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Minutes of the Board meeting held at the North Hobart Bowls Club on Monday 20 January 2020 commencing at 4.20 pm.

Present: Peter Kirby (President), Pat Zapotocky (Deputy President), Ross Bannister, Ken Coppleman, Paul Hoddy, Ailsa Milburn, Leonie Price, Malcolm Salier, Tony Fulton and Rob McGuire.

Observer: Nil

Apologies: Lyn Triffitt and Bernard Knight (Bowls Tasmania Director).

Minutes: Moved: Ken Coppleman Seconded: Ailsa Milburn "that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 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 agenda for future Board meetings. No further action was taken in regard to this matter at this meeting.

Credit Card for BTS Secretary

At the October 2019 Board meeting the Board approved that the BTS Secretary be authorised to open and operate a Bendigo Bank Everyday Debit Card to be signed by the BTS Secretary only with a nominal balance of $2,000.00 to be maintained in the account. This is now operational.

Working with Vulnerable People Card

At the September 2019 Board meeting President Peter Kirby reminded all Board Members that they are required to have a current Working with Vulnerable People Card. Board members are expected to obtain their Working with Vulnerable People Cards and advise the Secretary when that has been done. Lyn Triffitt and Peter Kirby currently do not have these cards.

Under State law, it is understood that BTS Club's Board Members are also required to have a current Working with Vulnerable People Card. Subject to confirmation of same from Bowls Tasmania, Clubs are to be reminded of their obligation and are asked to advise BTS when all their Board members comply.

It was agreed to approach the Attorney General, Elise Archer, who may be able to provide this information to BTS.

General Meeting – Changes to Conditions of Play

Following submissions received from Clubs, a BTS General Meeting was held at Buckingham on 17 December 2019 to discuss proposed changes to Conditions of Play. The outcome of that meeting is that Saturday Pennant will remain at ten teams per division in 2020-21 and beyond. Conditions of Play for 2019-20 have been changed to reflect the decision made by Clubs at the General Meeting and have been circulated to Clubs.

Royal Hobart – Complaint re Sorell Green

The BTS Match Committee considered a complaint from Royal Hobart concerning the Sorell green on 23 October 2019. It was agreed that the Sorell greens are not perfect and on a windy day play is even more difficult. The BTS Match Committee has accepted the response provided by Sorell and has agreed to take no further action on this matter.

Friday Night Super Pairs

Due to insufficient interest from Clubs, the BTS Board agreed out-of-session that the BTS Friday Night Super Pairs will not be held in 2020. Buckingham and Rosny Park were the only entrants in the Premier Division and there were no entries in the A Grade or the B Grade Competitions.

Venues for Bowls Tasmania and BTS Championships

At the November 2019 Board meeting it was agreed to seek expressions of interest from Clubs interested in hosting Bowls Tasmania championships scheduled to be played in the South this season. Two grass greens will be required for the State wide pennant games and a number of Clubs may be required for the State Seniors Championships (depending upon number of entries received). Expressions of interest were only received from New Norfolk and Rosny Park to host these events. Accordingly the BTS Board agreed out-of-session to allocate the events as follows:

- January 7 2020 Seniors Men and Women's Statewide Pennant – New Norfolk.
- January 19 2020 Men's and Women's Statewide Pennant – Rosny Park.
- February 16–19 2020 State Seniors Championships – Rosny Park (other Clubs may also be required).

At the November 2019 Board meeting it was further agreed to seek expressions of interest from Clubs to host the remaining BTS Championships for the season. This was done and the BTS Match Committee has allocated championships as follows:

- Pairs Championships – Rosny Park, Buckingham and Kingborough.
- Singles Championships – Rosny Park and Kingborough.
- DL Reid Singles Championships – Kingborough.
- Women's Over 60 Fours Championship – Brighton.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Kingborough – Complaint Midweek Division 4 game versus Rosny Park on 13 November 2019 – Lack of consultation with Kingborough Side Captain before game was called off - The BTS Match Committee considered this matter and believe that there was a duty of care to players and common sense should have prevailed – if conditions were as bad as Rosny Park claim then play probably should have been abandoned. The BTS Match Committee believed that it was very difficult to overturn the decision that was made given the conditions on the day and with some reservations agreed to dismiss the Kingborough complaint. All Clubs will be circulated pointing out what should happen before games are abandoned and stress the importance of consultation between the Side Captains and the duty of care to players.

