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President: Peter Kirby Secretary: Rob McGuire



Minutes of the Board meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 21 May 2018 commencing at 4.20pm

Present: Peter Kirby (President), Shirley Hay (Deputy President), Ross Bannister, Ken Copleman, Tony Fulton, Ailsa Milburn, Malcolm Salier and Rob McGuire.

Observers: Nil

Apologies: Paula Hadley and Leonie Price.

Minutes: Moved Tony Fulton: Seconded: Ross Bannister “that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 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 and two reminders have been sent to Bowls North and Bowls North West. No response has yet been received from Bowls North or Bowls North West. It was agreed to chase both regions again after their Annual General Meetings.

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.

The generic sponsorship proposal was sent to Board members prior to the meeting. Moved: Ken Copleman Seconded: Ailsa Milburn “that the sponsorship proposal be adopted”. Carried

It was agreed that further consideration of where we go for a major sponsor will be considered at the June 2018 Board meeting.

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. This has not yet been done.

Ken Copleman – Beltana and Member Protection Policy

At the March 2018 Board meeting the BTS Board considered a complaint from Ken Copleman against Beltana concerning a possible breach of Bowls Australia’s Member Protection Policy. The BTS President and Secretary has since discussed this matter with Simon Morrison, Ken Copleman and Beltana Executive to try and resolve the matter. Ken Copleman has advised that Beltana has recently written to him and noted his resignation from the Club and further advised that it will not meet his other two requests. It was agreed that BTS is unable to settle this dispute.

Ken Copleman has now requested BTS to refer his complaint to Bowls Tasmania with a request to initiate the Bowls Australia Member Protection policy on his behalf. It was agreed to act accordingly.

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

Appointment of BTS Member Protection Information Officer

At the March 2018 Board meeting it was agreed that BTS needs to appoint its own Member Protection Information Officer. Clubs have been notified to seek expressions of interest from members to see if anyone is interested in becoming the BTS Member Protection Information Officer. Information was also placed on the BTS Facebook page. No responses have been received to date.

National 2018 Champion of Champion Singles Championships

At the last Board meeting it was agreed to write to Bowls Tasmania to express an interest in hosting the National 2018 Champion of Champion Singles Championships in Southern Tasmania as it is understood that the next event will be held in Tasmania from 9-12 October 2018. Bowls Tasmania has now written to all Clubs in Tasmania inviting expressions of interest to host these championships.

Bowls Tasmania Handbook 2018-19

Bowls Tasmania has advised that it is investigating some options to produce a different and cheaper version of the Handbook for 2018-19. In particular Bowls Tasmania is investigating a regional specific Handbook with the general Bowls Tasmania information still at the front.

Timing of BTS Women's Championships 2018-19

Clubs were asked to consider this matter and advise the BTS Board of their preference by 30 April 2018. Responses were received from 17 of the 24 Clubs whose members have the opportunity to participate in BTS Women's Championships. Of these 6 Clubs preferred weekday championships, 5 preferred weekday championships with Sunday finals, 1 Club preferred Sunday championships and 5 Clubs didn't mind either way. No responses were received from 7 Clubs.

It was agreed to hold BTS Women's Championships on weekdays with some semi-finals and grand-finals to be played on Sunday's in conjunction with the BTS Men's Championships.

Starting time for Midweek Pennant 2018-19

Clubs that play Midweek Pennant were asked to consider this matter and advise the BTS Board of their preference by 30 April 2018. Responses were received from 16 of the 18 Clubs who play Midweek Pennant. Of these 4 Clubs preferred an 11.30am start, 5 preferred a noon start, 9 Clubs preferred a 1.00pm start and 2 Clubs didn't mind either way. No responses were received from 2 Clubs.

It was agreed that Midweek pennant would remain at a 1pm start but this time can be changed to an earlier start by agreement between the two side captains.

