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### Minutes of the BTS Board Meeting held on Tuesday 21 February 2023 via Zoom

#### Welcome

1. President Peter Kirby opened the meeting at 5.35pm with an acknowledgement of country.

#### 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)

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

**Apologies (Guests):** Bernard Knight (BTAS reps), Anne Mullavey (BTAS rep)

#### Confirm minutes of previous meeting

2. Moved Paul Matthews, seconded Ross Bannister that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2023 be confirmed. The President thanked members for conducting the meeting in his absence. **CARRIED**

#### Business arising from previous minutes

3. **Acknowledgement of country.** Peter Kirby tabled a draft protocol (sent to Board members on 20 Feb 2023) that would be consistent between all Southern clubs. He moved that the Board accept this protocol for distribution to clubs with the proviso that Clubs would retain the discretion to deliver the acknowledgment or not. Seconded Michael Andersch. **CARRIED**
4. **BowlsLink issues.** The Statistician was not in attendance to report on the following matters:
  - BowlsLink washout game miscalculations
  - BowlsLink draw becomes public even if it is incorrect
  - BowlsLink had one team going straight through to the quarter finals
  - BowlsLink allowed entries after closing date
  - BowlsLink indicating championship entry is free**ACTION: Statistician**
5. **BowlsLink competitions process.** The Statistician was not in attendance to report on his activities. **ACTION: Statistician**

6. **Uncollected prize money.** The Board resolved that any uncollected prize money at the end of the financial year be deemed a donation back to BTS.
7. **Championship prize money versus entries.** The Treasurer discussed the future of championships in terms of budget. The following points were made:
  - Charging \$10 for entry into championships (which was effectively only \$9 after GST and fees) and this does not even cover prize money, let alone green fees, pins, trophies and other costs.
  - A very small percentage of players are being effectively subsidised by a majority that do not enter championships.
  - If we increase the entry fee we are in danger of killing a competition because people won't enter.
  - Any savings made in the BTS budget is a saving for clubs.

The Board resolved to raise this issue as an item from the board at the next delegates meeting.

**ACTION: Treasurer**

8. **State Selector (Senior Women).** The Secretary advised that Bowls Tasmania is of the opinion that Nadine Seabourne held this position and was in the process of clarifying matters. The Secretary will advise Bowls Tasmania that the nominee from the South for this position is Carol Bannister. **ACTION: Secretary**
9. **Procedures for BTS events.** Ross Bannister will provide the Secretary with a copy of the procedures he sends to Match Managers to add to the BTS knowledgebase. **ACTION: Ross Bannister**
10. **Restructure Saturday pennant.** Michael Andersch advised the Board that he is still to draft the terms of reference for presentation to the delegates. Peter suggested looking at all three pennant competitions and not just Saturday pennant, and this was agreed. **ACTION: Michael Andersch**
11. **Playing bowls with COVID.** Michael Andersch will draft a generic statement that incorporates direction regarding any communicable disease for consideration by the Board. **ACTION: Michael Andersch**
12. **Accommodation for Senior SWC (North-West).** Peter Kirby advised that bookings have been made to accommodate the Seniors at the Beachfront Voyager in Burnie on 27 February for the final rounds of their SWC.
13. **Accommodation for Open SWC (North-West).** Peter Kirby advised that the Open sides were also booked for Saturday 4 March for their last SWC in Burnie on Sunday 5 March. It was not possible to get the same accommodation for the men and women so the men are booked into the Argosy Hotel/Motel East Devonport, and the women are booked into the Beachway Motel, Ulverstone.

## Correspondence

14. The Secretary reported that 444 emails were received and 232 were emails sent between 20 January and 15 February 2023. Moved Deb Jeffrey, seconded Barbara Rankin, that outwards correspondence be endorsed and inwards correspondence be accepted. **CARRIED**

15. The Board noted the following:
  - BTS Men's Open Singles championship postponed
  - Extension to Closing date of Singles
  - Reminder re Bowls etiquette
  - Good Sports Promotion
  - Flood Affected Grant 2023
  - Tasmanian Volunteer Awards
  - Garry Francis – Resignation as BTS Over 60 Manager
  - Orford – Allan Bannister now full member (secondary club)
  - Beltana – In-season transfer fee enquiry (resolved)
  - Kingborough – Dual membership enquiry (resolved)
  - Geeveston – Corner Flags enquiry (resolved)
  - Glenorchy City – Change of Board appointments
  
