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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Bowls Tasmania South, held at St John's Park Bowls Club commencing at 2.00pm on Sunday 27 May 2018.

Welcome: The President, Peter Kirby, welcomed members to the meeting, especially Life Members Neil Clark, Tony Fulton OAM and Cath Smith, and Bowls Australia's Regional Bowls Manager (Tasmania) Simon Morrison and advised that a quorum was present.

Attendance and Apologies: There were 31 delegates from 18 clubs and 18 others in attendance. Apologies were received from Cygnet, Franklin and New Norfolk Clubs, Life Member Hedley Beechey, Board Members Ross Bannister, Ken Copleman and Leonie Price and Ike Smith (Buckingham).

Recognition of deceased members: All members stood for a short period of silence in recognition of those members who had passed away during the preceding year.

Minutes of last preceding AGM: Moved Phil Richardson Seconded Ailsa Milburn that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28 May 2017, as circulated, be accepted as read and confirmed. Carried.

Annual Report and Financial Report:

The President, Peter Kirby, spoke to his report, as published within the Annual Report, and expanded on some points. Moved Peter Kirby Seconded Shirley Hay "that the annual report be received". Carried

The Treasurer, Tony Fulton, presented his financial report and the audited financial statements. Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Van Ransley "that the audited financial statements be adopted". Carried.

There was some discussion on the cost of producing the Bowls Tasmania Handbook and it was generally agreed that the Handbook in its current printed format is obsolete and that it would save money by just producing the Handbook in an electronic format which could be easily updated during the year as required.

Recommendations from the Board:

Appointment of Auditor: Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Doug Lowe "that Rendell Ridge of Max Peck & Associates be re-appointed as auditor". Carried.

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Affiliation Fees: Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Bill Mottershead “that affiliation fees for 2018-19 for adult members be increased by \$4.00 to \$78.00, that the affiliation fee for juniors be increased by \$4.00 to \$42.00, that the registration fee of \$50.00 per team remain unchanged and that entry fees for BTS Championships remain unchanged at \$10.00.
Carried.

Honorariums: Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Alex Stanelos “that Honorariums and Allowances for 2018-19 remain unchanged as follows:

President Expense Allowance	\$600
Deputy President Expense Allowance	\$300
Secretary	\$10,000
Executive Assistant	\$1,000
Treasurer	\$3,000
Statistician	\$5,000
Assistant Statistician (Results)	\$500
Match Committee (Chair +4)	\$1,200
Green’s Advisory Committee	\$400
Publicity Officer	\$250
Coaching Panel Expenses (Chair + 2)	\$200
Officiating Panel Expenses (Chair + 3)	\$800”

An amendment was Moved: Rob Richardson Seconded Liz Rickards “that the Honorarium for Assistant Statistician (Results) be removed
Lost

The original motion was put and: Carried

Rob Richardson advised that he was prepared to undertake the duties of Assistant Statistician (Results) for no reimbursement.

Timing of BTS Women’s Championships 2018-19:

The move to Sunday’s for most BTS women’s championship events last season did not result in significant additional entries. It did however result in difficulties in getting clubs to host these events. At the March 2018 Delegates Meeting it was agreed to send this matter back to Clubs to determine whether or not these championship events should revert to during the week rather than Sundays. It was suggested at the Delegates Meeting that the Women’s Singles Championships remain on Sunday’s as the men’s and women’s finals being played together was good. Responses were received from 17 of the 24 Clubs whose members have the opportunity to participate in BTS Women’s Championships. Of these six Clubs preferred weekday championships, five preferred weekday championships with Sunday finals, one Club preferred Sunday championships and five Clubs didn’t mind either way. No responses were received from seven Clubs. The BTS Board has agreed to hold BTS Women’s Championships on weekdays with semi-finals and grand-finals for some of the championships to be played on Sunday’s in conjunction with the BTS Men’s Championships.

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Starting Time for Midweek Pennant 2018-19:

At the March 2018 Delegates Meeting, Sorell proposed that the starting time for Midweek Men's Pennant be changed to 11.30am to ensure an earlier finish and allow players to avoid the growing traffic congestion in Hobart and suburbs. An alternative suggestion put forward at the meeting was a noon start. It was agreed that this matter should be circulated to Clubs that play Midweek Pennant for a decision. Responses were received from 16 of the 18 Clubs that play Midweek Pennant. Of these four Clubs preferred an 11.30am start, five preferred a noon start, nine Clubs preferred a 1.00pm start and two Clubs didn't mind either way. No responses were received from two Clubs. The BTS Board has agreed that Midweek pennant will remain at a 1pm start but this time can be changed to an earlier start by agreement between the two side captains.

