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Minutes of the BTS Board Meeting held on Monday 17 October 2022 at 4.30pm at Howrah Bowls Club

Welcome

1. President Peter Kirby opened the meeting at 4.30pm.

Attendance

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

Guests: Anne Mullavey (BTAS Southern Director), Bernard Knight (BTAS President)

Apologies: Crystal Brooks (Board Member), Paul Hoddy (Exec. Assistant)

Confirm minutes of previous meeting

2. Moved: Paul Matthews, Seconded: Ross Bannister that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2022 be confirmed. **CARRIED**

Business arising from previous minutes

3. **Board vacancies.** The Secretary reported that expressions of interest have been called for members to fill the positions of Board member (Sponsorship and Promotion) and Board member (Governance). To date, no interest has been received.
4. **Vacant committee positions.** The Secretary asked the Board to confirm committee members and appointments in order to advertise for vacancies. Ross moved that Kerry Lane (Kingborough) be appointed to the Match Committee and Peter moved that Kerry hold the portfolio of Events Manager on the Match Committee. Seconded Michael Andersch. **CARRIED**
5. **Southern Selectors, Managers and Coaches.** Still no interest shown. The Secretary was asked to re-send an expression of interest to clubs, and the Board will look for interested people to appoint directly. **ACTION: Secretary**
6. **Southern Side Selectors.** Ross suggested that we allow selectors to play in teams because denying selectors a Guernsey is making it hard to find people to take on the selector role. (See item 40 below.)
7. **Berriedale Office.** The Secretary is still to setup a meeting to sign the new lease and collect keys to the second office. **ACTION: Secretary**
8. **Advertising BTS Grants.** No reports of progress/success have been received to date.

9. **Opening Day at Kingborough.** The Board acknowledged the excellent hosting provided by Kingborough. It also noted the attendance (42 players, 11 clubs) was less than hoped for in terms of the size of the association. The future of this event is on the agenda for the March 2023 Delegates meeting.
10. **In-season Transfer Fee.** The Treasurer will bill clubs (\$60 per player) based on transfers that occur after 15 October 2022 with an end date to be determined.
ACTION: Treasurer
11. **Membership Fee adjustments.** The Board has not received any requests for a fee adjustment to date. No further action required unless a request is received.
12. **Social Bowlers playing pennant.** The BTS Statistician setup a "5GAMES" membership for each club and the Secretary advised each club to use this category when making use of social or barefoot bowlers who play pennant games.
13. **STBA/STWBA historical records.** The Secretary advised the Board that no records were held by the State Library. In terms of the *Libraries Act 1984*, "publishers" are required to submit all publications to the archive but he did not believe BTS falls within the definition of publisher.
14. **Ozy Bowls.** Barbara advised that Ozy Bowls would supply 4 sets of barefoot bowls for \$950. Barbara will prepare an email to be sent to clubs letting them know about this (for Grant purposes).
ACTION: Barbara Rankin
15. **Laptops.** The Treasurer investigated laptop prices and spoke with her IT specialists. WRT Office 365, we should purchase the "PRO" version which includes security features, and WRT price, we should purchase middle-cost and not the cheapest. Moved Deb Jeffrey, seconded Paul Matthews that we spend from \$600-\$1,200 per laptop and purchase 2 laptops (one for the Secretary and one for the Statistician).
CARRIED
ACTION: Treasurer
16. **iPads.** The Secretary recommended setting up iPads with a "master" account (controlled by a Match Committee member) and a "parental controls" account that limited what the Event Manager could access. The details of this purchase will be decided at the next meeting.
17. **Aceit Uniforms update.** Peter Kirby showed the Board the new Southern shirts and expressed his approval of the service provided. The President is still negotiating for sponsorship.
18. **Pennant Rosters.** Paul Hody asked the Secretary to recommend, in his absence, that the closing date for clubs to submit their sides for roster generation be set to mid-September (and not early June). That is, one month before the start date for pennant. Ross agreed that holding rosters until the last minute to avoid re-drafts did not work this year and supported this suggestion. He noted that the roster-generating software issues have been fixed. The Board resolved to change this requirement as recommended.
ACTION: Secretary

Correspondence

19. The Secretary reported that 416 emails were received and 386 were emails sent between 21 September and 16 October 2022. Moved: Deb Jeffrey seconded Ross Bannister, that outwards correspondence be endorsed and inwards correspondence be accepted.
CARRIED

