

# 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 19 March 2018 commencing at 4.42pm

**Present:** Peter Kirby (President), Shirley Hay (Deputy President), Ross Bannister, Ken Copleman, Paula Hadley, Ailsa Milburn, Leonie Price and Rob McGuire.

**Observers:** Nil

**Apology:** Tony Fulton

**Minutes:** Moved Ken Copleman Seconded Paula Hadley "that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 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. The proposed changes have not yet been considered by 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.

#### 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.

#### Future of Pennant:

The Future of Pennant Survey has now closed and Board Members assisted in compiling responses received prior to the start of the Board meeting. The Survey Results will be finished this week ready for distribution at next week's Delegates Meeting. It was agreed as follows:

- Survey Results will be circulated to Board Members by 23 March 2018.
- Survey Results Summary to be submitted to Delegates Meeting on 27 March 2018.
- Full Survey Results to be forwarded to Clubs and posted on BTS Website and Facebook page after the Delegates Meeting.
- The BTS Board will develop its position and action plan on the Survey Results and advise Clubs accordingly by 30 April 2018.

#### 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.

BT has been advised accordingly. BT has advised that this is on the agenda for its February 2018 Board meeting. No information on the BT decision on this matter has yet been received.

#### 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. This has been done and BT has advised that this is on the agenda for its February 2018 Board meeting. No information on the BT decision on this matter has yet been received.

#### Coaching Accreditations and Tom O'Brien:

At the January 2018 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 BT and has been advised that Tom O'Brien's coaching certificate and working with vulnerable people check is all up to date.

#### Buckingham and Infringement Player Report Josh Mazur Dover RSL

The BTS Match Committee considered an Infringement Player Report submitted by Buckingham against Josh Mazur from Dover RSL. The BTS Match Committee determined that the Player Code of Conduct was breached by Josh. Accordingly the BTS Match Committee has issued Josh with a formal warning that such behaviour will not be tolerated in the future. Any further breaches by Josh will result in the imposition of a more severe penalty which may include a period of suspension from the game. The BTS Match Committee further determined that Josh's opponent on the day, Rob Stringer, was not blameless in this matter and has been warned similarly himself.

#### Geeveston Complaint v's Howrah 10 February 2018

The BTS Match Committee considered a complaint submitted by Geeveston against Howrah on 10 February 2018 regarding an umpire's call to end play due to inclement weather. The umpires call on this matter is considered final. If the Howrah Greenkeeper closes the green that is the end of the game and not even the umpire can over-rule that (not that this happened on this occasion). The BTS Match Committee accepted the explanation offered by Howrah and agreed that no further action would be taken in regard to this matter.

#### Sorell Complaint v's Dover RSL 15 February 2018

The BTS Match Committee considered a complaint from Sorell against Dover RSL on 15 February 2018 and found that Dover RSL players changed a rink after the draw was made which is against BTS Conditions of Play. The BTS Match Committee agreed to issue Dover RSL with a formal warning and determined that any future contravention by Dover RSL would result in a more severe penalty including possible loss of pennant points.

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

No response has yet been received from Susie Reed from Sandy Bay explaining why she did not turn up to the BTS Women's Open Singles Championship.

#### Request to hold Winter Coaching at the Howrah Indoor Bowls Centre

Verbal advice 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.

#### Venue for next Delegates Meeting

Sorell has agreed to host the next Delegates Meeting at 1pm on Tuesday 27 March 2018.

#### Venue for BTS Presentation Cocktail Party

Rosny Park has agreed to host the BTS Presentation Cocktail Party on Monday 23 April 2018. Cost for provision of food will be \$22 per head which is the same as last year. It was agreed to accept the quote. It was further agreed to charge members \$20 per head and juniors \$10 per head to attend the function. It was also agreed to talk to Rosny Park about providing more seating at the function.

#### Venue for Annual General Meeting

No response has yet been received from St John's Park to the BTS request that the BTS Annual General Meeting be held at St John's Park 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.

#### Sports TG Results Portal

At the last Board meeting it was reported that 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 and the BTS Statistician has advised that this will happen.

At the last Board meeting, President Peter Kirby also 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. The BTS Statistician has since advised that Bowls Australia has contracted a new web developer to build the same system as we currently have with added benefits. The BTS Statistician is on the Bowls Australia working party on behalf of Bowls Tasmania. The new company has been given the parameters to build the new system and is currently working on it. The BTS Statistician advised that there is no need to contact Bowls Tasmania re this matter as when there is more information on the progress of the build he will advise the BTS Board accordingly.

