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Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 21 November 2016 commencing at 4.22pm.

Present: Peter Kirby (President), Shirley Hay (Deputy President), Ross Bannister, Ken Copleman, Paula Hadley, Ailsa Milburn, Leonie Price, Malcolm Salier and Rob McGuire.

Apology: Tony Fulton.

Minutes: Moved Ailsa Milburn Seconded Shirley Hay that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2016 be confirmed. Carried

Matters Arising:

BTS Uniform Register:

Work is continuing on the re-establishment of a BTS Uniform Register. Twenty Clubs have submitted details to date.

BTS Board Polo:

The BTS Board polo and jackets have been ordered and should be here within a fortnight. The additional required Southern uniforms have been purchased and received.

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

This matter was raised at the Regional Consultative Committee meeting held on 29 August 2016. BT Board Member, Les Harrison, had undertaken to follow up this matter and report back to BT and the regions. Les Harrison has since advised President Peter Kirby that he agrees with the position taken by BTS. To make it even more relevant, at a meeting of the Officiates with the I.T.O.s and Presenters and Assessors, Les Harrison put the situation to the group as a problem to be solved and the whole group agreed with Les' findings that BTS has made a correct decision including Law 55.3.3. No formal response has yet been received from Bowls Tasmania.

DJ Motors Sponsorship:

The President and Secretary met with DJ Motors on 21 November 2016 and verbal agreement has been reached on a new agreement for 2016-17 based on the last agreement with the aim of drafting a new agreement for 2017-18 aimed more on assisting BTS in retaining, recruiting and expanding its player and volunteer base – and in particular assisting with club administration, coaching and skills development, junior development and special club projects. There will be monthly meetings with DJ Motors over the coming months to flesh out the new agreement.

Nominations for Selectors and Managers of BTS Southern Teams:

Applications have been received from Craig Triffitt for Manager for the Men's Senior team and Ken Broomhead, Lee Schraner and Craig Triffitt as Selectors for the Men's Senior's team (Ken Broomhead has subsequently withdrawn his application). Moved Rob McGuire Seconded Ailsa Milburn "that Craig Triffitt be appointed as Manager and Lee Schraner be appointed as Selector of the Men's Senior's team". Carried

No expressions of interest were received for Managers or Selectors for the Women's Senior's team. Ailsa Milburn undertook to contact Rosie Geeves to see if she is interested in being a Selector. Ailsa Milburn undertook to be Manager and a Selector. Shirley Hay undertook to be a Selector if Rosie Geeves is not interested. It was agreed to approve these appointments subject to Rosie Geeves agreement.

BT Website Training:

Bowls Tasmania has advised that it has spoken to the Bowls Australia's new Training and Support Coordinator to arrange training in the member database and website.

BT 2017 Seniors State Championships:

Expressions of interest have been received from Kingborough, Buckingham and Sandy Bay to host all or part of the 2017 Seniors Championships. Moved Rob McGuire Seconded Leonie Price “that the host club be Sandy Bay which will be responsible for the organisation of the complete championships - with any overflow games to be held at Kingborough and Buckingham”. Carried

Anti-Discrimination Hearing – Rod Pursell and Saturday Pennant Action Group:

A response has been submitted to the Anti-Discrimination Commission in regard to correspondence received from the Anti-Discrimination Commission following further correspondence submitted by Rod Pursell and the Saturday Pennant Action Group.

Errors in appointment of BT President:

Bowls Tasmania has advised that it believes that the appointment of the BT President was done in accordance with the BT Constitution.

BTS Greens Advisory Committee:

The BTS Greens Advisory Committee has submitted a report on the greens at Cygnet, Dover RSL, Franklin, Geeveston and Huonville. It was agreed to circulate reports to individual clubs. If Clubs have any concerns please talk to BTS Greens Advisory Committee.

Concern was raised at the condition of the Ouse green and it was agreed to request that the BTS Greens Advisory Committee talk to Ouse about its green.

