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MINUTES OF THE DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT THE BRIGHTON BOWLS AND COMMUNITY CLUB COMMENCING AT 1.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2018

Welcome: President Peter Kirby welcomed all delegates and Life Members Neil Clark, Tony Fulton OAM and Cath Smith.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Life Members Hedley Beechey and Joan Middleton. Apologies were also received from Cygnet and Rosny Park.

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 34 delegates present representing 19 clubs (Beltana, Brighton, Bruny, Buckingham, Claremont, Cremorne, Dover RSL, Franklin, Geeveston, Glenorchy City, Glenorchy Rodman, Howrah, Huonville, Kingborough, North Hobart, Orford, Sorell, St. John's Park and Taroon). Nine interested men and women also attended the meeting.

Minutes: Moved Margaret Cornish Seconded Paula Hadley that the minutes of the previous Delegates meeting held on 27 March 2018 be confirmed. Carried

Business Arising:

Future of Pennant Survey.

Results of the Future of Pennant Survey were circulated to Clubs 27 March 2018. The BTS Board proposed the following actions from the Survey which were circulated to Clubs 25 April 2018 namely that:

- BTS will work with Bowls North and Bowls North West to introduce consistent Conditions of Play for all Divisions that lead to State Pennant Finals.
- The number of players per rink will remain as is and will not change to three rinks across the board.
- Saturday Premier and Divisions 1 and 2 will change back to 21 ends.
- Current restrictions on where Premier and Division 1 and 2 players can play will remain as is.
- Clubs will not be given dispensation to select players where Conditions of Play disallow such selections.
- Lower Divisions will remain as is and will not be split into regional area.
- Pennant will remain as a single pennant – there will not be two pennants per season – one before Christmas and one after Christmas
- Pennant Divisions will remain as is with ten teams per Division and not eight teams (except in the lowest Division).
- Women's Pennant will remain as is - open gender will not be extended to Thursday Pennant
- Midweek Pennant will remain as is - open gender will not be extended to Wednesday Pennant
- Finals Series for each Pennant will continue as is.
- State Pennant Finals will continue as is.

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- Midweek Pennant will remain “as is” with at least half of each team consisting of B Grade.
- Midweek Pennant will reduce to twelve players per team.

Timing of BTS 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 also resulted 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.

Responses were received from 17 of the 24 Clubs whose members have the opportunity to participate in BTS Women’s Championships. Of these 6 Clubs preferred weekday championships, 5 preferred weekday championships with Sunday finals, 1 Club preferred Sunday championships and 5 Clubs didn’t mind either way. No responses were received from 7 Clubs.

The BTS Board has agreed to hold BTS Women’s Championships on weekdays with the singles championships to be played on Sunday’s in conjunction with the BTS Men’s Championships.

Taroona – Condition of Play 6.5 (a) re opposite gender players in Women’s Thursday Pennant.

Taroona was concerned that Conditions of Play 6.5 (a) is contradictory and is intended to advantage the larger Clubs and is aimed at bringing the lower divisions of Thursday Women’s Pennant into a quasi-non-gender specific pennant. The first sentence of the Conditions of Play requires that opposite gender players can only be used when no eligible same gender player is available but appears to be contradicted by the second sentence which states that there is no requirement that the same gender player be selected in a higher division in preference to the opposite gender player. Taroona wants consistency in the Conditions of Play and believes that opposite gender players should be used like substitutes in a Club’s lowest side.

The BTS Board has agreed to change Conditions of Play accordingly.

Sorell – Proposal to change starting time of Midweek Pennant to 11.30am.

At the March 2018 Delegates Meeting, Sorell proposed that the starting time for Midweek Men’s Pennant be changed to 11.30am. This would 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 4 Clubs preferred an 11.30am start, 5 preferred a noon start, 9 Clubs preferred a 1.00pm start and 2 Clubs didn’t mind either way. No responses were received from 2 Clubs.

At its meeting on 21 May 2018 the BTS Board agreed that Midweek pennant would remain at a 1pm start but this time can be changed to an earlier start by agreement between the two side captains.

Geeveston – Proposed changes to Conditions of Play:

At the March 2018 Delegates Meeting, Geeveston submitted a number of proposed changes to Conditions of Play as some of the existing penalties are too severe for genuine situations. The proposed changes were as follows:



- The existing rule in Section 3.20 (a) (iv) - Eligibility for Pennant and Finals -12 games. This rule could be relaxed to 15 games to allow for sickness or a change in performance. Sometimes a player's performance declines through various reasons and they should be able to be selected in a lower team. Rule 3.20. (b0 (ii) covers any stacking of sides for finals. The BTS Board has agreed to remove this rule from Conditions of Play for 2018-19.
- The existing Rule 3.20 [b] [iii] - Must have played 6 games to be eligible for Finals. Dispensation if granted should allow the player to be selected at his or her level of ability and not be restricted to the lowest side. The BTS Board would not agree to this change.
- Alteration to the Rule 4.5 - Selection Guidelines - Division 1 Thursday players should only be selected in A Grade on Saturdays. Example Division 1 ladies from Kingborough played in Division 4 on Saturdays. All B Grade Men and Women to be classed as equal to their selection on either day. Example Division 3 men and women equal not the present rule that Division 4 men are equal with Division 3 Women. The BTS Board has agreed to change this rule so that players must be selected on ability and merit.
- Alteration to Rule 1.12.3 (d) - Ineligible Player - The offending team loses the rink and shots that the ineligible player has played in, not the punitive penalties in the existing rule. This penalty is part of the Laws of the Game of Bowls and cannot be over-ruled in Conditions of Play.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Match Committee:

Ross Bannister advised that entry forms for all BTS Championships have been forwarded to Clubs.

