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President: Peter Kirby Secretary: Rob McGuire



Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 16 April 2018 commencing at 4.20pm

Present: Peter Kirby (President), Ross Bannister, Ken Coppleman, Tony Fulton, Paula Hadley, Leonie Price and Rob McGuire.

Observers: Nil

Apology: Shirley Hay (Deputy President), Ailsa Milburn and Malcolm Salier.

Minutes: Moved Ross Bannister: Seconded: Ken Coppleman “that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2018 be confirmed. Carried

Matters Arising:

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 letter and a reminder has been sent to Bowls North and Bowls North West. No response has yet been received from Bowls North or Bowls North West.

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 or Finance Committee meeting.

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

Future of Pennant:

The BTS Board considered the results of the Future of Pennant Survey and has developed its position and action plan as follows:

- 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.
- Midweek Pennant will remain "as is", that is at least 2 B Grade players in each rink
- Midweek Pennant will reduce to twelve players per team – played as four rinks of triples with at least six B Grade players in each team.

The agreed implementation plan is as follows:

- Work has already commenced on the implementation of consistent Statewide Conditions of Play – see General Business below.
- All remaining actions will be implemented for the 2018-19 season.

In addition to the above, it was agreed that Conditions of Play for 2018-19 be changed for Midweek Pennant and Women's Thursday Pennant to only allow one opposite gender player per rink in a sides lowest Division irrespective of what Division that is.

Venues for Bowls Tasmania Junior Championships:

At the January 2018 meeting the BTS Southern Juniors Manager, Margaret Cornish, advised the Board that she had canvassed parents of current juniors with the following outcomes:

- State Wide Challenge 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.

President Peter Kirby advised that this matter was discussed at the Bowls Tasmania Regional Consultative Committee meeting held on 26 March 2018 and it was agreed that in 2018-19 Junior State Wide Challenge will be rotated around the regions instead of just being played centrally in Longford.

Bulk billing of capitation fees in Tasmania in 2018-19:

This matter was raised as a possibility at the December 2017 RCC meeting. At the January 2018 Board meeting it was agreed to write to BT asking for more information on this ASAP.

President Peter Kirby advised that this matter was raised at the Bowls Tasmania Regional Consultative Committee meeting held on 26 March 2018 and it was agreed that Fixed Fee Capitations will not happen in Tasmania in 2018-19. Bowls Tasmania is waiting for clarification of hardship dispensation guidelines before further consideration will be given to this matter.

Susie Reed (Sandy Bay) – Non-appearance at BTS Women's Open Singles Championship

Susie Reed has provided an explanation as to why she did not turn up to the BTS Women's Open Singles Championship. It was agreed to accept the explanation without further penalty.

Request to hold Winter Coaching at the Howrah Indoor Bowls Centre

Written confirmation has been received from Howrah approving the use of the Howrah Indoor Centre on behalf of the Southern Coaches Panel to hold the winter coaching sessions at the Howrah Indoor Centre on the first Sunday of May, June, July, August and September 2018 from 12 noon to 3 pm with the hire fees to be paid by BTS. Howrah has agreed to charge BTS \$25 per session which was approved by the Board.

Additional seating for BTS Presentation Cocktail Party

Rosny Park has agreed to provide additional seating for the BTS Presentation Cocktail Party on Monday 23 April 2018.

Venue for Annual General Meeting

St John's Park will host the BTS Annual General Meeting be held at 2pm on Sunday 27 May 2018.

Inspection of Glenorchy RSL Green

The BTS Greens Advisory Committee's Ryan Guy has undertaken to have a look at the Glenorchy RSL green and give the Club advice if needed. This has not yet been done.

Ken Copleman – Beltana and Member Protection Policy

At the last Board meeting the BTS Board considered a complaint from Ken Copleman against Beltana concerning a possible breach of Bowls Australia's Member Protection Policy. The Board resolved to take the following actions:

- BTS President and Secretary to discuss this matter with Simon Morrison, Ken Copleman and Beltana Executive to try and resolve the matter.
- The BTS Secretary to advise all Clubs of their responsibilities under Bowls Australia's Member Protection Policy which is applicable to Clubs.

The BTS President and Secretary have not yet been able to discuss this matter with Simon Morrison as he is overseas until 23 April 2018, however, they have met with Ken Copleman and have agreed upon a course of action to resolve this matter. Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Ross Bannister "that the Board ratifies the proposed course of action." Carried

The Secretary has contacted Beltana requesting a meeting to try and resolve the matter.

The Secretary has written to all Clubs advising them of their responsibilities under Bowls Australia's Member Protection Policy which is applicable to Clubs.