New Friday Night Competition 2016-17:

Moved Rob McGuire Seconded Ross Bannister “that the amended Conditions of Play for the proposed Friday Night Competition be approved”. Carried

The competition will now be extensively advertised to Clubs and players inviting expressions of interest in the competition from Clubs.

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.

Bulk Discount on Audit Fees:

At the last Delegates Meeting, it was agreed that if Club’s 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.

Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading has advised 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.

Guidelines for Side Captains:

The Officiating Panel has updated these guidelines which have been sent to Clubs and have been placed on the BTS website.

Player Eligibility for Finals:

Discussion took place at the last Board meeting on BT guidelines for player eligibility for finals – in regard to games where points are shared – which appear to be in conflict with BTS Conditions of Play. Leonie Price prepared a discussion paper on player eligibility for finals which was circulated to Board members before the meeting.

It was agreed that the following will apply for 2016-17 finals:

- Incomplete games (which have commenced but which are not able to reach the required minimum number of ends to constitute a game) – will be counted as a game played when counting player eligibility.
- Forfeited games (when one team forfeits a game to its opponent) – will be counted as a game played by the non-forfeiting team only when counting player eligibility.
- Completed Team Sheets for the above games must be submitted to the BTS Statistician on the day that the incomplete game was played or the forfeited game was due to be played. If Team Sheets are not submitted then the game will not be counted as a game played when counting player eligibility.

It was agreed that the above should be built into Conditions of Play for 2017-18. It was also agreed that more work needs to be done on this matter for consideration in next year's Conditions of Play.

The Secretary undertook to send a draft of the above to Board Members for approval out-of-session prior to sending details to Clubs.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Geeveston – Dispensation for Women's Division 4 team - Approved by BTS Match Committee.

Dover RSL– Dispensation to play selected Women's Pennant Division 2 players in Saturday Pennant Division 6 - Approved by BTS Match Committee.

Craig Triffitt – Expression of interest as selector and manager of Men's Senior's team - Refer Matters Arising above.

Consumer Affairs & Fair Trading – Registration of amended BTS Constitution - Noted.

Paul Hoddy – Entry of pennant teams into IMG results system - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Errors in appointment of BT President 2016-17 - Noted.

Sandy Bay – Appeal re eligibility of players against Rosny Park Saturday Pennant Division 6 22 October 2016 – Upheld by BTS Match Committee and Rosny Park was penalised all pennant points earned and minus 15 shots. Sandy Bay was credited with maximum pennant points applicable in the game and was credited with 15 shots.

Bowls Tasmania – BT Constitution – Moved Shirley Hay Seconded Ross Bannister “that BTS will move or second the special resolution proposed by BT to amend its constitution to reflect the change from four to three regions with the unification of the two North West regions”. Carried

Bowls Tasmania – Marketing Campaign Expenditure - Noted.

Geeveston – Queries re interruption to play due to wet weather – query - what is the situation if it has rained very heavily, the green has slowed dramatically and there is no Green Keeper to close the green – response - the Host Club can appoint a nominated representative of the Greenkeeper to decide if the green remains open (Condition of Play 3.14). Query - what about the 12 second green speed rule in the conditions of play, is that rule to be strictly adhered to – response - Conditions of Play 1.10.3 provides that, under normal circumstances, greens should commence play at a speed between 12 and 16 seconds. However that is not always possible if it rains a lot during the week prior to pennant or on the day. Just because a green is running at less than 12 seconds does not mean that pennant cannot be played on it. Query - can the green be re-timed – response - there is nothing in the rules that prohibits it but there is no need to do so. Query - if no umpire has been appointed and the Match Managers disagree on the resumption of play even after the required 45 ends have been played, what are the ramifications if one team decide not to play on the heavier green – response - Conditions of Play 3.15 provide that if Match Managers disagree the Umpire will decide. The Umpire's decision should reflect the opinion of the majority of players. If there is no umpire why not let the players decide – the majority rules. However, if there is no Umpire the Side Captains should have agreed to appoint a suitable, unqualified person as a marker etc. and that person could decide if for example the players vote along Club lines and the vote is tied.

