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Minutes of the Board meeting held at the North Hobart Bowls Club on Tuesday 27 August 2019 commencing at 4.30pm.

Present: Peter Kirby (President), Ross Bannister, Ken Copleman, Tony Fulton, Paul Hoddy and Rob McGuire.

Observer: Bernard Knight (Bowls Tasmania Director).

Apologies: Deputy President Pat Zapotocky, Ailsa Milburn, Leonie Price, Malcolm Salier and Lyn Triffitt.

Minutes: Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Ken Copleman "that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2019 be confirmed." Carried

Matters Arising:

Sponsorship 2017-18 and beyond

At its meeting in June 2018 the BTS Board agreed that this matter should remain on the agendas for future Board meetings. The Secretary has advertised for a potential score card sponsor on Facebook and Robert Winterbottom has arranged a one-year sponsorship deal with his employer Typeface. Lyn Triffitt has also contacted another possible sponsor for BTS.

Royal Hobart discussion paper on why we are losing bowlers

At its January 2019 meeting, the BTS Board considered a submission from Royal Hobart on why we are losing membership numbers. It was agreed to circulate the discussion paper to Clubs and to discuss this matter at the March 2019 Delegates Meeting. Robust discussion took place at the Delegates Meeting on this matter with a number of suggestions put forward on how to address the issue. The BTS Board has agreed on a number of proposed outcomes. Clubs have been advised of the outcomes together with detailed reasons for the actions to be taken.

Equal Opportunity Tasmania (EOT)

BTS has responded to the complaint from Chris Martin claiming that he does not have the same participation rights as female bowlers in that he can only play in Huonville's Women's Division 5 team and is unable to fill in in its Women's Division 2 team. The President and Secretary attended the EOT conciliation meeting on 21 May 2019 where Chris Martin verbally agreed to withdraw the complaint. This has now been ratified in writing by EOT.

Vacancies – Match Committees, Selectors, Coaches, Managers and Greens Advisory Committee

The following vacancies have been advertised to Clubs and on the BTS Facebook page:

- Open Men's Selector (1).
- Senior Men's Selectors (2).
- Senior Women's Selector (1).
- Managers for Men's Open, Men's Seniors and Women's Seniors teams.
- Greens Advisory Committee (2).

No further expressions of interest have been received to date for the above positions. It was agreed to re-advertise the remaining outstanding vacant positions.

Glenorchy RSL Green

The Glenorchy RSL Club is in the hands of the administrators who have advised that the premises will be sold. The Glenorchy RSL Bowls Club is located in the main on land owned by the Glenorchy City Council and the Club would like to continue on as a social bowls club. There are a lot of issues to sort out and the bowls club is currently closed. The BTS Board has been asked to assist the bowls club in preparing a draft budget to determine if it is financially viable for the Club to continue to exist at its existing home. It was agreed to assist as requested. Glenorchy Rodman has now advised that its lower division Saturday Pennant games which were to have been played at Glenorchy RSL will now be played at Buckingham.

Premier Division Study

At its last meeting, the BTS Board agreed to a Premier Division proposal submitted by John McKibben provided that the study is undertaken in accordance with terms and conditions determined by the BTS Board and is in line with proposed BT and BTS decisions going forward. John McKibben was not aware of the pennant changes being proposed by the BTS Board and, when made aware of them, has advised that he will not proceed with the study.

Thursday Division Four Vacancies

There is currently a vacancy in Women's Division Four – there were only nine teams in Division Four last season due to a late withdrawal. In addition Huonville who finished on top of Division Five last season initially sought dispensation to refuse promotion to Division Four but then advised that it will accept promotion but may need to use some additional men. Glenorchy City and Geeveston have both accepted promotion to Division 4, however, Geeveston subsequently advised that it was unsure if it will have numbers for Division 4 and will advise by end of June 2019 accordingly else it will stay in Division 5. At its meeting in June 2019, the BTS Board agreed to defer any decisions on promotion to Division 4 until closer to the commencement of the season.

Bowls Tasmania Handbook

Verbal advice has been received from Bowls Tasmania that it will not be producing a printed Bowls Tasmania Handbook for 2019-20. The Handbook will be produced in an electronic format which will be placed on the BT and BTS website and which will be updated on a regular basis throughout the year.

Conditions of Play 2019-20

The BTS Conditions of Play Committee has prepared a draft Conditions of Play for 2019-20 which were circulated to the BTS Board prior to the Board meeting. Moved: Ken Copleman Seconded: Tony Fulton "that the Conditions of Play for 2019-20 be adopted and circulated to Clubs". Carried

Correspondence:**Inwards:**

Bowls Tasmania President – Handbook – Refer Matters Arising above.

Paul Huddy – Suggestions re BTS Future Plans. Moved: Ross Bannister: Seconded: Ken Copleman "that Midweek Pennant results be included in the Fitzgerald Trophy starting in 2019-20". Carried

Bowls Tasmania – Bowls South men's director position has been filled by Bernard Knight – Noted.

John McKibben – Withdrawing his offer re Premier Division proposal – Refer Matters Arising above.

Equal Opportunity Tasmania – Chris Martin has withdrawn his complaint –Refer Matters Arising above.

Bowls Tasmania – Annual Try Bowls Day Sunday 6 October 2019 - Noted.

