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MINUTES OF THE DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT THE CLAREMONT BOWLS CLUB COMMENCING AT 1.05 PM ON MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2019

Welcome: President Peter Kirby welcomed all delegates and Life Member Tony Fulton OAM to the meeting.

Apologies: An apology was received from Life Member Don Cornish. Apologies were also received from Franklin, Mick Rodwell (Geeveston) Michael Kelleher and Mick Sweeney (Rosny Park).

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 36 delegates present representing 21 clubs (Beltana, Brighton, Bruny, Buckingham, Claremont, Cremorne, Dover RSL, Geeveston, Glenorchy City, Glenorchy Rodman, Howrah, Huonville, Kingborough, New Norfolk, North Hobart, Orford, Royal Hobart, Sandy Bay, Sorell, St. John's Park and Taroonna). Eight interested men and women also attended the meeting.

Minutes: Moved Leonie Price Seconded Janet Rutherford that the minutes of the previous Delegates meeting held on 25 March 2019 be confirmed. Carried

Business Arising:

Royal Hobart submission on why we are losing membership numbers.

In January 2019, the BTS Board considered a submission from Royal Hobart on why we are losing membership numbers. The submission was circulated to Clubs and the matter was discussed at the March 2019 Delegates Meeting where many good suggestions were forthcoming. The BTS Board agreed to prepare an action plan for circulation to Clubs. These matters were discussed by the BTS Board over a number of months and the following course of actions were agreed on by the BTS Board for the future of bowls in Southern Tasmania:

- The BTS Board has developed a strategic plan that particularly addresses growing the game of bowls in Southern Tasmania.
- Essential to growing the game of bowls in Southern Tasmania is increasing club membership. This will be done in a variety of ways.
- The BTS Board believes that it is easier to retain existing members than to recruit new members. Accordingly it is essential that BTS and clubs work hard to retain existing members.
- Changes to the Bowls Tasmania events calendar has created the capacity for BTS Saturday Pennant to commence later than is currently the case and continue into April. The BTS Board has agreed that there will be no Saturday Pennant on long weekends and no double-header roster games weekends commencing from the 2019-20 season.
- A major outcome from the Delegates Meeting was a desire for a shorter Saturday Pennant season. Accordingly the BTS Board has also agreed that, commencing from the 2020-21 season, all Saturday Pennant Divisions will consist of eight sides each. The roster season, of two complete rounds, will require 14 weeks to complete, compared with the current 18 weeks for Divisions of ten sides each.

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- BTS has made Wednesday Pennant more competitive by removing the requirement to have at least two B Grade players in each rink commencing in the coming 2019-20 season.

Full details of the above proposals have previously been circulated to Clubs.

Natural Disaster Policy.

Brighton submitted an agenda item – Natural Disaster Policy (due to the recent fires) for the March 2019 Delegates Meeting – but had no representative at the meeting when this matter was raised. Accordingly it was agreed to leave this matter on the agenda until this meeting.

Kay Sproule from Brighton advised that Brighton was concerned that pennant was not cancelled when the fires were bad in Southern Tasmania in February 2019. Brighton was also concerned at the lack of communication from BTS when this happened and believes that BTS need to develop a natural disaster policy to cover such circumstances.

The BTS Board agreed to investigate this matter.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Match Committee:

Nothing to report.

Selection Committee:

Nothing to report.

Coaches Panel:

Ross Bannister advised that the BTS Coaches Panel had conducted very successful and well attended coaching sessions at the Howrah Indoor Centre over the Winter months. Over 40 people were in attendance at most sessions. BTS paid the Howrah Indoor Centre hire charges and provided the session's free-of-charge to those in attendance.

Officiating Panel:

As per the attached report.

MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE BTS BOARD:

Conditions of Play 2019-20:

Changes to the Conditions of Play were summarised by the Secretary. Copies of Conditions of Play were distributed to Clubs at the meeting.

Forms:

Pennant Results Forms, Initial Club Registration Forms, Register of Members and Championship Entry Forms have already been distributed to Clubs and are available on the BTS website. Pennant Cards were distributed to Clubs at the meeting – thanks to Typeface who sponsored the printing of the cards for the coming season.

