

# 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 24 April 2017 commencing at 4.30 pm.

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

**Apologies:** Ross Bannister and Malcolm Salier.

**Minutes:** Moved Shirley Hay Seconded Rob McGuire that all actions taken at the informal meeting held on 27 March 2017 be ratified. Carried

Moved Shirley Hay Seconded Rob McGuire that the minutes of the meetings held on 20 March 2017 and 24 March 2017 be confirmed. Carried

### Matters Arising:

#### BTS Uniform Register:

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

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

The Anti-Discrimination Commissioner conducted a further conciliation meeting on Thursday 6 April 2017 at which BTS put its position as agreed at the special BTS Board meeting held on Monday 27 March 2017, namely that BTS would prefer the status quo but is further prepared to go to Clubs seeking their advice on withdrawing from participation in Thursday Pennant State Finals. If this happened then men and women would only have one chance to participate in State Pennant Finals. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for the Annual General Meeting and to write to Clubs seeking their position on this matter. It was further agreed to send an email to Clubs as amended at the Board meeting.

#### Bulk Discount on Club Insurances:

No further advice has been received from BT in regards to its discussions with Bowling Club Insurance Brokers (BCIB) on this matter.

#### Procedures for handling complaints:

The sub-committee consisting of Peter Kirby, Ken Coppleman and Malcolm Salier to prepare a draft BTS Policy has met and is working on a draft policy which will be presented to a future Board meeting.

#### SWC Junior Report:

Tom O'Brien has still not submitted a report re the above and has now been requested to submit a report for the Annual Report.

#### Glenorchy Rodman New Uniform:

At the February 2017 Board meeting the new uniform for Glenorchy Rodman was approved commencing in the 2017-18 season. Glenorchy Rodman has further advised that the colour of trousers with the new uniform will be black.

#### No-Show at BTS Men's B Grade Singles:

A written response has been received from Bill Mus for his no-show at the BTS Men's B Grade Singles Championship on 5 February 2017. It was agreed to accept his explanation without further penalty.

However, it was further agreed BTS must be stricter in future with players who are no-shows at BTS Championships and they will in the future be excluded from that event in the following season.

Survey of Players and Clubs re Friday Night Super Pairs:

A draft survey has been prepared and will now be 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.

Changes to BT Constitution:

A telephone meeting of the BT Constitution Sub-Committee was held on 11 April 2017 to discuss proposed changes to the BT Constitution. It is understood that proposed changes will be submitted to the BT Annual General Meeting.

DJ Motors Barefoot Bowls Champion of Champions Championships:

Eight teams contested these Championships at the Kingborough Indoor Centre on Wednesday 5 April 2017 with Kingborough defeating Rosny Park in the grand final.

BT Southern Women's Board Member:

The Secretary followed up with the names suggested as possible replacements for Marion Florence whose term as the BT's southern women's board member will expire at this year's BT AGM and Marion is not eligible for re-election. Both women contacted have decided not to nominate, however, another woman has recently expressed an interest and this is being followed up by the Secretary.

Handicapped Facilities at Clubs:

BTS has received a query from Brighton about the legal need for bowls clubs to provide facilities for handicapped players at their clubrooms. There are a number of handicapped players including those in wheelchairs who play lawn bowls, however, not every bowls club has all the necessary facilities including suitable entrances and handicapped toilets to cater for these bowlers. It is understood that all new public buildings (including licensed premises such as bowls clubs) must provide buildings that are accessible to people with disabilities but it is not clear what the law in Tasmania is in regard to older buildings.

In Victoria the *Equal Opportunity Act 210* includes some exceptions which mean that discrimination will not be against the law in particular circumstances. Such circumstances include where it may be unreasonable to provide complete accessibility to existing public buildings.

