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Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 15 January 2018 commencing at 4.20pm

Present: Peter Kirby (President), Shirley Hay (Deputy President), Ross Bannister (until 5.20pm), Ken Copleman, Tony Fulton, Paula Hadley, Ailsa Milburn, Leonie Price, Malcolm Salier and Rob McGuire.

Observers: Margaret Cornish (Bowls Tasmania Board Member) (from 4.40pm until 5.10pm).

Apologies: Nil

Minutes: Moved Ken Copleman Seconded Ailsa Milburn "that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2017 be confirmed. Carried

Matters Arising:

Friday Night Super Pairs:

Nine nominations were received for the Premier Division and one nomination for the A Grade Division competitions. It was agreed out-of-session that the nominations from Beltana, Brighton, Buckingham, Claremont, Glenorchy Rodman, Howrah, Rosny Park and Sandy Bay be accepted for the Premier Division with Dover RSL missing out. The competition starts on Friday 19 January 2018.

Changes to BT Constitution:

At the May 2017 Board meeting it was agreed that BTS approach the other two regions seeking their support to make further changes to the BT Constitution at a future time. A draft letter to the two regions was circulated to Board members before the meeting and approval was given to send it to the other two regions.

Vacant Committee Positions 2017-18:

A further expression of interest for vacant Greens Advisory Committee positions was circulated to Clubs. At the informal Board meeting held on 4 December 2017, it was agreed to appoint Ken Copleman as Chair of the BTS Greens Committee and to appoint Ryan Guy to the BTS Greens Advisory Committee. This decision was ratified by the Board.

Sponsorship 2017-18 and beyond

At the November 2017 Board meeting it was agreed to take the following actions:

- The Secretary is to prepare a draft generic sponsorship proposal that can be presented to potential sponsors in future.
- Further consideration of where we go for a major sponsor will be considered at a future Board meeting of Finance Committee meeting.

Work has commenced on the generic sponsorship proposal which should be complete for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Bowlers with Bowling Arms Committee:

At the October 2017 Board meeting, it was resolved to advertise again with Clubs for BTS representatives on the Bowlers with Bowling Arms Tasmania Committee. No nominations were received for the Committee and BT was advised accordingly. Tony Fulton has since advised that he is willing to represent BTS on the Committee but would only be able to attend meetings via telephone hook-ups.

Discussion paper on Clearance Fees for 2017-18:

At the Delegates Meeting in September 2017 the BTS Board advised that it would prepare a discussion paper on clearance fees for 2017-18 for discussion at the next Delegates Meeting. The Secretary circulated a draft discussion paper for consideration by the BTS Board. It was agreed to circulate the draft discussion paper to Clubs for consideration at the next Delegates Meeting.

Discussion paper on the future of Pennant:

At the Delegates Meeting in September 2017 the BTS Board advised that it would prepare a discussion paper on the future of pennant for consideration at the next Delegates Meeting. It was agreed to hold a meeting of interested Board members on Monday 4 December 2017 at the Buckingham Bowls Club commencing at 4.30pm to prepare the discussion paper.

At that meeting it was agreed that:

- The BTS Board would prepare a discussion paper and a one-page survey which will be sent to all members.
- The discussion paper and draft survey will be sent to Clubs for comment and amendment if considered necessary before being sent to member.
- The discussion paper and survey should be sent to all members.
- The over-riding aim of the discussion paper and survey of members is to reverse the current pennant participation rate and to make the sport more attractive for potential new members.

Issues to be addressed in the survey:

- Inconsistent Conditions of Play across regions.
- Length of Pennant/
- Should we hold two separate Pennants – one before Christmas and one after Christmas?
- Restrictions on where players can play.
- Problems with dispensations?
- Should Thursday Pennant be open gender?
- Should there be 8 or 10 teams in each Division?
- Should all Divisions on Saturday be three rinks?
- In lower Divisions, should we try and prepare divisions in regions?
- Should we have a Final Series or should the top team be the premiers?
- Should we continue with State Pennant Finals?
- Should Midweek Pennant continue as is?
- Should Midweek Pennant all be three rinks?