Bowls Tasmania – Advice that players who play under an Interstate Pennant Declaration still pay the full capitation fee - Noted.

St John's Park – Approval for Linda Le Garde and Ken Eaton to "share" a position in Women's Division 3 – Approved by BTS Secretary.

Brighton – Approval for Jim Skelly and Don Hughes to "share" a position in Midweek Division 3 – Approved by BTS Secretary.

Beltana – Queried eligibility of Chris Barrell in Taroona's Women's Division 3 team - Chris Barrell is a regular Saturday Pennant Division 2 player for Taroona this season, however, as at the date of the game in question the Saturday Pennant was only five weeks old so Conditions of Play 1.16.1 comes into play Accordingly Chris Barrell was deemed to be a "regular" Saturday Pennant Division 6 player until after Round 6 of this season. The BTS Match Committee advised Beltana that Chris Barrell was permitted to play in Women's Division 3 this year on 21 November 2019. Taroona was alerted to the fact that Chris Barrell was then no longer eligible to play in Thursday Women's Pennant Division 3.

Howrah – Protest against the results in Women's Division 1 versus Brighton on 21 November 2019 - Brighton claim that the temperature reached in excess of 37 degrees and Conditions of Play 1.14 state that in such situations play must be abandoned. Howrah acknowledged that one of its players was feeling unwell and Brighton claim that four of its players were feeling unwell.

The BTS Match Committee considered that it was more likely than not that the temperature did in fact exceed 37 and the game should then have been abandoned. In any case there was a duty of care to players and common sense should have prevailed - with five players unwell this should have sent warning signals to both Side Captains that play should have been abandoned. The BTS Match Committee dismissed Howrah's complaint and was concerned at reports of abuse of the umpire by some of the Howrah players and interference of Brighton men in the argument and both Clubs have been advised that any re-occurrence of this will not be tolerated.

Concerns were raised at the Board meeting that the current temperatures in Conditions of Play may be too high and that this matter should be referred to the Conditions of Play Committee for its consideration whilst drafting Conditions of Play for the next season.

Taroona – Queries on "sharing a position" Condition of Play –All covered by details already provided to Clubs – BTS Secretary to respond to Taroona.

Brighton – Approval for Shirley Skelly and Don Hughes to "share" a position in Midweek Division 3 – Approved by BTS Secretary.

Dover RSL – Comments from Nadine Seabourne re inability of working women to play in BTS Women's Championships - It was agreed to refer days of BTS Women's Championships to the next BTS Delegates Meeting for discussion and resolution.

North Hobart – Dispensation to play Neil Eiszele in Women's Division 5 - It was agreed that North Hobart be given dispensation in accordance with Conditions of Play 3.24 to play Neil Eiszele in its Thursday Women's Division 5 subject to the following conditions:

- He can be used if no North Hobart women are available to play.
- Only one opposite gender player is allowed per rink and may only play in the "second" position.

Sorell – Approval for Bev Bennetts and Basil Marden to "share" a position in Women's Division 4 – Approved by BTS Secretary.

Glenorchy City – Complaint against Glenorchy Rodman green Saturday Pennant Division 2 game 30 November 2019 – The BTS Match Committee has inspected the Glenorchy Rodman green on two occasions since this complaint was received and in its opinion the green is in a playable condition. Given the extremely wet start to the season, the BTS Match Committee believes that very few grass greens were running much above 12 seconds up until Christmas. The Glenorchy Rodman green is used for almost all practice at the Club and for Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday Pennant and, given the amount of use it has had, has stood up remarkably well. Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Pat Zapotocky "that the complaint be dismissed. However, Glenorchy Rodman is to be put on notice that its small green must be maintained to a playable standard or its home pennant games will be moved". Carried

Claremont - Complaint against Glenorchy Rodman green Wednesday Pennant Division 1 game 27 November 2019 – See decision of BTS Board in Correspondence Inwards – Glenorchy City above.

