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## Minutes of the BTS Board Meeting held at 7.30pm via Zoom on Monday 21 February 2022

### 1. Welcome

President Peter Kirby opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

### 2. Attendance

**Present:** Peter Kirby (President), Deb Jeffrey (Treasurer), Paul Matthews (Secretary), Paul Hoddy (Exec. Assistant), Michael Andersch (Officiating Panel Chair), Ross Bannister (Coaching Panel Chair/Match Committee Chair), Bernard Knight (BTAS Southern Director)

**Apologies:** Anne Mullavey (BTAS Southern Director), Matthew Gregg (Board member)

### 3. Confirm minutes of previous meeting

3.1. Moved: Paul Matthews, Seconded: Ross Bannister that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2022 be confirmed. **CARRIED**

3.2. Moved: Paul Matthews, Seconded: Ross Bannister that the minutes of the special meeting held on 16 January 2022 be confirmed. **CARRIED**

### 4. Business arising from previous minutes

#### 4.1. Items still requiring attention

- Volunteers Day ACTION: Board
- Candidates for Vice-President ACTION: President
- BTS Board vacancies ACTION: President
- Review MPIO role ACTION: President
- Renew Berriedale Office lease ACTION: Secretary
- Trophies and Plaques ACTION: Secretary
- Updating ABN records ACTION: Treasurer
- Increase Championship Entry Fees ACTION: Treasurer
- Men's Open Pairs Runners-up prize money ACTION: Treasurer

#### 4.2. Items approved/actioned out of session

- Tasman – Proposed new uniform shirts. Approved.
- Changes to Telstra Services. Landline, fax and modem dropped from our account.
- Facebook Moderation for Board members. Actioned.
- Facebook Group Administrator. Now Paul Matthews and Matt Gregg.

#### 4.3. **Scheduled events**

- Next Delegates Meeting - Monday, 21 March 2022.
- BTS Presentation Night - Monday 9 May 2022.
- BTS Annual General Meeting - Sunday 29 May 2022.

### 5. **Correspondence**

The Secretary reported that he had received 898 emails and sent out 608 emails since the last meeting. Moved: Paul Matthews, seconded: Michael Andersch that outwards correspondence be endorsed and inwards correspondence be accepted. **CARRIED**

#### **Business arising from correspondence**

5.1. **Items for next Delegates Meeting.** To date, two items have been submitted

- **BTS Board - Rename Division 7 to Southern League.** Ross Bannister moved that it be sent to clubs, seconded Paul Hoddy. **CARRIED**
- **BTS Board – Bowlers with Bowling Arms.** Michael Andersch moved that we table the BTS letter regarding Bowling Arms at the delegates meeting. Seconded: Peter Kirby. **CARRIED**
- **Tasman - Pennant Points distribution.** The Board agreed to add this item to the agenda.

5.2. **Venue for next Delegates Meeting.** To date, five clubs have offered their rooms for the meeting. A decision will be made on 28 February.

**ACTION: Secretary**

#### **Incidents currently under investigation/review**

5.3. **Complaint by Brighton – Slowness of Cygnet green.** This matter was heard/considered by BTS Match Committee, and the complaint was dismissed.

5.4. **Concerns re Brighton players' attitude.** Cygnet raised concerns regarding some Brighton players' attitude towards bowlers with bowling arm. This matter was considered by the Board and noted. No further action is deemed necessary.

5.5. **Complaint by Lyn Triffitt – North Hobart greens (DL Reid).** This feedback has been noted by BTS Match Committee.

5.6. **Complaint by Dover against behaviour of Orford player.** Orford have sent a letter of apology outlining a proposed course of action to Dover. Pending response from Dover.

5.7. **BTS Singles – Royal Hobart player 'no show'.** Royal Hobart asked to explain by 17 Feb but not response has yet been received. Hurry-up email sent. **ACTION: Secretary**

5.8. **Glenorchy City – Appeal against dispensation decision.** Ross Bannister moved that we dismiss this matter as Glenorchy City have no grounds for appeal and capacity in their Saturday Division 6 side. Seconded Michael Andersch. **CARRIED**

**ACTION: Secretary**

5.9. **New Norfolk - Concerns with Over 60s Southern Side selection.** The Manager of the Southern Over 60s side has been advised and the Board noted this feedback.

5.10. **Complaint by Southern Women's Player.** This complaint was heard by the BTS Board at this meeting. Moved Michael Andersch that we accept the resignation of the Southern Selector but recognise that there was fault on both sides due to a number of factors. Seconded Paul Matthews. **CARRIED**

5.11. **Complaint by Bill Butler – SWC selection.** This matter falls under Bowls Tasmania jurisdiction and is being investigated at that level.