Claremont – Reversed decision and will now have Saturday Pennant afternoon tea - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Veolia SWC Conditions of Play 2016-17 – Noted and circulated to team managers and selectors.

Rosny Park – Response re eligibility of players against Sandy Bay Saturday Pennant Division 6 22 October 2016 – refer Correspondence from Sandy Bay above.

Cygnnet - Request approval for Lois Wolfe to use bowling arm - Approved.

Max Peck & Associates – Audit of bowls clubs - Refer Matters Arising above.

Buckingham – Infringement Player Report – Kaye Sproule (Beltana). A BTS Tribunal (President, Vice-President and Officiating Panel Representative) was established and a hearing was conducted at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club on Monday 7 November 2016 to consider a report from Buckingham regarding the behaviour of Kaye Sproule towards the umpire during and after a BTS Division 1 Thursday Pennant game on Thursday 27 October, 2016. The BTS Tribunal found that there was sufficient evidence to confirm that the umpire of the day suffered harassment by the player named in the Infringement Notice. The BTS Tribunal imposed a penalty of suspension of two consecutive pennant matches (Thursday Pennant) on Kaye Sproule, however, the penalty was suspended for a period of two years, on the proviso that Kaye Sproule not commit an offence requiring a further intervention by the BTS Tribunal. Ken Copleman voiced his concerns at the conduct, procedures of and the decision of the BTS Tribunal.

Sorell – Bowls Club Visitors – Advised that the pennant sheets which contain all the names of the visiting pennant teams comply with Liquor Licencing Laws and there is no further need to enter visiting players in the Visitors Book - Noted

Consumer Affairs & Fair Trading – Annual Return Lodgement Changes - Refer Matters Arising above.

Kingborough, Buckingham, Sandy Bay – Expression of interest to host Bowls Tasmania 2017 Seniors Championships - Refer Matters Arising above.

DJ Motors – Sponsorship 2016-17 - Refer Matters Arising above.

Bowls Tasmania – Selector Vacancy Seniors South - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – BT Handbook Error – the final round of Open SWC is listed as 19 February 2017 but is being played on 12 February 2017 - Noted.

Beltana – Response Infringement Player Report – Kaye Sproule - refer Correspondence from Buckingham above.

Bowls Tasmania – Member database and website training - Refer Matters Arising above.

Lee Schraner – Nomination as selector for Southern Men's Senior's - Refer Matters Arising above.

BTS Greens Advisory Committee – Report on inspection of remainder of greens - Refer Matters Arising above.

Rosny Park – Query re practice prior to BTS Championships – It was agreed that no practice will be permitted prior to BTS Championships and that Conditions of Play for 2017-18 will be amended accordingly.

Cremorne – Query eligibility of players against Royal Hobart Midweek 26 October 2016 - BTS Match Committee considered a response from Royal Hobart and was satisfied that Royal Hobart did not contravene Conditions of Play in the selection of its team that played Cremorne on 26 October 2016.

Leonie Price – Discussion paper on eligibility for finals - Refer Matters Arising above.

BTS Match Committee Chair – Response Rosny Park query re practice prior to BTS Championships – Reversed by Board – refer Correspondence from Rosny Park above.

Buckingham, New Norfolk, Rosny Park, Huonville, Geeveston – Expression of interest to host Open SWC 11 December 2016 – Agreed to appoint Rosny Park as host Club.

Buckingham, New Norfolk, Rosny Park, Huonville, Geeveston, Claremont – Expression of interest to host Seniors SWC 7 February 2017 – Agreed to appoint Claremont as host Club.

Ouse - Request approval for Ray Lowe to use bowling arm - Approved.