20. The Board noted the following:
 - Score cards have been fully distributed
 - Side Captains Guide distributed via email
 - Selecting pennant sides on merit
 - Beltana withdrawal from Midweek DIV 4 required a new Midweek roster
 - Instructions sent for members using BowlsLink to manage Pennant teams
21. The Board noted the following correspondence from Bowls Tasmania:
 - Minutes of RCC meeting of 19 Sep 2022
 - Minutes of Bowling Arm Tasmania meeting of 5 Oct 2022
 - Try Bowls Month - October 2022
 - Good Sports Awards 2022
 - BowlsLink Update
 - Disaster Assistance for Flood-Impacted Communities in Tasmania
 - Collaborations with the university of Tasmania and Local bowls clubs
 - BowlsLink usage data request
 - Bowlers Arm Users on BowlsLink
22. **Southern League.** Brighton's withdrawal from Southern League resulted in an unviable roster. As a result the League will not proceed. The three remaining clubs elected to act as follows:
 - Geeveston withdrew from Southern League
 - Cremorne withdrew from Southern League
 - Ouse cannot field a 3-rink side and will be in hiatus this season.
23. **Venues for SWC events in December 2022.** The Board noted the following:
 - Open (4 December) – Kingborough
 - Seniors (13 December) – New Norfolk
24. **Inspection Report – North Hobart Synthetic Green.** Michael moved that the Board ratify and accept the report (see Appendix 3). Seconded Ross Bannister.

CARRIED
25. **Inspection Report – Glenorchy Rodman Synthetic Green.** Michael moved that the Board ratify and accept the report (see Appendix 4). Seconded Ross Bannister.

CARRIED
26. **Glenorchy City.** The Secretary provided Glenorchy City with a letter of support regarding their efforts towards green repair.
27. **Brighton.** The Secretary approved a request for two ladies to share a position.
28. **North Hobart.** The Secretary approved a request for two ladies to share a position.
29. **Rosny Park.** The Secretary approved a request for a lady to wear shoes with a zip as an aid in her recovery, noting that the Rosny Park greenkeeper had accepted the shoes as suitable for their greens.
30. **Cremorne - COVID-19 data in BowlsLink.** Cremorne enquired if the COVID vaccination data stored in BowlsLink would be removed given it was no longer required. The Board considered this but did not believe it was possible to do so with the region's level of access, and resolved to refer this enquiry to Bowls Australia.

ACTION: Secretary

31. **North Hobart.** The Secretary granted temporary approval for social bowlers to wear partial uniform until full uniforms were available.
32. **Glenorchy City.** The Secretary granted temporary approval for new bowlers to wear partial uniform until full uniforms were available.
33. **Huonville.** The Board approved the design of the proposed new uniform top and asked the Secretary to advise Huonville. **ACTION: Secretary**

Grants

34. **Approvals.** The Board ratified BTS Grant approvals by the BTS Finance Committee:
 - Howrah - Junior Development grant
 - North Hobart - Player Participation grants
35. **Request for more information.** The BTS Finance Committee is seeking more information from Howrah before approving their Player Participation grant application.
36. **Variations.** The BTS Finance Committee approved a request to vary the purpose of the grant made to Oatlands.

Reports

37. **Finance.** The Treasurer advised that invoices have been sent to clubs for payment of affiliation fees. Deb Jeffrey moved and Barbara Rankin seconded that the financial report for September 2022 be accepted as presented to the Board (see summary at Appendix 1). **CARRIED**
38. **Match Committee.** Ross Bannister advised the Board that we can't appoint clubs for the upcoming fours because we don't know how many entries we'll receive. It was resolved that plans will be made based on last year's numbers and clubs will be chosen in advance of the closing date with confirmation provided on 1 November. **ACTION: Match Committee**
39. **Officiating Committee.** Michael Andersch provided his report (see Appendix 2).
40. **Coaches Committee.** Ross Bannister reported that there are a few coaching courses running. Rob McGuire provided the backlog of all coach/umpire cards and Ross has distributed them to clubs.
41. **Selectors.** Peter Kirby will organise a Zoom meeting to discuss selection panels and how to proceed with limited volunteers. **ACTION: Peter Kirby**

Ongoing Matters

42. **BTS Strategic Plan 2019-23.** The President recommended organising a meeting for the sole purpose of developing a new BTS strategic plan. The Board resolved to distribute the BA, BT and BTS plans and setup a meeting in January. **ACTION: Secretary**
43. **Policy and Governance review.** Nothing to report.
44. **Knowledge Gaps.** Nothing to report.
45. **Conditions of Play.** Paul raised the issue of which grade took priority when a player played in two pennants (eg: a lady playing Div 1 on Saturday and Div 3 on Thursday).

