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MINUTES OF A DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT 1.00pm ON SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2023 AT KINGBOROUGH BOWLS CLUB

1. Welcome

The President, Peter Kirby, opened the meeting at 1.00pm by welcoming members and guests, and reading a welcome to country.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ross Bannister (Chair, BTS Match Committee), Lorraine Walker (Kingborough), Tim Morgan (New Norfolk), Mike Kirkwood (Glenorchy Rodman).

3. Attendance

The President confirmed that we had a quorum for the meeting in accordance with section 25 of the constitution. 29 delegates, representing 18 of 27 clubs, attended the meeting. Also in attendance were BTS Board members (Peter Kirby, Kerrie Lane, Paul Matthews, Barbara Rankin, Michael Andersch), Leonie Price, and Geoff Price.

Clubs represented: Beltana, Brighton, Buckingham, Claremont, Cremorne, Dover, Franklin, Glenorchy City, Howrah, Kingborough, New Norfolk, North Hobart, Oatlands, Orford, Rosny Park, Royal Hobart, Sandy Bay, and Sorell.

4. Previous minutes

Neale Hall (Glenorchy City) moved, and Geoff Giblin (Orford) seconded, that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 April 2023 (available on the [BTS website](#)) be accepted. There was no business arising from the previous minutes. **CARRIED**

5. Committee Reports

5.1 Match Committee. Ross Bannister was unable to attend but provided his report, which was read by the Secretary (see appendix 1). Peter noted that the weekends available to hold BTS championship events are very limited, and Bowls TAS events also impact our southern rosters. Peter also noted that rosters were held back until early October to avoid (as much as possible) having to change rosters multiple times. He thanked clubs for their patience.

5.2 Selection Committee. The President noted that we're setting up selectors. The Open Selector (South) is assisting with arranging selection. Carole Bannister has resigned as selector (over 60s ladies) and Peter noted his thanks for her efforts.

5.3 Officiating Panel. Michael Andersch presented his report (see appendix 2). He has been re-elected as Chair of the panel. He noted that South will host Gala Week in January. He will be seeking umpires/markers for this and for BTS championship finals. Leonie advised BTAS is looking to add a 2½ hour time limit to State Pairs. Umpire forums will be held in the next month or so to cover world bowls, BTAS and BTS rule and conditions of play changes.

5.4 Coaches Panel. Ross Bannister was unable to attend and did not provide a report. Peter offered special thanks to Howrah for hosting the winter coaching clinics again this year.

6. Matters referred from BTS Board

6.1 2023-24 Conditions of Play. Conditions of play were updated due to occurrences last season. The President noted the following:

General

- **1.2 – Eligibility.** Social/Barefoot bowlers eligibility clarified.
- **1.6 – Electronic devices.** Usage clarified.
- **1.7 – Smoking.** Vaping included as a form of smoking.
- **1.12 – Condition of greens.** Guidelines for watering added.
- **1.16 – Extreme heat.** Temperature limits reduced from last season.

BTS Championships

- **2.4 – Status and eligibility.** Status guidelines clarified.
- **2.20 – Championship penalties.** Scorecard inaccuracy penalties added.

BTS Pennant

- **3.1 – Entries.** Lowest divisions clarified.
- **3.3 – Selection guidelines.** Membership and “5-gamer” rules clarified.
- **4.4 – Side structure.** Division 7 reintroduced.
- **4.5 – Starting times.** Bruny “special arrangements” expanded.
- **5.6 – Opposite Gender players.** Section from Division 3 Thurs/Sat and below.
- **6.6 – Opposite Gender players.** Section from Division 3 Saturday and below.

The Secretary reminded the meeting to seek clarification from BTS if they are in any doubt about the interpretation or intent of a particular condition.

6.2 BTS Side Captain's Guidelines. Michael Andersch spoke briefly about the guidelines.

- Side Captain and “Umpire of the day” responsibilities.
- Duties of the Side Captains before, during and after the game.
- Duty of care – particularly regarding extreme heat.
- Social/barefoot bowlers section expanded.

Michael Andersch will act on a suggestion from the floor to include side captains in the Umpires, Markers and Measurers forums.

6.3 Pennant Review Working Group. Peter Kirby advised that 11 people have been appointed to the group. He welcomed the attendance of Geoff Giblin (WG Chair) and Leigh McAdam (WG Secretary) at today's meeting. Michael Andersch has acted as liaison but has pulled back to allow the working group to act independently of the BTS Board. The BTS Board will only be involved if invited in by the Working Group. Peter asked Michael and Geoff to speak about the aspirations of the working group.

Michael spoke about a club-led working group rather than an investigation led by the BTS Board. Our hope is that a wide demographic of members will be surveyed/heard from big and small clubs.

Geoff introduced himself and Leigh. The WG will hold its first official meeting next Sunday (15 October). Geoff advised that the WG will focus on the feedback from players more so than views from clubs (although clubs will also be included). Leigh advised that the WG will start with surveying people. The aim is to avoid "group think" so that more ideas/thoughts are available to the WG so that they can meet with people and discuss a lot of different options.

6.4 BTS Championship entries/payments. Peter Kirby, on behalf of the BTS Treasurer, advised that all entries into BTS championships will be paid via the BowlsLink payment gateway. All payments must be made at time of entry (\$20 per person) and all names of players must be entered at the time of entry.

