

# 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 15 May 2017 commencing at 4.22 pm.

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

**Apology:** Leonie Price.

**Minutes:** Moved Ken Copleman Seconded Ailsa Milburn that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2017 be confirmed. Carried

### Matters Arising:

#### BTS Uniform Register:

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

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

Clubs have been asked to vote at the BTS Annual General Meeting on their preference re Thursday Pennant and State Pennant Finals going forward.

#### Bulk Discount on Club Insurances:

BT has advised that it has heard no more from Bowling Club Insurance Brokers (BCIB) on this matter but is meeting with them soon so hopefully it will know more then.

#### Procedures for handling complaints:

The sub-committee consisting of Peter Kirby, Ken Copleman and Malcolm Salier formed to prepare a policy on this is still working on a draft policy which will be presented to a future Board meeting.

#### SWC Junior Report:

Tom O'Brien still has not submitted these reports nor has he submitted a report for the Annual Report. It was agreed not to pursue this further.

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

The survey has been forwarded to players and Clubs to review how the competition went, should it happen again in 2018 and if so to determine what improvements could be made to the competition for next season. Responses are required by 26 May 2017. To date just four responses have been received.

#### Changes to BT Constitution:

BT has submitted proposed changes to the BT Constitution which are to be considered at the BT Annual General Meeting on 25 May 2017.

It was agreed to support the changes except as follows:

- Amendment 18 – to change Rule 31 to include grievances between a Regional Authority and an affiliated club – not supported.
- Amendment 22 – to change Rule 39.1 to require Clubs to comply with the rules set out in Rule 39.1 – not supported.
- Amendment 23 – the words “or Clubs” need to be removed.
- Amendment 24 – to remove sentence “Service of this notice is deemed to have been effected three days after posting” – not supported.

It was further agreed that BTS approach the other two regions seeking their support to make further changes to the BT Constitution at a future time as follows:

- Section 5.3.1 (a) talks about “uniformity” when this is not the case and does not need to be. BTS believes that the word “uniformity” should be replaced with the word “leadership”.
- The Constitution requires Regional Authorities Constitutions to conform to BTAS and Bowls Australia’s Constitutions and this need not be the case.
- The President must be appointed from Elected Directors and not from Appointed Directors. This would then mirror the Bowls Australia Constitution.
- Appointed Directors terms of appointment should commence from whenever they are appointed but should conclude after the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.
- The power for Bowls Australia to veto the BT Constitution has been removed – but not the power for BTAS to veto Regional Authorities Constitutions (Rule 39.2.3). As has been previously discussed and backed up with legal advice, this power is unconstitutional and must be removed from the BT Constitution.
- The BT Constitution requires that Regional Authorities must amend their Constitutions to conform to any amendments made to the BT or Bowls Australia Constitutions (Rule 8.4.2). This power is also unconstitutional and must be removed from the BT Constitution.
- At the end of a director’s maximum term on the BT Board there must be a break of three Annual General Meetings before that director becomes eligible for appointment as either an elected or an appointed director.

BT Southern Women’s Board Member:

Margaret Cornish from St John’s Park has been nominated to fill the vacancy for the BT’s southern women’s board member. Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Ailsa Milburn “that the BTS Board endorse the nomination of Margaret Cornish”. Carried

Appeal from Taroona to Bowls Tasmania:

The matter of BT’s interference in the running of BTS pennants has been listed on the agenda for the next RCC meeting.

Clubs have been contacted for their input on the minimum eligibility games requirement they want in Conditions of Play for 2017-18 and a decision will be made on this matter at the Annual General Meeting.

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

The matter of scheduling of games at future State Pennant Finals has been listed on the agenda for the next RCC meeting.

21 or 25 ends for Saturday “A” Grade Pennant:

The Board is still waiting for responses from eight of the twenty-two clubs who compete in Saturday “A” Grade Pennant. A reminder has been sent to the eight clubs.

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:**

Bowls Tasmania – Insurances for bowls clubs - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Notice of AGM and RCC Meeting 25 May 2017 - Noted

Bowls Tasmania – Proposed BT Constitution amendments to be considered at AGM – Refer Matters Arising above.

Rod Pursell – EOT Conciliation Conference and other matters - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Cash Back Living Forum 17 May 2017 - Noted.

