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President: Peter Kirby

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Bowls Tasmania South, held at Beltana Bowls Club commencing at 2.05pm on Sunday 28 May 2017.

Welcome: The President, Peter Kirby, welcomed members to the meeting, especially Life Members Neil Clark, Tony Fulton OAM, Joan Middleton OAM and Cath Smith, and Simon Morrison, BA's Regional Bowls Manager (Tasmania) and advised that a quorum was present.

Attendance and Apologies: There were 38 delegates from 22 clubs and 21 others in attendance. Apologies were received from Cremorne and Franklin, Life Member Hedley Beechey, Board Members Ken Copleman and Leonie Price and John Clark (Glenorchy Rodman).

Recognition of deceased members: All members stood for a short period of silence in recognition of those members who had passed away during the preceding year.

Minutes of last preceding AGM: Moved Robert Davies Seconded Ailsa Milburn that the minutes of the AGM held on 29 May 2016, as circulated, be accepted as read and confirmed. Carried.

Annual Report and Financial Report:

The President, Peter Kirby, spoke to his report, as published within the Annual Report, and expanded on some points. Moved Peter Kirby Seconded Paula Hadley "that the annual report be received". Carried

With the assistance of Secretary, Rob McGuire, the Treasurer, Tony Fulton, presented his financial report and the audited financial statements. Moved Tony Fulton Seconded Van Ransley "that the audited financial statements be adopted". Carried.

Recommendations from the Board:

Appointment of Patron: Moved Ailsa Milburn Seconded Gail Price "that Joan Middleton OAM be appointed as Patron. Carried

Appointment of Auditor: Moved Leigh McAdam Seconded Shirley Hay "that Rendell Ridge of Max Peck & Associates be re-appointed as auditor". Carried.

Affiliation Fees: Moved Rob McGuire Seconded Paula Hadley "that affiliation fees for 2017-18 for adult members be increased by \$2.00 to \$74.00, that the affiliation fee for juniors be increased by \$2.00 to \$38.00, that the registration fee of \$50.00 per team remain unchanged and that entry fees for BTS Championships remain unchanged at \$10.00. Carried.

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Honorariums: Moved Rob McGuire Seconded Ailsa Milburn “that Honorariums and Allowances for 2017-18 remain unchanged as follows:

President Expense Allowance	\$600	
Deputy President Expense Allowance	\$300	
Secretary	\$10,000	
Executive Assistant	\$1,000	
Treasurer	\$3,000	
Statistician	\$5,000	
Assistant Statistician (Results)	\$500	
Match Committee (Chair +4)	\$1,200	
Green’s Advisory Committee	\$400	
Publicity Officer	\$250	
Coaching Panel Expenses (Chair + 2)	\$200	
Officiating Panel Expenses (Chair + 2)	\$600”	Carried

Equal Opportunity Tasmania and Thursday Pennant Finals: Equal Opportunity Tasmania has advised BTS that it has received a complaint claiming discrimination against male bowlers who only have one opportunity to compete in State Pennant Finals whereas women have the opportunity of competing in two State Pennant Finals. Equal Opportunity Tasmania has further advised that BTS is possibly in breach of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1988 (Tas.)* because of this. BTS has been given the opportunity to address this matter itself but risks having the matter referred to the Anti-Discrimination Tribunal whose decision will be mandatory for BTS to follow. It would appear that BTS may be in breach of the Act. The BTS Board submitted the following five options for consideration of Clubs:

- Change Saturday Pennant back to men only.
- Change Thursday Women’s Pennant to open gender.
- No longer participate in Bowls Tasmania Thursday State Pennant Finals.
- Retain the status quo and accept the decision of the Anti-Discrimination Tribunal.
- Limit all players to one state final per pennant season.

The BTS Board recommended to Clubs that they consider no longer participating in Bowls Tasmania Thursday State Pennant Finals.

Phil Hobbs advised that Sandy Bay was of the opinion that BTS should maintain the status quo and seek legal advice to defend its position with Equal Opportunity Tasmania.

Moved: Vere Ransley Seconded: Rod Cooper “that BTS advises Equal Opportunity Tasmania that it couldn’t reach agreement on this matter and ask Equal Opportunity Tasmania to rule on it”. This motion was withdrawn by the mover with the support of the seconder.

Moved: Kim Spencer Seconded: Shirley Hay “that BTS limit all players to one state final per pennant season” Lost

Clubs were then asked to vote to indicate their support for the five options presented to

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them. Clubs were requested to vote for one option only. The results were as follows:

- Change Saturday Pennant back to men only – 0 votes.
- Change Thursday Women’s Pennant to open gender – 13 votes.
- No longer participate in Bowls Tasmania Thursday State Pennant Finals – 17 votes.
- Retain the status quo and accept the decision of the Anti-Discrimination Tribunal – 2 votes.
- Limit all players to one state final per pennant season – 0 votes.

