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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Bowls Tasmania South held at the Glenorchy Rodman Bowls Club on Sunday 28 May 2023

Welcome

The President, Peter Kirby, declared the meeting open at 2:00pm and welcomed members to the meeting. He advised the meeting that a quorum was present in accordance with Rule 25.2 of the Constitution. He delivered an Acknowledgement of Country.

Attendance

There were 19 delegates representing 14 clubs (Beltana, Brighton, Buckingham, Cremorne, Glenorchy Rodman, Howrah, Kingborough, North Hobart, Oatlands, Orford, Rosny Park, Royal Hobart, Sandy Bay, Sorell, and Tarooma) plus 4 club members and 7 BTS Board members in attendance.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Bruny Island and Franklin, and David Hogan (Beltana), Elizabeth Downward (Brighton).

Vale

Recognition of deceased members: All members held a short period of silence in recognition of those members who had passed away during the preceding year.

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Barbara Rankin, Seconded Ross Bannister: "That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 5 June 2022, as circulated in the Annual Report, be accepted and confirmed."

CARRIED

Annual Report and Financial Report

President's Report

President Peter Kirby spoke to his report, as published within the Annual Report. Peter mentioned the fixed affiliation fee model and the success in allowing clubs to introduce new bowlers to the sport.

He also noted the success of the BTS grants program, that aimed to distribute about \$40,000 of surplus funds, which has now ended. He thanked Barbara Rankin for the liaison work in for this program.

Peter made mentioned of the good work of the Secretary and Treasurer in ensuring the sound operation of the association. He also noted the valuable input of Crystal Brooks, who has not only provided a “voice of youth” on the Board, but also taken on the Social Media Administrator role.

Peter noted that the South has both (the only) ITOs in the state, and the efforts of Michael Andersch and Leonie Price to improve/expand our umpire base is starting to bear fruit. Leonie Price will be forming a State Officiating Panel (a requirement of the Bowls Tasmania constitution) to further expand this capability.

Peter noted that Paul Hoddy, as conduit to the national committee for BowlsLink, and as a state administrator of BowlsLink.

Peter thanks Ross for his work chairing the BTS Match Committee and the BTS Coaches Panel, and his background knowledge of many bowls-related matters. He made mention that the packed Bowls Tasmania calendar will impact the BTS Match Committee’s plans for pennant and championship events.

Peter finished by advising the meeting that this will be his 9th year in the role of President, but he would not continue indefinitely so we should start working on our succession plans.

Moved Peter Kirby, seconded Ailsa Milburn (Rosny Park) “That the annual report be received.”
CARRIED

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer presented her report along with the audited financial statements as published within the Annual Report.

Deb noted that 17 clubs took advantage of the BTS Grants program, and pennant numbers increased by 25 (against previous decreases).

Moved Deb Jeffrey, seconded Kerrie Lane (Kingborough) “That the audited financial statements be adopted.”
CARRIED

Recommendations from the Board

Appointment of Auditor: Moved Deb Jeffrey, seconded Doug Holloway (Brighton): “That Rendell Ridge of Max Peck & Associates be re-appointed as auditor.”
CARRIED

Affiliation Fees: The Treasurer presented the calculation of affiliation fees (to be distributed to clubs on 1 June) at Appendix 1. This year, the Board has attempted to keep the numbers as close to last year as possible. We will owe Bowls Tasmania \$102,000 in fees from our overall budget of \$160,000. Moved Deb Jeffrey, seconded Geoff Giblin (Orford): “That we accept the affiliation fees as presented.”
CARRIED

Honoraria: Moved Deb Jeffrey, seconded Paul Hoddy (Cremorne): “That Honoraria and Allowances for 2023-24, totalling \$24,800, be set as follows:

• Secretary	\$10,000	
• Statistician	\$5,000	
• Treasurer	\$5,000	
• Executive Assistant	\$800	
• President Expense Allowance	\$2000	
• Deputy President Expense Allowance	\$200	
• Match Committee Expenses (Chair)	\$400	
• Match Committee Expenses (4 members)	\$800	(\$200 each)
• Umpires Panel (Chair)	\$400	
• Officiating Panel Expenses (4 members)	\$800	(\$200 each)
• Coaching Panel Expenses (Chair)	\$200	
• Social Media Administrator	\$300	

CARRIED

Appointment of Office Bearers:

In accordance with Rule 11.2 of the Constitution, the following positions will be declared as elected as no competing nominations have been received:

- **President:** Peter Kirby
- **Deputy President:** Kerrie Lane
- **Secretary:** Paul Matthews
- **Treasurer:** Deb Jeffrey
- **Executive Assistant:** Paul Hoddy
- **Board Member:** Barbara Rankin
- **Board Member:** Crystal Brooks

In accordance with Rule 11.3 of the BTS Constitution, nominations were called from the floor to fill the remaining 2 Board Member vacancies. As no nominations were forthcoming, the President advised the meeting that the Board will appoint members to fill the vacant positions in accordance with Rule 11.8.

Nominations for Life Membership

In accordance with Rule 37.1 of the Constitution, nominations for life membership were distributed to delegates at the meeting. A 75% majority vote is required.

Moved Deb Jeffrey (Beltana), seconded Anne Mullavey (Howrah): “That the Ailsa Milburn be awarded Life Membership of the Southern Tasmanian Bowls Association.” **CARRIED**

Ailsa thanked the Board and the meeting. Ailsa noted that it’s nice to receive recognition for things you do or achieve, but this was a real honour.

Moved Paul Matthews (Sorell), seconded Geoff Giblin (Orford): “That the Ross Bannister be awarded Life Membership of the Southern Tasmanian Bowls Association.” **CARRIED**

Ross thanked the Board and the meeting. He was also very grateful for the honour although he noted with surprise that “he was not old enough”.

General Business

5-game bowler rule. Doug Holloway (Brighton) asked that the rules for the **5-game bowler** category be altered to restrict them to the lowest division. Ian Callinan (North Hobart) pointed out that it might be needed to offer a 5-game bowler a chance at a higher division if they show potential. Paul Matthews (Sorell) noted that selection was a club matter. Peter advised that this would be considered by the Conditions of Play committee.

Entries for BTS Competitions. Stephen Foster (Howrah) brought up that clubs were being invoiced and had to collect/reconcile payment back to BTS. Deb Jeffrey advised that we would be using the BowlsLink payment facility for the coming season and this should alleviate this situation. Deb noted that this (previous) system was no different via BowlsLink than when paper forms were emailed by the club.

Division 4/Division 6 sections. June Kelly (Sorell) asked if Thursday/Saturday lowest division will be split into sections in the coming season. Ross Bannister advised that we would be extending this parameter to 14 sides or less will not be split, but more than 14 sides becomes untenable and sections will have to be used.

Affiliation Fees. Ian Birtwhistle (Royal Hobart) asked why affiliation fees were not calculated by the number of divisions fielded by a club. Peter Kirby advised that this model had been considered and rejected as it was not fair to all clubs while the “members as at 28 February” model is fair to all.

Pennant Working Group. Diane Willett (Taroon) asked what progress had been made on this matter. Peter accepted that we did need to move quickly on this matter, but noted any changes would probably occur to the 2024-25 season and not to the coming season.

Closure:

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 3.00pm. He thanked everyone for their attendance, and again congratulated our new life members.