The Board resolved to consider an addition to Conditions of Play for next year that stated which status was valid under the various differing rules of play.

46. **RCC Meetings.** Peter Kirby advised that the next RCC meeting will be held in December in Hobart.

Peter asked for the Board's position on where the SWC should be played. Are we happy to play one at home, two away or should all games be centred in the Launceston area?

- Deb raised the issue of clubs missing out on greens usage and revenue, and one region gaining all of this benefit.
- Michael mentioned the ability for a region playing "at home" to introduce new players to the SWC.
- Ross noted the cost of travel and accommodation for BTS and BNW but still supported all regions travelling to ensure fairness in the competition.
- Paul suggested that, if SWC events were only held in the BN region, travel/accommodation compensation would be appropriate for the BTS and BNW regions.

The Board resolved to support centralised Junior competition in the BN region but to oppose this idea for any other SWC sides.

General Business

47. **Juniors (Travel to Nationals).** Michael noted that juniors arrived the night before having to play and did not have enough time to practice on the greens under different conditions. He recommended that they arrive, in the future, at least 24 hours beforehand. Bernard (on behalf of Bowls TAS) noted that a similar recommendation had been made to Bowls TAS by the team manager but it would come down to finances as the deciding factor. Bernard advised that Bowls Australia pays for air fares, but parents were required to contribute \$100 towards accommodation and the rest was paid by Bowls TAS. Peter recommended to Bernard that Bowls TAS start the conversation about equalisation of costs with Bowls Australia. The Board resolved to send a letter to Bowls TAS in support of this endeavour.

ACTION: Secretary

48. **Facebook Discussion Group.** The Board resolved to:

- Revoke Matthew Gregg's access as an administrator of the group as he is no longer a member of the Board; and
- Grant Board members administrator access so that the group can be controlled and moderated by Board members.

ACTION: Secretary

The Secretary noted that Matt will be entitled to a pro rata payment of the honorarium attached to this position.

ACTION: Treasurer

49. **Mercury Correspondent.** Connor Munning is not available to undertake this role this season. The Secretary will send out an urgent request to take over this role.

ACTION: Secretary

50. **BowlsLink membership categories.** Peter suggested developing an approved list of membership categories that would be used by all clubs in order to allow for better demographic reporting of bowls members because of a consistent category list.

ACTION: Secretary

New business

51. **Secondary Schools Lawn Bowls Tournament.** Bernard provided the Board with Howrah's plans to run this competition from 11 November to 9 December (see Appendix 5). He asked that this be advertised on the BTS Facebook page and sent to other clubs to encourage similar activity. The President expressed the hope that we could establish a junior pennant competition once these activities generated enough junior interest in the game of bowls. **ACTION: Secretary**
52. **Ouse Affiliation Fees.** The Board resolved to waive the \$1,153 affiliation fee owed by Ouse, given the club is in hiatus and not participating in pennant this season.
53. **Emails hacked.** The Treasurer advised the Board that two clubs have paid their affiliation fee into an unknown bank account. Early indications are that hackers are intercepting emails to these clubs and altering the bank details before allowing the email through to the club. This breach did not occur at the BTS end as all invoices sent from our MYOB account have been verified as correct. The Treasurer recommended sending an email to all clubs advising them to protect your club devices. **ACTION: Secretary**

The Treasurer moved that we monitor the progress of the clubs' to recover their funds, grant the clubs time for late payment of fees, and review/resolve this matter at the December meeting. Seconded Ross Bannister. **CARRIED**

Next Meeting

54. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 21 November 2022 at 4.30pm at North Hobart Bowls Club.

Closure

55. The President declared the meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Appendices

1. Financial Report
2. Officiating Committee Report
3. Inspection Report – North Hobart Synthetic Green.
4. Inspection Report – Glenorchy Rodman Synthetic Green.
5. Howrah's Secondary Schools Lawn Bowls Tournament Flyer

Appendix 1 – Financial Report

Reports for September 2022

Bank Accounts

Bendigo Cheque Account	\$113,136.43
Sandhurst Investment Account	\$102,791.41
Petty Cash Debit Card	\$158.14

Account Receivables	\$49,053.57
Accounts Payable	\$2,574.00

As of 30 September 2022, BTS had a cash balance of \$215,636.

The balance of total current assets at this date was \$264,690 and the total current liabilities was \$16,937. The net assets of the business was \$253,179.