#### **Correspondence:**

##### **Inwards:**

Kingborough – Happy to host BTAS Triples Championships - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Final SWC Seniors round will be at Ulverstone - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Confirmation that Tom O'Brien's coaching certificate is up-to-date - Noted.

Paul Hoddy – Sports TG Results Portal – Refer to Matters Arising above.

Rod Pursell – BTS Survey – Responses will not be included in the survey responses as the survey is for BTS registered members only. According to BTS records Rod is not a registered BTS member

Dover RSL – Response re Sorell's complaint 15 February 2018 – Refer Matters Arising above.

Beltana – Tasmanian State Triples Championships - The decision to move the Tasmanian State Triples Championship was made by the full BTS Board at its meeting on 19 February 2018. That decision was made because concerns were raised by Board members at the condition of the Beltana greens. The BTS Board believed that the Beltana grass greens were not up to the high standard required by Bowls Tasmania for State Championship events. Bowls Tasmania expect State Championship events to be held on the best possible greens available in a region and the BTS Board did not believe that the Beltana greens were the best possible greens available in Southern Tasmania at that time. The BTS Greens Committee did not recommend that the Championships not be held at Beltana.

Carol Bannister – Expression of interest Southern Junior Selector – Advise Carol to submit expression of interest when nominations open shortly.

Rosny Park – Confirm host BTS Annual Presentation Cocktail Party and confirm cost \$22 per head same as last year – Refer Matters Arising above.

Sorell – Complaint re Rodney Kennedy Geeveston Women's Division 4 1 March 2018 - This matter was considered by the BTS Board out-of-session after the BTS Match Committee could not agree on a decision. The BTS Match Committee determined that Geeveston had breached Conditions of Play. Geeveston had permission to play Rodney Kennedy in its Women's Division 4 team but only as a lead or a second. Playing him as a third was contrary to the dispensation given to Geeveston by the BTS Board in November 2017. Accordingly, the BTS Board and subsequently the BTS Match Committee determined that the penalties contained within Conditions of Play 1.12.3 (d) and (f) should apply and Geeveston will lose its points from the game and they will be awarded to Sorell. The end result of this meant that Sorell replaced Geeveston in the final four. No action was deemed to be necessary in regard to the condition of the green as Geeveston did not err in its decision to play made on the day given the wet weather experienced the day before the pennant game. Subsequent to the above, the BTS Board became aware that this was not the only time that Rodney Kennedy had played as a third in Geeveston's Women's Division 4 team contrary to the dispensation given to Geeveston by the BTS Board in November 2017. Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Shirley Hay "that Geeveston should lose all points earned when this happened". Carried

Geeveston – Response re Sorell complaint above – Refer Inwards Correspondence above.

Lesley Cornish - Condition of green at Geeveston 1 March 2018 - No action was deemed to be necessary in regard to the condition of the green as Geeveston did not err in its decision to play made on the day given the wet weather experienced the day before the pennant game.

Derwent City – Complaint against Buckingham's use of a coach Women's Division 5 1 March 2018 - Bowls Australia require all coaches to be accredited to coach at Clubs and particularly if coaching in pennant or championship games. If coaches are working with children then they also need to have a working with vulnerable persons check as well. The BTS Board has previously agreed that non-accredited coaches should not act as a coach in such situations as it could leave them and their club liable in the event of an incident occurring whilst they were acting as a coach. The BTS Match Committee requested that Buckingham speak to the coach concerned and advise him that he is not permitted to coach during pennant games if he is not accredited. No further action is proposed.

Cygnnet – Querying eligibility of Stephen Potter to play Saturday Pennant Division 4 - The BTS Match Committee investigated this matter and found that Stephen Potter was eligible to play in Saturday Pennant Division 4 for Howrah. Stephen had not played 12 games in a higher division nor had he played three games in the last six in a higher division making him eligible to play in Saturday Pennant Division 4 for Howrah.

Sorell – Confirm that it would host Delegates Meeting 27 March 2018 - Noted.

John Clarke – Alleged incident at Buckingham on 10 March 2018 – Resolved to leave this matter with Buckingham to resolve.

Ken Copleman – Beltana and Member Protection Application – 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.
- BTS need to appoint its own Member Protection Information Officer.

Ken Copleman left the meeting whilst this item was being discussed.

