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Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 19 February 2018 commencing at 4.22pm

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

Observers: Nil

Apology: Ailsa Milburn

Minutes: Moved Ross Bannister Seconded Paula Hadley "that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 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 has been sent to Bowls North and Bowls North West. No responses have been received to date.

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 of Finance Committee meeting.

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

Discussion paper on Clearance Fees for 2017-18:

At the Delegates Meeting in September 2017 the BTS Board advised that it would prepare a discussion paper on clearance fees for 2017-18 for discussion at the next Delegates Meeting. The updated Clearance Policy has been circulated to Clubs for consideration at the next Delegates Meeting.

Discussion paper on the future of Pennant:

The discussion paper and survey has been sent to Clubs for distribution to members. It has also been placed on the BTS website and BTS Facebook page. At this stage survey forms have been returned by 67 members from 15 Clubs.

Timeline:

- Survey to be returned to BTS by 28 February 2018.
- Results to be submitted to Delegates Meeting in March 2018.

Host Clubs for Southern Bowls Tasmania Events:

At the December 2017t Board meeting it was agreed that the BTS Match Committee should allocate host venues for the above.

The BTS Match Committee has allocated these events as follows:

- State Wide Challenge Open - Buckingham
- State Triples - Beltana
- State Saturday Pennant Finals - Rosny Park and Sandy Bay

Appointment of the above Host Clubs was subject to:

- Their greens being in excellent condition at least one month before the event and for the duration of the event
- Their greens running between 14 and 15 seconds.

The Secretary has contacted all Clubs to seek ratification that all greens are in excellent condition and will be running between 14 and 15 seconds when the State events are held.

Concerns were raised by Board members at the condition of the Beltana green. Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Leonie Price ‘that the State Triples Championships and the Champion of Champion Championships be moved from Beltana as its greens are not up to the high standard required by Bowls Tasmania for a State Championship’. Carried

(Ken Copleman wished it to be recorded in the minutes that he voted against this motion.)

Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded: Shirley Hay “that the State Triples Championships and the Champion of Champion Championships be held at Kingborough if it is available else Claremont.” Carried

Venues for Bowls Tasmania Junior Championships:

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

- SWC 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.

BT has been advised accordingly. BT has advised that this is on the agenda for its February 2018 Board meeting.

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 last Board meeting it was agreed to write to BT asking for more information on this ASAP. This has been done and BT has advised that this is on the agenda for its February 2018 Board meeting.

Coaching Accreditations and Tom O’Brien:

At the last Board meeting it was agreed that BTS should only use currently accredited coaches. It was further agreed that the Secretary would contact Tom O’Brien to remind him of this requirement and that his current accreditation has expired. The Secretary has contacted both BT and Tom O’Brien in regard to this matter. Tom O’Brien has advised that he has completed all relevant paperwork and it is now with Bowls Tasmania.

Correspondence:**Inwards:**

Bowls Tasmania – Partnership with Cash Back Living - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Tasmanian Seniors Championships - Noted.

Glenorchy City – Concerns re “doctoring” of greens – The BTS Board does not approve the “doctoring” of greens which is against the spirit of the game. It was agreed to send a reminder to Clubs of this and the penalties that apply in Conditions of Play and ask that Clubs advise Side Captains accordingly and of the need to time greens approximately 20 minutes before the commencement of play. It was further agreed to raise this matter again at the March 2018 Delegates Meeting.

Bruny – Condition of Glenorchy Rodman green – Explanation offered by Glenorchy Rodman accepted by BTS Match Committee.

Glenorchy Rodman – Response re complaint from Bruny – Refer Correspondence Inwards above.

Brighton – Request for Shirley Fox to use a bowling arm. Moved: Shirley Hay Seconded: Ross Bannister “that this be approved”.
Carried

Kingborough – Dispensation for Peter Brokate to wear a plain white shirt until his new club shirt (9XL) arrives – Approved by the Board out-of-session until the end of the current season.

Rod Pursell – Equal Opportunity Agreement - Noted.

Buckingham – Infringement Player Report – Josh Mazur Dover RSL – The BTS Match Committee is waiting for a response from Dover RSL and Josh Mazur before it can deal with this matter.

