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President: Trevor Quilliam

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Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 15 April 2013 commencing at 8.30am

Present: Trevor Quilliam (President), Ailsa Milburn (Deputy President), Grant Allford, Ross Bannister (from 8.35am), Jan Booth, Neil Clark, Michael Eiszele, Tony Fulton, Bev Gillie, Shirley Hay, Tony Kerrison and Rob McGuire.

Apologies: Nil.

Minutes: Moved: Ailsa Milburn Seconded Neil Clark that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2013 be confirmed. Carried.

Matters Arising:

Bowls Tasmania Pennant Restructure

The Secretary prepared a summary of the results of the survey and circulated them to Board members prior to the meeting. A total of 970 responses (43%) from 2,277 members were received which is an excellent response. The President thanked Rob McGuire for his efforts in preparing the results of the survey. Apart from the minimum break on or after 18 December, the majority of bowlers in Southern Tasmania do not support the directives of Bowls Tasmania in regard to the restructure of pennant in Tasmania.

In view of the wishes of its members, the Board has resolved as follows for next season:

- BTS Pennant will not be non-gender specific.
- Men's Division One on Saturday will remain at 16 a side.
- Men's Midweek Pennant will return to 16 a side.
- Pennant will not be played on or after the 18th December for a 3 week period starting season 2013-14.
- Men's afternoon teas and women's lunch breaks will be retained.
- Competition protection measures for current BTS competitions should be tightened up. (Michael Eiszele suggested that the Mixed Open Competition next season should be more for "A" Grade players including men.)

It was resolved that the Secretary write to Bowls Tasmania and advise it of the above relevant decisions and request that:

- An urgent meeting of the Regional Consultative Committee be called to further discuss the proposed pennant restructure.
- The Board of Bowls Tasmania formally defer the directives in regard to the proposed pennant restructure for the time being.

It was agreed that the summary pages of the BTS survey only (and not individual Club responses) be forwarded to Clubs and be placed on the website and Facebook.

Southern Squad Uniforms

The Secretary has not yet been able to check our current uniform stocks to determine what needs to be purchased for next season.

The Secretary has submitted a formal sponsorship proposal for Tassal in regard to provision of a cap for BTS Southern players, however, no response has been received from Tassal to date. Due to more pressing work the Secretary has been unable to follow this matter up with Tassal.

Social Media

David Genford has agreed that the BTS Facebook page will now become the official BTS Facebook page and David has created a "Bowls Tasmania South" user to make official comments on behalf of BTS. David has agreed to co-ordinate and monitor the BTS

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Facebook page.

DJ Motors Sponsorship

No response has been received from DJ Motors regarding the printing of corner flags. It is unlikely that this will happen now before next season.

Southern Round of Australian Indoor Singles Championships

Bowls Tasmania has advised that Kingborough will receive \$10 of the \$30 entry fee. Kingborough has been advised accordingly.

Dover Bowls Club – Complaint against Buckingham

Buckingham has submitted a response to the complaint from Dover about the behaviour of the Buckingham Women's Division Four team in regard to the game held at Dover on 2 February 2013. The response has been considered by the BTS Umpires Panel. It was agreed that no further action be taken in regard to this matter.

DJ Motors Divisional Fours

Bev Gillie advised that she had not yet given any thought to the future format of the DJ Motors Divisional Fours.

No Shows at BTS Men's Singles and Pairs Championships

A response has been received from Kevin Bowkett who did not turn up for his scheduled Open Singles game. It was agreed to reprimand Kevin Bowkett and advise him that he faces suspension if it happens again. No response has yet been received from Scott Davie who left without advising the Match Manager and was unable to mark the next Singles game as required, however, it is understood that the BTS letters went to his former address. Scott Davie has been suspended from BTS Championship games until he responds to the BTS letters.

Nominations for Bowls Tasmania Director

A nomination form was sent to all Clubs for a female Director for the Bowls Tasmania Board. The information was also put on the BTS website and on the BTS Facebook page. The only nomination received was from Margaret Cornish from St John's Park. Accordingly there is no need for an election. It was agreed to forward the nomination to Bowls Tasmania.

