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President: Peter Kirby Secretary: Rob McGuire



Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 21 January 2019 commencing at 4.20pm

Present: Peter Kirby (President), Pat Zapotocky (Vice President), Ross Bannister, Ken Coppleman, Paula Hadley, Ailsa Milburn, Malcolm Salier and Rob McGuire.

Observers: Leigh McAdam (from 5.20pm until 5.45pm).

Apologies: Tony Fulton and Leonie Price

Minutes: Moved: Ailsa Milburn Seconded: Ken Coppleman "that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2018 be confirmed." Carried

Matters Arising:

Sponsorship 2017-18 and beyond

At the meeting in June 2018 it was agreed that this matter should remain on the agendas for future Board meetings. No further action was taken in regard to this matter at this meeting.

Ken Coppleman – Beltana and Member Protection Policy

The Bowls Tasmania Appeals Panel heard the complaint from Ken Coppleman against Beltana on 12 November 2018. BT has advised that the Panel concluded that Beltana did not compromise or breach the Member Protection Policy, in fact their actions were to protect members of the club in accordance with the policy. Ken Coppleman has protested to Bowls Tasmania against the decision of the Panel and has provided a copy of his protest to Bowls Australia and BTS.

Expressions of interest - Southern Team Managers:

BTS still does not have Managers for its representative sides with the exception of the Open Women and the Junior's. Paul Hoddy was approached but has not responded. It was agreed to leave the vacant Manager duties to the Selectors for the remainder of the season.

Review of BTS Strategic Plan

The Secretary has previously sent out a copy of the existing Strategic Plan to Board members. This matter is to be considered by the BTS Board at a future Board meeting after the BT Strategic Plan has been adopted.

Lee Schraner and clashes with BT Calendar

At the August 2018 Board meeting, it was agreed to refer Lee Schraner's clashes with SWC Round 1 and the BTS Fours to BT for advice. Going on precedent, BT has never altered its calendar when individual players have been competing on national duties. Despite advice received to the contrary, BT has now advised that this matter has never been on the agenda of its previous meetings but will be discussed at its February 2019 meeting.

Afternoon Tea and Midweek Pennant

At the September 2018 Board meeting, Buckingham advised that it will not be providing afternoon tea for Midweek Pennant in 2018-19. Beltana, Cremorne, Glenorchy City, New Norfolk, North Hobart, Rosny Park, Sandy Bay and Sorell have all also advised that they will not be providing afternoon tea for Midweek Pennant in 2018-19 and Clubs were advised accordingly. Since the last Board meeting Glenorchy Rodman, Howrah and Taroona have also advised that they will not be providing afternoon tea for Midweek Pennant in 2018-19. Clubs have been advised accordingly.

List of Approved Bowlers with Bowling Arms

A list of BTS approved bowlers with bowling arms has now been sent to BT following confirmation of the list from Clubs. All new registrations for use of bowling arms are now being handled by BT direct.

Working with Vulnerable People Cards

At the October 2018 Board meeting it was agreed to seek clarification from BT as to whether or not there is a requirement that Club Board Members must have Working with Vulnerable People Cards. It was also agreed to seek clarification from BT whether approved coaches had to have the more expensive (\$146.00) or cheaper (\$18.00) volunteer version of the Working with Vulnerable People Cards.

Community Sport & Recreation Tasmania (CSRT) has informed BT that its policy needed to be updated to take out the wording “that primarily involves the participation of children”. Initially when the board passed the policy some years ago they made it that only clubs and volunteers that actively worked with children needed to have the check. However CSRT has said this is not satisfactory and all club and regional boards need to have the appropriate checks done. BT will send a circular to clubs on this matter and will provide instructions on how to obtain these checks. BT has further advised that coaches definitely only have to get the cheaper volunteer check.

It was agreed that future BTS Board Members, Selectors, Coaches and Managers would need to obtain a Working with Vulnerable People Cards. Such information is to be added to nomination forms and policies.