Statewide Conditions of Play 2018-19

At the Bowls Tasmania Regional Consultative Committee meeting held on 26 March 2018 it was agreed to form a committee to investigate the introduction of a consistent set of State-wide Conditions of Play for pennant that leads to State Pennant Finals. Each region and Bowls Tasmania has been asked to identify what, if any, of their current Conditions of Play are non-negotiable. If all the regions and Bowls Tasmania do not agree to these non-negotiable conditions there seems little point in continuing further with this committee. No responses have yet been received from Bowls Tasmania or Bowls North. Accordingly the first meeting of the committee on 19 April 2018 was postponed to a date to be fixed.

Peter Kirby agreed to raise this matter at the Bowls Tasmania Annual General Meeting this week.

Umpire Complaint to Bowls Australia

At the last Board meeting, discussion took place on the actions of a recently-qualified umpire who complained directly to Bowls Australia in regard to another umpire's call in regard to the movement of players during the BTS finals series. Bowls Australia has acknowledged that it should have directed the umpire's complaint back to Bowls Tasmania and should not have answered the query directly.

BTS has received copies of the umpire's complaint and the response Bowls Australia provided to the umpire. It was agreed to refer this matter to the BTS Conditions of Play Committee with a view to expanding the relevant Condition of Play to clearly spell out exactly what is and is not allowed.

Come and Try Days

At the last Board meeting, discussion took place on the significant television and general publicity generated for lawn bowls as a result of the Commonwealth Games. It was agreed to invite Clubs to organise and participate in Come and Try Days on the third Sunday's of May, June and July 2018 with initial media and social media advertising to be organised by BTS. No Clubs have expressed an interest in taking up this initiative.

Review of BTS Strategic Plan

This matter is to be considered by the new BTS Board.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Bowls North West – Position re Statewide Conditions of Play - Noted.

Leonie Price – Use of accredited coaches for competitions – Deferred to next meeting. Ross Bannister undertook to raise this matter at this week's Coach Network Forum to see what is allowed by other sports.

Marie Eiszele – Permission to use bowling arm. Moved: Ailsa Milburn Seconded: Shirley Hay "to approve the request". Carried

Bowls Australia – B20 Cricket Bowls - Noted.

Margaret Cornish – Rotation schedule for Bowls Tasmania Board - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Umpire complaint to Bowls Australia – Refer Matters Arising above.

Derwent City, Glenorchy City, Cremorne, Glenorchy Rodman, Howrah, Brighton, Beltana and Sandy Bay – Midweek Pennant. It was agreed to approach Clubs who play Midweek to determine their preference for Midweek Pennant for 2017-18. The BTS Board will strongly recommend to Clubs that they play four rinks of two bowl triples playing straight through without an afternoon tea break. The email to Clubs will point out the advantages of playing and the reasons why the BTS Board reached this decision.

Cremorne – Request to play Thursday Division 2 women in Saturday Division 7 – Resolved to refuse this request.

Beltana – Complaint against Ken Copleman – Agreed to refer this to Ken Copleman and seek his response to the complaint. Ken Copleman left the meeting whilst this matter was being discussed.

Bowls Tasmania – Capitation Fees 2018-19 - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Notice of Annual General Meeting - Noted.

Ross Bannister – Restricting the movement of players - It was agreed to refer this matter to the BTS Conditions of Play Committee.

Shane Peck – Restricting the movement of players - It was agreed to refer this matter to the BTS Conditions of Play Committee.

Bowls Tasmania – Umpire complaint to Bowls Australia – Refer Matters Arising above.

Peter Kirby and Leonie Price – Response to umpire's letter - It was agreed to refer this matter to the BTS Conditions of Play Committee with a view to expanding the relevant Conditions of Play to clearly spell out what is and is not allowed.

Bowls Tasmania - Resignation of Bowls Tasmania Admin. Assistant – Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Directors Rotation – Positions Vacant - Noted.

Coach Network Forum – Forum Hobart 24 May 2018 - Noted.

Michael Kendell – Permission to use bowling arm. Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Ailsa Milburn “to approve the request”. Carried

Bowls Tasmania – 2018 Australian Champion of Champion Host Club - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Calendar Issues - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Handbook Update - Noted.

Margaret Cornish – Nomination for Bowls Tasmania Board – Agreed to ratify nomination provided no further nominations are received by 23 May 2018. If further nominations are received the BTS Board will have to refer all nominations to Clubs for a vote.