Leigh McAdam – Minimum eligibility games required for pennant finals - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Missing BT Board minutes - Noted.

Derwent City – Minimum eligibility games required for pennant finals - Noted.

Sorell – Equal Opportunity Tasmania and Pennant – It was agreed out-of-session to add this recommendation as Option 5 and send to Clubs for consideration before the Annual General Meeting.

Equal Opportunity Tasmania – Query re Option 5 – It was agreed to respond to EOT in line with the draft response circulated to Board members prior to the meeting.

Margaret Cornish – Nomination for BT Board – Refer Matters Arising above.

### **Outwards:**

All Clubs – Equal Opportunity Tasmania and Thursday Pennant, Reminder for information for 2016-17 Annual Report, Minimum Eligibility Games Required Pennant Finals, Handicapped Facilities at Bowls Clubs, National Umpire Shirts, Format of Wednesday Midweek Pennant 2017-18, Market Research - Falling Number of Registered Bowlers, Friday Night Super Pairs Survey, April 2017 Board Meeting Minutes, Additional option re Equal Opportunity Tasmania and Pennant, Second notice of BTS Annual General Meeting, Revised Bowls Australia Policies and Information for Bowls Tasmania Handbook 2017-18.

Bowls Tasmania – Agenda item re Tarooma dispensation appeal for next RCC meeting, Agenda item re State Pennant Finals scheduling for next RCC meeting, Interstate Pennant Declaration Tom Foley.

Tom O'Brien – Information for BTS Annual Report.

Bill Mus and Kingborough - No-show at BTS Men's B Grade Singles Championship.

Robert Winterbottom – Draw for 2016-17 BTS Men's B Grade Pairs.

Kingborough – 2017 Come and Try Day.

Cath Smith – Spectator facilities at pennant finals at Howrah.

Vicki and Shane Baker and Beltana – Incident at Beltana on 10 December 2016.

Rod Pursell - EOT conciliation meeting and other matters.

Tasman – Request to remain in Women's Pennant Division 4 in 2017-18.

Dennis Lourey - Market Research - Falling Number of Registered Bowlers.

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

Tony Fulton advised that the BTS Finance Committee had met on 15 May 2017 and prepared a draft budget for 2017-18. It is understood that BT will be increasing its affiliation fees by \$2 per member. The Finance Committee has recommended that this be passed on in full to BTS members. Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Ross Bannister “that affiliation fees for 2017-18 for adult members be increased by \$2.00 to \$74.00, that the affiliation fee for juniors be increased by \$2.00 to \$38.00 and that all other fees remain unchanged”. Carried

#### **Clearances:**

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

- Wayne Lampkin – Interstate Pennant Declaration Broadbeach Queensland.
- Shane Peck – Derwent City to Sandy bay.”

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:**

Ross Bannister advised that 45 players and three coaches turned up to the first Winter Coaching Session which was held at the Howrah Indoor Bowls Centre on 7 May 2017. These numbers are well up on last year.

**Selectors:**

Nothing to report.

**General Business:**

Nominations for BTS Board 2017-18:

Nominations have been received for all vacant Board positions to be filled at the Annual General Meeting. An election will be required for male Board members as three nominations have been received for two vacant positions.

Appointment of Patron:

The BTS Board appointed Joan Middleton as the BTS Patron during the year. It was agreed to seek ratification of this appointment at the Annual General Meeting.:

Timeline for Affiliation Fees 2018-19 and beyond:

It was agreed to write to BT to add the timeline for setting affiliation fees for 2018-19 and beyond as an agenda item at the next RCC meeting. Clubs need to be advised of BTS affiliation fees sooner than the BTS Annual General Meeting to enable them to set their own fees to members. It is understood that Bowls Australia simply increase its fees in line with CPI each year. It is recommended 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.

BT Southern Board Members and BTS Board Meetings:

It was agreed to invite the two BT Southern Board members to all future BTS Board meetings as observers if they wish to attend.

Thank You:

As this will be the last meeting of the current Board, President Peter Kirby thanked Board members for their support and hard work over the past twelve months.

Date of next meetings: The next Board meetings will be held on Sunday 28 May 2017 immediately after the Annual General Meeting and Monday 19 June 2017 at 4.30pm at the Buckingham Bowls Club.

Meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

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