The Secretary contacted Equal Opportunity Tasmania (EOT) to determine the situation in Tasmania and was advised that there are also exceptions under the Tasmanian *Anti-Discrimination Act 1998*. Section 48 provides that a person may discriminate against another person on the grounds of disability in access to public places if the provision of access would cause unjustifiable hardship. This does not stop someone lodging a discrimination complaint to EOT but would appear to give Clubs a reasonable defence.

It was agreed to advise Clubs accordingly.

Appeal from Taroona to Bowls Tasmania:

Taroona's appeal to BT to allow two players to play in BTS finals without playing the required six games to qualify was upheld and BT directed BTS to allow Taroona to play these players in the finals. Details of the BT Appeal Tribunal Hearing have subsequently been provided to BTS. It was agreed to accept the BT decision, however, BTS is extremely concerned at BT's interference in the running of BTS pennants. BTS is the controlling authority and it believes that BT had no authority to intervene. It was agreed in the first instance to raise this matter at the next RCC meeting to seek support from other regions to ensure that BT does not interfere in regional pennant matters again in the future.

It was further agreed to raise the minimum eligibility games requirement as an agenda item at the Annual General Meeting and write to Clubs before then seeking their input on how many games, if any, Clubs want built into Conditions of Play for 2017-18.

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

BTS' appeal to BT to change the schedule of games at the 2017 State Pennant Finals so that Bowls North has a turn at playing two games on the Sunday was dismissed.

It was agreed to raise this matter at the next RCC meeting with an aim to change State Conditions of Play so that the home team will play the double-headers for both Thursday and Saturday State Pennant Finals in future.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Inwards:**

Robert Winterbottom – Draw for BTS Men’s B-Grade Pairs 2017 – Draw was done in accordance with BTS Conditions of Play. The problems arose with the no-show of a team. BTS will not do a re-draw due to a no-show.

Bowls Tasmania – 2017 Survey of Clubs - Noted.

Kingborough – Suggested that Come and Try Day be aligned with Seniors Week 2017 - Bowls is not a game just for seniors. Clubs can register for Seniors Week in addition to being part of the Come and Try Day.

Bowls Tasmania – Expressions of interest in becoming Presenter or Assessor - Noted.

Life Member Cath Smith – Spectator facilities at Pennant Finals at Howrah – Finals venues are not chosen based on internal viewing facilities for spectators. Howrah’s Clubrooms are not owned or controlled by Howrah who did apologise to Cath Smith on the day.

Bowls Tasmania – BTS appeal re State Pennant Finals dismissed – Refer Matters Arising above.

Bowls Tasmania – Revised Bowls Australia policies – Send to BTS Board and Clubs.

Glenorchy Rodman – Men and women will be wearing black trousers from 2017-18 - Approved.

Vicki and Shane Baker – Incident at Beltana 10 December 2016. Moved Leonie Price Seconded Paula Hadley “that this is a Club matter and that BTS take no action on it”. Carried

Rod Cooper – Format of State pennant Finals - Noted.

Bill Mus – Non-appearance at BTS Men’s B Grade Singles Championship 5 February 2017 – Refer Matters Arising above.

Rod Pursell – EEO conciliation meeting and other issues – The Women’s DL Reid Singles Championship is a long-standing championship which was originally funded by Doris Reid. If a sponsor could be found BTS could run a similar additional championship for men – would Rod Pursell like to be the sponsor? It was agreed that the matter of the format of Midweek Pennant (remain as is or change to selection on merit) be listed as an agenda item at the Annual General Meeting and write to Clubs before then seeking their input on their preference for Midweek Pennant in future.

Bowls Tasmania – Minutes of Judiciary Hearings 22 and 29 March 2017 – Refer Matters Arising above.

Bowls Tasmania – National Umpire Shirts- Advise Clubs accordingly but that the current maroon umpire polos can continue to be worn.

Bowls Tasmania – Reminder re Elected Director nominations – Noted.

Tasman – Request to remain in Women’s Pennant Division 4 – At this stage it is not possible to agree to Tasman’s request, however, this request will be reviewed when all team nominations have been received.