- 5.12. **Protest – Brighton v Geeveston (Ladies Div 2 game 17 Feb 2022).** This matter is currently with the BTS Match Committee for investigation.

### **Business requiring action from correspondence**

- 5.13. **Resignation from the Tribunal Panel.** Patricia Zapotocky tendered her resignation as a Tribunal Panel candidate. The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation.
- 5.14. **Travel money for SWC and Junior players.** The Treasurer advised that the Juniors received \$60 for travel and meals before their game on January on the North-West coast (per normal processes). They were not provided any money towards accommodation but were expecting \$70 per player. Deb Jeffrey moved that we establish an \$80 allowance as a “North-West accommodation allowance” for games played in the North-West, and to provide this sum to juniors who played in the North-West in January. Seconded Ross Bannister.

**CARRIED**

**ACTION: Treasurer**

- 5.15. **Allowances in general.** The Board resolved to confirm that all Southern Representatives receive a \$60 “Travel and Meals allowance” for games played in the North-West, and a \$30 “Travel Allowance” for games played in the North.
- 5.16. **Cygnnet – Fee Refund Request.** Cygnnet requested a refund of BTS Fees for 4 players who haven’t played. The Board resolved to refund \$24 per player (it being the only portion of the capitation fee retained by BTS) to Cygnnet.
- 5.17. **Oatlands – Fee Refund Request.** Oatlands requested a refund of BTS Fees for 2 players, one who played 2 games and one who played only 1 game. The Board resolved not to refund Oatlands as their players had played pennant games and registration was a requirement of eligibility to play.
- 5.18. **BTS and Hobart Bowls Centre.** Rob McGuire has floated the idea that BTS purchase the Hobart Bowls Centre. Peter advised the board that this would cost BTS \$40,000 to buy the shop and \$70,000 to buy the stock. Profit over expenses in the last financial year was \$43,000 without balance sheet and GST obligations. It is an attractive offer because we could potentially pay a dividend to our member clubs but the Board agreed that the risks outweighed the benefits as it was not a business that was suitable for a Board to run.

**ACTION: Treasurer**

**ACTION: Secretary**

## **6. Reports**

- 6.1. **Finance:** Moved: Deb Jeffrey, seconded: Ross Bannister, that the financial report for January 2022 be accepted as presented to the Board (see summary at Appendix 1).

**CARRIED**

- 6.2. **Clearances:** The Board noted the following clearances for the month:

- David Dixon - Beltana to Rosny
- Xavier Triffett - Beltana to St Johns
- Tayla Triffett - Beltana to St Johns
- Jessika Triffett - Beltana to St Johns
- Sebastian Triffett - Beltana to St Johns
- David Triffett - Beltana to St Johns
- Roslyn Cordwell - Huonville to Geeveston
- Lynette Cowen - Cygnnet to Kingborough

- 6.3. **Match Committee:** The Board accepted this report as presented (see Appendix 2). Ross will be calculating the Bowler of the Year points. Ross asked that trophies be returned to the Bowls Shop.

**ACTION: Secretary**

- 6.4. **Officiating Panel:** The Board accepted this report as presented (see Appendix 3).
- 6.5. **Coaches Panel:** Ross Bannister reported there is a coaching course for new coaches coming up on Monday 11 April.
- 6.6. **Selectors:** Peter Kirby tabled a report of the Senior Men's SWC Rounds 1 and 2 (Appendix 4). Michael Andersch moved that we purchase 32 Magnetic Scoreboard signs (proof distributed to the Board) at a cost of \$352 including GST. Seconded Deb Jeffrey.

**CARRIED**

**ACTION: President**

- 6.7. **RCC Meeting:** Peter Kirby tabled a report of the January meeting of the RCC (Appendix 5).

## 7. Ongoing Matters

- 7.1. **BTS Strategic Plan 2019-23.** The Board will review the Strategic Plan in April/May.
- 7.2. **Knowledge Gaps.** The Board will share any knowledge of BTS operations and/or procedures with the Secretary so that it can be documented and formalised. In this regard:

- **Conditions of Play Protocol.** Peter Kirby documented the process for managing conditions of play and tabled the DRAFT protocol for consideration by the Board. Paul Matthews moved that we accept the protocol (with modified timeframes), seconded Michael Andersch. **CARRIED**
- **Payment Schedule.** Paul Matthews tabled a DRAFT payment schedule that attempts to capture all the defined payments BTS either receive or outlay. Accepted as a draft to be further developed and presented at a future meeting. **ACTION: Secretary**