16. The Board noted the following correspondence from Bowls Tasmania:
  - Free Tasmania Tridents Coaching Clinic
  - Free Leadership workshops for women in sport
  - Working with Vulnerable People Cards and Board / Committees
  - Bowls Tasmania Seniors Championships 12-15 February 2023
  - Junior Statewide Challenge Sunday 26 February 2023
  - Open Statewide Challenge Sunday 5 March 2023
  - Tournament Director and Match Managers for Seniors Championships
  - Return of SWC Shields
  - Minutes of Bowling Arm Tasmania Committee – 14 Dec 2022
  - Minutes of RCC Meeting - 16 January 2023
  - Minutes of BTAS Special General Meeting - 16 January 2023
  
17. **Mike Smith (UK).** Mr Smith has made a request for badges/stickers for his collection. The Board resolved to forward his request to clubs for them to act on the request as they like. **ACTION: Secretary**
  
18. **Buckingham – New Synthetic Green.** Michael moved, and Deb seconded, that we accept the report on the green (Appendix D) and advise Buckingham that their green is accepted for pennant play.
  
19. **Kingborough – Player suspension.** BTS was advised of a player suspension from 1-14 Feb 2023. Clubs and BTAS were advised in accordance with policy.
  
20. **Men's Open Singles hosting.** Kingborough clarified the reasons for not hosting the Men's Open Singles as the reason was misstated in the email to clubs. New Norfolk advised that they did not receive the email to clubs but their greens would have been available. New Norfolk are investigating why emails are not being received.

#### **Protests, Reports and Breaches:**

21. **Protests (pennant).** The Board noted the following occurrences since the last meeting:
  - Claremont re Brighton Ladies Div 4 match (upheld)
  - Glenorchy City re Beltana Ladies Div 3 (no action required)

22. **Championships.** The Board noted the following occurrences since the last meeting:
  - Non-attendance at DL Reid (resolved)
  - Non-attendance at B Grade Singles (ongoing)
23. **Complaints of misconduct.** The Board noted the following occurrences since the last meeting:
  - Cremorne re New Norfolk player (warning issued)
  - Glenorchy City re Cremorne player (warning issued)
24. **Advisory reports.** The Board noted the following reports that were advisory in nature without any request to take further action:
  - Kingborough re Claremont Midweek Div 4
25. **Dumping of Bowls.** The Board noted the following occurrences since the last meeting:
  - Glenorchy City re St John's Park players (referred to St John's Park)
  - Kingborough re North Hobart player (referred to North Hobart)

## Grants

26. **New applications.** The Board was advised of receipt of the following new grant applications and approved both. The Secretary will advise both clubs accordingly.
  - Royal Hobart - Player Participation grant
  - North Hobart - Junior Development grant

**ACTION: Secretary**

## Reports

27. **Finance.** The Treasurer moved and Paul Matthews seconded that the financial report for January 2023 be accepted as presented to the Board (see summary at Appendix 1).

**CARRIED**
28. **Match Committee.** Ross Bannister presented his report (see Appendix 2). He has asked both Howrah and Kingborough if they can host Champion of Champions competitions at their indoor centres. Peter thanked the Match Committee and Officials for the work they put into the State Seniors Championships.
29. **Officiating Committee.** Michael Andersch presented his report to the Board (see Appendix 3).
30. **Coaches Committee.** Ross Bannister advised that the P&A qualifying mentioned by Michael in the Officiating report did not apply for coaching. He was seeking advice from Bowls Tasmania with this regard.
31. **Selectors.** Peter Kirby discussed the appointment of managers, selectors and coaches. He advised that Garry Francis' resignation as Senior SWC Manager had been accepted and Geoff Doyle had been appointed to this role.

## Ongoing Matters

32. **BTS Strategic Plan 2019-23.** The Board resolved to brainstorm the BTS Strategic Plan over the winter months (date to be decided).
33. **Policy and Governance review.** Nothing to report.
34. **Knowledge Gaps.** Nothing to report.

35. **Conditions of Play.**
- The **eligibility for finals** rules were discussed but the Board resolved to leave the rules unchanged. Ross asked the Secretary to advise clubs of this rule given that we're down to the last few games of the season. See appendix 3a for more details. **ACTION: Secretary**
  - A query regarding **when greens could be watered** before pennant games resulted in the Board resolving that grass greens should not be watered on the day of the game but synthetic greens could be watered based on advice from the manufacturer.
  - A query regarding the **consumption of alcohol** during pennant games was discussed but the Board resolved that this should be managed by the Code of conduct and not via Conditions of Play.
36. **RCC Meetings.** Peter Kirby advised that the change to the BTAS constitution was passed. The RCC meeting had a lengthy discussion regarding the location of future inter-regional competition with the North and North-West opting for playing all games in the Northern region. The Board resolved to write to Bowls Tasmania asking that the status quo continue. **ACTION: Secretary**
37. **March Delegates Meeting.** Agenda items from this meeting are:
- BowlsLink membership categories
  - Restructure Saturday pennant working group
  - Championship prize money versus entries