Bowls Tasmania – Invitation to BTS premiers to Thursday Pennant State Finals – Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Junior SWC and State Championships – Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Capitations 2018-19 – Noted.

Bowls North – Proposed amendments to Bowls Tasmania Constitution response by 27 March 2018 – Noted.

Bowls North West – Proposed amendments to Bowls Tasmania Constitution decision at meeting on 19 February 2018 – Noted.

#### **Outwards:**

All Clubs – Doctoring of Greens, Draft Clearance Policy, Entries received for 2017-18 Women's Open and B Grade Champion of Champion Singles Championships, Entries received for Men's 2017-18 Champion of Champion Singles Championships, Saturday Pennant Semi-Final and Preliminary Finals Venues, Future of Pennant Survey, Eligibility to play in Bowls Tasmania South's Finals, Women's Senior Side for State Wide Challenge, Men's Senior Side for State Wide Challenge, Women's Thursday Pennant Semi-Final Venues, Use of non-accredited coaches, Barefoot Bowls Champion of Champion Event, Notice and Draft Agenda for Delegates Meeting 27 March 2018, Board Meeting Minutes February 2018, Saturday Pennant Grand Final Venues, Men's Midweek Pennant Semi-Finals Venues, Women's Thursday Preliminary and Grand Final Venues, Men's Midweek Pennant Preliminary Venues, Return of Perpetual Trophies, Second Notice and Agenda for Delegates Meeting 27 March 2018, Wednesday Midweek Pennant Grand Final Venues.

Bowls Tasmania – Change of venue for BT State Triples Championships, Teams and catering for SWC 25 February 2018, Allocation of greens for Saturday State Pennant Finals, Invitation to BTS Trophy Presentation Night.

Glenorchy City – Doctoring of greens.

Brighton and Shirley Fox – Approval to use a bowling arm.

Dover RSL and Josh Mazur – Player Infringement Report v Buckingham.

Buckingham and Rob Stringer – Player Infringement Report Josh Mazur.

Claremont and Tony Fulton – Permission to use a bowling arm.

Tasman and Cygnet – Condition of Cygnet green 8 February 2018.

Sandy Bay – Refuse to change date of BTS Champion of Champion Singles Championships.

Geeveston and Howrah – Complaint v's Howrah 10 February 2018.

Sandy Bay and Cygnet – Complaint v's Cygnet 15 February 2018.

Sorell and Dover RSL – Complaint v's Dover RSL 15 February 2018.

Glenorchy City and Geeveston – Complaint v's Geeveston 17 February 2018.

Susie Reed – Non-appearance at BTS Women's Open Singles Championships.

Howrah – Use of Howrah Indoor Centre for Winter Coaching Program.

Sorell – Request to hold Delegates Meeting at Sorell on 27 March 2018.

Rosny Park – Request to hold Annual Presentation Cocktail Party at Rosny Park on 23 April 2018.

St. John’s Park – Request to hold Annual General Meeting at St. John’s Park on 27 May 2018.

Ken Coppleman – Accept resignation from BTS Greens Advisory Committee with regret.

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Ailsa Milburn “that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be endorsed”. Carried.

## Reports:

### Finance:

No report was received as Treasurer Tony Fulton is back in hospital after a fall.

### Clearances:

Moved: Ailsa Milburn Seconded: Ross Bannister “that the following interstate clearance be approved:

- Michael Eiszele – Interstate Pennant Declaration – Tugun Queensland”. Carried

### Match Committee:

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

It was agreed to add concerns re lack of nominations for Women’s Sub-Committee members to the agenda for next week’s Delegates Meeting.

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

### Officiating Panel:

As per the attached report.

Moved: Leonie Price Seconded: Ailsa Milburn “that the BTS Conditions of Play for 2018-19 be amended to include the following. - The BTS Officiating Panel will appoint Markers for any BTS Championship Singles semi-finals and grand finals”. Carried

### Coaches Panel:

No report received.

### Selectors:

As per the attached report.

## General Business:

### National 2018 Champion of Champion Singles Championship:

It is understood that the next event will be held in Tasmania from 9-12 October 2018. As both Tasmanian entrants are from Hobart it was agreed to write to Bowls Tasmania to express an interest in hosting the event in Southern Tasmania.

### Bowls Tasmania Handbook 2018-19:

Will Bowls Tasmania prepare a Handbook in 2017-18? Will it be in printed or electronic form? Beltana suggested that members be levied \$1 each to pay for the Handbook. It was agreed to raise these matters at the next Regional Consultative Meeting.

