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MINUTES OF THE MENS DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT THE SORELL BOWLS CLUB COMMENCING AT 3.00 PM ON MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2013.

Welcome: President Trevor Quilliam welcomed all delegates.

Apologies: Apologies were received from the Franklin and Geeveston Bowls Clubs.

Attendance: The meeting was attended by delegates representing the following 20 clubs: Beltana, Berriedale, Bruny, Buckingham, Claremont, Cremorne, Derwent City, Glenorchy Rodman, Glenorchy RSL, Howrah, Huonville, Kingborough, New Norfolk, Oatlands, Orford, Rosny Park, Royal Hobart, Sandy Bay, St Johns Park and Tarooma. A further 4 interested men attended the meeting. BTS Board members Trevor Quilliam, Neil Clark, Ross Bannister and Rob McGuire also attended.

Minutes: Moved Buckingham Seconded Royal Hobart that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2012 be confirmed subject to the following changes being made to them:

- Royal Hobart was represented at the meeting.
- In the section "Beltana Bowls Club's Lightning Premiership", Ken Austin should read Ken Copleman.

Carried

Business arising:

Use of "Players" rather than "Substitutes" in Conditions of Play:

At the last meeting, Phil Hobbs (Sandy Bay) queried the use of the word "substitutes" in Conditions of Play. He believed the word "players" should be used instead. The BTS Umpires Panel argued against the change so it didn't happen.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Match Committee:

As per the attached report.

Coaches:

As per the attached report.

Love this bowls

Umpires:

As per the attached report.

Selection Committee:

Grant Allford advised that for the final round of Statewide Pennant on 3 March the selectors picked a squad of twenty to train at Sandy Bay. The final twelve will be announced at the final training session on Tuesday 26 February 2013. The selectors included in the squad those players who had excelled in southern championship events. Selection was also based on consolidating a group of players for next season. While the southern side has not enjoyed much success at the Statewide Pennant, the philosophy of rewarding performance and providing opportunities for young players to showcase their skills in front of the State selectors is starting to pay off with improved performances.

MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE BTS BOARD:

Bowls Tasmania Review of Pennant Structure for 2013-14:

The Board of Bowls Tasmania passed the following motions at its meeting on 17 December 2012:

- It is the policy of Bowls Tasmania that pennant be non-gender specific starting season 2013-14.
- That the top pennant division in all regions go to 12 a side starting from season 2013-14.
- That pennant will not be played on or after the 18th December for a 3 week period starting season 2013-14.

As a result, Bowls Tasmania South contacted Bowls Tasmania advising that Bowls Tasmania South was concerned at the implications of the directive and sought further information on the proposed restructure of pennant lawn bowls in Tasmania. Information requested was to include:

- Is this a directive from Bowls Australia?
- What is the driving force behind the directive?
- Justification for the directive – why was it made, who and what does it apply to, what are the implications?
- Clarification on how the directive will be implemented?

Bowls Tasmania has subsequently provided the following information to BTS:

Bowls Australia

This is not a directive from Bowls Australia (BA) but BA supports the move.

Anti-Discrimination Legislation

This is not being introduced because of current anti-discrimination legislation. Section 29 of Tasmania's Anti-Discrimination Act 1998 provides that:

"A person may discriminate against another person in a competitive sporting activity by restricting participation to persons of one gender of 12 years of age or more."

However, whilst discrimination on the grounds of gender is currently permitted in Tasmania, this legislation could change in the future.

Non-Gender Specific Pennant

All pennant, organised by the Regional Authorities, that culminate in a state final under the control of Bowls Tasmania are subject to this policy. All other competitions organised by the Regional Authorities (i.e. Midweek, Mixed or Ladies Saturday competitions) that do not culminate in a state final are not subject to this policy and may at the discretion of the Regional Authority be gender specific.

This policy applies to pennant only and does not apply to club or regional championships. All representative sides will remain gender specific.