6.5 WWVP requirements. Peter Kirby advised that all officials at BTAS/BTS events must hold a WWVP card. Leonie advised that Bowls TAS will not be verifying board members, club coaches, etc hold a WWVP card, but advised an "inspector" can ask to see the card(s) and substantial fines can be made if cards are not held.

6.6 Senior SWC sides. Peter Kirby advised that the SWC Senior sides will play all their matches in the North, and not in all three regions.

6.7 State team to play in SWC. Peter Kirby noted a proposal from BN to drop the second side from SWC and allow the State team to fill the role of fourth side. Kerrie Lane and Anne Mullavey explained the proposal to the meeting. The proposal seeks to give the State team more competition experience by playing against the regional teams.

7. General Business

7.1 Early start. Geoff Giblin (Orford) again asked clubs to consider an 11.45am rollup for 12 noon start for Orford games. Orford will contact clubs to formalise this request but asked delegates to forewarn their selectors that this request will be coming.

7.2 Thursday Pennant finals. Di Willett (Taroona) asked if finals could revert to previous models so that finals are finished in a shorter timeframe. Leonie Price explained that this model was created to allow ladies who work to play in finals without losing too many working days.

7.3 Ladies pennant. Val Heath (Dover), on behalf of a few ladies, asked when ladies Thursday pennant would become open gender. Peter advised that no change was planned in this regard. Leonie Price advised that BN lost about 200 female bowlers in the first year of open gender and can no longer form a single-gender competition even if they wanted to. Leigh McAdam advised that the Working Group will be including this question in the player survey. Geoff Giblin expanded this by suggesting a change that might allow individuals to decide where they want to play. Pauline Connell (Kingborough) suggested a composite side might be a solution to clubs not being able to field a full side.

8. Date of Next Meeting

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

9. Closure

Play fiercely, within the laws, and with respect for your opponents. Good luck for the coming season.

The President declared the meeting closed at 2.30pm.

Minutes taken by:

Paul Matthews
BTS Secretary

Appendices

1. BTS Match Committee Report
2. BTS Officiating Panel Report

APPENDIX 1

BTS Match Committee Report October 2023

This season BTS Match Committee representatives are:

- Ross Bannister (Rosny Park) - Chair
- Paul Hoddy (Cremorne)
- Kerrie Lane (Kingborough)
- Tony Davie (Glenorchy Rodman)
- Rosie Geeves (Howrah)

The 2023-24 pennant season is almost about to start.

The pennant draws are out after the closing of nomination for club pennant sides that closed on 30 September 2023 it was left this late because clubs still have trouble entering teams when they don't know how many players they have until the last minute.

Club BTS championships dates have been set and clubs nominated to hold them, this gives the host clubs plenty of leeway for organisation to host them as they need a match manager and umpires as well as some markers for singles games.

The BTS statistician has a big job now entering all the pennant teams and BTS championships into the bowls link. This is not a five-minute job and Paul will be flat out having it all read for the start of the bowls season.

This season due to the number of games and Bowls Tas competitions there will be a double header games on Saturday 20 January and Sunday 21 January to fit the season into the roster. Also, the 1st and 2nd semi-final will be on Saturday 6 April 2024 with the preliminary final the next day Sunday the 7 April 2024

There has been some discussion about the Thursday ladies round 10 pennant game that is scheduled to be played on Thursday 21 December is too close to Christmas. Clubs are reminded that they have the opportunity to arrange with their opposing team on that round to try and play them on another day, in saying this both clubs have to agree, or they will be played on the 21 December. They must let BTS know if any changes in play dates.

The BTS men's and ladies single have been moved from the end of the bowls season to the start and will be played in November 2023, the reason for this is that clubs have too much on at the end of the season and the singles are normally played over several clubs due to the number of entries and BTS struggle to find clubs to hold this event.

Ross Bannister
Chair, BTS Match Committee

8 October 2023

APPENDIX 2

BTS Officiating Panel Report to the Delegates Meeting

Our panel met recently and primarily discussed the 2023-24 season activities. The members re-conferred my role as Chairman of BSOP and Nominee for the BTS Board for the 2023-24 season.

A review of the 2023-34 Calendar of Events sees the usual BTS championships and January Gala week with State Mixed Pairs, State Triples and Bowling Arm events.

was discussed and questions for Bowls Tas were raised and have subsequently been submitted by Leonie Price and the panel sought advice from Rob McGuire as to:

- Timed Events.
- Use of 3 bowls Pairs format for Bowling Arm.
- Requirement for Markers for Bowling Arm of 3 player sections.
- Use of Synthetic Surfaces (or use of Kingborough and Howrah with Indoor rinks as bad weather back-ups)

The season kick-off activities were discussed. Officials Forums will continue with added small forum planned for Franklin. We're just booking our preferred venues and dates amongst the group. Kingborough, North Hobart and Beltana as per 2022 will be used again.

The requirement for Officials to hold a WWVP card was discussed and the approach to communicate the requirement to our Officials group was discussed. BSOP is making holding a WWVP card mandatory to officiate at BTS events and above. We will allow a grace period where application for WWVP has been made.

Side Captains Guide now available and covered in the agenda for later discussion of highlights. The emphasis of authority and duty of care for umpires and a revision of Extreme Weather in Conditions of Play.

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Chair, BTS Officiating Panel

8 October 2023