## General Business

38. **Junior prizemoney.** The Treasurer asked that we send Doug Cole an email requesting a donation for the 2022-23 juniors. **ACTION: Secretary**
39. **Governance Workshop.** The Treasurer proposed changing the date of this workshop to Monday 27 March at 5.30pm. Deb also proposed holding the March BTS Board meeting before the workshop at 4.00pm. The Board resolved to accept this proposal. **ACTION: Secretary**
40. **Late entries into championships.** Paul asked why we can't accept a late entry if that entry will fill a BYE slot. Ross advised that BowlsLink won't allow for this but we did, in the past, accept late entries to fill BYEs and he was open to this continuing if we could make it work in BowlsLink. **ACTION: Statistician**
41. **Presentation Night.** The Board set the date for the 2022-23 Presentation Night to be 8 May 2023 and resolved to ask Rosny Park if they could host again. The Board also resolved to use Beltana's EFTPOS system if Beltana's board agrees. **ACTION: Secretary**
42. **Annual General Meeting.** The Board set the date for the AGM to be Sunday 28 May 2023. **ACTION: Secretary**
43. **March Delegates Meeting.** The Board set the date for the next Delegates Meeting to be Monday 3 April, with an expression of interest from clubs to host the meeting. **ACTION: Secretary**
44. **Secretary's absence.** The Secretary advised the meeting that he would be in WA for the whole of April.

45. **Representative uniforms.** Peter suggested the next step was to upgrade the shirts for the secondary sides so that all sides have the same uniform.  
**ACTION: Peter Kirby**
46. **Trophies.** Peter suggested asking Buckingham if we could have clubs return trophies to their club as a central location. Ross asked if we could remove old sponsorship crests from trophies.  
**ACTION: Secretary**
47. **Championship bars.** Peter suggested an integrated design rather than a pin with dangling crest.  
**ACTION: Peter Kirby**
48. **Player of year.** The Secretary is to order 5 crests from our current supplier.  
**ACTION: Secretary**
49. **Juniors' barbecue.** Peter will talk with Michael about the requirements for a Juniors end-of-season wrap-up.  
**ACTION: Peter Kirby**
50. **BowlsLink census.** The census of members will occur on 28 February. The Secretary will remind clubs to ensure their membership is up-to-date.  
**ACTION: Statistician**
51. **Alternative office space.** Ross advised that the Rosny Park President may have office space available and was keen to discuss this with the Board.

## Next Meeting

52. The next meeting will be held on Monday 27 March 2023 at 4.00pm at Beltana.

## Closure

53. The President declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Paul Matthews  
BTS Secretary

## Appendices

1. Financial Report
2. BTS Match Committee Report
3. Officiating Committee Report
4. Greens Inspection report – Buckingham synthetic surface

## Appendix 1 – Financial Report

Reports as at 31 January 2023

### Current Assets

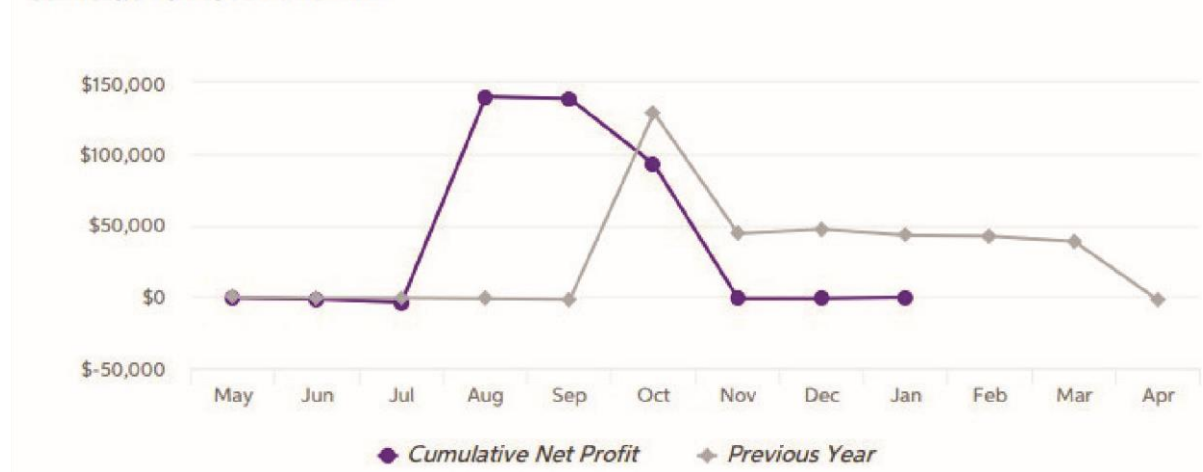
<u>Bank Accounts</u>	<u>Jan 2023</u>
1-1110 Bendigo Chq Account x2032	29,594.96
1-1120 Sandhurst Invest Acc x8517	104,024.15
1-1160 Petty Cash - Debit Card x2032	626.69
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>134,245.80</b>
x Account Receivables	\$745.40
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$141,378.69</b>

