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President: Peter Kirby Secretary: Rob McGuire



Minutes of the BTS Board meeting on Monday 21 June 2021 at the Buckingham Bowls Club commencing at 4.31 pm.

Present: Peter Kirby (President), Ross Bannister, Lee Cowie, Paul Hoddy, Anne Mullavey, Geoff Price, Leonie Price and Rob McGuire.

Observers: Nil.

Apologies: Ailsa Milburn and Bernard Knight (Bowls Tasmania Board).

Minutes: Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Lee Cowie "that the minutes of the meetings held on 17 May 2021 and 30 May 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

At the May 2021 Board meeting, it was agreed that a sub-committee be established with the aim of preparing an argument for the Flat Fee model to be introduced in 2022-23. Terms of reference for the sub-committee are to be established but will include how the system operates in other states and how their "flat-fee" is decided. Peter Kirby and Rob McGuire agreed to be on the sub-committee. It was agreed to also invite the BTS Treasurer and Bowls Tasmania Treasurer to be on the sub-committee.

Damage to Greens Committee

At its meeting in November 2020 the Board formed a Working Group to clarify issues in regard to bowlers' actions that cause damage to greens. A draft policy has been developed and will be considered by the Working Group at its next meeting on Wednesday 30 June 2021.

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.

Selectors playing in SWC teams and RCC Meeting

At the Regional Consultative Committee meeting held on 25 May 2021 it was agreed to recommend that the Bowls Tasmania policy be amended to prohibit State Selectors playing in SWC teams for which they are a Selector. The Secretary is seeking confirmation that the Bowls Tasmania policy has been amended accordingly following which the BTS policy will be similarly amended.

Amendment to BTS Constitution, Conditions of Play and Disciplinary Policy

At its meeting in March 2021, the Board resolved that Peter Kirby and Rob McGuire consider changes needed to the BTS Constitution, Conditions of Play and the BTS Disciplinary Policy following the upholding of appeals resulting from the incident at Glenorchy Rodman on 13 February 2021. Changes have been drafted and are being considered by Michael Hannon before presented to the Board.

Approval to Wear Non-Conforming Footwear

At its meeting in April 2021, the Board was advised that Brighton had sought approval for Jeanette Holmes and Lindy Brown to wear non-conforming footwear on medical advice. The BTS Secretary sought further information and no approval was given. Advice has been received that Jeanette Holmes and Lindy Brown have now purchased Bowls Australia approved footwear.

Matters raised at Delegates Meeting

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

- Starting time for Thursday Women's Pennant - A survey has been sent to Clubs to seek their opinions re start time 11am or 11.30am and lunch break or no lunch break. Responses are due by 16 July 2021.
- Saturday Pennant Divisions 6 and 7 in 2021-22 - A survey has been sent to Clubs to seek their opinions on various options for Divisions 6 and 7 in 2021-22. Responses are due by 16 July 2021.

State Pennant Finals

At the Regional Consultative Committee meeting on 25 May 2021 it was agreed to recommend to Bowls Tasmania that State Pennant Finals should be abolished going forward (with Bowls North voting against this recommendation). Bowls Tasmania has since advised that it will not be continuing with Thursday Pennant State Finals in future but will continue with Saturday Pennant State Finals which will be played in accordance with its current Conditions of Play.

BTS Representative on Bowling Arm Committee

It was agreed to appoint Geoff Price as the BTS representative on the Bowls Tasmania Bowling Arm Committee.

Moved: Geoff Price Seconded: Ross Bannister "that the BTS Board recommend to Bowls Tasmania that Mike Cawthorn be appointed as the Bowls Tasmania Southern Bowling Arm Selector". Carried

If appointed Mike Cawthorn will be the Chairman of the Southern Bowling Arm Selection Panel.

BTS Calendar of Events 2021-22

The BTS Match Committee has prepared a draft Calendar of Events for 2021-22 but needs to clarify a couple of issues before sending it to the BTS Board for its approval out-of-session. A major issue are the dates for Midweek Pennant for 2021-22. The Nationals, two weeks of Bowls Tasmania Championships and Australia Day all impact on Wednesday's during the season. It was agreed that Midweek Pennant would commence on 13 October 2021 (during The Nationals) and would also be played on 12 January 2022 (the last day of the Bowls Tasmania Open Triples, Mixed Pairs and Bowling Arm Championships which are being played on the North West Coast) to enable grand finals to be played on 8 April 2022.

Vacant Bowls Tasmania Director Position

Voting for the vacant Southern female Bowls Tasmania Director position was extended and closed on 18 June 2021 after voting for the two nominees was tied after it originally closed on 28 May 2021. Anne Mullavey from Howrah was declared elected and Bowls Tasmania is to be advised accordingly. This will result in a casual vacancy on the BTS Board as Anne cannot hold positions on both Boards.

Vacant BTS Board Positions

Clause 11.3 of the BTS Constitution provides that vacant Board positions are to be filled as casual vacancies by the Board.

It was resolved to appoint Ailsa Milburn to the vacant Deputy President's position. It was further resolved to approach Christine McGrath from Rosny Park to see if she is interested in filling the casual vacancy on the Board as the result of Ailsa moving to the Deputy President's position.

The Secretary has approached Deb Jeffrey from Beltana to see if she is willing to fill the vacant BTS Treasurer's position. Deb is currently on leave in WA until 23 June 2021 but is interested in the position and will meet with the former Treasurer and Secretary on her return from leave to discuss it further.

The appointment of Anne Mullavey to the Bowls Tasmania Board has caused another casual vacancy on the Board. It was agreed that Board members think about a possible replacement Board member for Anne, preferably a male.

