

# Southern Tasmanian Bowls Association Inc.

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President: Peter Kirby Secretary: Rob McGuire



Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 19 June 2017 commencing at 4.25 pm.

**Present:** Peter Kirby (President), Shirley Hay (Deputy President), Ken Copleman, Tony Fulton, Paula Hadley, Ailsa Milburn and Rob McGuire.

**Observers:** Margaret Cornish and Nick Lee (Bowls Tasmania Board Members).

**Apology:** Ross Bannister, Leonie Price and Malcolm Salier.

**Minutes:** Moved Ailsa Milburn Seconded Shirley Hay “that the minutes of the meetings held on 19 May 2017 and 28 May 2017 be confirmed. Carried

### Matters Arising:

#### BTS Uniform Register:

Work is continuing on the re-establishment of a BTS Uniform Register. Twenty-five Clubs have submitted details to date and the remaining two Clubs have again been requested to submit details of their uniforms.

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

At the BTS Annual General Meeting the majority of votes from Clubs supported the BTS Board recommendation that Clubs no longer participate in Bowls Tasmania Thursday State Pennant Finals. Equal Opportunity Tasmania was advised accordingly and it has submitted an agreement for signing by BTS. BTS does not agree with the second point of the agreement which provides that the effect of no longer participating in Bowls Tasmania Thursday State Pennant Finals will be that BTS will then be providing an equal amount of qualifying opportunities to male and female bowlers to compete in State Pennant Finals. This is incorrect as the agreement will mean that approximately 85% of female bowlers will never get the opportunity to play in State Pennant Finals as they do not play Saturday Pennant. Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded: Tony Fulton “that the agreement be signed without the second point being in it” Carried.

#### Bulk Discount on Club Insurances:

No further information has been received from BT on this matter.

#### Procedures for handling complaints:

No further work has been done by the sub-committee consisting of Peter Kirby, Ken Copleman and Malcolm Salier formed to prepare a policy on this matter. Ken Copleman undertook to prepare a draft policy for consideration of the sub-committee.

#### Survey of Players and Clubs re Friday Night Super Pairs:

A disappointing eight survey responses were received. The majority of respondents were interested in playing in a similar competition in 2018. It was inconclusive as to whether or not there should be additional separate competitions for A Grade, B Grade and Barefoot Bowlers. There was little support for the competition to include more players for example four players playing triples or five players playing fours, however, there was strong support for the games to be longer for example two sets of seven or nine ends. It was agreed to run the Friday Night Super Pairs again in 2017-18. It was further agreed that draft Conditions of Play be prepared in due course.

#### 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. This has not been done yet and will not be done before September 2017.

Bowls Tasmania's interference in running BTS Pennant:

This matter was raised at the BT RCC meeting in May 2017. BT is of the opinion that it has authority to do this despite unsuccessfully trying to amend Rule 32 of its constitution in May 2017 to give authority to BT to rule in grievances between a Regional Authority and an affiliated club.

Appeal from BTS to Bowls Tasmania re Bowls North and State Pennant Finals:

This matter was raised at the BT RCC meeting in May 2017. It was agreed to recommend to the BT Board that for future State Pennant Finals the home region will play the double header games on day two of the State Pennant Finals.

21 or 25 ends for Saturday "A" Grade Pennant:

Responses have now been received all twenty-two clubs who compete in Saturday "A" Grade Pennant to determine if they want to play 21 or 25 ends for Saturday "A" Grade Pennant in 2017-18. The results were inconclusive. Moved: Ailsa Milburn Seconded: Paula Hadley that Saturday "A" Grade Pennant be played over 25 ends." Carried.

Timeline for Affiliation Fees 2017-18:

No response has yet been received from BT on BTS' recommendation that BT aim to set its affiliation fees by 28 February each year so that BTS and other regions can set their affiliation fees by 31 March each year.

Vacant Committee Positions 2017-18:

Advertisements have been sent to Clubs and have been placed on the BTS Facebook page seeking expressions of interest for vacant Match Committee, Southern teams' selectors and managers and the Greens Advisory Committee positions. Expressions of interest close on 11 August 2017.