### Current Liabilities

x Accounts Payable	\$508
x GST	\$168.38
x Provisions	\$22,850
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$23,526.38</b>

### Net Assets

Cumulative Net Profit YTD



\$117,852.31 v Last Year \$163,884.76 - Decrease \$46,032.45

YTD Net Loss as of January 23 was \$513.77.

YTD Budget Net Profit as of January 2023 was \$1,144.

BTS is currently tracking \$-1,657.77 under budget.

**Deb Jeffrey**  
Treasurer

**20 February 2023**

## **Appendix 2 – Match Committee Report**

February 2023

The Bowls Tas State over sixties championships are in Hobart on the 12th to 16th February with the host club Beltana and Rosny and Howrah as the second club on the Monday.

The ladies DL Reid singles has been completed and were played at the North Hobart Bowls Club on the new synthetic green.

The Ladies Open and B-grade singles were completed on Sunday 19th February along with the Men's B-grade singles with all games played at Rosny Park Bowls Club.

A big thank you to all people who gave up their time to officiate as umpires and markers

The men's open singles has been postponed until March 19th and 26th due to venues not being available; these singles are also scheduled to be played at Rosny Park.

The Mixed pair's championship will start on Monday 20th February and all games will be played at the Howrah indoor centre.

The men's and ladies over 60's fours championships will start on Friday 24th February and are being played at Glenorchy Rodman's bowls club on their new synthetic green.

Ross Bannister  
Chair, BTS Match Committee

20 February 2023



## **Appendix 3 – Officiating Committee Report**

### **Report to Board Meeting February 2022**

Our panel met at Kingborough late in January for its final preparation for the Officials allocation for February and March events including Bowls Tas Senior Championships, BTS Singles, along with DL Reid, SWC for Arm Bowlers and Over 60's Fours.

Bowls Tas Senior Championships was well covered with 13 umpires from 8 clubs covering the three venues and four days of bowls. BTS Singles saw 7 markers and an umpire allocated for the day at Rosny Park on the Sunday just gone.

Leonie Price is managing allocation of Umpires and Markers for Bowling Arm SWC and has 3 markers committed for the event at Kingborough.

A big thank you went out on the Bowls South Facebook page acknowledging our volunteers, officials and club officials.

Our P&A accreditation and re-accreditations course was held at North Hobart on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January. John Roberts and Bob Carlson travelled from Melbourne to facilitate this testing of the Tasmanians. 2 of the 3 accrediting P&A's (Leonie Price – South and Jane Picket – St Helens) were given a passing competency judgement at the course. 1 (Greg Smith – North) is required to re-do his presentation to a class. All our re-accrediting P&As (Ross Bannister, Michael Andersch and Noelene Purton) were judged to be competent.

I've been fielding a couple of discussions on the 3 games in the last 6 rule. Upon reading, CoP 3.27 (b) has an exception provision and refers to clause 3.2 (a), (which is a 2021/22 reference). The correct reference 3.3(a) which is the former 3.2 (a) clause.

The Panel are due to meet again 24<sup>th</sup> February for further discussions and allocations of officials for upcoming events.

Michael Andersch  
Chair, BTS Officiating Panel

21 February 2023

## Appendix 3a – Advice re 3 games in the last 6 rule

As we approach the finals, Club Selectors and Side Captains are reminded of the restrictions on movement of players between the grades over the last few rounds and the final.

Generally a player playing 3 or more games over the last 6 rounds up a higher division (away from their regular side) is locked into the higher division for the final three rounds and finals.

Moreover, Clause 3.27(b) is explicit but provides an exception.