Simon Morrison – Information about sport of bowls – Refer Matters Raised at Delegates Meeting in General Business below.

#### **Outwards:**

All Clubs – Reminder re DJ Motors Barefoot Bowls Champion of Champion Event, Bowls North West CEO, Return of BTS Perpetual Trophies, 21 or 25 ends for Saturday Pennant - Premier and Divisions 1 and 2, Trophy Presentation Night Monday 1 May 2017, Return of BTS Perpetual Trophies, Pennant Teams 2017-18, Information for 2016-17 Annual Report, Notice of BTS Annual General Meeting, Variation of Playing Times for Pennant Games 2017-18, Board Meeting Minutes March 2017, Promotions and Relegations 2017-18 Season, Delegates Meeting Minutes March 2017, Expulsion and Suspension of Orford Players, BT Elected Director Nominations, Reminder re Annual Presentation Night, Reminder re Uniform Register.

Bowls Tasmania – Tarooma dispensation appeal, List of competing teams for Thursday Pennant State Finals, Appeal re Saturday Pennant Finals, Thursday Pennants Finals List of Players, Saturday Pennant Finals List of Players, Constitution Committee meeting, Request for Judiciary Minutes. Bulk discount on Club insurances, Interstate Pennant Declarations, Expulsion and suspension of Orford Players, Changes to BT Constitution.

Des Carpenter and Dick Davidson and Howrah - No-show at BTS Men's B Grade Pairs Championship.

Sandy Bay – Per capitation fees and unnamed barefoot bowlers and pennant.

Glenorchy Rodman and Orford – Complaint re behaviour of Orford Division 2 player 11 February 2017.

Brian Hall and Rosny Park – Permission to use bowling arm.

Tarooma – Refuse to grant dispensation to allow Andre Dumazel and Hannah Coleman to play in Saturday Pennant Division 7 finals.

Ross Mitchelmore – Incident.

Glenorchy City – Greens.

New Norfolk and Rosny Park – Dismissed appeal from New Norfolk re ineligible player in Midweek Division One.

Glenorchy City – Midweek forfeit.

BTS Greens Committee – Thanks re report for finals.

Equal Opportunity Tasmania – Handicap facilities at Clubs.

Beltana, Dover RSL and Buckingham – Upheld appeal from Beltana against Dover RSL playing an ineligible player in Saturday Pennant Division 6 on 21 January 2017.

Buckingham and Dover RSL – Dismissed appeal from Buckingham against Dover RSL playing an ineligible player in Saturday Pennant Division 6.

Equal Opportunity Tasmania – Secretary to accompany President at EOT hearing on 6 April 2017.

Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Shirley Hay “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: Paula Hadley “that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted, that accounts paid be approved and approval be given to pay honorariums, BTS Championship green fees and BTS Pennant and Championship prize money”. Carried

### Clearances:

Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded: Ross Bannister “that the following clearances be noted:

- Tom Foley – Interstate Pennant Declaration Urangan Queensland.
- David Wilson – Rosny Park to Howrah.” Carried

### Match Committee:

#### Women’s Match Sub-Committee

Nothing to report.

#### Men’s Match Sub-Committee

Nothing to report.

**Officiating Panel:**

As per attached report.

**Coaches Panel:**

Nothing to report.

**Selectors:**

Nothing to report.

**General Business:**Nominations for Board Positions 2017-18:

Information has been sent to Clubs and several reminder notices have been placed on the BTS Facebook page. Nominations close on Friday 5 May 2017.

Matters raised at Delegates Meeting:

The following matters were raised at the Delegates Meeting held on 20 March 2017:

- Timing of Women's BTS Championships - Clubs agreed that Women's Championships should move to Sunday's in 2017-18 to enable more working women to compete.
- Eligibility Issues for Saturday Pennant – Clubs agreed that current restrictions contained in Conditions of Play 4.5 on where Premier and Division 1 and 2 players cannot play in Saturday Pennants should remain in place.
- Come and Try Day 2017 – Clubs agreed to support the Come and Try Day again in 2017 but that it would be better to hold it around the middle of October 2017 to incorporate the commencement of Club's Barefoot Bowls competitions. BT has been advised accordingly.
- Greens – Grass and Synthetic – Clubs agreed that where a Club has both grass and synthetic greens and has elected to play on a particular surface they should not be allowed to change the playing surface without the agreement of both Side Captains.