Expression of Interest Southern Junior Coach and Selector

Alan Sculthorpe declined the invitation to be the BTS Junior Coach and Selector. Accordingly it was agreed out-of-session to offer the position to Josh Mabb provided that he obtain a Bowls Australia coaching certificate as soon as it is practicably possible. Josh Mabb has accepted the appointment.

Venue for Juniors SWC

At the November 2018 Board meeting BTS received advice from BT that the venue for all Junior SWC games would be at Longford. This was not as discussed at a previous RCC meeting. It was agreed to re-list this matter for discussion again at the next RCC meeting. President Peter Kirby advised that BT advised at the December 2019 RCC meeting that it had undertaken a survey of the parents of juniors and based on those outcomes BT made the decision to hold all Junior SWC games at Longford.

Beltana v Buckingham Premier Division Games

The BTS Match Committee had previously received advice from Buckingham that its two Premier Division games against Beltana would both be played at Buckingham – in the first round on Friday 7 December 2018 on grass under lights and the return game on Buckingham’s synthetic green. Beltana subsequently advised that the return game would be played at Beltana as scheduled. Buckingham further advised that the first round game would revert to its synthetic green as scheduled.

Expression of Interest Southern Men’s Open Team Selector

Further expressions of interest were called following the resignation of Michael Sweeney as one of the Southern Men’s Open Team Selectors. No expressions of interest have been received. It was agreed not to fill the position for the remainder of the season.

Bowls Tasmania Men’s Seniors Southern Selector

Bowls Tasmania has called for expressions of interest in the position of Bowls Tasmania Men’s Southern Seniors Selector following the resignation of Michael Sweeney. This position is also Chair of the BTS Senior Men’s Selectors. Expressions of interest close on 4 February 2019.

Future Direction of bowls in the Huon

BTS has been advised that Cygnet, Dover RSL, Franklin and Huonville did not support the proposal from Geeveston to disaffiliate with BTS and form a Huon Valley Bowls Association. One of the major reasons for disaffiliation was the amount of travel these Clubs currently undertake as members of BTS.

At the November 2018 Board meeting, it was agreed to see how those Clubs responded to the BTS Survey question regarding splitting the lower divisions into regions to avoid excess travel.

Question 6 of the Survey was “Should lower divisions be split into regional areas? The survey results were as follows (with no-one from Dover RSL responding at all to the survey):

CLUB	Yes	Yes	No	No
	Number	%	Number	%
Cygnet	4	24	13	76
Dover RSL	0	0	0	0
Franklin	10	67	5	33
Geeveston	3	25	9	75
Huonville	10	53	9	47
TOTAL	27	43	36	57

The above results from the Survey didn't reflect that a majority of those Huon members who completed the survey were in favour of having the lower divisions of pennant split into regional areas.

Friday Night Super Pairs 2018-19

When nominations closed for the above competition, only the following nominations were received:

- Premier – Beltana, Buckingham and Sandy Bay.
- Open – Nil.
- B Grade – Beltana.

BTS needs eight teams to make any competition worthwhile. Accordingly, due to the lack of numbers received, it was agreed that these competitions will not take place this season.

Selection Issues

At the November 2019 Board meeting, some selection issues were raised. It was understood that Men's Open players were advised that they would not be selected if they did not train, however, a number of players who did not attend all training sessions were selected to play in the first two rounds of State Wide Challenge. It was agreed to discuss this with the Men's Open Selectors. The BTS Board has been advised there was a mention of this at training by a former Selector but this was not agreed upon by all Selectors. Players were informed that they must let Selectors know if they were unavailable for training which was the case with a few players who had to work. Players were advised that if they didn't perform on the green there would be changes and those changes were implemented for Statewide Challenge 2. The explanation offered by the Selectors were accepted by the BTS Board.

Selection Policy

At the November 2019 Board meeting concern was raised that BTS may not have a Selection Policy. It was agreed that BTS needs to develop a Selection Policy if we do not already have one. The BTS Selectors, Coaches and Team Managers Duties document contains quite a bit of content that covers a selection policy. It was agreed to look at this policy and the BT Selection Policy and amend the BTS Selectors, Coaches and Team Managers Duties document if required.

