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Minutes of the Board meeting at Buckingham Bowls Club on Monday 19 April 2021 commencing at 4.30 pm.

Present: Peter Kirby (President), Pat Zapotocky (Deputy-President), Ross Bannister, Lee Cowie, Paul Hoddy, John McKibben (from 4.35pm), Ailsa Milburn, Leonie Price, Malcolm Salier and Rob McGuire.

Observers: Nil.

Apology: Tony Fulton

Minutes: Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Paul Hoddy "that the minutes of the meetings held on 24 February 2021, 15 March 2021 and 29 March 2021 be confirmed." Carried

Matters Arising:

Sponsorship 2019-20 and beyond

At the June 2018 Board meeting, it was 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.

Coronavirus and Lawn Bowls Update:

No changes have occurred in regard to this matter since the last meeting.

Fixed Fee Membership Model

The Bowls Tasmania Treasurer has advised that the Bowls Tasmania Board has approved of a change in the model being used for Bowls Tasmania to a fixed fee model to raise affiliation fees - the allocation between the three regions is to be based on the number of registered players in each region as at 31 March 2021. Bowls Tasmania has now suggested that rather than using 31 March 2021 as the census day for 2021-22 it would like to alter this date to 31 January 2021. It was agreed to support this change which will only happen if all three regions agree to it.

Malcolm Salier submitted a discussion paper on this topic following confusion amongst delegates and Board members at a discussion on this matter at the recent Delegates meeting. The discussion paper was not addressed at the Board meeting.

It was agreed that the Finance Committee would meet as soon as possible to consider this matter further and submit a firm recommendation on how BTS intends to charge capitation fees in 2021-22 to the next Board meeting so that it in turn can be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Damage to Greens Committee

At its meeting in November 2020 the BTS Board formed a Working Group to clarify issues in regard to bowlers' actions that cause damage to greens. The Working Group held its first meeting on 16 February 2021 and a draft policy is being prepared by the BTS Secretary.

Survey to determine why players stop playing bowls

One of the objectives in the current BTS Strategic Plan is to conduct a study to determine why members stop playing bowls. Peter Kirby and Rob McGuire have prepared a draft survey questionnaire which has not yet been typed up. It will be forwarded to Board members for comment before being sent to Clubs.

Bowling Arm Tasmania 2021 Program

At the January 2021 Board Meeting it was agreed that BTS investigate grant opportunities to purchase more uniforms to be able to provide uniforms for Bowling Arm representative sides. To date no suitable grant opportunities have been identified.

BTS Winter Coaching Program

At the March 2021 Board meeting it was resolved to fund this program again in 2021. It was agreed to approach Howrah to see if its Indoor Centre is available for such coaching. Howrah has advised that it is happy to host these sessions at a cost of \$25 per session to cover its electricity costs.

Selectors playing in SWC teams and RCC Meeting

At the March 2021 Board meeting, it was agreed to raise the issue of Selectors also playing in SWC teams at the next Regional Advisory Committee meeting. This did not happen.

BTS Minutes on Facebook

At the March 2021 Board meeting, John McKibben queried the value of putting Board minutes on the BTS Facebook page due to some of the comments that arise as a result of this happening. It was agreed that BTS Board minutes would no longer be posted on the BTS Facebook page but will be forwarded to Clubs and be posted on the BTS website as currently happens.

Incident Glenorchy Rodman versus Buckingham 13 February 2021

Following receipt of appeals from Josh Baker and Shane Baker against the processes and penalties imposed by the BTS Tribunal, the BTS Board appointed an Appeals Committee to consider the appeals. The Appeals Committee will conduct its hearing on 20 April 2021.

At its meeting in March 2021, the BTS Board agreed that flaws in the BTS Disciplinary Policy became apparent as the BTS Tribunal worked through the process. Time-frames were found to be either too long or, in other cases, too short. Incompatibility between Rule 32 of the BTS Constitution and the policy became apparent. It was resolved that Peter Kirby and Rob McGuire consider what changes need to be made to the BTS Constitution and the BTS Disciplinary Policy and report back to a future Board meeting. Work is progressing on this matter.