**Correspondence:****Inwards:**

Bowls Tasmania – Endorsement of Darren Monks as BT Southern Open Men's Selector – Agreed to endorse as requested.

Bowls Tasmania – Bowls Premier league (BPL) Cup - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Agenda RCC Meeting 25 May 2017 – Noted.

Nick Lee and Margaret Cornish – Accepted invitation to BTS Board meetings.

Simon Morrison – Bowls Connect training - Noted.

Robin Wilkinson – Permission to use bowling arm. Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded: Tony Fulton 'to grant permission as requested'. Carried

Buckingham – Request to decline promotion to Saturday Pennant Division 2 – Approved and Howrah has been invited to accept the promotion.

Brighton – If Clubs do not have suitable facilities for wheelchair bowlers, Brighton has requested that BTS relocate games to a neutral club with compliant facilities. This matter has previously been investigated by the BTS Board (refer April 2017 Board minutes). It was found that there are a number of handicapped players who play lawn bowls, however, not every bowls club has all the necessary facilities to cater for these bowlers. It is understood that all new public buildings (including licensed bowls clubs) must provide buildings that are accessible to people with disabilities but it is not clear what the law in Tasmania is in regard to older buildings. Equal Opportunity Tasmania (EOT) was contacted to determine the situation in Tasmania and was advised that there are exceptions under the Tasmanian *Anti-Discrimination Act 1998*. Section 48 provides that a person may discriminate against another person on the grounds of disability in access to public places if the provision of access would cause unjustifiable hardship. This does not stop someone lodging a discrimination complaint to EOT but would appear to give Clubs a reasonable defence. Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Rob McGuire "that BTS refuse Brighton's request in accordance with the information it has received above". Carried

Bowls Tasmania – Draft Calendar 2017-18 - Noted.

Simon Morrison – Bowls Premier League Cup - Noted.

Simon Morrison – Bowling Arm Committee - Noted.

Tony Hine – Nomination BTS Match Committee – Deferred until the next Board meeting after close of expressions of interest on 11 August 2017.

Bowls Tasmania – New Board 2017-18 - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Dispensation Thursday Pennant and change of date SWC Open 3 - Noted.

Margaret Cornish – Expression of interest Southern Juniors Manager – Deferred until the next Board meeting after close of expressions of interest on 11 August 2017.

Ross Bannister – Expression of interest Southern Juniors Coach – Deferred until the next Board meeting after close of expressions of interest on 11 August 2017.

Wayne Lampkin – Expression of interest Southern Men’s Open Selector – Deferred until the next Board meeting after close of expressions of interest on 11 August 2017.

Bowls Tasmania – Bowls Australia Draft Strategic Plan 2017-2022 - Noted.

Tony Hack – Application BTS Men’s Open Selector – Deferred until the next Board meeting after close of expressions of interest on 11 August 2017.

Geeveston – Various matters including one set of Pennant rules state wide, all pennant should be 21 or 25 ends, all competitions should be non-gender specific, no BTS runner-up awards, capitation fees per team and not players – Agreed to reject all suggestions from Geeveston.

Equal Opportunity Tasmania – Draft agreement – Refer to Matters Arising above.

Ailsa Milburn - Expression of interest Southern Women’s Open Selector – Deferred until the next Board meeting after close of expressions of interest on 11 August 2017.

#### **Outwards:**

All Clubs – Second notice of meeting and request for names of delegates for BTS Annual General Meeting, Minutes of 15 May 2017 Board meeting, Reminder re BTS Pennant Team Nominations 2017-18, Reminder re Friday Night Super Pairs Survey, Reminder re BTS Uniform Register, Draft BTS Fixtures 2017-18, BTS Affiliation Fees 2017-18, Expressions of Interest - BTS Southern Open, Senior and Junior Teams Selectors and Managers, Expressions of Interest - BTS Greens Advisory Committee, Expressions of Interest - BTS Match Committee, BTS Draft Rosters 2017-18, Australian Masters Games 2017, Reminder re information for Bowls Tasmania Handbook 2017-18.