Carol Bannister – Player Infringement Report Josh Mazur – Refer Correspondence inwards above.

Cremorne – Dispensation to drop Lindsay Baldock from Saturday Pennant Division 1 to Division 5 – Approved by the Board out-of-session.

Tony Fulton – Permission to use a bowling arm. Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Leonie Price “that this be approved”.
Carried

Bowls Tasmania – Junior SWC and State Championships – Refer Matters Arising above.

Bowls Tasmania – Capitation fees 2018-19 – Refer Matters Arising above.

Geeveston – Dispensation to play David Welling in the finals without playing six pennant games – Approved by President Peter Kirby but only in Geeveston’s lowest side which is Saturday Pennant Division 4.

Tasman – Condition of Cygnet green on 8 February 2018 - – Explanation offered by Cygnet re early closure of green was accepted by BTS Match Committee.

Cygnet – Response re complaint from Tasman – Refer Correspondence Inwards above.

Simon Morrison, Regional Bowls Manager Tasmania – Update on National Bowls Topics - Noted.

Simon Morrison, Regional Bowls Manager Tasmania – Update on BPL Cup - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Minutes RCC Meeting December 2017 - Noted.

Sandy Bay – Request to change dates of Champion of Champion Singles Championships – Refused by BTS Match Committee.

Simon Morrison, Regional Bowls Manager Tasmania – Update on Funding Projects, National Census, Club Support and Future of Pennant - Noted.

Geeveston – Complaint v’s Howrah 10 February 2018 - The BTS Match Committee is waiting for a response from Howrah before it can deal with this matter.

Sandy Bay – Complaint v’s Cygnet 15 February 2018 – Explanation offered by Cygnet re early closure of green was accepted by BTS Match Committee.

Cygnets – Reason for early closure of green re Sandy Bay complaint above – See Correspondence – Inwards above.

Sorell – Complaint v's Dover RSL 15 February 2018 - - The BTS Match Committee is waiting for a response from Dover RSL before it can deal with this matter.

Glenorchy City – Complaint v's Geeveston 17 February 2018 – BTS Match Committee determined that Lawrence Burgess was ineligible to play in Saturday Pennant Division 4 as he played 13 of the first 14 games this season in Division 1. Accordingly Geeveston were penalised by forfeiting the game. It was agreed 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.

Geeveston – Response re complaint from Glenorchy City above – See Correspondence Inwards above.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Women's Over 60's Fours Championship Draw, Friday Night Super Pairs Premier League Competition, Open Representative Teams State Wide Challenge 21 January 2018, Women's Senior Sides for State Wide Challenge 6 February 2018, Clubs with two teams in a Division, Entries received for 2017-18 Women's Singles Championships, Entries received for Men's 2017-18 Singles Championships, Seeking venues for Men's and Women's Singles Championships, Board Meeting Minutes January 2018, Women's Singles Championship Draws, Men's Singles Championship Draws, Men's Senior Sides for State Wide Challenge 6 February 2018, Amended Men's Singles Championship Draws, Practice for Women's Open Southern Sides, Future of Pennant Survey, Men's Senior Squad for State Wide Challenge 6 March 2018, Women's Open Sides for State Wide Challenge 25 February 2018, Dumping of Bowls, Reminder re close of entries for Champion of Champion Singles Championships, Draft BTS Clearance Policy.

Bowls Tasmania – Catering for SWC Open 21 January 2018, BTS SWC Teams for 21 January 2018, Host Clubs for Bowls Tasmania events in Southern Tasmania, Bowlers with Bowling Arm Committee, Junior SWC and State Championships, Use of Accredited Coaches, Capitation Fees 2018-19, Junior SWC teams for 28 January 2018, BTS Senior Teams & Catering 6 February 2018.

Bowls North and Bowls North West – Proposed changes to the BT Constitution.

Ken Copleman and Ryan Guy – Appointment to BTS Greens Advisory Committee.

Bill Reeves and Kingborough – Approve use of bowling arm.

Ross Bannister – Accept resignation as Southern Junior Coach.