It is believed this will improve the standard of bowls for both genders and generate greater competitiveness in pennant and representative sides. It will allow students, both male and female, and maybe together, to play bowls in a competition with minimal risk of injury that could affect their studies and accommodate greater social inclusion at club level. It is hoped it will assist in the conversion of social/bare foot/corporate bowlers into pennant play, with the ability, if so desired, to play together. It will eliminate the need for forfeits and playing short in lower divisions giving assurance of a game to those divisional players.

Bowls Tasmania is not directing that we must have women playing in Saturday pennant or men playing in Thursday pennant. Similarly Bowls Tasmania does not have a quota system re gender. It will be up to Clubs to decide on who plays where. It is up to Clubs to manage their own playing lists. For example, instead of having to fill a vacancy from a lower division on a Saturday, Clubs could bring in a woman to fill the vacancy.

Bowls Tasmania will not interfere with any Club decision not to pick a woman or a man for a pennant side.

The biggest driving force for the Bowls Tasmania decision is to encourage both men and women to play in the lower divisions on a Saturday.

There could well be some competition protection measures introduced to ensure that individual pennants remain competitive and viable. For example it probably wouldn't be fair to allow Division 1 men to play Division 4 on Thursday or Division 1 Thursday players to play Division 5 on Saturday.

Bowls Tasmania acknowledge that there are some downsides – some men have indicated that they will stop playing if they have to play with and against women and some women have also indicated that they will stop playing if they have to play with and against men.

12 a Side in the top pennant division

This directive was a result of a compromise - initially more divisions were sought to be twelve a side.

It is believed that the level of competition will be stronger.

It is believed that it will in fact improve junior development (contrary to some belief) by the next level down having four strong players for the juniors to develop and learn from.

There is an argument that fewer players will have the opportunity to play "A grade". Regional Authorities have the discretion to determine what Division will be "A Grade".

Bowls Tasmania is trying to implement a product that could enable the top four Division 1 sides (or similar) in each region to participate in an inter-region challenge and with a product that sponsorship could be sought to assist in the funding of it (without such a product sponsorship is more difficult to secure). This is further down the track and will not happen in 2013-14.

12 a side will certainly benefit smaller clubs who can then fit two Divisions on the one green.

This decision will be reviewed in twelve months to determine if will be continued with or not or if it should be cascaded down into other divisions.

There are only two groups of players in Tasmania that currently play 16 a side – BTS Saturday Men's and NWBA Saturday Men's.

State Finals

This year will be played as usual – with sixteen players. However, Bowls Tasmania could decide in future years decide that it will be 12 a side.

Christmas Break

No pennant will be permitted for a minimum 3 weeks after 18 December to enable bowlers and Clubs to plan their Christmas break, schedule tournaments etc. This is mandatory, with the Regional Authorities having the discretion to extend this period either side of the mandatory dates.

This will enable all bowlers to have a predetermined break over the Christmas period should they wish, and to allow all clubs to plan their own days as they see fit.

Other Matters

BT has decided not to force Regional Authorities to change to 21 ends, nor will they have to reduce divisions to 8 teams, nor will they have to start play at 12.30pm. All these decisions can be decided individually by each Regional Authority.

A general question and answer session followed.

The Secretary advised of the following course of action:

- The BTS Board will consider the Bowls Tasmania directive at its meeting on 18 March 2013.
- Information on the Bowls Tasmania directive will then be forwarded to all Clubs for their consideration and response to BTS.

Champion of Champions 2013-14:

Clubs were reminded that entries for the Men's Singles and Pairs Champion of Champion 2013-14 events close on 28 February 2013.

Perpetual Trophies:

The Secretary requested that Clubs and individuals holding BTS perpetual trophies return them to Bowls Tasmania South or the Hobart Bowls Centre by the end of March 2013.

BTS Presentation Night:

The BTS Presentation Night will be held at the Rosny Park Bowls Club on Monday 15 April 2013.