Kingborough – New bowls stickers and approval to use both old and new stickers on bowls for the rest of the season – Refused by the BTS Board out-of-session. The Laws of the Sport of Bowls 52.1.8.4 require that all players in a side (Division) must have stickers of the same design and colour. The old and new Kingborough stickers are not of the same design. The BTS Board has no authority to over-rule the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. However, Kingborough can use both the old and new stickers if all players in a Division all have either the old or new stickers on their bowls.

Bowls Tasmania – Draft Conditions of Play for State Wide Challenge – Circulated to Board members out-of-session and suggested change re "trial ends" was adopted by Bowls Tasmania.

Bowls Tasmania – Agenda for RCC meeting 9 December 2019 - Noted.

Beltana – Infringement Player Report Kathy Rumley versus Monica Hughes (Brighton) – Referred to the BTS Complaints Committee which dismissed the complaint under section 3.3.1 of the BTS Discipline Policy.

Sorell - Withdraw from Saturday Division 6 roster - Noted.

Glenorchy City - Complaint against Glenorchy Rodman green Wednesday Pennant Division 4 game 5 December 2019 - – See decision of BTS Board in Correspondence Inwards – Glenorchy City above.

Howrah – Withdrawal from combined Howrah / Buckingham team in Women's Division 5 roster - Noted.

Brighton – Request for refund for Ross Mitchelmore who withdrew after the draw was done due to the change of dates – Refused – refund not permitted under Conditions of Play.

Buckingham – Will continue in its own right in Women's Division 5 roster – Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Expressions of interest for Bowls Tasmania selectors and coaches and for membership of Junior Development Working Party - Noted.

Malcolm Salier – Copy of Working with Vulnerable People Card - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Resignation of Simon Morrison - Noted.

Brighton and Beltana - Saturday Division 3 and Ken Coppleman – This match on 11 January 2020 was transferred to Rosny Park. This same situation may arise on 5 February 2020 when the two Clubs meet in Midweek Pennant Division 2.

Sandy Bay – Complaint re Saturday Division 6 versus Rosny Park 14 December 2019 - players not chosen on merit (Gaylene Ridgeway and Chris McGrath) – The BTS Match Committee has considered this matter and consider that Gaylene Ridgeway and Chris McGrath are better players than Saturday Division 6. In the opinion of the BTS Match Committee, if both Gaylene Ridgeway and Chris McGrath had been available for selection on Saturday 14 December 2019 then both players would have been selected in higher Rosny Park teams than Division 6 based on merit and their ability. Accordingly the BTS Match Committee found that Rosny Park's Division 6 team was not selected on merit and ability. The BTS Match Committee has determined that the charges have been proved and the penalty imposed is a warning to Rosny Park on this occasion. Any further breaches will result in more severe penalties.

Paul Hoddy – Copy of Working with Vulnerable People Card - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Information on venues for State Seniors Championships 16 – 19 February 2020 - Noted.

Bill Butler – Apology for failure to attend BTS Men's Open Singles Championships - Accepted.

Glenorchy City – Querying eligibility of Rose Williams in BTS Women's B Grade Singles Championships - BTS Conditions of Play provide that Rose Williams was eligible to play in BTS B Grade Championships until she had played six games in the current season in Thursday Pennant Division 2 or above. On checking the BowlsLink records, Rose Williams has played at least six games in Brighton's Thursday Division 1 side this season as at 19 December 2019. Entries for the singles championship closed on 24 December 2019. Accordingly Rose Williams was not eligible to play in the BTS B Grade championships. The BTS Match Committee disqualified Rose Williams and her place in the semi-finals will be taken by Cheryl Nielsenbeck who defeated Maree Grimmond in that section of the championships.