### Starting Time Women’s Thursday Pennant:

Paula Hadley advised that the Results Portal shows the starting time for Women’s Thursday Pennant as 11.00am – it should be 11.30am. It was agreed to advise the BTS Statistician accordingly.

### Barefoot Bowls Champion of Champion Championships:

Paula Hadley advised that Howrah would like to be considered to host the above event in the future.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 16 April 2018 at 4.30pm at the Buckingham Bowls Club.

Meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

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## **BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH MATCH COMMITTEE**

### **Women's Sub-Committee Report March 2018**

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

- Open – Vicki Bannister (Kingborough).
- B Grade – Jann Baxter (Sandy Bay).

The BTS Champion of Champions Women's Singles Championships was held at the Kingborough Indoors Centre on 7, 8 and 9 March 2018. Winners were:

- Open – Lauren Banks (New Norfolk).
- B Grade – Meekie Salter (St John's Park).

This event was held in conjunction with the men's event this year at night indoors and created some adverse comments. Consideration should be given to running this event outdoors on grass next season.

Many thanks to Buckingham for hosting these championships.

The move to Sunday's for most women's championship events this season has not resulted in significant additional entries. It has also resulted in difficulties in getting clubs to host these events. It is recommended that consideration of whether or not these championship events should revert to during the week rather than Sunday events should be included as an agenda item for the Delegates Meeting later this month.

It is disappointing that no women are prepared to put their hands up to be on the BTS Match Committee to help run women's championship events. I will not continue with this role next season and would recommend that no women's championships be held if vacancies on the BTS Match Committee are not filled next season.

Rob McGuire  
BTS Match Committee





## **BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH MATCH COMMITTEE**

### **Men's Sub-Committee Report March 2018**

The southern men's and ladies champion of champion's singles was played on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March at the Kingborough Indoor Centre at night that started at 6pm. This is due to players working and the state champion of champion's competition being scheduled to be played on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in the South this year.

The winner of the open men's was Lee Schraner from Rosny Park who also won the Tasmanian section and will represent Tasmania in the champion of champion's competition

The winner of the men's B-grade champion of champion's was Gavin Cleary from Kingborough

It was disappointing that more southern clubs did not have a representative in this competition due to not having there club champion singles finished and others with drawing from the competition because it was played indoors and not on a grass green

The BTS Saturday grand final pennant were played this weekend with a good following from clubs supporters at these four clubs: Claremont, Buckingham and Kingborough bowls club on Saturday and Sandy Bay on Sunday for the premier division. Thank you to the clubs for hosting these grand finals and the other clubs that held pennant finals, championship games this season.

Ross Bannister  
Chairperson of the BTS Mach Committee



## **BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH OFFICIATING PANEL**

### **Report March 2018**

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

The appointment of Officials for the Champion of Champion event and the State Triples at Kingborough Bowls Club.

The Kingborough Club will undertake to appoint Officials and Markers for the Champion of Champion event.

The Panel will also communicate, via email, on the appointments for the Thursday and Saturday Grand finals when venues and participants are decided.

There was report of bad behaviour by a North West player in the State triples at Kingborough. As there was no official report no action can be taken.

At the next meeting of the Panel there will be a debriefing of this season and discussion on future directions.

Leonie Price,  
Chair Bowls South Officiating Panel



## **BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH SELECTORS REPORTS**

### **Southern Open Women's Selectors Report March 2018**

Round 2 of Statewide Open was held at Latrobe Bowls Club on 21 January 2018. Unfortunately the draw was incorrect and South played the North West No.1 team first, which resulted in a loss on all rinks. The ladies regrouped after lunch with all playing well - with Lyn Triffitt's rink winning 31 - 7, Jenny Tirant 19 - 10 and Carmel Rainbird 19 - 11.

The final series was held at Buckingham Bowls Club on 25 February 2018 and the South No 1 team started the day in fine form against North West winning on two rinks - Lyn Triffitt's team won 26 -16 and Carmel Rainbird won 17- 13. This gave us a great start, however the North proved too strong in the second game with all three rinks going down.

The No 2 team for South managed a one rink win in the first game and the same result in the afternoon. Both wins were attributed to Leona Smith and her team adding four points for the South.

The North won the overall series for the women and were presented with the shield by the Bowls Tasmania President.

We look forward to a more productive series next season.

Ailsa Milburn  
Southern Selector