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President: Trevor Quilliam

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Bowls Tasmania South, held at Beltana Bowls Club commencing at 2.00pm on Sunday 26th May 2013.

Welcome: The President, Trevor Quilliam, welcomed members to the meeting, especially Life Member Cath Smith, and advised that a quorum was present. The President also passed on the condolences from Bowls Tasmania South to Deputy President, Ailsa Milburn, on the recent passing of her husband, Charlie.

Attendance and Apologies: There were 30 delegates from 19 clubs and 28 others in attendance. Apologies were received from St John's Park, Ross Bannister, John Dineley, Trevor Govey, Roger Harvey, Tony Kerrison, Doug Lowe, John McKibben, Mary Rappl, Suzy Rogers and Derek Venn.

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 and SGM: Moved by Max Barry Seconded by Robert Davies that the minutes of the AGM held on the 20th May 2012, as circulated, be accepted as read and confirmed. Carried.

Moved by Neil Clark Seconded by Michael Excell that the minutes of the SGM held on the 17th June 2012, as circulated, be accepted as read and confirmed. Carried.

Business arising from AGM and SGM:

Constitution: Changes to the Constitution as passed at the last AGM have been made to the BTS Constitution.

Changes to playing conditions for Pennant for 2012-13: An SGM was held on 17th June 2012 to discuss the proposed changes to playing conditions for Pennant for the 2012-13 season. At the SGM the proposed changes were rejected by Clubs and the existing Pennant format was retained.

Reports: Moved Bev Gillie Seconded Neil Clark that the Annual Report and Financial Report be received and open for discussion. Carried

Annual Report: The President, Trevor Quilliam, read parts of his report, as published within the Annual Report, and expanded on some points. Moved Ike Smith Seconded Jan Booth that the Annual Report be adopted. Carried.

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Financial Report: The Treasurer, Tony Fulton, read his report and formally moved that the financial statements be received subject to changing the amount shown in the Statement of Financial Position – Other Equipment from \$33,850 to \$3.385.
Seconded: Max Berry. Carried.

Recommendations from the Board:

Appointment of Auditor: The Treasurer, Tony Fulton, recommended that Rendell Ridge of Max Peck & Associates be appointed. Seconded Chris Lee. Carried.

Affiliation Fees: Tony Fulton moved that affiliation fees for adult members be increased by \$3.00, that no changes be made to junior affiliation fees (\$30.00), that the registration fee of \$50.00 per team remain unchanged and that no changes be made to entry fees for BTS Championships (\$8.00). Seconded: Doug Cole. Carried.

Appointment of Office Bearers:

President: 1 nomination – Trevor Quilliam
Deputy President: 1 nomination – Ailsa Milburn
Secretary: 1 nomination – Rob McGuire
Executive Assistant: 1 nomination – Paul Hoddy
Treasurer: 1 nomination – Tony Fulton
Board members: 4 nominations - Grant Allford, Shirley Hay, Jan Booth and Michael Eiszele

The AGM was then closed at 2.20pm and President Trevor Quilliam invited members to participate in the post meeting discussion.

Matters discussed at post meeting discussion:

Non-Gender Specific Pennant:

In answer to a question from Bernard Knight, the President advised that no response had been received from Bowls Tasmania on the decision of Bowls Tasmania South not to implement the directions from Bowls Tasmania in regard to non-gender specific pennant. Bernard is strongly in favour of non-gender specific pennant and urged Bowls Tasmania South to reconsider its decision.

Phil Hobbs wanted to know what is being done to increase member participation. He suggested that the move to non-gender specific would have helped remove current restrictions and increase participation particularly from social bowlers. He also suggested that increased flexibility with registrations for each Club's lowest team – perhaps by striking a team registration fee rather than individual member registration fees - may help attract new bowlers.

Chris Lee spoke in support of non-gender specific bowls and outlined the positives of its introduction. He urged Clubs and the Bowls Tasmania South Board to push for its introduction for Saturday Pennant.



John Hadley suggested that the introduction of a Women's Saturday Pennant is a retrograde step. The introduction of non-gender specific pennant is the way to go.

Doug Cole spoke in support of the current Mixed Saturday Pennant and thinks that the North and North West should also run a Mixed Pennant competition on Saturday's. Doug further suggested that and women State players should be able to play in Men's Saturday Pennant.

New Website

Robert Davies sought more information on the new website being introduced by Bowls Australia. Tony Fulton advised that Bowls Tasmania has to pay an annual fee for this but he doesn't believe any costs have to be met by Club's, however, no further information is available at present.

Juniors Report:

Tom O'Brien recommended that a report on Junior activities should be included in future Annual Reports.

Women's Development Squad:

Rosie Geeves expressed her disappointment at the decision to scrap the Women's Development Squad from Statewide Pennant in 2013-14.

Under 25 Competition:

Tom O'Brien urged Bowls Tasmania South to push for the introduction of a State Under 25 Competition. Every other State has an Under 25 Squad.

Southern Bowls Tasmania Directors:

Bernard Knight queried why Bowls Tasmania South had appointed two new Bowls Tasmania Directors which he thought was contrary to the Bowls Tasmania Constitution. The Secretary, Rob McGuire, advised that Bowls Tasmania South, at the request of Bowls Tasmania, had sought expressions of interest from Clubs for both positions. As only one nomination was received for each position there was no election necessary and both were appointed. If an election had been necessary it would have been Clubs who voted on who they wanted as their Director – Bowls Tasmania South would have had no say in the appointments.

Saturday Pennant:

In answer to a question from John Hadley, Trevor Quilliam advised that Men's Division One will remain at 16-a-side and that all Divisions except the lowest would remain at 10 teams. Bowls Tasmania South will consider reducing the number of players in each side for the lowest divisions if that will help Clubs.

Trevor Quilliam 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 2.55pm.

