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Minutes of the BTS Board Meeting held on Monday 15 August 2022 at 4.30pm via Zoom

Welcome

1. President Peter Kirby opened the meeting at 4.35pm.

Attendance

Present: Peter Kirby (President), Deb Jeffrey (Treasurer), Paul Matthews (Secretary), Barbara Rankin (Board Member), Paul Hoddy (Exec. Assistant), Ross Bannister (Chair Match Committee), Michael Andersch (Chair Officiating Committee)

Apologies: Crystal Brooks (Board Member), Anne Mullavey (BTAS Southern Director), Bernard Knight (BTAS Southern Director)

Confirm minutes of previous meeting

2. Moved: Paul Matthews, Seconded: Barbara Rankin that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2022 be confirmed. **CARRIED**

Business arising from previous minutes

3. **Board vacancies.** No nominations or volunteers to date. The Vice-President and two board positions remain vacant.
4. **Vacant committee positions.** Nothing to report – ongoing.
5. **Board Portfolios.** Crystal Brooks has accepted the Board portfolio of “Junior Liaison Officer”.
6. **Opening Day.** The Board resolved to hold an Opening Day event on 10 October. The Secretary was asked to seek expressions of interest to host the event and send invitations to clubs once details are settled. **ACTION: Secretary**
7. **Southern Selectors, Managers and Coaches.** No expressions of interest have been received to date. The Secretary was asked to issue a reminder with closing date of 30 September. **ACTION: Secretary**
8. **BT Events Coordinator / Director.** The Board resolved to await the decision by Bowls Tasmania regarding the BT Match Committee on the understanding that the Southern Rep (Brad Johns) would take up this position if the committee is formed.
9. **BowlsLink audit of administrators.** The Statistician advised that this was still underway. **ACTION: Statistician**
10. **BTS Championships via BowlsLink.** The Statistician advised that this data was still to be added to the system. The Treasurer advised that in-system payments will depend on the EFT “machine” within BowlsLink. **ACTION: Statistician**

11. **In-season Transfer Fee.** The Finance Committee is yet to meet and discuss the processes for managing this matter. **ACTION: Finance Committee**
12. **Membership Fee adjustments.** The Finance Committee is yet to meet and discuss the processes for managing this matter. **ACTION: Finance Committee**
13. **Transfers Report.** The Secretary advised that a list of transfers for 2022 has been published to the website and it will be updated each month.
14. **Aceit Uniforms update.** Peter Kirby advised that he's almost ready to submit an order for "first side" tops. The existing tops will be used by "second side" players. He is working out which sizes to order.
15. **Pennant Medallions update.** Peter Kirby advised that pennant medallions have been ordered and paid for (in order to obtain a favourable price).

Correspondence

16. The Secretary reported that 110 emails were received and 95 were emails sent between 18 July and 15 August 2022. Moved: Barbara Rankin, seconded Michael Andersch, that outwards correspondence be endorsed and inwards correspondence be accepted. **CARRIED**
17. The Board noted the following:
 - BTS Social Media Administrator – Matt Gregg appointed
 - Senior Men's State Selector (South) – Peter Kirby appointed
 - BTS Grant – Player Participation Incentive (\$1,000) issued to clubs
 - BTS Grant – Junior Development Incentive (\$500) issued to clubs
18. The Board noted the following correspondence from Bowls Tasmania:
 - MPIO information required
 - Measurement and Marking Certificates
 - Wellbeing, Leadership and Wellbeing "Grassroots Masterclass"
 - Bowls Tasmania July Board Minutes
 - Tour to watch Tasmania Tridents in BPL#16
 - Southern Tasmanian Training Courses 2022-23
 - Sharing of BTS Junior Development Incentive Grant with other regions
 - BowlsLink Training - 22 September 2022 (venue TBA)
 - BA Memo: 4th Edition Laws of the Sport
19. **ABC Radio chat.** The Board thanked Ross Bannister for speaking on ABC Radio about the "Local history of bowls".
20. **Registered members in BTS.** The President noted that there still seems to be discrepancies in the number of "playing rights" members BowlsLink is reporting, and suggested spot-check audits may be needed to monitor this.
21. **Bruny Island.** Requested an away game on 5 Nov 2022 and this was approved by the BTS Match Committee.
22. **Berriedale Office.** The Board is interested in obtaining a second room within this complex. The Secretary will contact Glenorchy City Council prior to a renewal of the office lease to determine if this is viable. **ACTION: Secretary**