Peter Kirby undertook to prepare a draft discussion paper and Rob McGuire undertook to prepare the draft survey questions.

Timeline:

- Discussion paper and draft survey questions to go to Board by 14 December 2017.
- Discussion paper and draft survey questions to go to Clubs by 22 December 2017 for comment and suggested additions / omissions etc by 26 January 2018.
- Discussion paper and survey questions to all members by 31 January (to be distributed by email where known and through Clubs via their emails where known or hard copies at Clubs).

- Survey to be returned to BTS by 28 February 2018.
- Results to be submitted to Delegates Meeting in March 2018.

The above actions were ratified by the Board. The discussion paper and draft survey questions have been prepared and approved by the Board and are currently being considered by Clubs. It was agreed to hold a further meeting of interested Board members on Monday 29 January 2018 at the Buckingham Bowls Club commencing at 4.30pm to consider responses from Clubs on the discussion paper and draft survey questions.

Host Clubs for Southern Bowls Tasmania Events:

At the last Board meeting it was agreed that the BTS Match Committee should allocate host venues for the above.

The BTS Match Committee has allocated these events as follows:

- State Wide Challenge Seniors - New Norfolk
- State Wide Challenge Open - Buckingham
- State Triples - Beltana
- State Saturday Pennant Finals - Rosny Park and Sandy Bay

Appointment of the above Host Clubs will be subject to:

- Their greens being in excellent condition at least one month before the event and for the duration of the event
- Their greens running between 14 and 15 seconds.

The above decisions were ratified by the Board. It was agreed to advise BT of the above allocations.

Inspection of Cygnet Green:

As there have been some concerns raised at the state of the Cygnet green, at the last Board meeting Ross Bannister was requested to inspect the Cygnet green and advise the Board of the outcome. This has been done and a comprehensive report on the state of the Cygnet green was forwarded to Board Members on 22 November 2017. It was found that the Cygnet green is comparable with other country club greens and is good enough to play pennant on. It was agreed that no further action be taken on this matter.

Venues for Bowls Tasmania Junior Championships:

At its last meeting the Board considered a letter from Tom O'Brien regarding several issues with the Juniors. One of Tom's concerns is that the Tasmania Junior Championships have been added on to the Tasmanian Open Championships and will again be held in Launceston. Southern players and their families have had to travel to the Junior Championships for the last two years and this year they were supposed to be in the South. It was agreed to ask the BTS Southern Juniors Manager to canvass parent's to determine their views on this matter and report back to the BTS Board.

The BTS Southern Juniors Manager, Margaret Cornish, has canvassed parents of current juniors with the following outcomes:

- SWC should rotate around the regions rather than being played at Longford all the time.
- State Junior Championships should continue to be part of the BT Gala Week.
- State Junior Selectors should be in attendance at the BT Gala Week.

It was agreed to advise BT accordingly.

Correspondence:**Inwards:**

Ross Bannister – Inspection of Cygnet Green– Refer to Matters Arising above.

Kingborough – Request for Bill Reeve to use bowling arm – Approved out-of-session.

Bowls Tasmania – Alternate venues for rounds 2 and 3 of SWC to support the Penguin Classic – Approved out-of-session.

Bowls Tasmania – Venue for SWC on 21 January 2018 will be Latrobe - Noted.

Ross Bannister – Resignation as Southern Junior Coach – Accepted with regret.

Bowls Tasmania – Bowls Australia is seeking applications for the National Coaching Advisory Panel - Noted.

Bowlsweat Australia – Quote for Southern Caps - Accepted.

Ryan Guy – Expression of interest BTS Greens Advisory Committee - Refer to Matters Arising above.

Glenorchy City – Dispensation to play an additional man per rink in its Thursday Women’s Pennant Division 4 team – Refused by BTS Match Committee.

Anonymous – Suggest of games just for nonagenarians (a person who is between 90 and 99 years old) - Noted.