Bowls Tasmania – Insurances, Endorsement of Margaret Cornish as Southern member of BT Board, Proposed BT Constitution amendments, Timeline for affiliation fees 2018-19 and beyond, Request to change BR Calendar.

Equal Opportunity Tasmania – Rod Pursell and Saturday Pennant Action Group complaint.

Margaret Cornish and Nick Lee – Invitation to future BTS Board meetings.

Rod Pursell – Equal Opportunity Tasmania conciliation conference and other matters.

Leigh McAdam – Minimum eligibility games required for pennant finals.

Derwent City – Minimum eligibility games required for pennant finals.

Sorell – Equal Opportunity Tasmania and Thursday State Pennant Finals.

Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Paula Hadley “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: Ailsa Milburn “that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted and that accounts paid be approved”. Carried

**Clearances:**

Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Paula Hadley “that the following clearances be noted:

- Carlene Ackerley – Derwent City to Beltana
- Neville Ackerley – Derwent City to Beltana
- Peter Cavanagh – Coolum Beach Queensland to Buckingham
- David Lovett – Sandy Bay to Windsor Queensland (Should be Interstate Pennant Declaration)
- Alex McCoull – Sandy Bay to Claremont
- Leigh Munnings – Rosny Park to Cremorne
- Don Patmore – Interstate Pennant Declaration Rosny Park to Broadbeach Queensland.
- Julianne Pursell – Howrah to Sorell
- Rodney Pursell – Sandy Bay to Sorell” Carried

**Match Committee:**Women’s Match Sub-Committee

Nothing to report.

Men’s Match Sub-Committee

Nothing to report.

**Officiating Panel:**

Nothing to report.

**Coaches Panel:**

Nothing to report.

Paula Hadley requested that the BTS Coaching Panel’s Winter Coaching Course which continues at the Howrah Bowls Club’s Indoor Centre on Sunday 2 July 2017 from 12 noon – 3pm be advertised on the BTS Facebook page.

**Selectors:**

Nothing to report.

**General Business:**Whose insurance covers what?:

Following a bowler’s fall whilst visiting another Club, discussion took place on whose insurance covers what if a bowler is injured at bowls. The Secretary contacted Bowls Tasmania who in turn contacted Bowling Clubs Insurance Brokers and was verbally advised as follows:

- Bowls Tasmania provides insurance for players playing above pennant – for example championships, State Wide Challenge
- BTS pays a proportion of the above cover to Bowls Tasmania for its share of this coverage.
- Clubs cover players in pennant and below.
- BCIB believe that if a bowler is injured at bowls, then it is a claim on the Club where the injury took place.

Starting date for Thursday Women’s Pennant:

Thursday Women’s Pennant is scheduled to commence on Thursday 12 October 2017. Consideration was given to a request from Ailsa Milburn that Women’s Pennant start on 19th October 2017 and a double header of Women’s Pennant be held on Tuesday 7 November 2017 and Thursday 9 November 2017. Moved: Shirley Hay seconded: Ken Copleman “that Thursday Women’s Pennant commence on 12 October 2017” Carried – with Ailsa Milburn voting against this motion.

DJ Motors Sponsorship 2017-18:

Rob McGuire provided an update of discussions with DJ Motors re sponsorship for 2017-18.

Conditions of Play 2017-18:

A meeting of the Committee formulating Conditions of Play for 2017-18 was held on Monday 19 June 2017. A further meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 28 June 2017 following which it is hoped that a draft Conditions of Play for 2017-18 can be sent to Board members and Clubs for comment.

Training Session for Club Treasurer’s:

Ken Copleman advised that Beltana’s Treasurer Deb Jeffrey is up to date on all the latest accounting and tax regulations and is happy to speak to a meeting of interested Club Treasurer’s to share this information. The meeting could also discuss audit changes, payment of honorariums and their tax implications etc. The Secretary undertook to contact Deb Jeffrey to try and arrange such a meeting in September 2017.

Sorell Bowls and Community Club:

Shirley Hay advised that Sorell had voted to become the Sorell Bowls and Community Club at its recent Annual General Meeting.

Date of next meetings: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 21 August 2017 at 4.30pm at the Buckingham Bowls Club.

Meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

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