23. **Hobart Bowls Centre closure.** Rob McGuire has advised that the BTS property held at the shop must be collected and relocated by 31 August. The President and Secretary will make sure this is done. **ACTION: Paul M + Peter**
24. **BTS Grants.** The following BTS Grant applications have been received to date:
- Glenorchy Rodman - Player Participation Incentive
 - Tasman - Player Participation Incentive
 - Tarooma - Player Participation Incentive
 - Tarooma - Junior Development Incentive
 - New Norfolk - Player Participation Incentive
- ACTION: Finance Committee**
25. **Advertising Grant activities.** The Secretary will report on Facebook which clubs have been approved to receive the grant and what they plan to do as a way of encouraging other clubs to apply. **ACTION: Secretary**

Reports

26. **Finance.** Moved: Deb Jeffrey, seconded: Barbara Rankin, that the financial report for July 2022 be accepted as presented to the Board (see summary at Appendix 1). **CARRIED**
27. **Match Committee.** Ross Bannister advised the Board that the rosters were underway. He asked the Secretary to send a reminder to clubs to nominate lowest division sides by end-September. **ACTION: Secretary**
28. **Officiating Committee.** An inspection of the Sandy Bay Synthetic Green has been carried out (see Appendix 2). The Board thanked Michael and Leonie for the quality and comprehensiveness of their report. Paul Matthews moved, and Ross Bannister seconded, that we endorse the report and declare Sandy Bay's green ready for pennant competition. **CARRIED**
29. Peter advised that he is talking to Bowls Tasmania about making better use of our two qualified ITOs (Michael Andersch and Leonie Price).
30. **Coaches Committee.** Ross Bannister reported that there were 38 people attending last month's coaching sessions at the Howrah Indoor Centre. There is one more session planned for 28 August.
31. **Selectors.** Peter Kirby advised that an invitation has been advertised for "new" senior players (male). He noted that each selection panel operated independently of each other. Similarly, requests to seek new players will be up to each panel.

Ongoing Matters

32. **BTS Strategic Plan 2019-23.** A review of the Strategic Plan is yet to be scheduled.
33. **Policy and Governance review.** Nothing to report.
34. **Knowledge Gaps.** The Secretary thanked Michael Andersch for providing his "Greens Inspection Report" template.
35. **RCC Meetings.** Peter Kirby expects there will be a meeting in September. He will be discussing the DL Reid competition. For the South, Ross recommended dropping the Open Singles championship and running the DL Reid instead. This suggestion will be put to female Delegates for comment.

General Business

36. **BTS Conditions of Play 2022-23.** The President noted the changes to the opposite gender conditions, the change in B Grade eligibility for BTS championships, and that there is no longer a requirement to nominate surfaces for the entire season. Changes to a playing surface at the last minute must be agreed by both sides and a form must be submitted to BTS formalising the agreement. Michael Andersch moved, Barbara Rankin seconded, that we ratify the 4th draft (as distributed) of the Conditions of Play for the 2022-23 season, and approved its distribution to clubs.
ACTION: Secretary
37. **Advice to Clubs re Social Bowlers and Pennant selection.** The President sought approval to send this advice (as distributed to the Board) to clubs. A question was asked about how we check for social bowlers playing more than five games. Paul Hoddy assured the Board that we could. The Board resolved to ratify this advice.
ACTION: Secretary
38. **BTS Transfer and Clearance Policy.** The President presented this policy to the Board. Moved Paul Matthews, Seconded Ross Bannister that the policy, as distributed prior to the meeting, be accepted. **CARRIED**
ACTION: Secretary
39. **Next Delegates Meeting.** The Board resolved to hold the next Delegates Meeting on Sunday 18 September, and tasked the Secretary with seeking a venue (with a closing date of 26 August).
ACTION: Secretary
40. **Meeting to review the Strategic Plan.** President advised that Bowls Tasmania were still working on their Strategic Plan, and we would wait until that is released, so that our plan can be aligned with BA and BT plans.

New business

41. **Name badges.** Barbara asked if wearing name badges was a requirement or if it was optional. Michael advised that this was etiquette to aid with introductions and not a law or rule.
42. **BowlsLink and Championships.** Paul Hoddy and Ross Bannister will meet and ensure that championship entries are input into BowlsLink prior to the start of the season.
43. **Facebook administration.** The Secretary advised that he will be working the Matt Gregg to tighten/regulate the BTS Facebook Group.
44. **Finance Committee meeting.** The Treasurer suggested Monday 29 August at 4.30pm via Zoom for a meeting to assess BTS Grant applications received to date. The Board agreed.
ACTION: Secretary
45. **Bowls Clothing.** Ross noted that Uniform City is the only supplier in Southern Tasmania with authority to use the BA logo and provide uniforms, and suggested advising clubs of this fact.
46. **Playing for two clubs.** Ross sought (and received) clarification of the conditions surrounding players wishing to play in Saturday pennant for one club and Midweek pennant for a different club. Condition 3.2(b) of Conditions of Play is clear on this matter.