Concerns were raised that some Clubs appear to “doctor” greens by heavily watering their greens if they are playing clubs with quicker synthetic surfaces. Current Conditions of Play 1.12.3 already provide penalties for Clubs that present greens slower than 12 seconds or faster than 16 seconds. It is important that visiting Side Captains time greens shortly before play commences and record on the Results Sheet if they have a problem with the speed of the green. If there is a reason that the green is timed outside the 12 to 16 second limits, the home Side Captain should write the reasons for such a time on the Results Sheet.

- 21 or 25 ends – Clubs recommended that a survey of Clubs with Saturday Pennant Premier Division and Divisions 1 and 2 teams be undertaken to determine their support or otherwise for a change to 25 ends next season. Clubs have since been asked to advise of their preference by 13 May 2017.
- Market Research – Why number of registered bowlers is dropping - Dennis Lourey from Howrah requested that the BTS Board consider undertaking market research to determine why the number of registered bowlers is dropping. There have been a number of studies undertaken in the past which have addressed this issue as detailed by Simon Morrison. It was agreed that this would be a very expensive exercise to undertake and this is not going to happen. However, it was agreed to ask Clubs to gather this information from members who no longer play with their clubs and to forward such information to BTS for collating.

Conditions of Play Committee 2017-18:

It was agreed that a Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Chair of the Match Committee and the Chair of the Officiating Panel or their representatives be formed to prepare draft Conditions of Play for 2017-18. The Committee should meet as soon as possible after the Annual General Meeting with a view of finalising the first draft by 30 June 2017 if possible. It was further agreed to seek Clubs' approval of the Conditions of Play before the start of the season.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 15 May 2017 at the Buckingham Bowls Club commencing at 4.30pm.

Meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

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## **BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH OFFICIATING PANEL**

### **Report April 2017**

Pennant ended in March and as the Finals Series began, the Panel was contacted for names of current umpires as the Bowls Tasmania list on the website has no phone numbers.

The week 20 – 26 March was very busy with experienced neutral umpires being sought for all the Grand Finals in this week. Wednesday and Thursday were simple with relatively few finals played, but Saturday /Sunday with 8 divisions playing was trickier. Many umpires were playing or supporting their club's teams, or flying off on holiday. For two divisions it was impossible to get a neutral umpire, but reliable experienced umpires were found at the last minute.

Thursday Pennant State Finals were held at Rosny Park the following week with 2 umpires per green. There were no problems with men playing in many teams, though the elderly of both genders found it very hard to play two games in one day. We welcomed a new umpire from Queensland, who assisted experienced umpires at this event.

We began the year with 85 umpires on the list, 21 of whom were due to reaccredit. Reaccreditation notices to all umpires expiring in 2017 were sent out in January. These explained how to register through the Bowls Tasmania website, that a new Law Book was needed and how to get a copy of the Officiating Manual to read before the course. 9 umpires have retired mostly due to illness or an inability to get down and measure, and 2 have not responded. 8 umpires have already completed the course this year, including two from New Norfolk who had not been aware of the changes in the structure.

A new Umpire Contact List for Bowls South will be compiled before the start of the 2017-18 season, and put up on the website for use by clubs.

Helen Ducker April 2017

The Officiating Panel will not be operating during the winter months and will reconvene in September 2017.

Any inquiries may be made to either Leonie Price or Helen Ducker, via email, during this time.

In September Umpiring Forums will be organised, hopefully in different areas of the Southern region.

Leonie Price  
Chair  
BTS Officiating Panel