Coach Assessors and Presenters

Ross Bannister advised that he has received a nomination and CV from Robert Priest from Beltana to become a Coach Assessor and Presenter for Bowls Tasmania in the south. Nothing has yet been received from the other person interested. It was agreed that the Secretary forward the nomination to Bowls Tasmania.

Annual General Meeting and Nomination for BTS Positions

Notice of the Annual General Meeting and nominations for BTS positions have been sent to Clubs. The information was also put on the BTS website and on the BTS Facebook page.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Lenah Valley Medical Centre – Permission for Alf Jones to use a bowling arm

It was agreed that Alf Jones (Beltana) be given approval to use a bowling arm.

Berriedale – Refusal to circulate BTS survey to members

The Secretary contacted Berriedale on receipt on this letter. In the end 43% of Berriedale members returned a survey form.

Dr. Ross Davies – Permission for Kevin Bowkett to use a bowling arm

It was agreed that Kevin Bowkett (Rosny Park) be given approval to use a bowling arm.

The logo for 'Love this bowls' features the words 'Love this bowls' in a colorful, stylized font. 'Love' is in red, 'this' is in blue, and 'bowls' is in blue with a yellow outline. The 'o' in 'Love' is a heart shape.

Joy Quilliam – Resignation as Manager – Southern Development Squad

It was resolved to accept with regret the resignation of Joy Quilliam as Manager of the Southern Development Squad. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to Joy and thank her for her efforts. It was further agreed to advertise this position to Clubs as part of the second notice re the Annual General Meeting and BTS vacant positions.

Howrah – Proposed Indoor Bowls Centre

Information was received from Howrah advising that the Development Application for their Indoor Bowls Centre has been approved and Howrah is now pursuing the necessary funding required to build the centre. Howrah expects to commence building by December 2013.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Information on Australian Indoor Singles Championship, Trophy Presentation Night, Annual General Meeting and nominations for BTS positions, nominations for Bowls Tasmania Director and Men's Pennant Finals.

David Genford – BTS Facebook Page.

Monica and Lindsay Lovell – Thank you for sponsorship.

Doug Cole – Thank you for sponsorship.

Nick Ellis and Bill Butler – Reprimand for no-shows for BTS Pairs game.

Kevin Bowkett – Awaiting response for no show for BTS Singles game.

Rob McMullen – Reprimand for not marking the next BTS Singles game.

Scott Davie – Awaiting response re not marking the next BTS Singles game

Life Members and Sponsors – Invitation to Trophy Presentation Night.

Cygnets – Draw for next season.

North Western Tasmanian Women's Bowling Association – Venues for State events.

Doug Cole – Permission to use a bowling arm.

St. John's Park – Concerns regarding Division 4 Reserve results.

Moved: Ailsa Milburn Seconded: Neil Clark that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

Reports:**Finance:**

Treasurer Tony Fulton presented his report. He advised that, whilst registrations are down, BTS is likely to record a profit in the vicinity of \$15,000 to \$17,000 this year. Tony reported some issues with entry fees and prize money re the Women's Over 60's and the Champion of Champion events. It was agreed that the Finance Committee should review this as part of its considerations of the 2013-14 budget.

Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Tony Kerrison that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried.

Moved Shirley Hay Seconded Grant Allford that the following Honorariums for 2012-13 be paid:

President Expense Allowance	\$600		
Deputy President Expense Allowance	\$300		
Secretary	\$9,500		
Executive Assistant	\$1,000		
Treasurer	\$2,500		
Statistician	\$3,000		
Men's Match Committee	\$1,000		
Women's Match Committee	\$1,000		
Publicity Officer	\$250		
Coaching Panel Expenses	\$200		
Umpires		Panel Expenses	\$1,000

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Carried

Clearances:

The following intrastate clearances were noted:

- Mary Lidbury – Sorell to Rosny Park
- Phillip Lidbury - Sorell to Rosny Park

Match Committees:

Bev Gillie advised that she had nothing to report from the Women's Match Committee.