## 8. General Business

- 8.1. **Proposed new Southern uniform tops.** The President advised the Board that we are holding a large amount of stock but proposed that we move to a model whereby players purchase their tops for a nominal sum (subsidised by BTS) to move away from holding, cleaning, distributing and recovering stock. This matter will be considered at a later meeting of the Board.
- 8.2. **Proposed new Board tops.** This matter will also be considered at a later meeting of the Board.
- 8.3. **BowlsLink Audit.** With regard to how we manage "active" players after 28 February audit, the Board agreed that a data extract from BowlsLink will occur on 1 March and control-check extracts will be made up until 31 March as required. If a player is found to be removed before the audit and added back after the audit, the club will be asked to explain and a re-registration fee may be required. **ACTION: Statistician**
- 8.4. **Conditions of Play rule 6.5.** Following out-of-session discussion regarding this rule, Matt Gregg tabled a proposed change to Conditions of Play rule 6.5 for consideration by the CoP Committee. Moved Ross Bannister, seconded Michael Andersch that we refer this suggestion to the CoP Committee. **CARRIED**
- 8.5. **Event Supervisor/Tournament Director.** The Board reviewed Attachment 4 of State Events CoP and determined we needed a sub-committee that included a representative from host and support clubs. Michael Andersch nominated as Officiating Panel rep, Ross Bannister nominated as Match Committee rep. Peter Kirby undertook to chair the sub-committee. Michael/Ross will invite Presidents of Rosny Park, Beltana and Claremont to nominate reps to the sub-committee. Peter Kirby will setup a 40 minute meeting via Zoom to initiate discussions/actions. **ACTION: Sub-committee**
- 8.6. **Cashless BTS.** Matt Gregg was an apology for this meeting so this matter is held over until next Board meeting. **ACTION: Matt Gregg**

- 8.7. **The six game rule.** The Board agreed that this rule (that determines eligibility for pennant finals) should not be affected as long as clubs enter their teams in BowlsLink even if they had a shared-points game.
- 8.8. **Promotions and Relegations.** The Board agreed that Promotions and Relegations will go ahead as per conditions of play.
- 8.9. **BowlsNow App.** Paul Hoddy advised the Board that the BowlsNow app has been launched today. It contains every video for all the BPLs from 1 to 14, plus all the streaming video, results, etc.

## **9. New Business**

- 9.1. New business was not accepted at this meeting.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting would normally be held on 21 March following the Delegates Meeting.

## **Closure**

The President declared the meeting closed at 9.48pm.

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Peter Kirby, President

## **APPENDICES**

1. Finance Report for January 2022
2. Match Committee Report
3. Officiating Panel Report
4. Senior Men's SWC Report
5. RCC Meeting report – January Meeting

## Appendix 1b – Finance Report (as at 31 Jan 2022)

### Report for the February 2022 Board meeting

#### Bank Accounts

- Bendigo Cheque Account \$28,493.92
- Sandhurst Investment Account \$132,504.76
- Petty Cash Debit Card \$1,735.31

#### 31 January 2022

- Account Receivables \$4,760.30
- Accounts Payable (not incl. BAS) \$6,663.85
- BAS payment due 28 February \$3,911.00 (paid in Feb 2022)

#### Key points - 31 January 2021

- Registrations [Income] **UP** 27.8% to last year
- Championship Entry Fees [Income] **DOWN** by 34.7% to last year
- Statewide Pennant [Expense] **UP** 30.8% to last year
- Statewide Juniors [Expense] **UP** \$690 to last year

As at 31 January 2022, BTS had a cash balance of \$163,235. The balance of total current assets at this date was \$167,995 and the total current liabilities was \$10,878. The net assets of the business at 31 January 2022 was \$161,831.

#### Cumulative Net Profit YTD



The YTD net profit as at January 22 was \$40,836. The YTD Budget net profit is \$43,251. BTS is currently tracking \$-2415.36 below budget.

Deb Jeffrey  
Treasurer

21 February 2022

## **Appendix 2 – Match Committees Report**

### **Report for the February 2022 Board meeting**

The BTS Men's B-Grade and Ladies Open and B-Grade singles have been completed.

The BTS Open men's singles still have the semi and grand finals to be played.

A thank you to the Kingborough Bowls Club for hosting the men's open sections  
Brighton Bowls Club for hosting the ladies open and B-grade sections.

Taroona Bowls Club for stepping in at the last minute and hosting the men's B-grade singles sectional play that looked like being cancelled due to not having any were to play them.

The ladies over 60's championship has been completed.

The ladies DL Reid championship is still progressing after the first round was abandon due to COVID.