Rosny Park – Appeal against BTS Match Committee decision re Sandy Bay appeal re eligibility of players against Rosny Park Saturday Pennant Division 6 22 October 2016 – Agreed that appeal will be heard by full Board at its next meeting. Secretary undertook to forward all correspondence on this matter to Board members prior to the meeting. It was further agreed to send out a reminder to Clubs on eligibility criteria, penalties that will be imposed if they play ineligible players and request that the information be given to Selectors.

Ken Broomhead – Resignation as Men’s Seniors Selector – Accepted with regret.

Kingborough – Phillip Payne and Thursday Pennant – The Board supports Kingborough’s decision on this matter. It was agreed to write to Phillip Payne and advise him accordingly.

Kingborough – Request for Women’s Thursday Pennant Division 4 to change from the indoor centre to grass greens – Approved from Thursday 1 December 2016 onwards.

Bowls Tasmania – Seniors Selectors – It was agreed to endorse Mick Sweeney as the BT Southern Senior’s Men’s Selector. It was further agreed to approach Rosie Geeves and Ailsa Milburn to see if either of them are interested in being the BT Southern Senior’s Women’s Selector.

Bowls Tasmania – 2017 Disability Championships - Noted.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Draw for 2016-17 BTS Women's Over 60's Fours Championships, Entries received for BTS Men's Fours Championships, Entries received for BTS Women's Fours Championships, Early start for SWC players re Saturday Pennant Games on 12 November 2016, Bowls Australia policies regarding Instantaneous Penalties and Personal Electronic Devices, BTS Women's Open Squad Selection Trials, Draw for BTS Men's Open and B Grade Fours Championships, Draw for BTS Women's Open and B Grade Fours Championships, Saturday Pennant Afternoon Tea, BTS Delegates Meeting Minutes September 2016, BTS Special General Meeting Minutes September 2016, BTS Side Captains Guidelines 2016-17, Expressions of interest to host Bowls Tasmania 2017 Seniors Championships, Expressions of Interest - BTS Men's and Women's Seniors (Over 60's) Southern Teams 2016-17, Expressions of interest - Selectors and Managers Men's and Women's Open Southern Teams, Bowls Tasmania Senior Selectors, Entries received for BTS Women's Triples Championships, BTS Women's 2016-17 Triples Championships Draws, Entries received for BTS 2016-17 Men's Open and B Grade triples Championships and BTS Men's Open and B Grade Triples Championships Draws.

Bowls Tasmania – Database and website training.

DJ Motors – Sponsorship 2016-17.

Equal Opportunity Tasmania – Response re further suggestions from Rod Pursell and the Saturday Pennant Action Group.

BTS Green’s Advisory Committee – Seeking report on inspection of remaining Club greens.

Taroona and Glenorchy City – Thursday Pennant Division 3.

Ken Broomhead – Appointment as Men’s Senior Selector.

Geeveston – Approve dispensations for Women’s Thursday pennant Division 4 team.

Royal Hobart – Rejection of capitation fees on a Club rather than a per head basis.

Rosny Park – Approval to change Club uniform trousers to emerald green.

Beltana – Refuse dispensation for Women’s Thursday Pennant Division 4 team but approved move to Women’s Thursday Pennant Division 5.

Max Banks – Accept resignation from BTS Match Committee.

Huonville – Approve dispensation to play men in its Women’s Thursday Pennant Division 2 team.

Huonville – Approval to change men’s Club uniform trousers to bottle green.

Beltana and Robert MacKenlay – Approval to use bowling arm.

Taroona – Approve dispensations for its Women’s Thursday pennant Division 3 team.

Rod Pursell and Saturday Pennant Action Group – Refuse to change BTS Board minutes.

Buckingham – Approve leniency for Anthony Rowe and Buckingham uniform.

Cygnets – Approve dispensation to play selected Division 4 men in Women’s Thursday Pennant Division 5.

Dover RSL – Approve dispensation to play selected Women’s Thursday pennant Division 2 players in Saturday Pennant Division 6.