Accordingly the majority votes from Clubs supported the BTS Board recommendation that Clubs no longer participate in Bowls Tasmania Thursday State Pennant Finals.

Minimum Eligibility Games Requirement for Pennant Finals: The BTS Board sought input from Clubs on how many games, if any, Clubs want built into Conditions of Play 3.23 (c) for 2017-18. Current BTS Conditions of Play 3.23 (c) provides the following eligibility requirements to play in Pennant finals:

No one shall play in finals of Pennant for a Club in a competition unless they have played at least six completed roster games in that competition during the season in any of the divisions except in exceptional circumstances (confined only to a medical condition) approved by the Chair of the BTS Match Committee.

Moved: Rod Cooper Seconded: Craig Griggs “that Condition 3.23(c) be amended to read as follows in 2017-18:

No one shall play in finals of Pennant for a Club in a competition unless they have played at least six completed games for that Club in that competition and have played in that division except in exceptional circumstances as approved by the BTS President or his delegate.”

Amendment Moved: Jenny Whitworth Seconded: Kim Spencer “that “six” be changed to “four: and the words “at least one game” be added before the words “in that division””.

Lost

Amendment Moved: Leigh McAdam Seconded: Ken Parish “that the words “at least one game” be added before the words “in that division””.

Lost

The original motion was put and was:

Carried

Format of Midweek Pennant 2017-18: The BTS Board sought input from Clubs on the format of Midweek Pennant for 2017-18. There is an argument that Wednesday Midweek Pennant is more of a social pennant than not and the main reason for that argument is that BTS Conditions of Play require that each rink for Midweek Pennant contain at least two B Grade players in it. The following options were submitted to Clubs for their consideration:

- Retain the status quo with the requirement that each rink contain at least two B Grade players in it.
- Remove this requirement and allow Clubs to select teams on merit.

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Moved: Leigh McAdam Seconded: Ike Smith “to retain the status quo on the format for Midweek Pennant for 2017-18”. Carried

Appointment of Office Bearers:

- President: 1 nomination – Peter Kirby
- Deputy President: 1 nomination – Shirley Hay
- Secretary: 1 nomination – Rob McGuire
- Treasurer: 1 nomination – Tony Fulton
- Executive Assistant: 1 nomination – Paul Hoddy
- Female Board members: 2 nominations – Paula Hadley and Ailsa Milburn.

All the above nominations were elected unopposed.

Male Board members: 3 nominations for 2 positions – Ken Copleman, Malcolm Salier and Craig Triffitt. President Peter Kirby appointed Patron and Life Member Joan Middleton as Returning Officer and Life Member Neil Clark as Scrutineer. Ken Copleman and Malcolm Salier were duly elected to the Board. Moved: Ike Smith Seconded: Ailsa Milburn “that the ballot papers be destroyed”. Carried

The Annual General Meeting was then closed at 3.30 pm and President Peter Kirby invited members to participate in a post meeting discussion.

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Matter discussed at post meeting discussion chaired by President Peter Kirby:

Bowls Premier League Cup: Simon Morrison, Bowls Australia's Regional Bowls Manager (Tasmania) spoke on the inaugural Bowls Premier League (BPL) Cup which commences in July 2017. Over the past four years, Bowls Australia has successfully staged five Bowls Premier League events and in late 2014 launched Jack Attack, a national participation program. The creation of the BPL Cup is an initiative to help to marry the two products together to strengthen the correlation between the bowls that viewers see on television and the format of bowls that is offered at local clubs. The BPL Cup will target existing registered bowlers (full or social bowlers) and provide them with a new competition format that will complement the other formats of the sport. The BPL Cup will provide an opportunity for club based teams to progress through various stages to a national final which will be played as part of the BPL06 competition in November, 2017.

The competition format will be two bowl triples and will follow the same rules as the BPL competition. The Southern Tasmanian competition will be staged at the Howrah Indoor Centre in July 2017 with winners to progress through to a state final. The victorious team from each state will then be invited to Club Pine Rivers in Brisbane to play off in the national final, with the victorious team to be crowned the National BPL Cup champions.

Cost is \$50 per team (of three players who must all be from the same Club). \$10 per team will be paid to all host clubs and all food and beverage sales will be retained by the host clubs. All entrants will be responsible for their own costs to attend the local and state finals with Bowls Australia covering travel and accommodation costs to attend the national final.

Peter Kirby thanked Beltana for the use of their Club for the meeting. He also thanked everyone for attending and wished them all the best for the coming season.

Meeting closed at 3.40 pm.