The BTS mixed pairs are also continuing at the Howrah Indoor Centre.

The BTS junior championships are being run by the junior manager and coaches again this season. Thank you.

When the championship dates are set for 2022-23 season it is recommended that the long weekend in February not be used due to southern bowls clubs hold there club carnivals over that long weekend.

Ross Bannister  
Chair, BTS Mach Committee

## **Appendix 3 - Officiating Panel Report**

### **Report for the February 2022 Board meeting**

BSOP met Monday 24 January and 6 February 2022 since last BTS Board Meetings.

**Present:** Helen Ducker (24/1 & 6/2), Michael Andersch (24/1 & 6/2) and Leonie Price (24/1 & Apology).

#### **BSOP officials allocated to BTS Championship**

BSOP reviewed arrangements for umpires and markers for BTS Ladies and Men's Singles. Helen contacted and coordinated markers for Semis and Final and umpire the day. Myself and Leonie coordinated Kingborough markers (9) for BTS Singles including 1st round of knock-outs, Semis and Final.

Helen Ducker and Ross Bannister are monitoring and covering any needs for umpires and markers for the DL Reid Singles given the flexibility in timing of the remaining games.

#### **BSOP officials allocated to State-Wide Challenge**

Four umpires for each of the Over 60 and Open games were arranged. Nothing of contention for the umpires transpired on either day. A couple of ruling matters were given or investigated for the Open competition.

A "Thank You" email was issued to Pauline Connell, Miranda Wood, Bryan Rumley, Leonie Price, Anne Whenn and Michael Eisele by myself.

#### **Starting Times and Formalising terminology**

The Officiating Panel has asked Match that the Entry & Draws use the Trial Ends terminology (not Roll-Ups) and also include the official start time for matches.

#### **Upcoming**

Our next meeting although not scheduled yet, will be heavily focussed on officials' coverage to the upcoming events which are:-

- BT Gala – Open and B Grade Singles, Pairs and Fours and Disability Singles & Pairs (12-18 March)
- Champion of Champions (22, 24 & 25 March)
- Pennant Grand Finals (2 April)

Michael Andersch  
Chair, BTS Officiating Panel



## **Appendix 4 – Senior Men’s SWC Report**

### **Report for the February 2022 Board meeting**

#### **ROUND 1: BURNIE BOWLS CLUB, TUESDAY 18 JANUARY, 2022**

Only one formal practice was possible prior to the first round of the State Wide Challenge, at which time a side of twelve plus two reserves was selected. A second practice session was arranged for Sandy Bay but could not be held due to persistent rain during the afternoon. The three rinks selected were:

1. Shane Young (S), Greg Fehlberg, Peter Gangell, and Scott Booth (L)
2. Tony Vince (S), Grant Allford, Steve Graf, and Shane Peck (L)
3. Roger Dale (S), Ross Bannister, Bill Butler, and Peter Latham (L)

Thanks to Shane Young’s connections at the Burnie Bowls Club arrangements were made to conduct a practice session at the Burnie Bowls Club in the afternoon of Monday, 17 January. After practice excellent social interaction was enjoyed with members of the Burnie Bowls Club, as well as an evening meal prepared in the club’s kitchen. Accommodation was arranged at the Beachfront Voyager Motor Inn, Burnie.

Game 1 Tuesday pitted our side against the North West 2 side. After a slow start we were able to exert our authority on all rinks resulting in an all-rinks win, 12 – 0 and 21 shots up. Game 2, after an excellent lunch, was played against the North West 1 side. With only the Tony Vince rink putting in a competitive performance, finally conceding to the Richardson rink by 4 shots, we suffered a rather humiliating 0 – 12 loss by 45 shots. Needless to say, an analysis of individual performances occurred and a number of players, who had not previously expressed an interest in participation in our Senior Men’s sides, were approached in the days following and invited to practice prior to the second round of competition.

#### **ROUND 2: BELTANA BOWLS CLUB, TUESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 2022**

With two sides to be selected for the second round, a competitive practice was arranged for Tuesday, 1 February. With a number of additional players in attendance it was possible to conduct games on three rinks. Due to Covid-19, personal health issues and injury it was not possible to confirm the make-up of the second side until the Sunday afternoon prior to the second round. Also, five changes were made to the first side, being a combination of movement of players across rinks and the introduction of three players new to the side. The two sides selected to represent the South in the second round were:

##### **Side 1**

1. Shane Young (S), Roger Dale, Grant Chamberlain, and Scott Booth (L)
2. Tony Vince (S), Grant Allford, Steve Graf, and Shane peck (L)
3. Peter Marshall (S), Michael Eiszele, Greg Fehlberg, and Peter Latham (L)

## **SIDE 2**

1. Peter Jenkins (S), Craig Griggs, Paul Eaton, and Graeme Walker (L)
2. Michael Copleman (S), Tony Smith, Bill Butler, and Kevin Raby (L)
3. Leigh Munnings (S), Pat Hoffman, Ross Bannister, and Glenn Frame (L) (There was a change to this rink for the afternoon game with Ross and Leigh exchanging positions).

