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### MINUTES OF A DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT 1.00pm ON SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT ROSNY PARK BOWLS CLUB

#### 1. Welcome

The President, Peter Kirby, opened the meeting at 1.00pm by welcoming members and guests, and reading an acknowledgement of country. He confirmed that we had a quorum for the meeting in accordance with section 25 of the constitution.

#### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cremorne, Cygnet, Dover RSL, Franklin, Glenorchy Rodman, Huonville, North Hobart, Ouse and Tasman. Apologies were also received from Richard Crawford (Royal Hobart), Lorraine Walker (Kingborough), Elizabeth Downward (Brighton), and Mark Quinnane (Sandy Bay).

#### 3. Attendance

28 delegates, representing 18 of 27 clubs, attended the meeting. **Clubs represented:** Beltana, Brighton, Bruny Island, Buckingham, Claremont, Geeveston, Glenorchy City, Howrah, Kingborough, New Norfolk, Oatlands, Orford, Rosny Park, Royal Hobart, Sandy Bay, Sorell, St John's Park and Taroona.

Also in attendance were four BTS Board members (Peter Kirby, Paul Matthews, Ross Bannister and Michael Andersch), Christine McGrath (Vice-President, Rosny Park) and Leonie Price (Officiating Panel).

#### 4. Previous minutes

Margaret Cornish (St John's Park) moved, and Geoff Giblin (Orford) seconded, that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 March 2022 (as circulated with the notice) be accepted.

**CARRIED**

#### 5. Business arising from the minutes

- 5.1 **Item 8.2 - Tasman motion re uniform policy for new bowlers.** The President advised that this resolution was not enacted. The COP committee considered the March Delegates motion but could not support it as BTS is obliged, as an association, to comply with Bowls Australia policy. In particular, the logo policy mandates the

uniform code for formal competition (pennant and championships). It was felt that Condition 1.10 (d) provided for this contingency without creating a blanket condition that openly bypassed BA policy. Condition 1.10 (d) ensures a reason is given for each instance and discretion is enabled when considering club requests of this nature. It was also felt that the \$1,000 player participation grant could be used to purchase a stock of “lendable” items that would also meet this need.

- 5.2 **Item 8.5 – Opposite gender player eligibility.** The COP Committee enacted this resolution and added it to the 2022-23 Conditions of Play as rules 5.7 and 6.7.

## 6. Committee Reports

- 6.1 **Match Committee.** Ross Bannister spoke regarding rosters. In particular, that Bowls Tasmania set their roster, once they get the Bowls Australia roster, and then BTS set out rosters for pennant/championships. Sides need to be notified by end July, and then bottom sides close in late September. In the past, rosters were issued as drafts, but this caused confusion as different drafts were posted to notice boards and not replaced with the final version in some cases. This year, draws will be issued in early October.

Div 4 Thursday this year is likely to be 12 sides, and Div 6 Saturday is likely to be 14 sides. If this remains the case, both divisions will be split into sections. Where possible, this will help reduce travelling by not putting far-apart clubs in the same section. Clubs with two sides entered will also be playing in separate sections.

- 6.2 **Selection Committee.** The President noted that BTS has only received three nominations for State Wide Challenge side selectors, and requested clubs canvas their members for people to fill selector, manager and coach roles. A call was made for men turning 60 to try out for the Over 60s. He asked clubs to encourage ladies turning 60 to also try out for the Women’s Over 60s side.
- 6.3 **Officiating Panel.** Michael Andersch presented his report (see appendix 1). The President congratulated and thanked Michael and the officiating committee for ensuring umpires are kept up-to-date and ready for the season. Ross Bannister added that 22 courses (umpires, markers/measurers, and coaches) had been conducted but no action had been taken to process qualifications and/or re-accreditations by Bowls Tasmania. However, Rob McGuire (CEO Bowls Tasmania) has now processed the backlog he inherited and all cards will be distributed prior to the start of pennant.
- 6.4 **Coaches.** Ross Bannister reported that the winter coaching sessions at the Howrah Indoor Centre went well. Sessions were held in May, June, July and August, with about 40 attending each section. He advised the meeting that the coaching course was comprehensive and well-worth undertaking, and he offered to run courses at a club if a few people can be found who wish to become a coach.

## 7. Matters referred from BTS Board

- 7.1 **2022-23 Conditions of Play.** The President expressed his gratitude to the Secretary for his work in reorganising the conditions of play to improve findability of rules.

Conditions of play were updated as a result of restructuring and changes required due to occurrences last season. The President noted the following:

- **1.3 – Clearances.** This is now referred to, for consistency, as “Transfers”.
- **1.15 (e) – Penalties.** The Board has been removed from adjudicating on the rules. The Match Committee will set a penalty, and an independent panel will hear appeals. Also, rules for championship penalties were moved to rule 2.20 and rules for pennant penalties were moved to rule 3.23.
- **1.15(b) – Cannot bend/disregard rules.** This has been added.
- **2.4 – Eligibility for B Grade championships.** This has changed to day of competition instead of day of draw.
- **3.3 (c) and 3.3 (d) – Social bowlers in pennant.** Allows selection of social bowlers and defines the limits of this allowance.
- **3.6 – Allocation of Rinks of Play.** This replaces the conditions that required clubs with both grass and synthetic green to “pre-nominate” the surface they will play on.
- **3.10 – Adjacent rinks.** If a game is moved to that surface (see rule 3.6) before cards are issued, rinks must be adjacent. If cards are distributed before a move, rinks can be non-adjacent.
- **3.12 – Umpires.** Renamed from “Officiating” and limited to a focus on umpires.
- **3.13 – Coaches.** New rules added.
- **3.14 – Greens Superintendents.** New rules split out from the old “Officiating” rule.
- **3.30 – Sections within a Division.** New rules added to cater for divisions.
- **3.31 – Section finals.** New rules added to cater for divisions.
- **4.4 – Division structure.** Division 6 now lowest Saturday Division.
- **5.6 and 6.6 – Opposite Gender players.** Simplified rules that align Midweek and Thursday rules.
- **5.7 and 6.7 – Eligibility for finals.** Rules per March Delegates resolution.
- **Section 7 – Southern League.** New section added to cater for the Southern League.
- **New form – Change of Playing Surface.**
- **New form – Request for Dispensation.**

The President congratulated Royal Hobart for entering a Ladies Division 4 side into the Thursday pennant; a first for their club.

The President asked for any comments, and a suggestion was made that the Match Committee look into restructuring Midweek Pennant to create a point of difference from Saturday, and to allow for shorter games. The President asked that a submission that proposed a different structure be prepared and sent to the BTS Secretary, and it would be included for discussion at the March 2024 delegates meeting.

- 7.2 **BTS Grants to clubs.** The BTS Finance Committee has approved grants for Glenorchy Rodman, Tasman, Tarooma and New Norfolk. The committee will meet on 28 September to consider grants from Beltana and Oatlands (and any others that arrive before then). The President encouraged clubs to consider ways to improve participation at their club and apply for the grant to help achieve this aim.

- 7.3 **BowlsLink and BTS Championship events.** The meeting was advised that we're moving to BowlsLink for entries into BTS Championships, and forms will not be required this season. Random draws will be conducted using the BowlsLink software. Eventually, payment of entry fees will also be carried out within BowlsLink but this facility is not available yet. Training on 22 September (at Beltana) will help club representatives learn this functionality, which can also be used for club championship entries and draws if clubs wish to do so.
- 7.4 **BTS Board and Committee vacancies.** The President asked that clubs canvas nominations for Deputy President (female), and two ordinary board members.
- 7.5 **BTS Opening Day.** Opening Day will be held at Kingborough on Monday 10 October; a flyer will be sent to clubs shortly. The Board is considering if an opening day is still relevant and asked for feedback from clubs regarding this matter. It will be placed on the agenda for the March 2024 Delegates Meeting. **ACTION: Secretary**
- 7.7 **New pennant winners' medallions.** The President showed the meeting the new pennant medallion that players will be playing for from this season forward. A photo is included at appendix 2.

## 8. General Business

- 8.1 No motions were received from clubs. The President asked if any delegates wished to raise a matter for discussion but no issues were raised.

## 9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of delegates will likely take place in March 2024.

## 10. Closure

The President declared the meeting closed at 2.25pm.

Minutes taken by:

Paul Matthews  
BTS Secretary

## Appendices

1. Officiating Panel Report
2. Photo of new pennant medallion

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **BTS Officiating Panel Report to the Delegates Meeting**

The Bowls South Officiating Panel consists of Helen Ducker, Michael Andersch and Leonie Price with Wayne Cobbing and Janet Rutherford recent joining.

The Panel will swing into action as the new season approaches. We will conduct our usual Forums for Umpires, Measurers, Markers and interested bowlers during November 2022. These encourage an exchange of views and discussion on current and updated Laws and the Conditions of Play

With the Calendar of events across the season now finalised, we will go out to all officials seeking interest in officiating across the various championships. Early up we have BTS Fours in November and Triples in December along with 2 SWC days in the South prior to Christmas to cover for umpires.

An important requirement at this level is for appointed umpires to have their Working with Vulnerable People certification and we encourage all Club umpire to ensure they have this. Volunteers obtaining a WWVP card has minimal cost attached to it (\$20.40).

The Officiating Panel will work to review the Side Captain's Guidelines and upgraded it based on the revised 2022-23 Conditions of Play.

Should any players or Officials have questions pertaining to the conduct of the game please submit your email to the BTS Secretary for clarification, and he will share the query with myself and Match Committee for guidance. Questions posted on any Social Media will be unlikely elicit a response due to flavour of other comments by others. Notwithstanding Facebook pages like for "A Question of bowls" are a good resource to monitor the types of things coming up and moderator responses (John Roberts - AUS, Stephen Sargent – NZ and Allan Thornhill – UK, are International Officials).

Clubs are able to access lists of Umpires, Measurers and Markers from the BTS Website to assist with the conduct of events held at their clubs prior to the Semi-final and Grand Final (Panel appointed). You don't need to ring or email me if you have none, you simply go the list and seek out a willing volunteer participant.

We will also review expiry dates for Officials accreditation and get a reminder out to the individuals and Clubs to facilitate re-accreditation. Likewise, Clubs should look at the own list of officials and ensure they have sufficient coverage in terms of the number of divisions, gendered competitions, hosting of BTS or BT events and give consideration to ages of your current volunteer officials.

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APPENDIX 2  
New Pennant Medallions