Tasmanian Bowlers with Bowling Arm Committee

At the November 2019 Board meeting, it was noted that Bowls Tasmania is conducting a Bowlers with a Disability Day at Buckingham on 2 December 2018. Tony Fulton is the BTS representative on the Tasmanian Bowlers with Bowling Arm Committee and knew nothing about this and has never been contacted in regard to his role on the Committee. It was agreed to raise this matter with Bowls Tasmania. This was done and Bowls Tasmania advised that BTS has confused the Disability Day with the Bowling Arm Committee. This Committee was never advised by BT that Tony Fulton was on the Committee but has now and the Committee's Ian Williams met with Tony Fulton on 2 January 2019.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Claremont – City of Glenorchy Pairs 2018-19 - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Working with Vulnerable People – Refer Business Arising above.

Beltana – Premier Division games versus Buckingham – Refer Business Arising above.

Huonville, Mary Forbes and AR Hobbin – Appeal Women’s Pennant v’s Beltana 22 November 2018. It appeared to the BTS Match Committee that there was a misunderstanding in communications between the Clubs and as a result of that Huonville players turned around before arriving at Beltana and went home. The BTS Match Committee determined that, due to the misunderstanding between the two teams, the game should be declared a washout and that points be shared.

Bowls Tasmania – Simon Morrison is no longer Acting CEO - Noted.

Franklin – Request that David Welling only be charged \$10 for his clearance from Geeveston – Approved out-of-session.

Buckingham – Premier Division games versus Beltana – Refer Business Arising above.

Bowls Tasmania – Outcome of Ken Coppleman v Beltana Hearing – Refer Business Arising above.

Dover RSL – Future of bowls in Huon – Refer Business Arising above.

Bowls Tasmania – Agenda for RCC meeting 3 December 2018 - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Copies of updated Bowls Tasmania Working with Children and Section Policies – Noted.

Huonville and Buckingham – Confirm that they will be playing their Division 1 game scheduled for 3 February 2019 on 26 January 2019 - Noted.

North Hobart – Dispensation to play an additional three A Grade players in its Midweek Division 3 team – Resolved that North Hobart be permitted to play up to nine A Grade players in its Midweek Pennant Division 3 team provided that none of its eligible and available B Grade players miss out on a game. Such dispensation does not extend to Midweek Pennant finals.

Bowls Tasmania – Request that BTS decision not to hold any BTS events at Beltana be retracted – Agreed as requested provided that any BTS Board Members that is required or wishes to attend any such event is permitted by Beltana to do so.

Glenorchy City – Complaint against speed of green at Glenorchy Rodman on 5 December 2018 - The BTS Match Committee has considered this matter and noted that the Results Sheet records the green speed of 9.6 seconds which has been signed by both Side Captains. Accordingly the BTS Match Committee has accepted that the green was running at 9.6 seconds. The BTS Match Committee also acknowledged the amount of rain received in the month preceding the game and the fact that most grass greens were generally running slow at that time. As the green was running below 12 seconds the Glenorchy Rodman Side Captain should have provided a reason for same on the Results Sheet in accordance with Condition of Play 1.13.3 (e). The BTS Match Committee accepted the explanation offered by Glenorchy Rodman without penalty on this occasion but that they be reminded of the need to correctly time the green and provide an explanation if the green is running below 12 seconds. Glenorchy Rodman has been advised that BTS will be monitoring the speed of its greens as recorded on Results Sheets in future and that greens speeds of less than 12 seconds without a satisfactory explanation may result in a loss of pennant points for Glenorchy Rodman sides playing on those greens on those days.

Beltana – Response to complaint from Huonville – Women’s Pennant v’s Huonville 22 November 2018 – Refer Correspondence Inwards from Huonville above.