Taroona – Dispensation for Brad Johns to play without Taroona polo top until his new polo top arrives - The BTS Match Committee has, in accordance with Conditions of Play 1.8.4, given dispensation for Taroona to allow Brad Johns to play in his Franklin top until his new Taroona new club polo top arrives in approximately four week's time. Brad Johns will be expected to wear the Taroona trousers or shorts for pennant.

Mastercast – Quote for pennant medallions and championship bars 2019-20 – Mover: Rob McGuire Seconded: Ailsa Milburn "that the quote be accepted". Carried.

Bowls North West – Venue for Seniors SWC on 4 February 2020 will be Burnie Bowls Club - Noted.

Trudy Davis – Apology for failure to attend BTS Women's Open Singles Championships - Accepted.

Rosny Park – Dispensation to play Steven Royal in Women's Division 4 – Approved by the BTS Board out-of-session subject to the following conditions:

- Steven can only be used if no other Rosny Park women are available to play.
- He can only be used if no other Rosny Park Division 6 men are available and willing to play.
- Only one opposite gender player is allowed per rink and may only play in the "second" position.

Lyn Triffitt – Has applied for Working with Vulnerable People Card - Noted.

Rosny Park – Raising concerns that it was only responding to a complaint re Sandy Bay Division 6 and did not realise it was a charge against Rosny Park – Dismissed by BTS Match Committee.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Thursday Pennant Division 5 Roster amended, Clearances 2019-20 as at 18 November 2019, Notice and Agenda for General Meeting, What does BTS do with your registration fees?, Keeping older players in the game longer updated, Nominations now open for 2020 Friday Night "Southern Super Pairs" Competition, Expressions of interest - Host Bowls Tasmania and BTS championships and events, Saturday Pennant Division 7, Entries received for Women's Open and B Grade Pairs Championships, Entries received for Men's Open and B Grade Pairs Championships, Change of date for Women's Open Southern Sides Selection Trials, Change of date for Women's Senior Southern Sides Selection Trials, Men's 2019-20 Open and B Grade Pairs Championship Draws, Women's 2019-20 Open and B Grade Pairs Championship Draws, Reminder re General Meeting, Men's Open Southern Sides Selection Trial, Board Meeting Minutes November 2019, Saturday Pennant Division 6 - Sorell withdraws, Reminder entries close for Men's and Women's Open and B Grade Singles Championships, Men's Senior Southern Side Selection Trial, Venues for Men's and Women's Open and B Grade Singles Championships, Thursday Pennant Division 5 Roster amended, Reminder re General Meeting, Resignation of Simon Morrison, Women's Teams for Seniors State Wide Challenge, Men's Teams for Seniors State Wide Challenge, Urgent call for Juniors for State Wide Challenge, Reminder re close of entries for Women's DL Reid Singles Championships, Reminder re 2020 Friday Night "Southern Super Pairs" Competition, Entries received for 2019-20 Women's Open and B Grade Singles Championships, Entries received for Men's 2018-19 Open and B Grade Singles Championships, Change of date for Women's Open Southern Sides selection trials, Men's 2019-20 Open and B Grade Singles Championship Draws, Women's 2019-20 Open and B Grade Singles Championship Draws, Cancellation of Friday Night Super Pairs, Women's Teams for Open State Wide Challenge, General Meeting Minutes December 2019, Entries received for Women's DL Reid Singles Championships, Men's Teams for Open State Wide Challenge, Women's 2019-20 SL Reid Singles Championship Draws, Working Group -Increase community participation at Clubs and Practice for Women's Senior Southern Side.

Bowls Tasmania - Updates to Bowls Tasmania Handbook, Venue for Seniors SWC Hobart, BTS Teams and Catering for Seniors SWC, Forfeit Junior SWC 12 January 2020, Rosny Park will host State Senior Championships, Conditions of Play for State Senior Championships, SWC Uniform Dispensation, BTS Teams, Umpires and catering for State Wide Challenge, Working with Vulnerable People, Website Training and Interstate Pennant Declaration - Damian Fitzpatrick.