Next Meeting

47. The next meeting will be held on 19 September 2022 at 4.30pm at a venue to be decided.

Closure

48. The President declared the meeting closed at 7.00pm.

Appendices

1. Financial Report
2. Inspection Report - Sandy Bay Synthetic Green

Appendix 1 – Financial Report

Reports for July 2022

Bank Accounts

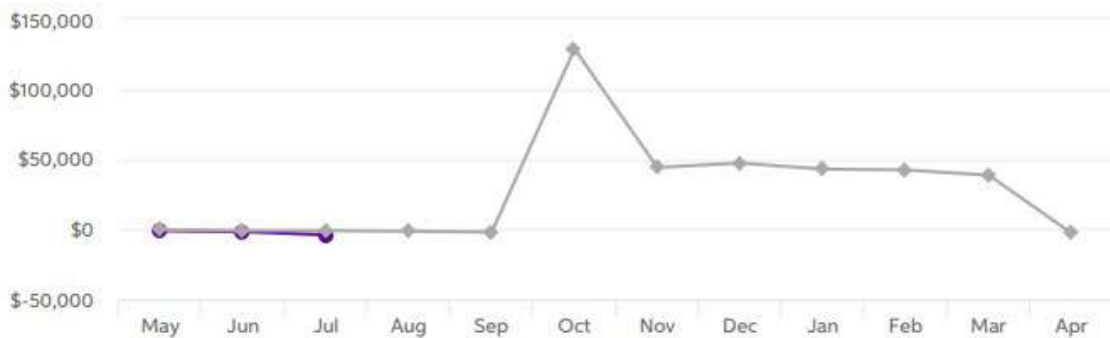
▪ Bendigo Cheque Account	\$ 8,742.90
▪ Sandhurst Investment Account	\$ 102,791.41
▪ Petty Cash Debit Card	\$ 697.83

Account Receivables	\$-56.30
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,629.00

As of 31 July 2022, BTS had a cash balance of \$112,232. The balance of total current assets at this date was \$112,176 and the total current liabilities was \$3,167.

The net assets of the business on 31 July 2022 were \$114,435

Cumulative Net Profit YTD



The YTD net loss as of July 2022 was **\$-3,913.34**.

The YTD Budget net loss was **\$--14,772**.

BTS is currently tracking \$10,858.66 above budget due to Development & Incentive payments have not distributed yet.

Deb Jeffrey
BTS Treasurer

15 August 2022

Appendix 2: Inspection Report - Sandy Bay Synthetic Green

Leonie Price and I inspected the Sandy Bay synthetic green on Monday to assess its compliance with the laws of the game and consider its suitability for pennant and competition play.

Ditch depths and widths all meet the minimum and maximum requirements in the laws of the game. Rink 8 on the South Western corner near the club entry has a ditch width of 210mm and is slightly narrow than the average on the rest of the rinks (circa 245mm) in both directions of play (But that is still within the parameters)

All ditches met the minimum depth measurement of 50mm below the playing surface of the green. The long pile on the synthetic material in the ditch together with a curved edge (of a radius of 25-35mm) on the green create an illusion of shallow ditches, but measurement to the playing surface height was determined to be 70mm in the spots that created the initial visual concerns. It is obvious with a physical test that the pile of the synthetic fibres in the ditches will settle when a jack or bowl rest on them.

All Banks exceed the minimum height requirement. A small amount of variability in the Bank Height on the Northern King Street side which is slightly higher (circa 20mm) than the Clubhouse end.

Rink width is precisely 4.3m, meeting the minimum rink width law.

Boundary pegs on outside rinks are 900mm from the side of the green and well above the 600mm minimum for synthetic greens.

Our inspection did not include the rolling of a bowl. The start of the season is still 2 months away and a certain amount of settling of the nap of the surface will occur with both the regular rolling and warmer weather. Leonie and I discussed with Mark Quinnane and Andrew Norris that we both have had anecdotal reports on the speed and grass lines.

Mark and Andrew have indicated in certain conditions, two brands/models of bowls have shown a tendency to track against the natural draw, but it is anticipated this anomaly will wain as the the grain/nap of the synthetic surface settles with its regular rolling and when warmer weather releasing the rigidity in the pile/fibres. We anticipate the new green synthetic will be quicker and truer at the start of the season than the grass surface that was replaced or other grass greens in South of Tas.

Sandy Bay has done a great job in the presenting the green in its best light, with the surrounds of the greens also updated to match its new playing surface.

On behalf of the Bowls South Officiating Panel, we recommend the new Sandy Bay synthetic green be declared "fit for play" for BTS events.

Michael Andersch
Chair, BSOP

10 August 2022