PAUL MATTHEWS
BTS SECRETARY

28 May 2023

Appendices

1. Affiliation Fees for 2023-24
2. Certificate of Life Members – Ailsa Milburn (copy)
3. Certificate of Life Members – Ross Bannister (copy)

Appendix 1: Affiliation Fees 2023-24

CLUB	Total	5 Game	Junior	Nett	Percent	2023 Fees
BRIGHTON	83	3	0	80	4.78%	\$ 7,684.21
BRUNY ISLAND	24	1	0	23	1.38%	\$ 2,209.21
BUCKINGHAM	95	5	0	90	5.38%	\$ 8,644.74
CLAREMONT	117	1	4	112	6.70%	\$ 10,757.89
CLUB BELTANA	64	2	0	62	3.71%	\$ 5,955.26
CREMORNE	72	6	2	64	3.83%	\$ 6,147.37
CYGNET	28	1	1	26	1.56%	\$ 2,497.37
DOVER	52	3	0	49	2.93%	\$ 4,706.58
FRANKLIN	35	4	0	31	1.85%	\$ 2,977.63
GEEVESTON	37	2	0	35	2.09%	\$ 3,361.84
GLEN. CITY	76	4	0	72	4.31%	\$ 6,915.79
GLEN. RODMAN	93	6	3	84	5.02%	\$ 8,068.42
HOWRAH	156	7	0	149	8.91%	\$ 14,311.84
HUONVILLE	47	4	0	43	2.57%	\$ 4,130.26
KINGBOROUGH	151	6	0	145	8.67%	\$ 13,927.63
NEW NORFOLK	61	0	0	61	3.65%	\$ 5,859.21
NTH HOBART	34	1	0	33	1.97%	\$ 3,169.74
OATLANDS	32	0	0	32	1.91%	\$ 3,073.68
ORFORD	62	0	0	62	3.71%	\$ 5,955.26
OUSE	-	-	-	-	-	-
ROSNY PARK	97	3	0	94	5.62%	\$ 9,028.95
ROYAL HOBART	58	0	0	58	3.47%	\$ 5,571.05
SANDY BAY	126	15	0	111	6.64%	\$ 10,661.84
SORELL	64	4	0	60	3.59%	\$ 5,763.16
ST JOHNS PARK	33	2	0	31	1.85%	\$ 2,977.63
TAROONA	43	2	0	41	2.45%	\$ 3,938.16
TASMAN	25	1	0	24	1.44%	\$ 2,305.26
TOTAL	1765	83	10	1672	100%	\$160,599.98

Appendix 2: Certificate of Life Members – Ailsa Milburn (copy)

Bowls Tasmania South

Ailsa Milburn

is appointed a

Life Member

of the

Southern Tasmanian Bowls Association

in recognition of outstanding service over many years at the Club, Association and State level, including:

- Treasurer Beltana Bowls Club Ladies Committee
- Treasurer Rosny Park Bowls Club Ladies Committee – 2008-21
- Rosny Park Bowls Club Board Member – 2008-20
- BTS Board member – 2008-21
- BTS Deputy President – 2011-15 and 2020-21.
- Chair of the BTS Women's Match Committee 2013-17
- Southern Selector and Manager for BTS Women's Open teams – 2013-20
- Southern Selector and Manager for BTS Women's Senior teams – 2017-22
- State Senior Women's Selector 2018-22
- BTS Representative on the Board of Management of Bowls Tasmania – 2008-11
- Served on the Committee for unification of Bowls Tasmania Conditions of Play
- Served on the Committee to formulate new Bowls Tasmania Constitution

Peter Kirby

BTS President

28 May 2023

Appendix 3: Certificate of Life Members – Ross Bannister (copy)

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Ross Bannister

is appointed a

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in recognition of outstanding service over many years at the Club, Association and State level, including:

- Secretary Sorell Bowls Club – 2004-08
- President Derwent City Bowls Club – 2010-21
- Secretary Derwent City Bowls Club – 2010-21
- Chair of the BTS Coaches Committee – 2008 to the present
- Chair of the BTS Match Committee – 2014 to the present
- Bowls Tasmania Southern Presenter and Assessor – 2013 to the present
- Secretary of the Bowls Tasmania Coaches Panel – 2008-13
- Southern Junior Coach (Under 18's) – 2010-16
- Southern Junior Coach (Under 25's) – 2013-15
- State Junior Coach – 2004-11
- State Men's Coach – 2011-12
- State Ladies Coach – 2012-13

Peter Kirby

BTS President

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