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Nominations for Men's Midweek Divisions 3 and 4, Women's Division 5 and Saturday Division 7:

Delegates were reminded that nominations for these Divisions close today Monday 7 October 2019. Rosters for these Divisions will be sent to Clubs by Friday 11 October 2019. If Clubs have a shortage of players and are unable to field its bottom side in Midweek, Thursday or Saturday Pennant or alternatively if they have additional players but not enough to enter another team into the competition, they were requested to advise the BTS Secretary as there may be another club close to them in a similar situation – and together they may be able to field a composite team.

Capitation Fees:

Delegates were reminded that Capitation Fees are due on 14 October 2019 and must be paid prior to the first Pennant game.

Ensure all players are registered and cleared (if necessary) to play in 2019-20:

Clubs were reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that all players playing pennant have been registered to play with BTS and, if necessary, have been cleared. Playing unregistered players or players without a clearance will result in a loss of the match or matches.

An updated list of clearances received by BTS for the coming season to date has been sent to all Clubs and will continue to be updated and sent out weekly.

If a player has transferred to a Club and their clearance is not listed on the list, it has not yet been received by BTS and they cannot play in pennant until the clearance is received by BTS.

Interstate clearances must be approved by the individual players former State Association before they can play pennant in Tasmania.

Midweek Pennant and afternoon tea in 2019-20:

A number of Clubs have advised that they will not be providing afternoon tea for Midweek Pennant this season – namely Beltana, Glenorchy Rodman, Howrah, New Norfolk, North Hobart, Rosny Park, Sorell and St. John's Park. All these Clubs intends to play straight through unless the opposing Side Captains request a break in accordance with Conditions of Play 5.3 (b). BTS is still waiting for responses from Brighton, Buckingham, Claremont, Cremorne, Glenorchy City, Kingborough and Tarroona.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Proposed format change for Saturday Pennant in 2020-21 (Submitted by Brighton):

Brian Green from Beltana advised that Beltana was concerned at the BTS Board proposal to reduce Pennant teams per Division from ten to eight in 2020-21 and believed that a majority of other Clubs shared Beltana's concerns. A number of other delegates voiced the same opinion and a show of hands reinforced the view that a majority of other Clubs shared Beltana's concerns.

President Peter Kirby advised that the decision to move to eight teams per division for Saturday Pennant can now only be changed as per clause 9.1 (c) of the BTS Constitution which provides that changes to Conditions of Play can be dealt with at a General Meeting of the Association if a motion is received by BTS from not less than five Clubs. If a special meeting is called then the decision of that meeting must be followed by the BTS Board.

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As there was no further business the President closed the meeting at 2.08 pm, thanked all delegates for their attendance and participation and thanked the Claremont Bowls Club for making its facilities available for the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: February / March 2020 – date and venue to be advised.

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Bowls Tasmania South **Officiating Panel**

Report October 2019

The Bowls South Officiating Panel look forward to a successful season and are ready to be a supportive and helpful body to all bowlers and administrators in the South.

‘Side Captains Guidelines’ have been updated and include information on the directions to take when recording pennant game results.

There is a change to the Conditions of Play with regard to timing the greens before pennant and state ‘If the visiting Side Captains requests’ the timing of the greens must be 20 minutes before play commences.

The Guidelines also expect Side Captains to check that their players are correctly attired as per Condition 1.8. This means that the Bowls Australia Logo Policy (Dress Regulations) will apply to all persons playing in BTS Championships and pennant competitions.

The BTS website has been updated and clubs are able to access lists of Officials, Measurers and Markers to assist with the conduct of events held at their clubs.

The program of producing new Officials continues and thanks go to the untiring efforts of Ross Bannister.

Forums for Umpires and Measurers will held in the South, North and Eastern areas of the South:-

- Tuesday 29th October at Kingborough Bowls and Community Club,
- Tuesday 5th November at North Hobart Bowls and Community Club
- Monday 18th November at the Howrah Bowls Club.

There will be opportunities for all Officials and Measurers to update their skills with on the green measuring practise.

My thanks go to the Bowls South Officiating Panel of Helen Ducker, Lee Cowie and Geoff Price and to the numerous Officials that have given their time to BTS Championship events and Pennant Finals.

Leonie Price
Chair
BTS Officiating Panel

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