Simon Morrison – Bulk discount on Club insurances.

Max Peck & Associates – Query capacity to undertake more audit work and new financial criteria to avoid need for audit.

Consumer Affairs and fair Trading – New financial criteria to avoid need for audit.

Moved: Paula Hadley Seconded: Ross Bannister “that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be endorsed”. Carried.

Reports:

Finance:

Acting Treasurer Rob McGuire forwarded his report to Board Members prior to the meeting. Moved: Malcolm Salier Seconded: Ailsa Milburn “that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted and that accounts paid be approved”. Carried

Clearances:

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Shirley Hay “that the following interstate clearance be approved and the other clearances be noted:

- Roger Boucher – Rosny Park to Howrah
- Sol Cooper – Sandy Bay to Derwent City
- Daniel Elwell – Beltana to New Norfolk
- Chris Foale – Glenorchy Rodman to Buckingham
- John Hadley – Derwent City to Howrah
- Tony Hill – Sorell to Rosny Park
- Wayne Lampkin – Glenorchy Rodman to Claremont
- Andrew Lipscombe – Cosgrove Park to Claremont
- Kathy Matthews – Sorell to Beltana
- Frances Phillips – Kingborough to Beltana
- David Pickett – Glenorchy Rodman to Claremont
- Bill Quinn – Ouse to New Norfolk
- Andrew Suttie – Yarra Glen (Victoria) to Rosny Park
- Jennylyn Tirant – Yarra Glen (Victoria) to Rosny Park
- Tony Verrier – Kingborough to Sandy Bay
- Michael Winter – Brighton to Glenorchy Rodman

Carried

Match Committees:

Women’s Match Sub-Committee

As per attached.

It was agreed that a minimum of four entries are required in future to run a BTS Championships and this should be built into Conditions of Play for 2017-18.

It was further agreed to seek Club views at the next Delegates Meeting on running BTS Women’s Championships on Sundays in future years. It was agreed to raise this with Clubs and on the BTS Facebook page now so that a decision can be made on this matter at the Delegates Meeting.

Men’s Match Sub-Committee

As per attached report.

Officiating Panel:

As per attached report.

Coaches Panel:

As per attached report.

Ross Bannister has since done another coaching course and an umpire’s course for Michael Eiszele. President Peter Kirby congratulated Ross for conducting additional courses as required rather than simply as advertised by Bowls Tasmania.

Selectors:

As per attached report on the Women’s Open SWC.

It was agreed to contact Grant Allford and Tom O’Brien and seek a report from the first round of Open Men’s SWC and Juniors SWC.

Accommodation has been booked at the Argosy Motel on Monday 12 December 2016 for the first round of the Seniors State Wide Challenge which will be played on the North West Coast on Tuesday 13 November 2016.

General Business:

Conditions of Play:

Rob McGuire reported the discrepancy in definitions of “regular” in determining eligibility for Saturday Pennant (Conditions of Play 4.5) and Midweek Pennant (Conditions of Play 5.5 and 2.5). It was agreed to revisit this matter when preparing Conditions of Play for 2017-18.

Can players playing for other Clubs skip?

Conditions of Play 3.11 permit a registered player from a Club which does not have a team entered in a particular pennant to play in that pennant with another Club. It was agreed that such players are not considered to be substitute players and can play as a skip for the other Club.

Maintenance of Synthetic Greens:

President Peter Kirby spoke to representatives from Berry Bowling Systems at the recent opening of the Howrah Indoor Bowls Centre and they offered to present a workshop on the maintenance of synthetic greens in Hobart in February 2017 for Clubs with synthetic greens. Peter Kirby undertook to follow this up with Berry Bowling Systems.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 18 January 2017 at the Buckingham Bowls Club at 4.30pm.

Meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

Confirmed President: // 2017



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH MATCH COMMITTEE

Report November 2016

Women's Sub-Committee

The Fours Championship was completed on Friday 11th Nov at Kingborough Bowls Club. Kathleen Page defeated Lyn Triffitt by 1 shot in the Open and Helen Ducker won the "B" grade.