In the morning game the first side was drawn to play the powerful North West side and with some very strong performances was able to achieve a 48 shot turnaround from the first round in Burnie to win this match 10 – 2 and 3 shots up, the Vince (5 up) and Marshall (1 up) rinks being our winning rinks . Our second side put in a credible performance against the Northern side, going down 2 – 10 by 11 shots. The 1 shot win by the rink of Michael Copleman, 18 – 17, provided 2 valuable bonus points for the Southern Senior Men.

The afternoon game was played on a very quick bottom green at Beltana and our first side had a very close tussle with a very determined side from the North. The final result of this match was determined by the last two bowls of the day with the Northern skip, Bassett, drawing his bowl to the jack and our skip, Shane Young, unable to counter with his last bowl. The other two rinks resulted to an 18-all draw for the rink of Tony Vince, and the Peter Marshall rink completing two wins for the day with a 21 – 19 victory. The final result was a 3 – 9 win to the North by 2 shots.

Our second side took on the North West side and performed magnificently, with the Ross Bannister rink giving the strong Douce rink a big fright before finally going down 12 – 18. The Peter Jenkins rink also played consistent bowls to lose by 5 shots to their North West opponents, 13 – 18. The Michael Copleman rink made it two wins for the day by winning by 9 shots, 20 – 11, against the Monson rink. The North West won this match 2 – 10 by just 4 shots. The Copleman rink accounted for 4 bonus points on the day, which could determine the final outcome of this competition.

After the conclusion of play a train-on squad was named for the final round of competition in Launceston on Tuesday, 1 March. The squad includes all twelve members of the first side, plus Ross Bannister, Michael Copleman, Tony Smith, Craig Griggs and Peter Gangell (Peter was unavailable for selection for the second round due to being Covid-19 positive).

Peter Kirby  
Manager, BTS Seniors Men

## Appendix 5 - RCC Meeting (Monday, 17 January, 2022)

### Report for the February 2022 Board meeting

This meeting was conducted at the Devonport Country Club, Spreyton, commencing at 11am, Monday, 17 January, 2022. This meeting took some time to commence, having first been located in an outbuilding at the Country Club, a most unsuitable venue. The meeting was relocated to the main dining room area of the clubhouse and commenced at approximately 11:20am. This was a very short meeting with lunch taking longer than the meeting itself.

#### MAIN ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- 1. Conditions of Play relating to Promotion and Relegation in regional pennant competitions:** This was raised at the September, 2021 RCC meeting and was referred to the BTAS Board to resolve. The decision of the Board was that the issue of promotion and relegation of pennant sides was a matter for each region and no further action on this matter would be taken by the BTAS Board.
- 2. Disciplinary Procedures – consistency between regions:** A request was made for the BTS Disciplinary Policy to be forwarded to the CEO BTAS, and this has been actioned.
- 3. BowlsLink expertise shared across regions:** This matter has been raised a number of times in the past at RCC meetings and is now being advanced by the CEO BTAS. Paul Hoddy has been approached by the CEO in regard to supporting other regions and is willing to do so. Suitable remuneration for Paul's services was discussed and Bowls north has agreed in principle, but Bowls North West has no yet made any commitment.
- 4. Player registrations, Bowls North:** Bowls North President, Greg Smith, advised the meeting that player registrations in the North had suffered a drop of 112 players in 2021-22 compared with the previous season. This is an alarming outcome for the North as this relates to a drop of between 8 and 9% over the previous year. In Greg's opinion, much of the reduction in numbers can be, most likely, attributed to club administration not aligning with the needs and aspirations of players, with 15 players from the one club exiting the game altogether.
- 5. Financial support for State Selectors:** It is a BTAS requirement that State Selectors attend all State Wide Challenge rounds of the discipline for which they are a selector, as well as the semi-finals and finals of the State Championships of that same discipline. It has been a belief in the South that the regions were required to pay the travel and accommodation costs of Southern State Selectors when travelling with the Southern SWC side for which they were a State Selector. President Graham Hay was able to correct CEO Rob McGuire's belief in this matter by confirming that BTAS covers the cost of travel and accommodation for State Selectors in all circumstances.

Peter Kirby  
12 February 2022