Appointment of BTS Member Protection Information Officer

At the last Board meeting it was agreed that BTS needs to appoint its own Member Protection Information Officer. The Secretary has contacted the Department of Communities, Sport and Recreation which has advised that there are no planned Member Protection Information Officer courses planned in Hobart at this stage but would run a course if demand exists. One way to push for this is to get people interested in doing the Member Protection Information Course to complete the online training and send their contact details through to Communities, Sport and Recreation. It was agreed to seek expressions of interest from members via Clubs to see if anyone is interested in becoming the BTS Member Protection Information Officer.

National 2018 Champion of Champion Singles Championships

At the last Board meeting it was agreed to write to Bowls Tasmania to express an interest in hosting the National 2018 Champion of Champion Singles Championships in Southern Tasmania as it is understood that the next event will be held in Tasmania from 9-12 October 2018. Bowls Tasmania has advised that Bowls Australia will appoint the venue, however, Bowls Tasmania will try and assist in getting it in Hobart.

Bowls Tasmania Handbook 2018-19

At the last Board meeting discussion took place on the Bowls Tasmania Handbook for 2018-19. Will Bowls Tasmania prepare a Handbook in 2017-18? Will it be in printed or electronic form? Beltana has suggested that members be levied \$1 each to pay for the Handbook. It was agreed to raise these matters at the recent Regional Consultative Meeting. This did not happen but the Secretary has written to Bowls Tasmania seeking answers to the above. No response has yet been received from Bowls Tasmania.

Review of BTS Strategic Plan

This matter is to be considered by the new BTS Board.

Correspondence:**Inwards:**

Howrah – Agree to host Winter Coaching Program for \$25 per session - Approved.

Bowls Tasmania – Agenda RCC March 2018 - Noted.

Glenorchy City – Penalties for playing an ineligible player – Referred to BTS Conditions of Play Committee for 2018-19. Laws of the Sport of Bowls 39.2 provide that if a team plays an ineligible player it will forfeit the game. Accordingly BTS Conditions of Play cannot over-rule this law and it was agreed that the BTS Board's previous decision that the penalty for playing an ineligible player under current Conditions of Play is too severe and needs to be re-visited when Conditions of Play for 2018-19 are being formulated should be rescinded.

Glenorchy City – Application for bowling arm for John Russell. Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Tony Fulton “that this be approved”. Carried

Susie Reed – Explanation for non-appearance at BTS Women's Open Singles Championships – Refer Matters Arising above.

James Amos – Copy of email to Stephen Lockey regarding the 2018 National Multi Disability Bowls Tournament - Noted.

St John's Park – Agreed to host BTS AGM on 27 May 2018 - Noted

Bowls Tasmania (CEO and President) – National 2018 Champion of Champion Singles Championship Venue – Refer Matters Arising above.

Bowls North – Representatives on Statewide Conditions of Play Committee - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Australian Indoor Singles Championships 2018 Qualifying Entry Form - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Information on Community Sport and Recreation Governance Forum in Hobart on 1 May 2018 - Noted.

Communities, Sport and Recreation – Information on Member Protection Information Officer Course in Hobart – Refer Matters Arising above.

Bowls North West - Representatives on Statewide Conditions of Play Committee - Noted.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Second Notice and Agenda for Delegates Meeting March 2018, Midweek Pennant Grand Final Venues, Barefoot Bowls Champion of Champion Event, 2018 Survey Results, Free Winter Coaching Sessions, Trophy Presentation Night Monday 23 April 2018, Timing of Women's Championships, Starting Time for Midweek Men's Pennant, Clearance and Transfer Policy, Board Meeting Minutes March 2018, Information for 2017-18 Annual Report, Bowls Australia's Member Protection Policy, Delegates Meeting Minutes March 2018 and Annual Presentation Night reminder.

Bowls Tasmania – Expression of interest to host National 2018 Champion of Champion Singles Championships, Bowls Tasmania Handbook and Statewide consistent Conditions of Play.

Rosny Park – Request to provide additional seating for Trophy Presentation Night.

Ryan Guy – Reminder to inspect Glenorchy RSL green.

Geeveston – Advice of additional penalty for playing ineligible player in Women's Division 4 on a number of occasions.

Buckingham – Incident at Buckingham on 10 March 2018.

Beltana – Request to meet with Executive to discuss Ken Copleman complaint.

BTS Statistician – Change starting time of Women's Pennant on Results Portal to 11.30am.

Moved: Tony Fulton 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: Ken Copleman “that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted and that accounts paid be approved”. Carried

Treasurer Tony Fulton outlined details of honorariums to be paid in 2017-18 which are in line with the approved budget. Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Ross Bannister “that approval be given to pay honorariums, BTS Championship green fees and BTS Pennant and Championship prize money”. Carried

The Treasurer advised that he will be organising a meeting of the BTS Finance Committee in early May 2018 to draw up a budget for 2018-19 and propose a registration fee for 2018-19.