Sandy Bay – Query eligibility of Leigh McAdam to play Thursday Pennant Division 4 on 7 December 2017 – Dealt with by BTS Match Committee which had given approval for Leigh McAdam to play in Thursday Pennant Division 4. It was agreed to revisit this matter when reviewing Conditions of Play next season as Conditions of Play 4.5 is unclear in regard to six games.

Glenorchy City – Dumping of Bowls – The Bowls Australia .Greens Protection Policy covers actions that can be taken by Clubs against bowlers who “dump” their bowls and in doing so cause damage to greens. This policy must be followed by Clubs. The policy refers to the Controlling Body or their Deputised Representative but does not define who the Deputised representative is. It was agreed that Deputised Representatives shall be Club Greenkeepers or their appointed representative. It was further agreed to refer this matter to the Conditions of Play Committee for inclusion in Conditions of Play 2018-19. It was also agreed to inform Clubs about this policy and its enforceability.

Taroona – Dispensation for Peter Lidster and Rick de Paoli to play in Saturday Division 6 –Approved out-of-session.

Rod Pursell – Copy of email sent by him to Bowls Tasmania re Equal Opportunity Tasmania agreement with BTS re Bowls Tasmania Thursday State Pennant Finals - Noted.

Glenorchy City and Beltana – Speed of Glenorchy Rodman green on 16 December 2017. The BTS Match Committee has considered this matter and has agreed to give Glenorchy Rodman the benefit of the doubt, it accepted the explanation of Glenorchy Rodman and decided not to penalise it in this occasion. However, the BTS Match Committee has advised Glenorchy Rodman that it is on notice and any further complaints of this nature received this season will not receive the same benefit of the doubt.

Rod Pursell – Copy of email sent by him to Equal Opportunity Tasmania regarding actions of Equal Opportunity Tasmania staff re the agreement with BTS re Bowls Tasmania Thursday State Pennant Finals and has lodged a complaint with the Ombudsman - Noted.

Glenorchy Rodman – Response re complaint from Glenorchy City and Beltana re speed of Glenorchy Rodman green on 16 December 2017 – See Inwards Correspondence above.

Glenorchy City – Dumping of Bowls and the Bowls Australia Green Protection Policy – See Inwards Correspondence above.

Kingborough – Expression of interest to host Women’s DL Reid Singles Championships – Referred to BTS Match Committee.

Bowls Tasmania – Copy of email from Bowls Australia’s CEO Neil Dalrymple “2017 in Review” - Noted.

Cremorne - Dispensation for Craig Chipman to play in Saturday Division 5 – Approved out-of-session.

RACT – Further information on sponsorship proposal – Agreed to seek ideas from Board Members to meet RACT requirements else decline sponsorship proposal.

Kingborough – Clarification of Conditions of Play re transfer of players between teams when Clubs have two teams in a Division. Conditions of Play 6.7 is relevant but only applies to Women's Thursday Pennant. It should be in Section 3 of Conditions of Play and needs to be amended accordingly in 2018-19. In the meantime Conditions of Play 6.7 will apply to any teams with two teams in the lowest Division in 2017-18.

Claremont – Request to rescind Conditions of Play 3.20 (a) (iv) re twelve game rule. Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded Paula Hadley “that Conditions of Play 3.20 (a) (iv) be rescinded”. Lost

Tony Fulton abstained from voting on this motion and requested that the minutes reflect same.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Conditions of Play - Adverse Weather Conditions including Lightning, Expressions of interest - Host BTS Men's and Women's Pairs Championships, Entries received for Men's Open and B Grade Pairs Championships, Entries received for Women's Open and B Grade Pairs Championships, Men's and Women's Open Seniors Sides Announced, Board Meeting Minutes November 2017, Friday Night "Southern Super Pairs" Competition, Loss of DJ Motors Sponsorship, Wheelchair Bowlers, Club Handicapped Facilities and Equal Opportunity Tasmania, Discipline Policy, Women's Open and B Grade Pairs Championship Draws, Men's Open and B Grade Pairs Championship Draws, Practice and Expressions of Interest for Women's Open and Seniors (Over 60's) Southern Sides, Entries received for Women's DL Reid Singles Championships, Future of Pennant, Women's DL Reid Singles Championship Draw, Entries received for Friday Night Super Pairs Competition, Practice - Men's Open Southern Team, Possible Early Start for Saturday Pennant 20 January 2018, Extreme Weather Policy, Practice - Men's Open Southern Team, Women's Over 60's Fours Championship Entries Received, Women's Over 60's Fours Championship Draw, Friday Night Super Pairs Draw.