Jeanette Lane – Appointment as selector and manager for Southern Women's Open team.

Buckingham – Dispensation re uniform for Brian Healey.

Royal Hobart – Dispensation re uniform for Kay Dolman.

North Hobart – Dispensation for Mark Zeeman to play in Thursday Women's Division 5 team.

Royal Hobart – Dispensation re uniform for Sue Bentley.

Beltana and Glenorchy Rodman – Complaint re Glenorchy Rodman green at Buckingham.

Beltana – Refuse dispensation to play four men in Women's Thursday Pennant Division 3 team.

Buckingham – Concerns re BTS Women's Pairs Championships held at Buckingham.

Brighton – Natural Disaster Policy.

Moved: Malcolm Salier Seconded: Ken Coppleman "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: Ross Bannister "that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and that accounts paid be approved". Carried

Clearances:

Moved: Malcolm Salier Seconded: Tony Fulton "that the following intrastate clearances be noted and interstate clearances be approved:

- Ben Dayton – Kingborough to Dover RSL.
- Nick Ellis – Howrah to Beltana.
- Mary Forbes – Huonville to Taroona.
- Marie Gleeson – Brighton to Glenorchy City.
- Regina Hayes – Kingborough to Huonville.
- Brad Johns – Franklin to Taroona.
- Ross Kelly – Sorell to Glenorchy City.
- David Langmaid – Howrah to Cremorne.
- Alex McCoull – Glenorchy Rodman to Beltana.
- Gerry McElroy – Buckingham to Beltana.
- Raymond Penney – Dover RSL to Geeveston
- Graeme Sturges – Claremont to Glenorchy City.
- Morgan Williams – Howrah to Sandy Bay.
- Paul Williamson – Interstate Pennant Declaration Leopold (Vic.) to Sandy Bay.
- Auriel Wolfe – Kingborough to Taroona.
- David Triffett – Oatlands to St John's Park.
- Colin Walle – Ipswich (Queensland) to Cremorne." Carried

Match Committee:

As per attached. Moved: Leonie Price Seconded: Paul Hoddy "that the report be received". Carried

Officiating Panel:

As per the attached report. Moved: Leonie Price Seconded: Pat Zapotocky "that the report be received". Carried

Coaches Panel:

Nothing to report.

Selectors:

Nothing to report.

Forward Planning:

BTS Strategic Plan 2019-23:

The Board started working through the BTS Strategic Plan in November 2019 to ensure that strategies required in the 2019-20 financial year are actioned upon. The Secretary has updated the Action Plan following that Board meeting. It has previously been agreed that time will be spent each Board meeting going through the Strategic Plan and allocating tasks as required.

General Business:

Midweek Pennant State Pennant Finals:

President Peter Kirby submitted an agenda item and discussion paper prior to the meeting outlining a proposal to hold Midweek Pennant State Pennant Finals. Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Ailsa Milburn "that the BTS Board endorse the proposal and take immediate steps to engage Bowls North West in dialogue that would enable an initial Midweek State Pennant Final, to be hosted by Bowls North West, at the end of the 2019-20 pennant season. Carried

Reporting BowlsLink Faults and Other Issues:

Paul Hoddy raised a number of matters regarding BowlsLink that need to be raised with Clubs:

- If any Clubs have suggestions for improvements to the BowlsLink Results Portal please forward them through the Club Secretary to the BTS Statistician by 8 February 2020.