Bowlswear Australia – Accept quote for supply of Southern caps.

Glenorchy City – Refuse to grant dispensation to play an additional man per rink in its Thursday Pennant Division 4 team.

Sandy Bay and Glenorchy City – Eligibility of Leigh McAdam to play in Glenorchy City's Thursday Pennant Division 4 team.

Glenorchy City – Dumping of bowls.

Taroona – Approve dispensation for Peter Lidster and Rick de Paoli to play in its Saturday Pennant Division 6 team.

Glenorchy City, Beltana and Glenorchy Rodman – Dismiss appeal against speed of Glenorchy Rodman green on 16 December 2017.

Cremorne – Approve dispensation for Craig Chipman to play in its Saturday Division 5 team.

Kingborough and Cygnets – Clarification re transfer of players between teams when Clubs have two teams in a Division.

Claremont – Refuse to change Conditions of Play to rescind 12 game rule.

Tom O'Brien – Request to update his coaching accreditation.

Rebecca Van Asch – Congratulations on Tasmanian of the Year Award.

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: Ross Bannister “that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted and that accounts paid be approved”. Carried

Clearances:

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

- Keith Butterworth – Club Maroochy (Queensland) to Howrah
- Ben Lee – New Norfolk to Franklin
- Di Salt – Rosny Park to Open
- Scott Summers – North Launceston to Rosny Park.”

Carried

Match Committee:

As per the attached reports from the Women’s Sub-Committee.

Leonie Price advised that Susie Reed from Sandy Bay did not turn up to the BTS Women’s Open Singles Championship. It was agreed to write to her asking for an explanation.

As per the attached reports from the Men’s Sub-Committee.

It was agreed that Conditions of Play Committee for 2018-19 should consider amending Conditions of Play such that BTS Championships can be played on either grass or synthetic greens.

Officiating Panel:

As per attached report.

Coaches Panel:

As per attached report.

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Shirley Hay “that BTS approach Howrah to request 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.” Carried

Selectors:

No reports received.

General Business:

Venue and date of next Delegates Meeting

It was agreed that, subject to confirmation from the Club, the next Delegates Meeting will be held at Sorell at 1pm on Tuesday 27 March 2018.

Date and venue for BTS Presentation Cocktail Party

It was agreed that, subject to confirmation from the Club, the BTS Presentation Cocktail Party will be held at Rosny Park on Monday 23 April 2018.

Date and venue for Annual General Meeting

It was agreed that, subject to confirmation from the Club, the BTS Annual General Meeting will be held at St John’s Park at 2pm on Sunday 27 May 2018.

Glenorchy RSL:

At the request of Glenorchy RSL Bowls Club, the Secretary met with the new Board of the Club on Wednesday 14 February 2018. The new President is Jason Spurr and the new Secretary is Roseanne McCann. The Club has been doing a lot of work on its green with the assistance of Cam Tegg from Glenorchy Rodman and would like the BTS Greens Advisory Committee to have a look at the green and give them further advice if needed. The Club would like to receive normal information that BTS sends to other Clubs and hopes to be in a position to enter a team in Midweek Pennant in 2018-19 if that is okay to BTS. It was agreed that Glenorchy RSL would be welcomed back to pennant if it is able to enter one or more teams. It was further agreed to ask the BTS Greens Advisory Committee to have a look at their green and give them advice if needed.

Inspection of Greens:

The BTS Greens Advisory Committee has been inspecting greens that may be suitable for BTS finals and tabled a report of inspections undertaken to date.

BTS Greens Advisory Committee Chairman:

The Chairman of the BTS Greens Advisory Committee, Ken Copleman, advised that he could no longer undertake that role and submitted his resignation which was accepted with regret.

SportsTG Results Portal:

There have been some problems with the Results Portal with away clubs not going into the system and ensuring that skips and scores match up. The home side is unable to make these amendments. It was agreed that some Clubs need more training in using the Results Portal.

President Peter Kirby reported that the current contract with SportsTG expires in June 2018 and if it is not renewed we may have to start again with a new system. When the contract with Sporting Pulse expired a lot of website and database information was lost and had to be re-done. It was agreed that this matter should be raised with BT as a matter of urgency to ensure that the same problems do not happen again.