Bowls Tasmania – SWC Juniors Team, Hosting Bowls Tasmania Events in Southern Tasmania 2017-18, Bowlers with Bowling Arm Committee, BTS Men's and Women's Open Seniors Sides for SWC, Interstate clearance - Andy Monk, Catering for SWC Open 21 January 2018, BTS SWC Teams for 21 January 2018.

Lee Schraner – Confirm appointment as BTS Senior Men's Selector.

Paul Hoddy – Confirm appointment as Manager of BTS Men's and Women's Open teams.

DJ Motors – Thank you for past sponsorship.

Kingborough – Permission for Noah Sculthorpe to wear alternate uniform until a Club top can be purchased for him.

Cremorne and Brighton – Uphold appeal against Brighton for playing a women in Midweek Division 2.

Rosny Park and Kingborough – Permission to swap Division 1 games venues to facilitate playing of Derek King Cup.

Royal Hobart and Cygnet – Dismiss appeal against state of Cygnet green.

Rod Pursell – Query re Equal Opportunity Tasmania agreement and Thursday Pennant State Pennant Finals.

Tom O'Brien – Concerns re junior bowls.

Margaret Cornish – Request to canvass junior parents re travel for SWC and Junior Championships.

Geeveston – Dispensation to play Saturday Pennant Division 4 players in Women's Thursday Pennant Division 4.

Buckingham – Refuse to change Section 4.5 of Conditions of Play 2017-18.

Taroona – Query re Conditions of Play 6.5 (a).

The Argosy Motor Inn – Accept quote for accommodation for Open and Seniors SWC.

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Ailsa Milburn “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 Coppleman “that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted and that accounts paid be approved”. Carried

Concern was raised regarding some long-outstanding accounts owing to BTS by several Clubs.

Clearances:

Moved: Paula Hadley Seconded: Shirley Hay “that the following interstate clearances be approved and the other clearances be noted:

- Peter Barnes – Howrah to Cremorne
- Bill Eather – Kingborough to Royal Hobart
- Maureen Foley – Buckingham to Beltana
- Michael Hemmings – Sandy Bay to Kingborough
- Terry Law – Cygnet to Kingborough
- Andre Legosz – Bribie Island (Queensland) to Howrah
- Jorja Maughan – Derwent City to Claremont
- Ricky Maughan – Derwent City to Claremont
- Andy Monk – Sorell to Queensland
- Michael Thompson – Sandy Bay to Derwent City
- Colin Walle – Howrah to Derwent City
- Matthew Watts – Wynyard to Beltana”

Carried

Match Committee:

As per the attached reports from the Women’s Sub-Committee.

Ross Bannister advised that there is only the Men’s Singles Championships and the Champion of Champions Singles Championship to play. It was agreed to remind Clubs regarding the need to finish their own Singles Championships to enable their winners to compete in the Champion of Champions event.

Officiating Panel:

As per attached report.

It was agreed to write to Sandy Bay to remind it that clubs hosting BTS Championships are required to provide one umpire for each green upon which championships are being played.

It was agreed to refer the following matters to the Conditions of Play Committee for inclusion in Conditions of Play for 2018-19:

- Inclusion of specific times for lunch and other breaks for BTS Championships.
- Possible use of qualified markers wherever possible for the second round of BTS Singles Championships.