Glenorchy Rodman and Buckingham have appealed against the \$500 fine imposed on both Clubs by the BTS Board. Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Ailsa Milburn "that the current Appeals Committee be requested to deal with the Buckingham and Glenorchy Rodman appeals against the fines imposed on them by the BTS Board". Carried

Pat Zapotocky and Rob McGuire both left the meeting whilst this item was being discussed due to a conflict of interest.

Correspondence:**Inwards:**

Glenorchy City – Exemption for Jan Fletcher to play in Women's finals if required without playing the required six games – Approved by BTS President.

New Norfolk – Response to reprimand re Infringement Player Code of Conduct Report - Noted

Elise Archer Attorney General – Mandated use of Check-In TAS for contact tracing – Forwarded to Clubs 18 March 2021. Peter Kirby and Rob McGuire undertook to check this against the BTS Coronavirus Policy to see if it needs amendment.

Bowls Tasmania – Next RCC meeting at Longford on 29 March 2021 - Noted.

Michael Taylor – Lack of larger sizes in BTS Southern uniforms - Noted.

Brighton – Approval for Jeanette Holmes and Lindy Brown to wear non-conforming footwear on medical advice – BTS Secretary sought further information and no approval has been given. BTS to seek photos of shoes and details of medical advice received.

Josh and Shane Baker – Appealing BTS Tribunal decisions – Refer Matters Arising Above.

Claremont – Interested in filling any vacancy in Saturday Pennants Divisions 2 or 4 if they occur - Noted.

JM Legal & Conveyancing - Dealt with by Board at its meeting on 29 March 2021.

Sandy Bay - Exemption for Edith Oseman to play in Women's finals if required without playing the required six games – Approved by BTS Secretary on delegation from the BTS President as Sandy Bay was playing Kingborough in the finals.

Elise Archer – Attorney General – Apologizing but nominating Nic Street to attend the BTS Presentation Cocktail Party on her behalf – Noted. Perhaps Nic could do some of the presentations?

Buckingham – Appeal against penalty imposed by BTS Board re Tribunal Panel report – Refer Matters Arising above.

Glenorchy Rodman – Appeal against penalty imposed by BTS Board re Tribunal Panel report – Refer Matters Arising above.

Buckingham – Response re 'Respect our Officials' – Noted.

Buckingham – Correspondence from Minister for Health re COVID-19 Contact Tracing - Peter Kirby and Rob McGuire undertook to check this against the BTS Coronavirus Policy to see if it needs amendment.

Howrah – BTS Winter Coaching Program – Refer Matters Arising above.

Zoom – Confirmation subscription cancelled.

Sandy Bay - Incident Report Premier Division grand final at Beltana – Referred to BTS Complaints Committee who determined that the spectator concerned who is also a registered member should be strongly reprimanded on this occasion. He was advised that any further reports concerning poor behaviour by him in the future will result in the application of a stronger penalty against him with any such report being referred directly to the BTS Tribunal Panel in accordance with the BTS Disciplinary Policy.

Howrah - Incident Report Division 5 grand final at Glenorchy Rodman – Referred to Glenorchy Rodman for comment. No response yet received from Glenorchy Rodman.

Stewart Edwards – Dress Rules - Noted.

Andrew Wilkie MP – Volunteer Grants 2021 – Forwarded to Clubs 9 April 2021.

Bowls Tasmania Treasurer – Allocation of Affiliation Fees – Refer Matters Arising above.

Ouse – Request to change trousers from white to black – Approved. Ouse will have two seasons during which either white or black trousers can be worn.