Royal Hobart – Submission on why we are losing membership numbers. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next Delegates Meeting. The submission is to be forwarded to Clubs with an invitation for all Clubs to make a submission before the Delegates Meeting. The BTS Board will make decisions going forward based on the outcomes from discussions at the Delegates Meeting.

Darren Monks – Selection issues – Refer to Business Arising above.

Howrah, Glenorchy Rodman and Taroona – Will not be providing afternoon tea for Midweek Pennant – Refer Business Arising above.

Glenorchy City – Dumping of bowls – Leigh McAdam attended this part of the Board meeting and addressed the Board on the correspondence from Glenorchy City. It was agreed to write to Clubs to remind them of the Bowls Australia policy regarding dumping of bowls and advising them that clubs are entitled to enforce the policy. It was further agreed to amend Conditions of Play Clause 1.11 to remove the sentence “Deputised Representatives as outlined in the Policy shall be Club Greenkeepers or their appointed representatives”. Clubs are to be advised to report players who are dumping their bowls to BTS who will take appropriate action in consultation with the players Club. It was also agreed to approach Bowls Tasmania to recommend a change to the procedure for approval for use of a bowling arm whereby a club coach can also certify that a player needs to use a bowling arm.

Bowls Tasmania – Tasmanian Bowlers with Bowling Arm Committee. – Refer Business Arising above.

Bowls Tasmania - Calendar and Championship Clashes – Refer Business Arising above.

Bowls Tasmania – Southern Senior Men’s Selector – Refer Business Arising above.

Mastercast – Quote medallion and bars - Accepted.

Bowls Tasmania – Entry forms for State Seniors Championships – Circulate to Clubs.

Bowls Tasmania – Electronic Banking – Seeking information from Clubs.

Beltana – Confirm that it will be playing its Division 4 game v Royal Hobart scheduled for 3 February 2019 on 27 January 2019 - Noted.

Cremorne – Dispensation for uniform for Peter Marshall – Approved out-of-session until the end of the roster season only.

Royal Hobart – Manipulation of greens – It was agreed to refer this matter to the 2019-20 Conditions of Play Committee for its consideration. General discussion on this matter followed and the following suggestions are also to be considered by the 2019-20 Conditions of Play Committee:

- If a green is timed at less than twelve seconds or greater than sixteen seconds at the start of play then the home side is to be penalised six pennant points unless it can provide a satisfactory season for same.
- If a green is not timed at all the home side is to be penalised six pennant points.
- Do not time greens at all.
- Clubs with both grass and synthetic surfaces should not have to nominate where pennant will be played until the day of pennant and can alternate between grass and synthetic at their choice.

Beltana – Confirm that it will be playing its Division 3 game v Glenorchy City scheduled for 3 February 2019 on 26 January 2019 - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Accounting Systems – This is the information required not Electronic Banking - Seeking information from Clubs.

Ken Coppleman – Copy of email sent to Bowls Tasmania and Bowls Australia protesting the outcome of his appeal against Beltana – Noted.

Ken Coppleman – Advice that Beltana prohibited him from playing in Brighton’s Division 3 team on Saturday 19 February 2019 when the game was played at Beltana which is contrary to correspondence previously received by Ken Coppleman from Beltana advising him that he is not permitted to enter the Beltana clubhouse at any time. Moved Ross Bannister Seconded: Malcom Salier “that no club has the right to interfere in the selection process of another Club. If a player is prohibited by another Club from playing in BTS Pennant games at that Club’s greens, the game will be transferred by the BTS Match Committee to a neutral venue”. Carried

Outwards:

All Clubs – Expressions of Interest for Women's Open and B Seniors (Over 60's) Southern Sides, Opposite gender players and playing one short, Men's 2018-19 Open and B Grade Triples Championship draws, Abandonment of games due to inclement weather, Board Meeting Minutes November 2019, Southern Open Women's teams, Entries received for Men's and Women's Open and B Grade Pairs Championships, 2019 Friday Night "Southern Super Pairs" Competition, 2018-19 Men's and Women's Open and B Grade Pairs Championships draws, Bowls Tasmania Satellite Challenge Games, Saturday Pennant double header, Expressions of interest – Host Men's and Women's Championships and Events, Selection Trial - Men's and Women's Senior (Over 60's) Teams, Women's DL Reid Singles Championships, Position Vacant Tournament Director Gala Week, Midweek Pennant afternoon tea, Position Vacant BTS Selector Men's Open Team, Change of dates - Men's and Women's Singles Championships, Cancellation of Friday Night Super Pairs, Reminder re Champion of Champion Singles Championships, Teams for Seniors (Over 60's) State Wide Challenge, Women's 2018-19 DL Reid Singles Championship draw, Bowls Tasmania State Seniors Championships, Women's Over 60's Fours Championship entries received, Electronic banking information for BT, Women's 2018-19 Over 60's Fours Championship draw, Accounting systems information for BT,

Bowls Tasmania – Mick Sweeney resignation - BT Southern Senior Selector, Catering for Junior SWC Longford, Men's and Women's SWC Open Teams, Tasmanian Bowlers with Bowling Arm Committee, Bowling Arm Registrations, Men's and Women's SWC Senior teams and catering, Catering for Junior SWC, Interstate Clearance James Ferguson

Geoff Price – Appointment as Manager of BTS Women's Open team.

Paul Hoddy – Seeking interest in Manager of remaining BTS Open and Senior teams.

Sandy Bay – Appointment as host club for Tasmania v's ACT Test Series.

Glenorchy Rodman, Kingborough, New Norfolk and Rosny Park – Unsuccessful bid to host Tasmania v's ACT Test Series.

Josh Mabb – Appointment as BTS Junior Coach and Selector.

Franklin – Permission for new bowler to play in a plain white polo until his new Franklin uniform arrives.

Rosny Park – Dispensation for men to play in old trousers until stocks of new trousers arrive at Hobart Bowls Centre.

Huonville – Dispensation to play up to two opposite gender players in its Thursday Women's Division Two team.

Lyn Triffitt – BTS will not change dates of BTS Women's Pairs even though it clashes with Australian Championships.

Rosny Park – Dispensation to permit older casual women player to play in her old uniform as her size is too small for a new uniform to be made.

Geeveston – Dispensation to play up to two opposite gender players in its Thursday Women's Division Five team.

Dover RSL – Permission for Anthony Rowe to play in his Kingborough polo until his new Dover RSL uniform arrives.

Mick Sweeney – Accept resignation as BTS Men's Open and Seniors Selector with regret.

Moved: Paula Hadley Seconded: Pat Zapotocky "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: Rob McGuire Seconded: Ken Coppleman "that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and that accounts paid be approved".
Carried

Clearances:

Moved: Pat Zapotocky Seconded: Ken Coppleman “that the following interstate clearances be approved and the intrastate clearances be noted:

- Neil Clark – Buckingham to Wynyard.
- James Ferguson – Huonville to Warwick (WA).
- Monica Lovell – Howrah to Open.
- Peter Marshall – Elwood (Victoria) to Cremorne.
- Julie Turnbull – Elwood (Victoria) to Cremorne.
- David Welling – Geeveston to Franklin.”

Carried

March Committee:

The BTS Men’s and Women’s Fours and Triples Championship have been completed as has the Women’s Pairs and DL Reid Singles Championship. The BTS Men’s Pairs Championship has been delayed due to a clash of dates with the ACT Test Series.

The BTS Match Committee called for expressions of interest received from Clubs for the remaining events for 2018-19 and submitted its recommendations to the BTS Board for its approval.

Officiating Panel:

As per attached report.

Coaches Panel:

Nothing to report.

Selectors:

As per attached report.