Vacant BTS Southern Sides Selectors, Coaches and Managers

At its meeting on 30 May 2021, it was agreed to invite expressions of interest in selectors, coaches and managers for BTS representative teams for 2021-22. Expressions of interest close on 13 August 2021.

BTS Tribunal Members

It was agreed to approach Michael Kelleher (Rosny Park), Don McVilly (Cremorne), Phil Richardson (Glenorchy Rodman), Noel Sargent (Buckingham), Alan Sculthorpe (Kingborough) and Patricia Zapotocky (Buckingham) to ask if they are prepared to form a panel of possible BTS Tribunal members for 2021-22.

Correspondence:**Inwards:**

Bowls Tasmania – RCC Meeting 25 May 2021 - Noted.

Buckingham – Request to vary playing times for Pennant 2021-22 – This is already permitted under Conditions of Play.

Buckingham – Request to revert Midweek Pennant to minimum of two B Grade players in each rink – Rejected by BTS Board.

Peter Kirby – Notes from Bowls Tasmania AGM and RCC Meetings - Noted.

Rosie Geeves – Offering to go on the BTS Match Committee 2021-22 – Agreed to leave BTS Match Committee as four members.

Bowls Tasmania – Copies of RCC Minutes May 2021 and Bowls Tasmania Calendar 2021-22 - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Resignation of Alan Eadie as Regional Bowls Manager Tasmania – Noted.

Jeanette Holmes (Brighton) – Non-conforming footwear – Refer Matters Arising above.

Michael Taylor and Brent Forsyth – Expression of interest to continue as Junior Coaches for 2021-22 – Deferred until after closing date of Expressions of Interest on 13 August 2021.

Bowls Tasmania – BTS concerns with Bowls Tasmania Calendar of Events 2021-22 rejected - Noted.

Orford – Request to send email to Clubs re early start for all Wednesday and Saturday pennant games involving Orford – Refused – it is up to Orford to make contact with Clubs.

Bowls Tasmania – CEO moving on - Noted.

Elise Archer MP - \$500,000 Community Car & Coach Fund – Forwarded to Clubs.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Reminder re BTS Annual General Meeting, Election for southern female Director of Bowls Tasmania Board, Bowling Arm Update, Updated BTS Coronavirus Policy, Thursday Women's Pennant Club Survey, Saturday Pennant Divisions 6 and 7 Survey, Board Meeting Minutes 17 May 2021, Annual General Meeting Minutes, Affiliation and Other Fees 2020-21, Board Meeting Minutes 30 May 2021, 2022 Membership Survey, Expressions of Interest - BTS Southern Open and Senior Teams Selectors and Managers, New \$500,000 Community Car and Coach Fund and Reminder re Pennant Teams 2021-22.

Bowls Tasmania – Bowls Tasmania Selectors, Update re Election for Southern female Director on Bowls Tasmania Board, Registration of Lilly Bricknell, Calendar of Events 2021-22 and Revised Bowls Tasmania Selection Policy.

Brighton – Information on non-conforming footwear.

Howrah and Glenorchy Rodman - Incident Report Thursday Division 5 Grand Final.

Peter Krstic, Stuart Edwards, Mike Quinn and Rod Cooper – Responses re State Pennant Finals.

Bruny – Approve change of uniform.

Malcolm Salier – Fixed Fee Membership Model.

North Hobart – Approve change of bowls stickers.

Cremorne – Change of surface re synthetic or grass greens is on agenda for Annual General Meeting.

Deb Jeffrey – Vacant BTS Treasurer position.

Ross Bannister, Margaret Cornish and Paul Hoddy – Appointment to BTS Match Committee.

Paul Hoddy – Appointment as BTS Statistician.

Ken Coppleman – Appointment as Member Protection Information Officer and on the Greens Advisory Committee.

Jeanette Lane – Appointment as Women’s Open Selector.

Phil Virth – Appointment as Men’s Senior Selector.

Margaret Cornish – Appointment as Junior Selector

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Geoff Price “that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be endorsed”. Carried.

Reports:

Finance:

No report received.

Clearances:

No clearances received.

Match Committee:

Nothing to report.

Officiating Panel:

Lee Cowie advised that she is moving to Queensland in the near future and has resigned from the Officiating Panel. It is up to the Officiating Panel to advise who its representative on the Board will be. President Peter Kirby thanked Lee for her work on the Officiating Panel and more recently as its representative on the BTS Board.

Coaches Panel:

Ross Bannister advised that approximately thirty players attended the second of the Winter Coaching sessions which was held at the Howrah Indoor Centre on 6 June 2021.

Selectors:

Nothing to report.

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:

BTS Board Uniforms:

It was agreed to leave ordering new BTS Board uniforms until all positions on the Board have been filled.

Bowls Tasmania Training Courses:

Ross Bannister advised that he has conducted 13 courses over the past twelve months but no participants have yet received certificates or cards from Bowls Australia which is not good enough. It was agreed that the Secretary would contact Bowls Tasmania to chase these long-outstanding certificates and cards.

Working with Vulnerable People Card:

New BTS Board members were reminded that they require a Working with Vulnerable People Card as a member of the Board. Existing Board members were asked to check the expiry date of their own Cards. Copies of the Card are to be provided to the Secretary when received or renewed.

Bowls Link Administration:

Following the resignation of the Bowls Tasmania CEO, Paul Hoddy has been given administration authority to access the Bowls Link to make any necessary changes for BTS clubs and members.

Bowls Link Database:

President Peter Kirby advised that subscriptions in future will be calculated by Bowls Tasmania based on the number of members in the Bowls Link database as at 31 March each year. It is the responsibility of all Clubs to keep their Bowls Link database up-to-date and accurate. Entries for non-current members should be archived rather than deleted.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held at 4.30pm on Monday 19 July 2021 electronically via Zoom.

Meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

Confirmed President: / / 2021