BTS Annual General Meeting:

The BTS Annual General Meeting will be held at the Beltana Bowls Club on Sunday 26 May 2013.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Rostering of Home Games:

Dennis Edwards from Rosny Park requested that the BTS Match Committee try and evenly spread Clubs teams when preparing the roster next year to ensure an equal number of teams play at home and away.

Greens:

Dennis Menzie from Claremont congratulated greenkeepers for keeping their greens as good as they are given the very dry summer that we have experienced this season. Ken Copleman from Beltana suggested that, if requested to do so, bigger clubs could help smaller clubs with advice on how to maintain their greens.

As there was no further business the President closed the meeting at 3.50 pm, thanked all delegates for their attendance and participation and thanked the Buckingham Bowls Club for making its facilities available for the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: To be advised.

BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH – MEN’S MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT **EVENTS 2012-13**

OPEN TRIPLES

30 TEAMS ENTERED.

GREENS USAGE: DAY 1: ROSNY PARK – ONE GREEN. DERWENT CITY – ONE GREEN

DAY 2. ROSNY PARK ONE GREEN.

WINNERS: GARRY DAVIS, DALE MAUNDRILL, MIKE WILKIE

RUNNERS-UP: CHRIS ILES, ANDREW CHAMBERLAIN, NICK COURTO

BEATEN SEMIFINALISTS: JOHN OATES, ALEX STANELOS, TONY CLARK TONY HACK, WAYNE LAMPKIN,
GENE AYTON

BEATEN QUARTERFINALISTS: BRAD MABB, ALEX ELWELL, BEN DAYTON ... MICHAEL RANKIN, ROSS
BANNISTER, PETER BANNISTER ... LUKE TURNER, GRANT DUDMAN, DAVID DOUCE ... GRED SANDFORD,
STEVE MIDSON, TONY VINCE.

B GRADE TRIPLES:

11 TEAMS ENTERED

GREENS USEAGE: DAY 1 – ROSNY PARK 1 GREEN

DAY 2 – ROSNY PARK 1 GREEN.

WINNERS: CHARLES FYSH, GEORGE KOVACS, ROB STRINGER

RUNNERS-UP GEOFF PRICE, CHARLIE SMITH, JIM BEADLE

BEATEN SEMIFINALISTS: WILL COAD, ROBERT DAVIES, GREG COAD ... DANNY LOCKLEY, MARK KAYE, JACK
BRICKNELL.

BEATEN QUARTER FINALISTS: JIM RODGERS, GREG COLLINS, JOHN NICHOLS ... MAX BANKS, STUART
TRAILL, MIKE CAWTHORN ... DOUG NICHOLS, ROBIN WILKINSON, RAY McDONALD ... G JONES, G EYRES, P
MARTIN..

OPEN FOURS

17 TEAMS ENTERED

GREENS USEAGE: DAY 1 – BUCKINGHAM 2 GREENS

DAY 2 – BUCKINGHAM 1 GREEN

WINNERS: GRANT CHAMBERLAIN, ROSS BROKATE, MICK SWEENEY, GENE AYTON

RUNNERS-UP: CHRIS ILES, STEVE GRAF, ANDREW CHAMBERLAIN, ROBERT McMULLEN

BEATEN SEMIFINALISTS: KENT HERNE, TOM O'BRIEN. ALEX ELWELL, LIAHM O'BRIEN... MICHAEL RANKIN, GRANT DUDMAN, TROSS BANNISTER, PETER BANNISTER

BEATEN QUARTER FINALISTS: GRAHAM TREWEEK, MICK COPPLEMAN, SHANE YOUNG, MICK DANIELS.

B GRADE FOURS

8 TEAMS ENTERED

GREENS USEAGE: DAY 1 – GLENORCHY RODMAN – 1 GREEN

DAY 2 – BUCKINGHAM 1 GREEN

WINNERS: CLIVE GREENOUGH, TIM MORGAN, JOHN CATT, DANIEL ELLIOTT

RUNNERS-UP: RAY SMEDLEY, CHRIS FOALE, RAY McDONALD, PETER KEMP

BEATEN SEMIFINALISTS: M COOK, D BRIGGS, G TRIFFITT, NEVILLE WIGG... STUART POTTER, STEVE POTTER, DENNIS LOUREY, JOHN HADLEY.

