

# Southern Tasmanian Bowls Association Inc.

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President: Peter Kirby Secretary: Rob McGuire



Minutes of the BTS Board meeting held on Monday 19 July 2021 via Zoom commencing at 4.30 pm.

**Present:** Peter Kirby (President), Michael Andersch, Ross Bannister, Paul Hoddy, Deb Jeffrey, Christine McGrath, Geoff Price, Leonie Price and Rob McGuire.

**Observer:** Anne Mullavey (Bowls Tasmania Board).

**Apology:** Ailsa Milburn (Deputy President).

**Minutes:** Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Geoff Price “that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 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

The BTS Board approved its updated Coronavirus Policy as a result of the Government mandated use of the Check-In TAS app for contract tracing from 7 July 2021 with no 15 minute leeway.

#### 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 have been established and were approved by the Board. Peter Kirby and Rob McGuire have already agreed to be on the sub-committee. At the June 2021 Board meeting 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. The Working Group has established a draft policy which was circulated to Board members before the meeting. Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Michael Andersch “that the BTS Greens Protection Policy be approved”. Carried

#### Bowling Arm Tasmania 2021 Program

At the January 2021 Board Meeting it was agreed that the BTS Secretary 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 made in consultation with Michael Hannon and were forwarded to Board members before the meeting. Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Michael Andersch” that subject to changes suggested to Section 32.1 of the Constitution, the BTS Constitution, Conditions of Play and BTS Disciplinary Policy be amended accordingly”. Carried

It is proposed that changes to the BTS Constitution will be presented to Clubs at a Special General Meeting to be held immediately prior to the next Delegates Meeting in late September or early October 2021.

#### 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 was sent to Clubs to seek their opinions re start time 11am or 11.30am and lunch break or no lunch break. Survey results are as follows:

11am start – 12 votes.	11.30am start – 5 votes
Lunch Break – 13 votes	No Lunch Break – 3 votes

Moved: Leonie Price Seconded: Ross Bannister “that Conditions of Play for 2021-22 be changed such that the starting time for Thursday Pennant be changed to 11.00am with a compulsory lunch break at 12.30pm”. Carried

- Saturday Pennant Divisions 6 and 7 in 2021-22 - A survey was sent to Clubs to seek their opinions on various options for Divisions 6 and 7 in 2021-22. Survey results are as follows:

<u>Saturday Division 6:</u>		
Ten Teams – 9 votes	More than 10 teams – 4 votes	
<u>Saturday Division 7:</u>		
Two Rinks – 11 votes.	Three Rinks – 3 votes	One
Division of Two Rinks and One Division of Three Rinks – 0 votes		
15 Ends – 0 votes	18 ends – 2 votes	21 ends – 11 votes

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Rob McGuire “that Conditions of Play for 2021-22 be changed such that Saturday Division 6 be allowed to have more than ten teams and clubs will be permitted to have more than one team in the Division”. Carried

It was agreed that the BTS Match Committee should try and avoid having a bye in Saturday Pennant Division 6.

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Rob McGuire “that Saturday Division 7 remain unchanged for 2021-22 and will consist of two rinks playing 21 ends.” Carried

#### BTS Representative on Bowling Arm Committee

At the June 2021 Board meeting it was agreed to appoint Geoff Price as the BTS representative on the Bowls Tasmania Bowling Arm Committee. It was further agreed to recommend to Bowls Tasmania that Mike Cawthorn be appointed as the Bowls Tasmania Southern Bowling Arm Selector.

The Bowls Tasmania Bowling Arm Committee has advised that Kevin Bowkett and Mike Cawthorn are the Southern representatives on the Committee. President Peter Kirby undertook to prepare a position paper for consideration by the BTS Board at its next meeting.

#### BTS Calendar of Events 2021-22

The BTS Match Committee has prepared a draft Calendar of Events for 2021-22 which has moved the Singles Championships from January 2022 to February 2022. The amended Calendar of Events was circulated to Board members before the meeting and was approved.

#### 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.

Deb Jeffrey has agreed to fill the vacant BTS Treasurer position and Christine McGrath has agreed to fill the casual vacancy as the result of Ailsa Milburn moving to the Deputy President's position.