Neil Clark advised that everything had been completed except the State Men's Champion of Champions events. No information has been received from Bowls Tasmania on whether or not it includes B Grade events and what the BTS Men's Match Committee has to organise. It was agreed that the Secretary would contact Bowls Tasmania as a matter of urgency to obtain answers to these questions.

Umpires:

As per the attached report.

Coaches:

Ross Bannister advised that there will be a Coaching Course in Hobart on 18 and 19 May 2013 provided that there are enough interested participants. The Secretary undertook to advertise this to Clubs, on the website and on Facebook.

General Business:

Facebook Problem re B Grade Mixed Grand Final:

The Secretary reported a problem with comments made on the BTS Facebook page on the night of the BTS Saturday Grand Finals. The comments followed a query about the eligibility of a Derwent City player in the B Division Mixed Pennant. A complaint has allegedly been made to Bowls Tasmania, Bowls Australia and Tasmanian Police after the comments were made. The complaint has allegedly been made by Toni Griffiths, a member of the BTS Facebook group but not a member of a BTS club. In the opinion of the BTS Facebook Coordinator, Toni Griffiths and Brett and Jack Ellis have broken the BTS Social Media Policy. The BTS Facebook Coordinator, David Genford, was congratulated by the Board on the way that he handled this matter in taking the offending comments down as soon as he was able to.

Whilst BTS has a Social Media Policy, it doesn't answer the question of who hands out the punishment and what are the punishments if someone breaches the policy. It was agreed that the Secretary submit an amended policy to the next Board meeting to address this matter. It was felt that two breaches should warrant exclusion from the group.

It was further agreed that the Secretary write to Toni Griffiths and Brett and Jack Ellis advising them that they have breached the BTS Social Media Policy and be formally warned that any further breaches by them will result in them being excluded from the BTS Facebook group.

Venue Men's Division 3 Reserve State Final:

This year's Men's State Finals were held on the North West Coast, however, the North Western Tasmanian Bowls Association did not organise a venue for the Division 3 Reserve State Final (between the winners of the BTS Division 3 reserve pennant and the East Coast pennant). As the State Finals were held in Hobart last year, agreement was reached with the East Coast Bowls Association and the two participating Clubs to play the State Final on a neutral grass green on the East Coast. It was suggested that the venue for future years' finals should alternate between Southern Tasmania and the East Coast. This was endorsed by the Board. The Secretary was asked to formalise this agreement with the East Coast Bowls Association and Bowls Tasmania.

Missing Trophies:

The Secretary reported that a number of trophies appear to be missing, some are nearly full and others are in a poor condition. He undertook to submit a



formal report to the next Board meeting.

BTS Statistician:

John McKibben has indicated that he is willing to continue on as the BTS Statistician for the coming year. It was agreed that this matter should be dealt with by the new BTS Board at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

Date of next meeting: Will be held on Monday 20 May 2013 at 8.30am at the Buckingham Bowls Club.

Meeting closed at 10.10 am.

Confirmed Chairman: / / 2013



BTS Umpires Panel Report to BTS – 15 April 2013

The past month has been a busy time the Panel members and other experienced umpires who have officiated at various events including the ladies D L Reid singles, ladies BTS singles, men's BTS Champion of Champion Singles and Pairs finals, and the at Men's, Women's and Midweek Pennant Finals.

At the recently held reaccreditation course 12 Level 1 umpires successfully completed all necessary requirements and the relevant paperwork for BT Umpires Panel and BA records has been finalised. There are a number of Level 1 umpires still due to reaccredit so the Panel has scheduled a further two courses. These courses will be held at Rosny Park Bowls Club on April 28 and May 4 and at Sandy Bay Bowls Club on 18 and 19 May.

A number of umpires have decided to retire for various reasons. This has highlighted a concern of the Panel that there are several clubs which have no umpires. The Panel will be looking to address this before next commencement of next season.

The next Panel meeting has been rescheduled for 16 April.

BTS Umpires Panel