Cumulative Net Profit YTD



The YTD net profit as of September 2022 was \$134,830.93.

The YTD Last Year net profit was \$-1,945.08.

Deb Jeffrey
BTS Treasurer

17 October 22

Appendix 2 – Officiating Committee Report

Bowls Tasmania South Officiating Panel Report to Board Meeting October 2022

Our panel met at North Hobart BC last month and have upcoming meeting again this Friday, ahead of Officials forum kicking off at Kingborough next week. Janet Rutherford and Wayne Cobbing joined us for the first time.

The panel chairman secured a supply of shot indicators surplus to Bowls Australia's need via a fellow official. Discussions with Ross cemented the view we need to improve the quality and consistency in having paddles for a minimal of singles semi and finals marked by BSOP appointed markers and umpires. The use of paddles is a topic we will cover and demonstrate in the forums.

The Panel discussed the feedback over the season and updates to the CoP, to assist frame its changes to the Side Captain's Guideline for the upcoming season and the topic of focus for the upcoming forums.

We've agreed to schedule an additional forum via zoom to capture anyone unable to attend in person.

The panel discussed leveraging the 20 odd officials who help across events last year and will give them priority for upcoming year plus anyone fitting the bill as enthusiastic and reliable umpires who participate in our forums.

Updated list officials for the BTS website have been updated and are being checked over the next couple of days.

Greens inspections at North Hobart and Rodman's were completed and reports provided to BTS board.

I attended the first week of Broadbeach Nationals as an official and was able to see some Tasmanians and Southerners in action. The spirit of the junior girls and gold and silver medals to the boys in the fours and singles respectively was commendable. Given the juniors arrived relatively late and didn't get the practice other states were able to provide their teams, the juniors did well, but it's overly optimistic to expect medals with just a hours practice on very different greens when the opposition has benefit of quicker home greens and greater practice . The professionalism of the larger states stands out too. Matt Flapper as a junior coach and his national experience channelled into the Vic team's ethos and discipline is a huge step above what Tasmania demonstrates.

More needs to be accomplished and we need to engender support not only from Bowls Tas, but encourage clubs to prioritise fundraising for juniors segment perhaps ranging from via online fundraising even consider things like Bunnings BBQ dedicated to team members? Likewise levelling the playing field for small states and territories could be canvassed from BA.

Michael Andersch
Chair, BTS Officiating Panel

Appendix 3 - Inspection Report: North Hobart Synthetic Green

I inspected the North Hobart synthetic green on Friday 23rd September to assess its compliance with the laws of the game and consider its suitability for pennant and competition play. The green has been in operation for approximately 6 weeks. Ditch depths and widths all meet the minimum and maximum requirements in the laws of the game. Depth varies only between 65 and 90mm around the green and is well above the minimum requirement of 50mm depth. 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 shallower ditches, but measurement to the playing surface height was determined to be well over the minimum. Likewise the variability is really not noticeable unless one looks carefully for it.

Banks generally exceed the minimum height requirement. Like Rodman, the top of the banks at have followed the contour of the existing paths and “lay of the land” and this sees variability across various rinks. At the lowest point, Rinks 2/3 on the South Bank, Bank Height is 150mm, well below the 230mm law. This lower height (of 3 inches in old money) only poses an issue, stopping a rebounding jack or toucher in this area, for a jack or bowl that will now pass above the bank and go dead. Given the location on just one end, the rarity of such circumstances, it is a fact we make note of. Likewise bowlers will largely take a “rub of the green” approach to that eventuality.

Rink width was measured at 5.015m, which was the wider of the three recently installed and inspected greens, and gives North Hobart more than a foot either side of the rink to the players. Boundary pegs on outside rinks are a generous 770-800mm from the bank, below the measurement stipulated in the law.

Ditch widths are a very consistent 225-230 mm around all sides of the green and meets requirements.

My inspection did not include the rolling of a bowl but I observed players practicing and have had long discussion with Ross Bannister on his observations. There remains settling of the nap which will occur with both the regular rolling and warmer weather. I discussed with Ross, feedback from Rodman and Sandy Bay and that they too indicated the same experience that in certain conditions, with two brands/models of bowls having a tendency to track against the natural draw. It is anticipated this will wain as the grain/nap of the synthetic surface settles with regular rolling and warmer weather releasing the rigidity in the pile/fibres.