Ken Copleman – Request to refer his complaint against Beltana to Bowls Tasmania – Refer Matters Arising above.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Scorecards and Club sponsors, Come and Try Days, Board Meeting Minutes April 2018, Nominations for BTS Positions 2018-19, Future of Pennant Survey Actions, Member Protection Officer, Bowls Tasmania Thursday State Pennant Finals, Notice of BTS Annual General Meeting, Pennant Teams 2018-19, Variation of playing times for Pennant Games 2018-19, Promotions and Relegations 2018-19 Season, Reminder for information for 2017-18 Annual Report, Reminder re starting time for Midweek Men's Pennant, Reminder re timing of BTS Women's Championships, Coach Network Form - Hobart Registration, Information for Bowls Tasmania Handbook 2018-19, Second notice of BTS Annual General Meeting.

Bowls Tasmania – B20 Cricket Bowls launches in Australia, BTS Presentation Night, Statewide Conditions of Play Meeting, Umpire complaint to Bowls Australia, Bowls Tasmania Directors - Position Vacant, Interstate Pennant Declaration Geoff Giblin, Bowls Tasmania Selector Positions and Weather Damage – Tasmanian Sporting Clubs.

Tom O'Brien – Venues for Bowls Tasmania Junior Statewide Challenge 2018-19.

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

Howrah – Agreement to pay \$25 per session for Winter Coaching sessions at the Howrah Indoor Centre.

Glenorchy City – Penalties for playing an ineligible player.

Glenorchy City and John Russell – Approval to use a bowling arm.

Moved: Malcolm Salier Seconded: Ailsa Milburn “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: Shirley Hay “that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and that accounts paid be approved”. Carried

Tony Fulton advised that the BTS Finance Committee had met on 21 May 2018 and prepared a draft budget for 2018-19. BT has advised that it will be increasing its affiliation fees by \$2.00 per member. The Finance Committee has recommended that this be passed on in full to BTS members and that BTS increase the affiliation fees by a further \$2.00 per member to take into account the loss of BTS sponsors in the last twelve months. It is also proposed to stop paying prize monies to pennant winners and runners-up in 2018-19. Despite the increase in affiliation fees, BTS has budgeted for a loss of \$6,146 in 2018-19. To have the budget in surplus it would be necessary to increase affiliation fees by another \$4.00 per member. Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Shirley Hay “that affiliation fees for 2018-19 for adult members be increased by \$4.00 to \$78.00, that the affiliation fee for juniors be increased by \$4.00 to \$42.00 and that all other fees remain unchanged”. Carried

Clearances:

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Ken Copleman “that the following interstate clearance be approved and the other clearances be noted:

- Keghan Booth – Buckingham to Sandy Bay
- Geoff Giblin – Interstate Pennant Declaration Orford to Magnetic Island (Queensland).Rodney Kennedy – Geeveston to Dover RSL
- Kathy Matthews – Beltana to Sorell
- Gilbert Sproule – Beltana to Brighton
- Kaye Sproule – Beltana to Brighton+.

Carried

Match Committee:

No report received.

Officiating Panel:

No report received.

Coaches Panel:

Ross Bannister reported that 49 members and 9 coaches attended the first of the BTS Coaches Panel Free Winter Coaching sessions at the Howrah Indoor Bowls Centre on 6 May 2018.

Selectors:

No report received.

General Business:

Nil.

As this is the last meeting for the current Board, President Peter Kirby thanked all Board members for their contribution and support over the past twelve months. In particular he thanked Deputy President Shirley Hay who is not seeking re-election. Shirley Hay thanked all Board members for their support and advised that it was now time to step down and let someone else take over as Deputy President.

Date of next meetings: The next Board meetings will be held on Sunday 27 May 2018 immediately following the Annual General Meeting and Monday 18 June 2018 at 4.30pm at the Buckingham Bowls Club. Ross Bannister advised that he will be an apology for the Annual General Meeting and the Board meeting following it. Ken Copleman advised that he will be an apology for all meetings from 24 May 2018 until 24 August 2018 inclusive. Ailsa Milburn advised she will be an apology for all meetings from the end of May 2018 until the end of August 2018.

Meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

Confirmed President: // 2018