Matthew Gregg has written to the BTS Board offering to fill the casual vacancy as the result of Anne Mullavey moving to the Bowls Tasmania position. Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded: Geoff Price “that Matthew Gregg be appointed to fill the casual vacancy”. Carried

### 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

At the June 2021 Board meeting it was agreed to approach Michael Kelleher (Rosny Park), Don McVilly (Cremorne), Phil Richardson (Glenorchy Rodman), Noel Sargent (Buckingham), Allen Sculthorpe (Kingborough) and Patricia Zapotocky (Buckingham) to ask if they are prepared to form a panel of possible BTS Tribunal members for 2021-22. All have indicated that they are willing to be appointed to as Tribunal members for 2021-22. President Peter Kirby requested that Leigh McAdam also be approached and he has indicated his willingness to be on the Tribunal for 2021-22. It was agreed to appoint all to the Tribunal for 2021-22.

It was agreed that the Tribunal for 2021-22 is low on female representation and Board members were asked to consider what suitable females could be added as Tribunal members for 2021-22.

### BTS Board Member Uniforms

At the June 2021 Board meeting it was agreed to leave ordering new BTS Board uniforms until all positions on the Board have been filled. Board members were requested to provide their sizes to the Secretary as soon as possible and, if unsure, were requested to attend the Hobart Bowls Centre for checking of sizes.

### Officials Accreditation:

At the June 2021 Board meeting, 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. The Secretary contacted Bowls Tasmania to chase these long-outstanding certificates and cards and was advised that the players received their accreditation on the day that they completed their courses. The only thing the participants are waiting on are the physical cards they receive when accredited. These cards are printed by Bowls Australia and a delay has occurred due to COVID-19 restrictions in Melbourne.

### Working with Vulnerable People Card:

New BTS Board members have been reminded that they require a Working with Vulnerable People Card as a member of the Board. Existing Board members have been 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. The Secretary has started collecting this information.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Inwards:**

Howrah – Proposed changes to Conditions of Play 2021-22 – Forwarded to BTS Conditions of Play Committee.

Cremorne – Approval to change its polo top – Approved out-of-session.

Bowls Tasmania – Endorse Southern State Selectors – Margaret Cornish (Junior's) and Shane Young (Open Men) – Endorsed out-of-session.

Orford - Approval to change its polo top – Approved out-of-session.

Bowling Arm Tasmania Committee – Formalize relationships with regions - Noted.

Les Harrison – Bowling Arm Committee – Refer Matters Arising above.

Bowls Tasmania – Officials Accreditation – Refer Matters Arising above.

Matthew Gregg – Nominating for BTS Board position vacated by Anne Mullavey – Refer Matters Arising above.

Christine McGrath – Accepting invitation to fill vacant position on BTS Board – Refer Matters Arising above.

Good Sports Tasmania – Small Grants Round 4 – Sent to BTS Clubs 2 July 2021.

Communities Sport & Recreation – Child Safeguarding in Sport Forum – Sent to BTS Clubs 5 July 2021.

BTS Officiating Panel – Nominating Michael Andersch as its representative on BTS Board to replace Lee Cowie – Refer Matters Arising above.

Michael Kelleher, Leigh McAdam, Don McVilly, Phil Richardson, Noel Sargent, Allen Sculthorpe, Pat Zapotocky – Accepting invitation to be on BTS Tribunal for 2021-22 – Refer Matters Arising above.

Howrah – Pennant a proposed way forward (for discussion at next Delegates Meeting) – Agreed to circulate to Clubs and add to the agenda for the next Delegates Meeting.

Bowls Tasmania – Directors and Selectors Register – Noted.

Elise Archer MP – Improving the Playing Field Grants – Sent to Clubs 14 July 2021.

#### **Outwards:**

All Clubs – Board Meeting Minutes 21 June 2021, Pennant Roster Special Requests, Good Sports - Small Grants Round 4 - July 2021, Communities, Sport & Recreation - Child Safeguarding in Sport Forum, Vale Neil Clark, Community Car and Coach Fund Grants, Community Car and Coach Fund and Improving the Playing Field Program Grants 2021-22.