Glenorchy City – Several questions re promotions and relegations under BTS Future Plans. It was agreed that if a club is relegated under the proposal to reduce divisions to eight teams and such relegation results in two teams from a club being in the same division then the lower of the two teams will be relegated to the next division. If such a scenario occurs then the highest placed team that had been relegated to the division below would be reinstated.

Beltana – Ken Copleman - Noted.

Howrah – BTS Future Plans - Noted.

Bowls North West – Advertising Brochure – It was agreed to circulate the brochure to Board Members and reconsider this matter at the next Board meeting.

Dover RSL – Request for extra team in Saturday Pennant – It was agreed that any extra Dover RSL team entered in Saturday Pennant must start in Division 7 unless there is a vacancy in a higher division. Women Division 1 players are permitted to play in Dover RSL's Division 7 team provided that players are selected on ability and merit.

Paul Hoddy – Bowls Link Training – Scheduled to be held on 9 and 10 September 2019 at Glenorchy City, Kingborough and Rosny Park and will be confirmed by Bowls Tasmania ASAP.

Claremont – BTS Future Plans - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Positions Vacant – Board, Selectors and Senior Team Manager - Noted.

Sorell – Pennant Changes – Noted.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Reminder information for Bowls Tasmania Handbook, Strategic Plan, Expressions of Interest - Selectors, Managers and the Greens Advisory Committee, Member Protection Information Officer information, Board Meeting Minutes June 2019, Future Plans, Defibrillator Grants.

Bowls Tasmania – Clearance Application Paul Williamson, Interstate Pennant Declarations – Bill Eather, Michael Eiszele, Geoff Maughan and Sue Mann, Bowls Tasmania Handbook.

Graham Family Funerals – Sponsorship proposal.

Margaret Cornish and Rosie Geeves – Appointment to Match Committee.

Ricky Maughan – Appointment as Open Men's Selector and Southern Junior Coach and Selector.

Rosie Geeves – Appointment as Open Women's Manager.

Margaret Cornish – Appointment as Southern Juniors Manager.

Nicole Maughan – Unsuccessful expression of interest as Southern Juniors Manager.

Ken Copleman – Appointment as Co-Ordinator Greens Advisory Committee.

Glenorchy Rodman – Agree to use Glenorchy RSL green until December 2019 subject to satisfactory inspection of green before the start of pennant.

John McKibben – Approval to undertake Premier Division survey.

Huonville – Defer decision re promotion to Women's Pennant Division 4 until closer to the commencement of the season.

Doug Cole – Dumping of bowls.

Glenorchy City and Geeveston - Defer decision re promotion to Women's Pennant Division 4 until closer to the commencement of the season.

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Paul Hoddy “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: Ken Copleman “that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and that accounts paid be approved”. Carried

Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Ross Bannister “that, barring unforeseen circumstances in the trial period, BTS change to the Reckon One Accounting Package”. Carried

Clearances:

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Paul Hoddy “that the following interstate clearances be approved and the intrastate clearances be noted:

- Teresa Direen – Cygnet to Claremont.
- Stewart Edwards – Glenorchy City to Cremorne.
- Wayne Ehrlich – Tarragindi (Queensland) to Claremont.
- Christopher Elwell – Beltana to Rosny Park.
- Mark Gale – Ballina (NSW) to Brighton.
- John Iles – Brighton to Kingborough.
- Chris Martyn – Bruny to Orford.
- Jenny Martyn – Bruny to Orford.
- Grant McCormack – Howrah to Rosny Park.
- Raymond Priest – Beltana to OPEN.
- Terrence Russell – Brighton to Claremont.
- Roderick Sellers – Rosny Park to North Hobart.
- Gary Smith – Glenorchy Rodman to Claremont.
- Craig Triffitt – New Norfolk to Brighton.
- Ross Wakefield – Beltana to Sorell.
- Paul Williamson – Beltana to Leopold (Victoria).”

Carried

Match Committee:

Nothing to report.

Officiating Panel:

Nothing to report.

Coaches Panel:

Ross Bannister advised that the final of the Winter Coaching Sessions will be held at the Howrah Indoor Centre on 1 September 2019. Ross undertook to advertise the coaching session on the BTS Facebook page.

Selectors:

Nothing to report.

General Business:Rosters for 2018-19

The Secretary advised that he has prepared draft rosters but is concerned about releasing them as there are still many unknowns in the lower divisions. If changes are made by Clubs in lower divisions, BTS may need to change rosters in other divisions and that is difficult if rosters have been released. It was agreed to release draft rosters and point out that they are draft only and are subject to change. Commencement dates have already been announced, breaks for Christmas and finals dates are all on the BTS website.

Next Delegates Meeting:

It was agreed to call for expressions of interest from Clubs interested in hosting the next Delegates Meeting which will be held at 1pm on Monday 7 October 2019.

Opening Day:

It was agreed to call for expressions of interest from Clubs interested in hosting the 2019 Opening Day be held on Monday 14 October 2019.

Complaints Handling Course:

President Peter Kirby advised that he has successfully completed a Play-By-The-Rules Complaint Handling Course conducted by Communities, Sport and Recreation in Hobart on 25 July 2019.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 16 September 2019 at the North Hobart Bowls Club commencing at 4.30pm.

Meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

Confirmed President: / / 2019