Bowls Tasmania – Thursday State Pennant Finals - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Saturday State Pennant Finals - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Statement re Conditions of Play – Noted.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Women's Open Teams for State Wide Challenge, Men's Open Teams for State Wide Challenge, Wednesday Midweek Pennant Semi-Final Venues, Women's Thursday Pennant Preliminary Final Venues, Mandated use of Check in TAS for contact tracing, Saturday Pennant Grand Final Venues, Respect our Officials, Wet Weather and Finals, Wednesday Midweek Pennant and uncompleted games, Women's Thursday Pennant Grand Final Venues, Wednesday Midweek Pennant Preliminary Final Venues, Return of BTS Perpetual Trophies, Barefoot Bowls 2020-21 Champion of Champion Competition, Incident at the Glenorchy Rodman versus Buckingham Saturday Premier Division game on 13 February 2021, Free Winter Coaching Sessions, Bowls Tasmania Saturday State Pennant Finals, Wednesday Midweek Pennant Grand Final Venues, Second Notice and Amended Agenda for Delegates Meeting 12 April 2021, Peet Kay Recruitment, Board Meeting Minutes March 2021, Volunteer Grants 2021, Annual Presentation Night, Nominations for Positions 2021-22 and Vacancy Treasurer.

Bowls Tasmania – Interstate clearance - Tasmania to WA - Michael Sweeney, Winners Thursday Pennant Grand Finals, Winners Saturday Pennant Grand Finals and BTS Champion of Champions Championship winners.

Howrah, North Hobart and Buckingham – Complaint re Thursday Division 5 game Howrah versus Buckingham / North Hobart on 28 January 2021.

Howrah and Glenorchy City – Complaint re Saturday Division 2 game Howrah versus Glenorchy City on 13 February 2021.

Zoom – Cancelled subscription from 23 May 2021.

Glenorchy Rodman and BTS Officiating Panel – Ineligible opposite gender player Women's Division 4 Glenorchy Rodman versus Sorell on 4 February 2021.

Kingborough – Dispensation for Steve Sanders to play in Midweek Pennant Division 4 finals without playing required six games.

New Norfolk – Reprimanded for one or more of its players questioning an umpire's decision in the Saturday Pennant Division 2 game St. John's Park versus New Norfolk on 27 February 2021.

North Hobart and Buckingham – Breach of BTS Coronavirus Policy by a Buckingham player in the Buckingham versus North Hobart Saturday Division One game on 27 February 2021.

Buckingham and Glenorchy City – Glenorchy City played an ineligible player in the Women's Division 4 game Glenorchy City versus Buckingham on 4 March 2021.

Kingborough – Permission for Carleen Crane and Maureen Hynes to share a position in Women’s Thursday Pennant Division 5.

Howrah – Request use of Howrah Indoor Centre for BTS Coaching Panel’s Winter Coaching Program.

Sandy Bay – Dispensation for Edith Oseman to play in Women’s Thursday Pennant Division 5 finals without playing required six games.

Buckingham and Glenorchy Rodman – Imposition of fines re incident at Glenorchy Rodman versus Buckingham Premier Division game on 13 February 2021.

Moved: Lee Cowie Seconded: Pat Zapotocky “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: Rob McGuire Seconded: Ailsa Milburn “that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted and that accounts paid be approved”. Carried

The Treasurer also forwarded details to Board Members prior to the meeting of honorariums, BTS championships green fees and BTS championships prize monies to be paid in 2020-21 all of which are in line with the approved budget.

Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded: Ross Bannister “that approval be given to pay honorariums as detailed”. Carried

Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded: Ross Bannister “that approval be given to pay BTS Championships green fees as detailed”. Carried

Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded: Ross Bannister “that approval be given to pay BTS Championships prize monies as detailed”. Carried

It was agreed that fees paid for hosting BTS Championships need to be reviewed, particularly for larger events shared over many Clubs which substantially dilutes the payments received by those Clubs.