Bowls Tasmania – Election result for Southern female Director on Bowls Tasmania Board, Request to use Zoom, Officials Accreditations and Bowling Arm Committee.

Bowling Arm Committee Tasmania – Advising that Geoff Price will be the BTS representative on the Committee.

Ailsa Milburn – Confirming appointment as Deputy President.

Christine McGrath – Invitation to fill casual vacancy on BTS Board.

Deb Jeffery – Invitation to fill vacant Treasurer position on BTS Board.

Michael Kelleher, Leigh McAdam, Don McVilly, Phil Richardson, Noel Sargent, Allen Sculthorpe, Pat Zapotocky – Invitation to become members of BTS Tribunal Panel.

Buckingham – Request to vary playing times for Pennant 2021-22.

Buckingham – Refused request to revert Midweek Pennant back to a minimum of two B Grade players in each rink.

Rosie Geeves – BTS Match Committee.

Orford – Refuse request to send email to Clubs requesting early start for all Pennant.

BTS Officiating Panel – Requesting nomination of replacement Board member for Lee Cowie.

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

#### **Reports:**

##### **Finance:**

Former Treasurer Tony Fulton forwarded his report to Board Members prior to the meeting. Moved: Deb Jeffery Seconded: Leonie Price “that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted and that accounts paid be approved”.

Moved: Deb Jeffery Seconded: Leonie Price “that BTS renew its Zoom subscription for another year”. Carried

##### **Clearances:**

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

- Paul Davie – Glenorchy Rodman to Claremont.
- Steve Davie – Glenorchy Rodman to Claremont.
- Tony Davie – Glenorchy Rodman to Claremont.
- John Davis – Glenorchy Rodman to Claremont.
- Roger Duggan – Brighton to Kingborough.
- Deborah Smith – Huonville to Kingborough.”

Carried

##### **Match Committee:**

Nothing to report.

**Officiating Panel:**

As per the attached report.

**Coaches Panel:**

Ross Bannister advised that approximately thirty players attended the third of the Winter Coaching sessions which was held at the Howrah Indoor Centre on 4 July 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:**Conditions of Play 2021-22:

Draft Conditions of Play for 2021-22 have been prepared by the BTS Conditions of Play Committee and were considered by the BTS Board. Leonie Price advised that Conditions of Play 5.4 (c) is not relevant and needs to be removed. Moved: Rob McGuire Seconded Ross Bannister “that, subject to making changes as a result of decisions made by the Board at this meeting re Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday Pennant, the draft Conditions of Play be adopted and forwarded to Clubs for comment prior to formally approving same”. Carried

Juniors:

President Peter Kirby raised concerns in regard to the junior program in Tasmania and in particular Bowls Tasmania selection processes which appear to include quotas. Peter advised that it is essential that the Bowls Link system be used to record results for Junior State Wide Challenge. It was agreed to raise this matter at the next Regional Consultative Committee meeting.

Thursday Pennant Division 4:

Leonie Price questioned whether Clubs were able to submit additional teams in Thursday Pennant Division 4 as is now the case for Saturday Pennant Division 6 as both divisions have a two-rink division below them.

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Geoff Price “that Conditions of Play be changed such that Thursday Division 4 be allowed to have more than ten teams and clubs will be permitted to have more than one team in the Division”. Carried

It was agreed that the BTS Match Committee should try and avoid having a bye in Thursday Pennant Division 4.

Date of next meeting: The next Board meeting will be held at 4.30pm on Monday 16 August 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 6.10 pm.

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## **BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH OFFICIATING PANEL**

### **Report July 2021**

The Panel conducted a meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> July to say farewell to Lee Cowie and welcome the new member Michael Andersch.

Michael gave the meeting a brief summary of his time officiating at the Australian Open.

The Panel looked at the current Conditions of Play and sent several suggestions to the BTS Conditions of Play Committee.

The Side Captains Guidelines will be revised after the new Conditions of Play are finalised.

Michael Andersch was nominated as the new representative to the BTS Board.

Forums for Officials will be organised for November with sessions in the southern, northern and eastern area of the South.

Leonie Price  
Chair  
BTS Officiating Panel