The Triples draw has been completed and with only 14 entries will be a knock-out competition. St John's Park have agreed to host this event.

The "B" grade only attracted two entries, which means they play the final only. I believe that we need more than two entries to constitute a championship competition and this needs to be addressed for the future.

Ailsa Milburn

Men's Sub-Committee

The Southern men's fours championships were played at the New Norfolk Bowls Club on the 30th October with the finals on the 6th November. Thank you to the New Norfolk Bowls Club for all their work and the ladies for the great food.

The Southern men's triples sectional were played at the Kingborough Bowls Club on Sunday 20th November with the semi-finals and grand finals to be played on Sunday 27th November at Kingborough also

There has been some talk about players having a practice before southern men and ladies Championships, this is not covered in the southern conditions of play and should be added next year and a direction from Bowls South should be sent out to all southern bowls clubs and umpires for this season to clarify the situation.

Ross Bannister
Chairman
Match Committee



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH OFFICIATING PANEL

Report November 2016

During the past month the Panel has been involved in the compilation of a revised edition of the Guidelines for Side Captains which has been distributed to clubs.

There has been a discussion paper prepared for the Board on the 'Eligibility of Players' which has been distributed to Board Members.

The Panel was represented on a Tribunal Panel to handle an Infringement Notice, conclusions of which have also been circulated.

The Panel were expecting the State Officiating Committee to conduct forums in each area of the State but on contact with the Chairperson, Les Harrison, the following was received on the 30th October

"Hi Leonie

Regarding the forums we are waiting for the North West to complete the process of amalgamation to call the forums.

I believe we need an RCC to confirm the acceptance of the group as well.

I will be talking to Gary Bevan on Monday to see where we are at and can let you know asap."

Unfortunately there has been no further contact and the Officials Panel (South) will have to proceed with conducting forums on our own.

Umpires appointments were made for the following competitions; Women's over 60 Fours finals at Beltana, Open and B grade Men's fours at New Norfolk, Open and B grade Women's fours at Kingborough. The upcoming Women's Open and B Grade Triples at St Johns Park and the Open and B Grade Men's Triples at Kingborough.

A list of markers has been supplied to the Claremont Club to assist with the conduct of the Women's upcoming Singles Competition.

Leonie Price
BTS Officiating Panel



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH CACHING PANEL

Report November 2016

There have been two Club Coaches courses held in the last two months with three people from the Howrah Bowls Club and one person from Rosny Park Bowls Club obtaining the certification of Club Coaches

The south juniors have been training on Friday afternoon with Tom O'Brien at the Buckingham bowls club with the next round of the state wide junior competition being held at Longford bowls club on Sunday 4th December

Kingborough bowls ladies asked for a coaching lesson which was held early November and has asked for another lesson on Tuesday 29th November

Ross Bannister
Bowls Tasmania South Coaches Panel



TASMANIA SOUTH SELECTORS REPORTS

Report November 2016

The first round of the Veolia Statewide Challenge started in the North West on Sunday 13th Nov.

The CEO of Bowls Tas contacted each region by phone hook-up on Friday due to the weather forecast for Northern Tasmania over the weekend and a contingency plan was put in place if Spreyton was rained out.

Early on Sunday morning we were advised that Spreyton was not an option and we then travelled to Kings Meadow to play in the Indoor Centre.

The first session against NW2 resulted in a win on all rinks. Rosie Geeves' team led the charge with Lauren Banks starring in the number two position. The team skipped by Lyn Triffitt held on to win by 5. June Guy's team played consistent bowls to finish off a successful morning.

The second game against NW1 proved more of a challenge with only one rink winning. The team finished the day with an overall total of 16 points.

The next round will be held in Hobart in December with the selection of two teams.

Ailsa Milburn
Women's Open Selector