Clearances:

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

- Darren Beattie – Rosny Park to Buckingham
- Charlie Fysh – Buckingham to Glenorchy City
- Adam Johnstone – Kingborough to Algester Sports Club (Queensland)
- Peter Seccombe – Cygnet to Cremorne”.

Carried

Match Committee:

No report received.

Officiating Panel:

No report received.

Coaches Panel:

Ross Bannister reported that four new coaches were accredited at a coaching course held in April 2018.

Selectors:

No report received.

General Business:Matters raised at Delegates Meeting:

- Timing of BTS Women’s Championships – Clubs have been asked to consider this matter and advise the BTS Board of their preference by 30 April 2018.
- Tarooma – Condition of Play 6.5 (a) – Agreed to refer this matter to the BTS Conditions of Play Committee for 2018-19.
- Sorell – Starting time for Midweek Pennant – Clubs that play Midweek Pennant have been asked to consider this matter and advise the BTS Board of their preference by 30 April 2018.
- Geeveston – Various changes to Conditions of Play – Agreed to refer this matter to the BTS Conditions of Play Committee for 2018-19.

Statewide Conditions of Play:

At the BT Regional Consultative Committee meeting held on 26 March 2018 it was agreed to form a committee to investigate the introduction of a consistent set of State-wide Conditions of Play for pennant that leads to State Pennant Finals. Each region will have two representatives on the committee which will be chaired by Rob McGuire (non-voting). The first meeting of the committee is scheduled for Thursday 19 April 2018.

Bowls Tasmania tried to develop consistent Conditions of Play for all regions several years ago without success. It would seem that this current attempt can only work if there is a genuine desire from all regions to work towards a consistent set of Conditions of Play. That will mean compromise from regions at times and agreement that regions will abide with the majority view.

In the recent BTS survey 89% of respondents agreed that there should be a consistent set of Conditions of Play for all divisions that lead to State Pennant Finals. Accordingly the BTS Board has agreed that it genuinely wants a consistent set of Conditions of Play and will abide with the majority view on all issues. The BTS Board further agreed that there are no Conditions of Play that are not negotiable as far as Statewide Conditions of Play are concerned.

Thursday State Pennant Finals 2018-19:

Concerns were raised at the inequitable situation that occurred again for Thursday State Pennant Finals in March 2018 when almost 75% of Bowls North competing players were men. Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded: Paula Hadley “that unless a consistent set of Statewide Conditions of Play are introduced next season for Thursday Pennant, the BTS Board recommend to its Clubs that they do not participate in Thursday State Pennant Finals in future”. Carried

Umpire Complaint:

Discussion took place on the actions of a recently-qualified umpire who complained directly to Bowls Australia in regard to another umpire’s call in regard to the movement of players during the recent BTS finals series. It is understood that Bowls Australia has responded to the umpire in regard to the complaint.

The BTS Board believes that protocol dictates that the umpire should have directed his complaint to Bowls Tasmania South in the first instance. It was agreed to request Bowls Tasmania to ask Bowls Australia for copies of the umpire’s complaint and its response to the umpire. It was further agreed to confirm with Bowls Tasmania that BTS’ interpretation of the protocols in such matters are correct.

Come and Try Days:

Discussion took place on the significant television and general publicity generated for lawn bowls as a result of the recent Commonwealth Games. Clubs need to act now to tap into the potential interest in lawn bowls that should happen as a result of this coverage.

It was agreed to invite Clubs to organise and participate in Come and Try Days on the third Sunday’s of May, June and July 2018. The Come and Try Days should be held from 11am to 1pm and include free coaching, supply of all equipment and a sausage sizzle. Whilst many Clubs do not have their greens open at present, it may be possible to work in conjunction with a nearby Club with a synthetic green. If Clubs with synthetic greens do not want to participate then other nearby Clubs should be encouraged to use the synthetic green for their own benefits.

The BTS Board has agreed to organise a suitable social media campaign to advertise the Come and Try Days. It was further agreed to pay for three advertisements in The Saturday Mercury in the lead-up to the Come and Try Days for a total cost of \$1,521 including GST. It was also agreed to ask any participating Clubs to contribute \$440 each including GST to enable additional advertisements to be placed in The Mercury. All participating Clubs who contribute \$440 will be named in the advertisements and social media campaign.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 21 May 2018 at 4.30pm at the Buckingham Bowls Club. Paula Hadley and Leonie Price advised that they will be apologies for this meeting. Ken Coppleman and Leonie Price advised that they will be apologies for the Annual General Meeting to be held on 27 May 2018.

Meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

Confirmed President: // 2018