BEATEN QUARTER FINALISTS: BILL MORRISON, CHARLIE FYSH, JOHN MILLHOUSE, GRAEME SMITH ... P CAREY, MAX BANKS, ALAN BARNES, TONY RILEY ... DANNY LOCKLEY, SCOTT SHEARING, M KAYE, JACK BRICKNELL... MAURICE GEARD, JOHN DINELEY, PHIL BARRATT, KEVIN FRAZER.

OPEN PAIRS:

39 TEAMS ENTERED – (ONE WITHDRAWN DUE TO BUSH FIRES – REPLACED)

ONE NO-SHOW (NICK ELLIS/BILL BUTLER – RP)

GREENS USEAGE: DAY 1 – BUCKINGHAM 3 GREENS – GLENORCHY RODMAN 1 GREEN

DAY 2 – GLENORCHY RODMAN 1 GREEN

DAY 3 – BUCKINGHAM 1 GREEN

WINNERS: CAMERON TEGG/ROB McMULLEN

RUNNERS-UP: TONY CLARK/MARK WATTERSON

BEATEN SEMIFINALISTS: KEYGAN BOOTH/BEN DAYTON, LIAHM O'BRIEN/ALEX ELWELL

BATEN QUARTER FINALISTS: JACK ELLIS/BRETT ELLIS, JOSH MABB/ANDREW CHAMBERLAIN, PETER McCOULL/ALEX McCOULL, TONY VERRIER/CRAIG CRIGGS

NOTE: THREE "EIGHTS" WERE SCORED DURING THIS COMPETITION: BEN DAYTON/KEYGAN BOOTH AND L O'BRIEN/A ELWELL DURING SECTIONAL PLAY. L O'BRIEN AND A ELWELL ALSO SCORED AN EIGHT ON THE LAST END OF THEIR QUARTER FINAL.

B GRADE PAIRS:

23 PAIRS ENTERED (ONE WITHDRAWN DUE TO BUSHFIRES)

GREENS USEAGE: DAY 1 – DERWENT CITY – 2 GREENS

DAY 2 - GLENORCHY RODMAN 1 GREEN

DAY 3 – BUCKINGHAM 1 GREEN.

WINNERS: GREG COAD/ROBERT DAVIES

RUNNERS-UP: ROB STRINGER/CHARLIE FYSH

BEATEN SEMIFINALISTS: G GARROTT/D PEGG, M MENZIE/G MENZIE

BEATEN QUARTER FINALISTS: J CATT/C GREENOUGH, G HINDLEY/S MACKENLAY.

OPEN SINGLES:

51 ENTRIES (SEVERAL WITHDRAWALS AND ONE NO-SHOW KEVIN BOWKETT) ON DAY ONE AT GLENORCHY RODMAN TWO PLAYERS, SCOTT DAVIE AND ROB McMULLEN LEFT WITHOUT ADVISING THE MATCH MANAGER AND WERE UNAVAILABLE TO MARK THE NEXT GAME

GREENS USEAGE: DAY 1 – ROSNY PARK 2 GREENS --- GLENORCHY RODMAN – 2 GREENS --- SANDY BAY 2 GREENS

DAY 2 – ROSNY PARK ONE GREEN

WINNER: TOM O'BRIEN

RUNNER UP: ALEX ELWELL

BEATEN SEMI FINALISTS: MICK SWEENEY – ROSS BANNISTER

BEATEN QUARTER FINALISTS SCOTT BOOTH – CRAIG BISHOP – KENT HERNE – BOB SMITH

B GRADE SINGLES:

16 ENTRIES (ONE WITHDRAWAL)

GREENS USEAGE: DAY 1 – ROSNY PARK ONE GREEN

DAY 2 – ROSNY PARK ONE GREEN.