*Players will not be permitted to play in any of the last three pennant games or in finals in a Division in that competition once they have played a total of three games in the last six rounds of the roster series in higher Divisions in that competition except under the authority of Condition 3.2 (a).*

The reference to 3.2 (a) is incorrect and this clause should refer to 3.3 (a) which reads:

*Clubs shall ensure that all players in all Divisions are selected in positions based on their ability and merit.*

### When can a Club apply the exceptions provision?

Up to Round 18, the exceptions provision could be applied in limited circumstances. For example, where the absence of regular player from a higher division, say due to injury or participation as an interstate marquee player, leads to a replacement player being promoted from a lower grade for three or more weeks.

Returning the replacement player to the lower grade simultaneous with the regular higher-grade player resuming their position would be compliant to the exception.

For pennant finals, the movement restrictions accounts for the fact that finals pathways for different sides at one club can vary and this adds complexity to the capacity to move players. Clause 32.7 (a) applies:

*Where a club has consecutive sides playing in corresponding finals they are permitted to select their sides in order of strength. For this Condition 1st and 2nd semi-finals are to be classed as corresponding, preliminary finals are to be classed as corresponding, and grand finals are to be classed as corresponding finals. (For the purpose of this condition, “consecutive sides” means consecutive sides within a club. For example, if a club only has sides in divisions 2, 3 and 5 – then divisions 3 and 5 are consecutive in that club.)*

Clubs who applied the exception provision in the home and away rounds are only able to continue playing the lower division player in that grade in finals under the exception rule if they are selected on merit AND the higher division side (in which they played 2 or more games), is also playing in a CORRESPONDING FINAL AND THE DIVISIONS WERE CONSECUTIVE.

This means a player who played in Rounds 17 and 18 in the lower grade under the exception provision would have to stand-out if the higher-grade side does not make the

finals, or the pathway sees the higher grade side not play a preliminary or grand final when the lower division does.

If clubs are unsure whether the exceptions provision for this rule can be applied to their circumstance, please detail the request in writing to the BTS Secretary and include a synopsis of the selections and player absences over the final rounds.

Michael Andersch  
Chair, BTS Officiating Panel

## **Appendix 4 - Greens Inspection report – Buckingham synthetic surface**

I inspected the Buckingham synthetic green on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to assess its compliance with the laws of the game and consider its suitability for pennant and competition play. Inspections was hosted and discussed with a number of Buckingham members working and responsible for elements such as marking of lines and boundary and centre peg placements. The green just come into has been in operation and the Berry Bowling Systems contractors were concluded their worked a few days earlier.

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 slightly between 65 and 90mm around the green and is well above the minimum requirement of 50mm depth. As per the other clubs, the long pile on the synthetic material creates an illusion of shallow ditches, but measurement to the playing surface height was determined to be well over the minimum. Buckingham were concerned about the appearance of shallow ditches but I have assured them all shallow spots were measured and complied and the height inconsistencies is a matter of aesthetics and ensuring jacks trailed to the ditch don't unfairly have the opportunity to roll more (due to unlevel synthetic material) than they would on other ditch material.

Banks exceed the minimum height requirement. Bank height is very consistent with most measurements in the 225-240 mm range. The extreme lows of 210mm and 215mm on the Eastern and Northern banks are typically around the north-east corner of the green towards the main road Moonah end. Variation and low heights poses no real issues for play on the green.

Ditch widths are consistently 220-240mm wide, but a couple of spot reduce down to 205 mm but still exceed the minimum. Variations in width can only be observed if one takes a position to view such in a single view across the full green or along the full length of a ditch hence all variations are relatively minor.

Rink width is 4.860m, and well above the minimum width law. At time of inspection only E/W peg holes were completed and their accompanying line markings. The green is square and hence the widths and peg position measured for N/S will be replicated for E/W by the time Ladies Pennant is playing a home game. Boundary pegs on outside rinks are on one side 1.00m from the bank and 1.01m on the other, but with room to move a peg in on either side without reducing from the 7 rinks. The size of the green allows 7 rinks in both directions and excess each side of the ditch rink will allow a draw on the outside close to the side ditch.

Inspection did not include the rolling of a bowl but I observed a player practicing/testing the surface. There remains a certain amount of settling of the nap of the surface which will occur with both the regular rolling and warmer weather. Buckingham's new synthetic green like all recent installations will be quicker and truer at the start of the season than for grass greens.

There remains anecdotal feedback from players visiting clubs with new greens, that the narrow side and tracking/leaning of the bowl is disconcerting, but in reality the requirement to find the line is no different to a narrow ditch rink or cross-wind conditions. We know that time and maintenance on this type of surface will see this issue diminish.

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

**Note:** I have given a verbal approval to Buckingham based on the imminent pennant play preceding BTS Board Meeting and report acceptance

Michael Andersch,  
Chair, BSOP

20 February 2023