General Business:

RCC Meeting:

President Peter Kirby reported on the major outcomes of the RCC meeting held on 3 December 2018:

- The BT Strategic Plan 2018-2023 has been approved and adopted, and BT is now working on the Operational Plan. It is understood that a component of the strategic plan is the removal of regional authorities from the administrative structure for lawn bowls in Tasmania.
- After the resignation of Bob Franklin, David Jeffrey has been appointed Bowls North West Vice President. Bowls North West is seeking a new CEO.
- Teleconferencing for RCC meetings was discussed and it was decided that the next RCC meeting, scheduled for Monday 18 March 2019, would be a trial of this meeting format.

Greens for Bowls Tasmania and BTS events:

Following expressions of interest received from Clubs, it was resolved to accept the green allocations made by the BTS Match Committee of the remaining events for 2018-19 as follows:

- Women’s DL Reid Singles – Kingborough.
- Women’s Over 60’s Fours - New Norfolk.
- Men’s and Women’s Singles – Needed 36 rinks last year - Rosny Park as main Club (18 rinks), Brighton (6 rinks), Buckingham (6 rinks) and look for another smaller club if we need more rinks..
- Open SWC – Rosny Park.
- Seniors SWC – New Norfolk.
- Champion of Champions (under lights) – Buckingham.

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 Buckingham at 1pm on Monday 25 March 2019.

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 29 April 2019.

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 North Hobart at 2pm on Sunday 26 May 2019.

Gala Week 2018-19 and the future:

President Peter Kirby congratulated and thanked Rosny Park as the host Club of Bowls Tasmania's Gala Week for the great work that they did over the week. He also thanked Buckingham, Claremont and Kingborough for their efforts as support Clubs. A number of concerns were raised during the week and it was agreed to advise Bowls Tasmania of them:

- Four games in a day was too much for bowlers with bowling arms.
- Not enough time was allocated for the Pairs Championships using the 2 x 2 x 2 x2 cross-over pair's format. Organisers need to allow more than two hours to play games or introduce a time limit or play less ends in preliminary games.
- Junior Championships should be played at a different time. Juniors playing in the Open Championships who progressed beyond sectional play were required to withdraw from events in the Junior Championships.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 18 February 2019 at 4.30pm at the Buckingham Bowls Club.

Meeting closed at 6.43 pm.

Confirmed President: / / 2019



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH OFFICIATING PANEL

Report January 2019

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

- Gala Week: This event requires a lot of organising and although the Panel made all the officiating appointments it was not able to provide 48 Qualified Markers on one day. As well as the Men's and Women's Single events being on the same day there was also the Disability, Bowling Arm and Junior singles.
- The Panel assisted clubs with allocating Markers as much as possible and did provide the Markers for the Finals events.
- There were several other issues with Gala Week and the Panel will compose a briefing to send to the State CEO, who has asked for interested groups to do this in the hopes of resolving problems in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Officials involved with Gala Week, it was a big task and without the support of our volunteer Officials would have been very difficult.

Appointments have been made for the DL Reid Ladies Singles competition, for the Men's Pairs and the Over 60's Women's Final.

The last of the Open State-wide Competition and the Men's and Women's singles will be covered at the next Panel meeting.

Discussion was held about an umpiring situation during the Gala Week and it appears that measuring practises in the North West, in at least one instance, are not being taught correctly. This highlights the fact that there is not a State Officiating Committee, which is a requirement in the State Constitution, and through which the correct techniques could be learned.

Helen Ducker will be posting, to the website and emailing to all umpires, two new sets of umpires notes on various matters of interest.

Leonie Price
Chair
BTS Officiating Panel



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH WOMEN'S OPEN TEAM

Report January 2019

The second round of the Open Statewide Challenge was held at Kings Meadows Bowls Club on 18th December 2018.

The South played North 2 in the first game and won on all rinks. Jenny Tirant's team of Di Jones, Amity Booth and Lauren Banks having a great win against Jean Holland 29 - 12.

The afternoon session against the Northern No 1 team was a lot closer, with the South achieving two rink wins and the other going down by two shots. With consistent bowling all day, our ladies managed to gain 26 points out of 28 available.

The final Statewide Open will be held in the South on 24th February 2019.

A. Milburn

Southern Selector