- Forfeits, wash-outs, heat-outs etc. cannot currently be entered in the BowlsLink Results Portal by anyone other than the BTS Statistician. Advice of such forfeits etc. must be forwarded to the BTS Statistician by the Club Secretary.
- An adjustment has recently been made to the ladders on the Results Portal to include forfeits – but in doing so, teams already entered have been deleted. Any Club affected by this is requested to submit their team to the BTS Statistician so that names can be re-entered into the Results Portal and such games will count towards player eligibility for finals (but only for the non-forfeiting team).
- Any faults or errors with the BowlsLink Results Portal must be reported to the BTS Statistician by the Club Secretary and not by individual members. Currently a number of members from a Club are reporting the same error direct to the BTS Statistician which is taking up a lot of his time.
- Concerns were raised that some Clubs are still not entering their teams into the BowlsLink Results Portal before the pennant game is played and are not entering the results into the Results Portal in a timely fashion after the pennant game is played.

The BTS Board has agreed to amend Conditions of Play for next season to introduce penalties on Clubs who do not enter their teams into the BowlsLink Results Portal before a pennant game is played or who do not enter the results into the Results Portal within four hours after the conclusion of a pennant game.

Benefits – BTS Second Representative Teams:

Concerns were raised by several male members that there were insufficient benefits for players to volunteer to play with the BTS second representative teams. Moved: Leonie Price Seconded: Ross Bannister "that members of the BTS second representative teams will continue to receive a BTS polo top (which is on loan only)". Carried

Changing Players on Score Cards:

The BTS Board was advised that a Club recently tried to change names on a score card after it had been issued to players. This is contrary to the BTS Conditions of Play 3.6 and cannot be done. Clubs are to be reminded accordingly.

Jackets and Uniform Policy:

The BTS Board was advised that some Orford players are wearing an Orford jacket during pennant that does not have the Bowls Australia logo on it. If that is the case, this is contrary to the Bowls Australia Logo Policy (Dress Regulations). The BTS Secretary undertook to raise this matter with Orford.

Junior Development Officer:

President Peter Kirby suggested that the BTS Board need to start thinking about the appointment of a Junior Development Officer.

Clash with Bowls Tasmania State Championships:

Concerns were raised that the recent Bowls Tasmania Mixed Pairs and Triples Championships clashed with the Bowls Tasmania Statewide Challenge and Junior State Championships meaning that juniors could not enter both. It was agreed that this is not an ideal situation and it was further agreed to raise this matter at the next Regional Consultative Committee meeting.

Club Events clashing with BTS Championships:

Concerns were raised that entries in some BTS Championships were not as high as they could have been as some players opted to play in Club events instead, particularly those with reasonable prize money on offer. It was suggested that Club events offering more than $1,000 in total prize monies should not be permitted when they clash with BTS Championships or should be prohibited on the first day of such BTS Championships when most players will be playing. It was agreed to refer this matter to the Conditions of Play Committee for its consideration when drawing up Conditions of Play for 2020-21.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 17 February 2020 at the North Hobart Bowls Club commencing at 4.30pm. Lyn Triffitt will be an apology for this meeting,

Meeting closed at 6.25 pm.

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BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH
MATCH COMMITTEE

Report January 2020

The BTS Men's and Ladies pair's championships were played and finished in December 2019

The BTS Men's and Ladies singles championships started on the 4th January 2020 and semi-finals and grand finals will be played on 2nd February 2020 at the Kingborough Bowls Club

It is recommended by the chairperson of the BTS match committee when the dates for the BTS pair championships be looked at and not played so close to Christmas when the BTS events calendar is set for 2020-21

Also the date for the last Saturday pennant game before Christmas needs to be looked at because clubs had trouble filling teams on the 22nd December 2019

Ross Bannister
Chairperson of the BTS Mach Committee

BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH OFFICIATING PANEL

Report January 2020

The Panel's notes to all registered Umpires have been finalised and will be sent out shortly.

Panel representatives have organised or officiated at the BTS Men's and Women's Pairs and Singles Championships, which have yet to be completed. The DL Reid Championship is underway with the Semi and Grand Finals this week.

The Panel also organised umpires for the Senior State-wide Challenge at New Norfolk and the Open State-wide challenge at Rosny Park.

Umpires Forums were very successful with over 40 attendees, 32 umpires, 6 measurers and several interested players

Leonie Price
Chair
Bowls South Officiating Panel