WINNER: ROB STRINGER

RUNNER UP: DARREN BEATTIE

BEATEN SEMI FINALISTS J VOSS – G KOVACS

BEATEN QUARTER FINALISTS GRAEME ALLEN – NEIL WINTHROP – P RAYNOR – E JESENKOVIC

Men's Delegate Southern Coach's Report for Monday 25th February 2013

There has been no coaches accreditations courses held in the south since last year due to Bowls Tasmania wanting seven or more people to do the course at the one time so the last three scheduled courses has been cancelled. Coach's accreditation courses will now be scheduled for the start and at the end of the bowling seasons.

The first Sunday of each month that is starting in May then June, July, August and September 2013 there is men's coaching sessions being held at Beltana Bowls Club from 9 am to 12 noon. The ladies will also have coaching sessions on the same day from 12 noon to 3 pm, please take this information back to your clubs and let your members know a notice will be sent to all club secretaries for their club notice board.

The second Sunday in each month there will be a junior clinic at Beltana Bowls Club from 12 noon to 3 pm. If you have juniors at your club you can also let them know. On behalf of the Southern Coaches Committee we would like to thank Beltana Bowls Club for allowing us to use their synthetic bowling green once again this coming winter.

The southern coaches held a work shop on Sunday 24th February at Derwent City Bowls Club with seventeen coaches attending who shared ideas and pass on coaching tips to each other.

If any club would like coaching courses conducted at their club please give Ross Bannister a phone call on 0439629831 to arrange dates, eight southern clubs had requested courses this season.

The Southern Coaches Committee is looking for a person with a teaching or business background that would like to be a Presenter and Assessor to conduct coaching accreditation courses in the south. This position would be through Bowls Tasmania and Bowls Australia and is a voluntary position. If you know of somebody who would be able to take on this job please let Bowls South know.

Ross Bannister
President Southern Coaches Committee

Bowls Tasmania South **Umpires Panel**

REPORT FOR BTS DELEGATES MEETINGS HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2013.

The 2012/13 season has been a very busy time for the Southern Panel. The Panel has met on five occasions and has dealt with routine matters, planning reaccreditation courses and the preseason umpires forum, interpretation and application of the Laws of the Game, Conditions of Play for various events and Bowls Australia and Bowls Tasmania policy matters. In addition to the meetings Panel members regularly got together to review and refine training procedures and update training materials.

In early October 2012 the Panel conducted a very successful preseason forum for Umpires and Side Captains. This was the first time a combined forum has been held and 41 Umpires, 26 Side Captains and 8 Observers attended.

The State Umpires Panel has been restructured and Max Barry has been appointed Chair and Trevor Govey as a member. In addition Suzi Rogers has been appointed as Secretary which is a nonvoting position.

In October five Level 2 Umpires officiated at the National Junior Championships in Launceston. Three Panel members also officiated at the Vic/Tas French/Holbrook event in Devonport in December.

The Panel conducted two Level 1 reaccreditation programs with 14 umpires successfully reaccrediting. One Level 2 Umpire has successfully accredited. Unfortunately several Umpires have resigned due to health issues and others opted not to reaccredit.

There are approximately 50 level 1 reaccreditations due in 2013. A course commenced yesterday and the Panel plans to run another 2 courses by the end of May. Because of the numbers for reaccreditation the Panel has decided to defer conducting a new Level 1 Umpires course until September. There are also 8 of our Level 2 umpires due for reaccreditation in 2013 and planning for this underway.

The Active Umpire's data base has been updated and the current listing placed on the Umpires section of BTS web site.

Several issues have been reported from Pennant games and at the request of BTS the Panel provided appropriate comments to enable these issues to be settled. There is one issue that is still causing problems in the Midweek Pennant Competition. This issue involves placing the Jack and not adhering to Law 23 which deals with the "improper delivery of the jack". The BTS Conditions of Play apply to Midweek bowls and require in Condition 1.1 that conducting of such competitions must conform to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

BTS Umpires Panel

25 February 2013