I anticipate the new synthetic green will be quicker and truer at the start of the season than for the former grass green that was replaced. Like the others, North Hobart have done and continue to work around the surrounds of the green and clubhouse to beautify the club. This will present the green and the club in its best light to visiting bowlers playing pennant and the Christmas trade of barefoot corporate bowlers.

I do note North Hobart does have a “restrictive corner of the green” on its North West side, resultant of the ramping of its surrounding concrete paths. This was a pre-existing and independent of the installation of the synthetic green. If a 7 rink event is played in either direction, then two rinks contend with walking to adjacent rinks to leave the green. From a playing perspective, this is a minor annoyance and probably only for triples/fours events. Ross has indicated there is some additional railing to be re-installed to assist players stepping from the bank to the green and the club has a supply of steps.

On behalf of the Bowls South Officiating Panel, I recommend the North Hobart green be declared "fit for play" for BTS events.

Michael Andersch
Chair, BTS Officiating Panel
26th September 2022

Appendix 4 - Inspection Report: Glenorchy Rodman Synthetic Green

I inspected the Glenorchy Rodman synthetic green on Friday 23rd September to assess its compliance with the laws of the game and consider its suitability for pennant and competition play. The green has been in operation for approximately 6 weeks and Rodman are regularly playing and practicing on it. From a trading perspective, the ability of their members to now bowl across the former off season is an added benefit to the club bringing in both \$ and people.

To the green itself: Ditch depths and widths all meet the minimum and maximum requirements in the laws of the game. Depth varies only very slight between 80 and 85mm around the green and is well above the minimum requirement of 50mm depth. 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 well over the minimum.

Banks generally exceed the minimum height requirement. The top of the banks at Rodman have followed the contour of the existing paths and "lay of the land" and a small amount of variability see some rinks at between 190mm and 220mm which is below the 230mm law requirement. Regardless, this lower height would only pose an issue for a rebounding jack or toucher that now passes just above the bank height. Given the location on end rinks, the rarity of such circumstances arising in pennant or other BTS competition, it is a fact we make note of.

Ditch widths are consistently 245-260mm wide and present uniformly to player on a rink. Variations can only be observed if one take a position to view such in a single view across the full green and is only minor.

Rink width is precisely 4.55m, above the minimum rink width law by almost 1 foot in old money.

Boundary pegs on outside rinks on the narrow side of the green (SW corner) are 300mm from the side plinth and 520mm from the bank, below the measurement stipulate in the law. Rodman are mindful of this deviation and intend to play pennant where Premier and Div 6 will share the green and require only 7 rinks and hence in competition play the position of the boundary pegs will meet minimum distance requirements. The green is 36.7m by 38.5m and this enable 8 rinks of play for club events and practice if that E/W direction was utilised.

Our inspection did not include the rolling of a bowl but I observed players practicing. There remains a certain amount of settling of the nap of the surface which will occur with both the regular rolling and warmer weather. I discussed with Mike Kirkwood and Tony Vince the feedback from Sandy Bay and they have indicated the same experience that in certain conditions, two brands/models of bowls have shown a tendency to track against the natural draw.

It is anticipated this will wain as the grain/nap of the synthetic surface settles with its regular rolling and when warmer weather releasing the rigidity in the pile/fibres. Berry Bowling System are re-attend the club and make adjustments to the amount of sand across the green that is hoped to reduce this tracking effect.

I anticipate the new synthetic green will be quicker and truer at the start of the season than for the former grass green that was replaced. Rodman, like Sandy Bay have done work around the surrounds of the green, clubhouse and decked areas and the result is a great job that presents the green and the club in its best light.

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

Michael Andersch
Chair, BTS Officiating Panel
26th September 2022

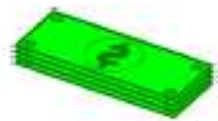
Appendix 4 - Howrah's Secondary Schools Lawn Bowls Tournament Flyer



**SECONDARY /
SENIOR
SECONDARY
LAWN BOWLS
TOURNAMENT**



**\$200 FIRST PRIZE
\$100 SECOND PRIZE
\$50 THIRD PRIZE**



**HOWRAH BOWLS INDOOR CENTRE
11 NOVEMBER - 9 DECEMBER
FRIDAYS 4:00 PM**



Week 1 – coaching sessions and get to know your teams
Week 2 , 3 and 4 – tournament games
Week 5 – Finals

ENTER A TEAM – 3 players to a team
Email secretary@howrahbowls.com.au with your TEAM
NAME , names of the 3 players and a mobile phone no

HURRY ... only room for 16 teams ... so get in early!!!!