It was agreed that BTS should only use currently accredited coaches. It was further agreed that the Secretary would contact Tom O’Brien to remind him of this requirement and that his current accreditation has expired.

Coaches Panel:

Nothing to report.

Selectors:

As per attached report.

General Business:

Tasmanian of the Year Award:

It was agreed to write to Rebecca Van Asch congratulating her on her recent win as Tasmanian Athlete of the Year for 2017.

Regional Consultative Committee Meeting December 2017:

As the minutes from this meeting have not yet been received, President Peter Kirby advised the Board of several issues that may impact on BTS in the near future:

- Bulk billing of capitation fees may be introduced in Tasmania in 2018-19. It was agreed to write to BT asking for more information on this ASAP.
- Bowls Australia will be undertaking a review of governance in Tasmania in particular looking at the levels of administration in the sport. It is possible that such a review could result in the abolition of the regions. More information will be provided to regions at the February 2018 RCC meeting.

Beltana Schools Program:

Ken Copleman advised that schools program recently run by Beltana had been very successful with the two scholarship winners now playing Saturday Pennant for Beltana.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 19 February 2018 at 4.30pm at the Buckingham Bowls Club.

Meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

Confirmed President: / / 2018



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH MATCH COMMITTEE

Women's Sub-Committee Report January 2018

The BTW Women's Open and B Grade Triples Championships were held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on 19 and 26 November 2017.

Winners were:

- Open Women – Rosie Geeves, Lyn McDougall and Denise Tanner (Howrah).
- B Grade Women – Marlene Eaton, Lorraine Grubb and Janine Kirk (St. John's Park).

Many thanks to Buckingham for hosting these championships.

The BTW Women's Open and B Grade Pairs Championships were held at the Kingborough and Tarooma Bowls Clubs on 10 and 17 December 2018 with all semi-finals and grand finals played at Kingborough on 17 December 2018.

There were 25 team entries received this year with last year entry numbers (21) shown in brackets:

- Open Women – 21 teams (20 teams in 2016-17)
- B Grade Women – 4 teams (7 teams in 2016-17)

Winners were:

- Open Women – Peri Buckley and Yvonne Buckley (Sandy Bay)
- B Grade Women – Helen Long and Kaye Clifford (Howrah)

Many thanks to Kingborough and Tarooma for hosting these championships.

The BTS RACT DL Reid Singles Championship will be held at the Kingborough Bowls Club on 12, 17 and 19 January 2018 and the BTS Women's Over 60's Fours Championships will be held at the new Norfolk Bowls Club on 24 and 31 January and 2 February 2018. Both of these championships are being held during the week as there was no room to fit them in on Sunday's.

It is disappointing that so few Clubs put up their hands to volunteer to host BTS Championships. Consideration should be given to giving Clubs that are willing to host BTS Championships preference for hosting of more lucrative BTS Pennant Finals.

Rob McGuire
BTS Match Committee



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH OFFICIATING PANEL

Report January 2018

The Panel conducted an informal meeting in December at which a number of issues were raised and include the following:

Sandy Bay provided only one umpire for two greens for a BTS Championship.

Should next seasons C of P include specific times for breaks in BTS Championships following the very late return of players in the recently conducted BTS Pairs Championships.

There has been a request that where ever possible qualified markers be used in the second round of Singles Championships. Would this require a change to C of P 2.16?

What is the situation with regard to BTS and BT using Coaches with expired accreditation, are there legal implications?

The next Meeting will appoint Umpires for upcoming BTS Championship Finals.

Leonie Price
BTS Officiating Panel



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH SELECTORS

Women's Open Report January 2018

Selection trials were held at Rosny Park Bowls Club on Tuesday 9th January 2018 for the second round of the Women's Open Statewide Challenge. Unfortunately the poor attendance was due to the State Gala week held in Launceston. However, those who did attend were able to join in with the Seniors who were trialling at the same time.

Hopefully there will be a full list at the next trial to be held on 16th January 2018. And the team to represent the South in Latrobe will then be announced.

A. Milburn
Southern Selector