Selection Committee:

Nothing to report.

Coaches Panel:

Ross Bannister advised that the BTS Coaches Panel had conducted very successful and well attended coaching sessions at the Howrah Indoor Centre over the Winter months.

Officiating Panel:

As per the attached report.

MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE BTS BOARD:

Conditions of Play 2018-19:

Changes to the Conditions of Play were summarised by the Secretary. Copies of Conditions of Play are currently being printed and will be distributed to Clubs on Opening Day.

Forms:

Pennant Results Forms, Initial Club Registration Forms, Register of Members and Championship Entry Forms have already been distributed to Clubs and are available on the BTS website. Pennant Cards will be distributed to Clubs on Opening Day.

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Bowls Tasmania Handbook:

The Bowls Tasmania Handbook has not yet gone to the printers and will not be available until just before the start of pennant. Clubs will be notified when it arrives - it will be available for collection from the Hobart Bowls Centre.

Nominations for Men's Midweek Divisions 3 and 4, Women's Division 5 and Saturday Division 7:

Delegates were reminded that nominations for these Divisions close on Monday 8 October 2018. Rosters for these Divisions will be sent to Clubs by Friday 12 October 2018. If Clubs have a shortage of players and are unable to field its bottom side in Midweek, Thursday or Saturday Pennant or alternatively if they have additional players but not enough to enter another team into the competition, they were requested to advise the BTS Secretary as there may be another club close to them in a similar situation – and together they may be able to field a composite team.

Capitation Fees:

Delegates were reminded that Capitation Fees are due on 1 October 2018 and must be paid prior to the first Pennant game.

Ensure all players are registered and cleared (if necessary) to play in 2018-19:

Clubs were reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that all players playing pennant have been registered to play with BTS and, if necessary, have been cleared. Playing unregistered players or players without a clearance will result in a loss of the match or matches.

An updated list of clearances received by Bowls Tasmania South for the coming season to date has been sent to all Clubs and will continue to be updated and sent out weekly.

If a player has transferred to a Club and their clearance is not listed on the list, it has not yet been received by Bowls Tasmania South and they cannot play in pennant until the clearance is received by Bowls Tasmania South.

Interstate clearances must be approved by the individual players former State Association before they can play pennant in Tasmania.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Regional Consultative Committee Update:

President Peter Kirby reported to the meeting on matters of possible interest for Clubs from the last Regional Consultative Committee meeting which was held on 17 September 2018:

- Working with Vulnerable People Card – Bowls Tasmania has advised that it has been advised that members of all region and club boards / committees are required to hold a Working with Vulnerable People card. Bowls Tasmania is seeking confirmation in writing of this requirement from Sport and Recreation Tasmania and will advise Clubs if this is a requirement.

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- Thursday State Pennant Finals – Bowls Tasmania will be conducting Thursday State Pennant Finals in 2018-19 and will invite winning pennant winners from each region to participate if they wish to.
- Capitation Fees – Bowls Tasmania is investigating the possibility of introducing a fixed-fee capitation model for next season. Bowls Australia is currently charging Bowls Tasmania on this basis but Bowls Tasmania is waiting to see what the outcome of a current Bowls Australia review of the model before deciding which way it will go in the future. A fixed fee model would mean moving away from a scheme whereby affiliation fees are paid per member to one where they will be paid per club.

Future of Bowls Forum:

Bowls Australia will be conducting a “Future of Bowls Forum” at the Kingborough Bowls Club on Tuesday 9 October 2018 at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. The agenda is to discuss the Bowls Australia vision for bowls for the next five years and beyond. All bowlers are invited to attend.

As there was no further business the President closed the meeting at 2.00 pm, thanked all delegates for their attendance and participation and thanked the Brighton Bowls and Community Club for making its excellent new facilities available for the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: February / March 2019 – date and venue to be advised.



Bowls Tasmania South **Officiating Panel**

Report September 2018

The Bowls South Officiating Panel of Helen Ducker, Lee Cowie, Geoff Price and Leonie Price will remain the same for the 2018/19 season.

The Panel conducts meetings at least once a month through the bowling season and appoints Officials for all BTS championship Finals. For the first time the Panel will also appoint Markers for any BTS Singles finals, this initiative is to ensure that singles finals have competent markers.

The Side Captain's guidelines have been upgraded for this season and includes a section on the movement of players. This, hopefully, clarifies what players may and may-not do when playing pennant and Championship fours games. (as per Law A4 page 96 in the Law book which has been incorporated into the Conditions of Play for Bowls South)

The Conditions of Play requirement that if there is not a currently accredited umpire, at the host club, then a visiting currently accredited umpire must be used has not been followed in some instances. There also has to be a reminder to clubs that the Side Captain (Match Manager), the Green Superintendent or nominated representative may not be the Umpire.

The BTS website has been updated and clubs are able to access lists of Officials, Measurers and Markers to assist with the conduct of events held at their clubs.

Forums for Umpires and Measurers will be held in the South, North and Eastern areas of the South this regionalisation proved to be successful last season. All qualified Officials are encouraged to attend to update their knowledge, especially when there have been changes to either the Laws or the Conditions of Play.

The Panel will endeavour, time permitting, to conduct regional opportunities for all Officials and Measurers to update their skills with daytime on the green measuring forums.

The Panel's thanks go to the numerous Officials that have given their time to BTS Championship events and Pennant Finals during the previous season and look forward to working with you all in the future.

Leonie Price
Chair
BTS Officiating Panel

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