Clearances:

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: John McKibben “that the following interstate clearance be approved:

- Michael Sweeney – Rosny Park to North Beach (WA)” Carried

Match Committee:

Nothing to report.

Officiating Panel:

As per the attached report.

Coaches Panel:

Nothing to report.

Selectors:

As per the attached two reports.

Forward Planning:

BTS Strategic Plan 2019-23:

It has previously been agreed that time will be spent each Board meeting going through the Strategic Plan and allocating tasks as required. No action was taken on the Strategic Plan at the meeting.

General Business:

Preliminary Final Venues:

Concerns were raised that the change in Conditions of Play this season resulted in Clubs who finished on top of their Division but which lost the second-semi-final at home got to play the preliminary final at home as well. It was agreed to amend Conditions of Play for 2021-22 such that no team will be permitted to play two home finals with any such preliminary finals being played on a neutral greens.

Practice before Pennant

John McKibben suggested that changes be made to Conditions of Play for 2021-22. It was agreed that Conditions of Play for 2021-22 be amended as follows:

- Clubs must make sure that the allocated greens are available for practice at least one hour before the scheduled starting time of matches.
- Once their allocated green is available, players will be permitted to practice on any rink – and not on the pegs – until the rinks players are playing on are drawn.
- Once rinks are drawn players cannot practice on the rink that they are drawn to play on but can continue to practice on any other rink.
- Practice is permitted up until the beginning of trial ends.

Referred from Delegates Meeting

The following matters were referred to the Board from the Delegates Meeting on 12 April 2021:

- Afternoon teas for Wednesday and Saturday Pennant post-COVID-19.
- Starting time for Thursday Women's Pennant.
- Fixed Fee Membership Model.
- Saturday Pennant Division 7 in 2021-22.
- Clubs with both synthetic and grass greens.
- BTS Tribunal Procedures.

It was agreed to defer consideration of these matters until the next Board meeting.

State Pennant Finals:

Bowls Tasmania has issued a statement providing an update to all bowlers in Tasmania to inform them of where things are at regarding Conditions of Play and State Pennant Finals as a result of many negative and inaccurate posts on Facebook since the Thursday Pennant Finals last week.

Bowls Tasmania has tried on a number of occasions from 2017-2021 to work with the three regions to create a uniform Conditions of Play for pennant competition in Tasmania but no agreement could be reached between the regions. Bowls Tasmania does not have any preconceived ideas on what types of formats would be included in this document, it would start from scratch with the hope of bringing in the best points from each of the current regional Conditions of Play. Uniform Conditions of Play would mean that the entire State would run their Pennant Competitions under the same format. There is no commitment from Bowls Tasmania on whether this would be 12 or 16 players to a rink or single gender or open gender midweek pennants. The document would be starting with a clean slate looking at what is best for bowls across Tasmania.

The three members of Bowls Tasmania (Bowls South, Bowls North and Bowls North West) have voted to keep their domestic pennant competitions under their current Conditions of Play and have instructed Bowls Tasmania to keep the Bowls Tasmania State Events Conditions of Play document as it currently reads. This allows for players who are eligible under their regional rules to be eligible for state finals (for example: open gender Thursday's) and with 12 players per side for all state finals Thursday's and Saturday's.

If any Club or player feels that they are not happy with the current situation they have been invited by Bowls Tasmania to voice these concerns with their regions.

Bowls Tasmania has advised that it is considering the future of State Pennant Finals for 2021-22 and beyond if all pennant competitions continue to run under such different formats across the State.

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded; Pat Zapotocky "that it is the preference of the BTS Board that Bowls Tasmania abolish all State Pennant Finals".

Carried

Date of next meetings: The next Board meeting will be held at 4.30pm on Monday 17 May 2021. A decision will be made closer to the day to determine if the meeting will be held face-to-face at Buckingham or electronically via Zoom.

Meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

Confirmed President: / / 2021



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH OFFICIATING PANEL

Report April 2021

The Bowls South Officiating Panel consists of Helen Ducker, Lee Cowie and Leonie Price. There will be invitations issued to recruit new members for the next season.

The Panel conducts meetings at least once a month through the bowling season and appoints Officials for all BTS championship Finals. The Panel continues to appoint Markers for all BTS Singles and Champions of Champions finals, this initiative is working and ensures that singles finals have competent markers.

The Side Captain's Guidelines were upgraded for the season and continued to include a section on the movement of players. This, hopefully, clarifies what players may and may-not do when playing pennant and Championship four's games. (as per Law A4 page 96 in the Law book which has been incorporated into the Conditions of Play for Bowls South)

The Guidelines also detail procedures for results of Pennant Games to be entered in the Bowls Link Program.

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.

Forums for Umpires and Measurers were not held due to the difficulty in complying with COVID-19 restrictions but will be reintroduced in the next season. All qualified Officials are encouraged to attend to update their knowledge, especially when there have been changes to either the Laws or the Conditions of Play.

The Panel wishes to thank all the Bowls Officials that have given their time to BTS Championship events and Pennant Finals.

Leonie Price
Chair
BTS Officiating Panel



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH SELECTOR'S REPORTS

Report April 2021

1. Women's Open Selector

A good turn-out at the first trials, made it a difficult job to choose a team, especially with having seven ladies in the State Squad to be placed.

We were confident with the first team we selected, and prepared for the first round in the North West.

Having to play in wet and windy conditions, the Ladies acquitted themselves well at Burnie. We came away with points and lots of confidence. Burnie was done and we were a happy team heading home.

Heading to the North and the North Launceston Bowling Green, saw a couple of minor changes in the team. Once again we were happy to come away with points. The seven Squad Ladies, showed why they were selected, and our other five Ladies settled in well, and played some good bowls. This gave us the confidence that our choices with the team, were good one and we looked towards our last encounter in the South.

Playing in the South we thought with the second team, a good chance was still there for us to pick up points required to give us a good shot at winning. After a couple of changes in the team, one tactical and one due to illness, the first team put up a great show in the first game by only going down overall by two shots to the North West. The second team put up a good show, but could only manage one rink win against the North. The afternoon saw a different green and a much faster pace. The first team fought hard but were no match for the North Ladies and no points were obtained. Once again the second team could only salvage one rink win against the North West. Some good individual performances were seen, but we agree all Ladies did their bit to contribute to their team.

These Ladies are a good unit and given the chance to consolidate with each other will become a team to be reckoned with.

Moving forward maybe a consideration to pick the second side prior to the first State Wide Competition would also give opportunity to train both teams together.

A recommendation would be more training sessions to benefit our girls.

Carol Bannister.
Chair of Selectors

2. Women's Senior's Selector

The first round of the Senior Statewide Challenge was held at the Burnie Bowls Club in January and the morning game against the second North West team resulted in two wins for the South. With the North West having the advantage as well as the experience of playing on the Burnie Club's well prepared greens, the South could only secure one win in the afternoon against the number one team.

The second in the series was hosted by Kings Meadows Bowls Club, and the South won on all three rinks against North 2 in the morning and were ready to take on the No. 1 team after lunch, but could only manage one rink win against the North's top team.

The final in the series was played at New Norfolk Bowls Club, with the South having two teams to gain some well needed points, unfortunately it was not meant to be. The weather was perfect and the greens were in great condition but the Southern teams could not capitalize on their home advantage.

Now that the Statewide Challenge has been completed, the State Senior squad of sixteen ladies has been announced by Bowls Tasmania.

The team to compete at the Nationals will be announced later.

Congratulations to Peri Buckley, Di Jones, Jeanette Lane, Sue Mann, Chris Thompson and Lyn Triffitt for making the squad.

Hopefully next year will attract more seniors to trial for the honour of being selected in the Tasmanian Squad.

Ailsa Milburn
Selector