Leonie Price,
Chair Bowls South Officiating Panel