Format of Midweek Pennant 2018-19:

At its meeting on 16 April 2018 the BTS Board determined that Midweek Pennant would revert to twelve players per side next season played as four rinks of triples with at least six B Grade players in each team. Clubs were advised accordingly. The BTS Board has since received correspondence from a number of Clubs seeking to reverse this decision or at the very least to play three rinks of four players instead of four rinks of three players for Midweek Pennant in 2018-19. At its meeting on 21 May 2018 the BTS Board agreed to approach Clubs who play Midweek Pennant to determine their preference for Midweek Pennant for 2017-18.

The BTS Board is still strongly of the opinion that Midweek Pennant should be changed to four rinks of three players playing two bowls triples. The BTS Board would further like to see the game played straight through without a break for afternoon tea. The following supporting information has been provided to Clubs:

- It is inevitable that BTS will in time have been forced to reduce Midweek Pennant to twelve players and not sixteen as is currently the case in just Divisions 1 and 2. Falling numbers of players playing Midweek Pennant has resulted in a number of smaller Clubs simply not being able to field a team of 16 players, resulting in Clubs declining promotion to Division 2 in recent years despite finishing on top of Division 3. In 2017-18 only eight teams played in Division 2 and this situation will only worsen in future years. Whilst survey numbers were not conclusive, the BTS Board decided that Midweek Pennant will consist of twelve players from 2018-19 onwards.
- Midweek Pennant does not lead to State Pennant Finals and BTS has the opportunity to have different Conditions of Play for Midweek Pennant. The BTS Board could have moved to three rinks of four players but decided to think outside the square and introduce something a bit different to bring players more into the game and for bowlers to spend less time waiting to bowl and hopefully generate a bit more interest in the game of bowls. Accordingly it was decided to try two bowl triples which is a quicker game and keeps players more involved than in fours.

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- The survey results resoundingly wanted Midweek Pennant to retain its current restrictions in regard to A and B Grade players. The move to twelve players and not sixteen will mean that there may not be two B Grade players in each rink but there will still be a minimum of six (50%) of B Grade players in each side with a minimum of one B Grade player in each rink.
- Whilst Clubs rejected a move to an earlier start for Midweek Pennant next season to ensure an earlier finish and allow players to avoid the growing traffic congestion in Hobart and suburbs, a move to two bowls triples and the BTS decision to play straight through without a break for afternoon tea will achieve the earlier finish outcome sought by some Clubs.
- Players complain that lawn bowls is not progressive and never changes and therefore has difficulty in attracting new players. The BTS Board would like to change the format of Midweek Pennant to try and generate some more interest in the game

The BTS Board has strongly recommended to Clubs that they approve of the change in format for Midweek Pennant to consist of four rinks of two bowl triples next season. Responses are required from Clubs no later than 30 June 2018.

Appointment of Office Bearers:

President: 2 nominations – Peter Kirby and Terry O’Connor. Secretary Rob McGuire assumed the Chair and appointed Life Member Neil Clark as Returning Officer and Bowls Australia’s Regional Bowls Manager (Tasmania) Simon Morrison as Scrutineer. Terry O’Connor and Peter Kirby both spoke to the meeting before Delegates were asked to cast their votes. Peter Kirby was duly elected as President. Moved: Ailsa Milburn Seconded: Shirley Hay “that the ballot papers be destroyed”. Carried

Deputy President: No nominations were received. Nominations were called from the floor but none were received. The position will be filled as a casual vacancy by the BTS Board.

Secretary: 1 nomination – Rob McGuire
 Treasurer: 1 nomination – Tony Fulton
 Executive Assistant: 1 nomination – Paul Hoddy
 Female Board members: 2 nominations – Paula Hadley and Ailsa Milburn.
 Male Board Members – 2 nominations – Ken Coppleman and Malcolm Salier

All the remaining nominations above were elected unopposed.

The Annual General Meeting was then closed at 3.10 pm and President Peter Kirby invited members to participate in a post meeting discussion.

Confirmed President: // 2019



Matter discussed at post meeting discussion chaired by President Peter Kirby:

New Members: Vere Ransley (Brighton) noted that 49 members passed away during the past twelve months. He enquired as to how many new members were registered during the same period. President Peter Kirby advised that he did not know exactly how many new members were registered during the past year but the number of BTS registered bowlers only decreased by ten over that period of time.

Peter Kirby thanked St John's Park for the use of their Club for the meeting. He also thanked everyone for attending and wished them all the best for the coming season.

Meeting closed at 3.15 pm.