BTS Strategic Plan:

The current BTS Strategic Plan needs to be reviewed and updated. It was agreed to leave this to the new Board appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 19 March 2018 at 4.30pm at the Buckingham Bowls Club.

Meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

Confirmed President: // 2018



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH MATCH COMMITTEE

Women's Sub-Committee Report February 2018

The BTS RACT DL Reid Singles Championship was held at the Kingborough Bowls Club on 12, 17 and 19 January 2018. Winner was Lyn Triffitt.

There were 27 entries received this year compared to 25 entries last year:

Many thanks to Kingborough for hosting these championships.

The BTS Women's Over 60's Fours Championships was held at the new Norfolk Bowls Club on 24 and 31 January and 2 February 2018. Winners were Laura Best, Lynn Barlow, Jac Phillips and Ann Hinkley.

There were 15 team entries received this year compared to 20 team entries last year:

Many thanks to New Norfolk for hosting these championships.

Both of these championships were held during the week as there was no room to fit them in on Sunday's.

The BTS Women's Open and B Grade Singles Championships were held at the Kingborough Bowls Club on 4, 11 and 18 February 2018.

There were 30 entries received this year with last year entry numbers (40) shown in brackets:

- Open Women – 21 (28 in 2016-17)
- B Grade Women – 9 (12 in 2016-17)

The only events yet to be run are the BTS Champion of Champions Singles Championships which will be held at the Kingborough Indoors Centre on 7, 8 and 9 March 2018.

Rob McGuire
BTS Match Committee



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH MATCH COMMITTEE

Men's Sub-Committee Report February 2018

The BTS Men's Open and B-Grade singles were completed on Sunday 18th February 2018. Winner in the Open was Lee Schraner from Rosny Park and the B-Grade was Brad Johns from Franklin.

This season the single in all divisions men and women format was changed so players had to mark the first rounds which was played as sectional play. From all reports this worked well except for the one or two players that had a moan "why should they have to mark games". These formats also help southern bowls clubs to hold this event without having to find heaps of markers.

The men's B-Grade entries numbers were 34 (last season 26 entries). The men's Open entries numbers were 45 (last season 36 entries).

A big thank you to the clubs that put their hand up to hold the singles championships. Howrah Bowls Club for the men's B-Grade sectional and post sectional and quarter finals play over two Sundays, St Johns Park Bowls Club for most of the men's open sectional play, Taroona Bowls Club sectional and post sectional and quarter finals play over two Sundays and Kingborough Bowls Club for the Open and B-Grade ladies, a section of the open men's and a section of the B-Grade men's sectional play and all finals over three Sundays

The southern men's and ladies Champion of Champions singles will be played on Wednesday the 7th, 8th and 9th March which will be held at the Kingborough indoor centre at night starting at 6pm. This is due to players working and the State Champion of Champions competition being scheduled to be played on 12th March 2018 in the South this year.

Ross Bannister
Chairperson of the BTS Match Committee



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH OFFICIATING PANEL

Report February 2018

At the January meeting of the Panel the following items were discussed:

The notes to be taken to the BTS Board would be done later that day when the monthly meeting was to be held.

The request to the Board to include the full law on the movement of players in the next C of P.

Discussed the 12 game rule and concluded that at this stage clubs should ask for dispensation where required.

The Survey to be sent to all clubs and players was mentioned and the Panel had no further suggestions for inclusion.

Officials for the D L Reid, the Over 60's Championships and the Senior State-wide event were decided.

Officials 'notes' would be sent to all accredited Officials via email and the website was to be updated.

Leonie Price
Chair Bowls South Officiating Panel



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH COACHES PANEL

Southern Coaches Report February 2018

On behalf of the southern coaches panel I request 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.

Would Bowls Tasmania South be willing to support our winter coaching clinics and pay the Howrah Bowls Club indoor centre fees again this winter and approach the Howrah Bowls Club for permission to run these sessions at their indoor centre?

Ross Bannister
Bowls Tasmania South Coaches Panel