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Minutes of the BTS Board Meeting held on Monday 22 January 2024 at 6.00pm via Zoom

Welcome

1. President Peter Kirby opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

Attendance

Present: Peter Kirby (President), Kerrie Lane (Deputy President), Deb Jeffrey (Treasurer), Paul Matthews (Secretary), Paul Hoddy, John Scott, Ross Bannister (Chair Match Committee), Michael Andersch (Chair Officiating Committee)

Guest: Bernard Knight (BTAS Director)

Apologies: Barbara Rankin, Crystal Brooks, Brad Johns, Anne Mullavey (BTAS Director)

Confirm minutes of previous meeting

2. John Scott moved that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2023 be confirmed. Seconded Deb Jeffrey **CARRIED**

Business arising from previous minutes

3. **Pennant Review Working Group.** Michael advised that Leigh (WG Secretary) has approached clubs but wasn't sure of the status of any planned surveys. The Secretary advised the Board that he had offered to publish any updates and/or progress reports to keep bowlers informed but had so far not received anything. Michael will obtain a progress report and circulate it to the Board members.

ACTION: Michael Andersch

Correspondence

4. The Secretary reported that there were 1,556 emails received (not counting 437 SPAM emails) and 1,193 emails sent between 13 October and 20 January 2024.
5. The Secretary explained that all correspondence was dealt with while he was tied up with personal matters. Moved Deb Jeffrey, seconded John Scott that outwards correspondence be endorsed, and inwards correspondence be accepted.

CARRIED

Reports

6. **Finance.** Deb Jeffrey provided two reports (see Appendices 1 and 2) and reported that BowlsLink information re championship entry payments is working well. Deb moved that the financial report be accepted. Seconded Paul Hoddy.

CARRIED

7. **Match Committee.** Ross provided his report to the Secretary and it was circulated before the meeting. Paul Hoddy advised that the closing date for the Triples and Over 60s Fours has been extended until 24 January. At the time of the meeting, we need 2 more entries (at least) for the Women's B Grade Triples to proceed. Bernard advised that BowlsTAS will be looking to restructure State B Grade championships in hopes of improving participation. The Board resolved to receive Ross's report at Appendix 3 as presented.

8. Ross advised that Women's B Grade champions have been struggling for several years. He would like Ladies Div 2 players to be eligible for B Grade rather than A Grade competition.

Referred to COP Committee

9. **Officiating Panel.** Michael provided his report (see Appendix 4).

10. **Coaches Panel.** Nothing to report.

11. **SWC/State Selection.** Peter advised that:

- Brad Johns is now the State Selector (South) for Open Men.
- Ailsa Milburn is again State Selector (South) for Senior Women.
- Uniform restocking is complete.
- Now that the State side is the fourth side in the SWC, the State Selectors (from Peter's POV) spend most of their time watching the State side play.
- The Southern Senior Men (with 9 new players) are sitting on top of the ladder after the first two rounds.
- The Southern Senior Women have been adversely affected by the inclusion of the State Side into the SWC as this move has impacted on selection.
- Issues with holding all SWC Senior contests in the North have eventuated as predicted.

Ongoing Matters

12. **BTS Strategic Plan.** The Secretary and the President will develop the Strategic Plan for consideration by the Board at the next meeting.

- **Zone Liaison Officers.** Kerrie would like to arrange discussions with clubs similar to the Officiating Forums to promote championships, Statewide Challenge, etc and discover issues/concerns that clubs would like progressed. John asked for the talking points and Kerrie undertook to send these to the Board.

ACTION: Deputy President

13. **Policy and Governance review.** The Secretary advised of the following:

- **SWC Selectors, Coaches, Managers Duties.** This has been amended to clarify the duties of the State Selector (South), and will be circulated for board ratification.

ACTION: Secretary

- **Financial Management Policy.** This is still under development. Peter suggested the Secretary, Treasurer and President meet via Zoom for finalise this policy.

ACTION: Secretary

- **Reciprocal arrangements between BTS clubs.** The Secretary is still compiling information before a protocol can be developed.
14. **Knowledge Sharing.** Nothing to report.
 15. **Conditions of Play.** The Secretary noted the following items arising from correspondence (for consideration for next season's conditions of play):
 - Pennant – Substitutes from another club (in appropriate division?)
 - Pennant – Early start of game for Southern reps
 - Championships – Review grading/status for “grey-area” players?
 16. **RCC Meetings.** Bernard Knight advised the most recent meeting was held over Zoom and this allowed easier participation in discussions, which covered:
 - The lack of B Grade entries in regional and State events.
 - The North's continuing struggle with numbers (mainly with women due to the introduction of across-the-board open gender competition).
 - Clubs holding open tournaments on regional/State event days. While BNW was able to mandate behaviour in their conditions of play, concerns around possible “restraint of trade” implications by restricting clubs holding events when they wish to may make resolving this issue difficult.

General Business

17. **Ladies Grand Final Day.** Crystal asked (via email to the Secretary) why the Ladies Grand Final was on a Tuesday instead of a Thursday, and could it be switched back to Thursday this year? Deb supported the idea of sticking with Thursday as it is difficult for working women to change their “day off for pennant” with their employer. Michael included child-caring grandparents being unable to change their caring day easily. Paul Hoddy reminded the Board that complaints about holding the grand final on the Thursday before Easter Friday was the reason for this scheduling (both this year and last year). The Board agreed that it was too late to change the dates this year but would look to resolve this problem next season. The Board resolved to refer this matter to the Working Group for inclusion in their pennant investigations.

ACTION: Michael Andersch
18. **Double-headers.** Deb asked that we NOT schedule double-headers because older players cannot play two days in a row. Teams often must forfeit the second game because of this. Paul Matthews noted that BTS had already accepted this proposition by expanding opposite gender subs to Div 3 and below due to difficulties in obtaining subs to play both WED and THU. The Board resolved to refer this matter to the Working Group for inclusion in their pennant investigations.

ACTION: Michael Andersch
19. **Bowls Tasmania thanks.** Bernard wished to thank Southern clubs for hosting Gala Week and other State events; their efforts made events very successful. He also noted that live streaming of Friday night games was a wonderful idea that worked very well. Peter asked to acknowledge and thank Beltana, Kingborough, Rosny Park and New Norfolk.

ACTION: Secretary
20. **Grants.** Michael noted that there was often “sporting equipment grants” that the association could think about applying for to replenish/renew umpire equipment, trophies, stock, etc.

21. **Audit of “5 Game” players.** The Secretary advised the meeting that he was in the process of auditing the players used under the “5 game” rule and sought approval to send “please explain” emails to resolve anomalies with the reported list. The Board agreed that this should occur. **ACTION: Secretary**
22. **Review of “5 Game” rule(s).** Deb suggested the rules should be further refined to limit this membership option to new bowlers and disallow its use by existing bowlers who have “taken a year off”. This sparked discussion and resulted in the Board resolving to refer this matter to the COP Committee for further consideration. **Referred to COP Committee**

Next Meeting

23. **Constitution.** Paul suggested that we amend rule 9.1(c) to remove the power of 5 clubs to challenge BTS competition decisions. His put to the Board that this will remove the ability of a few clubs to challenge decisions made for the benefit of the majority of clubs and makes this rule consistent with rule 41. The Board resolved to write a special resolution to be put to the vote at the next AGM. **ACTION: Secretary**
24. **Uniform jackets.** Deb asked if we would be issuing/recovering uniform jackets or if we would be selling them to players. The Board resolved to sell them to players (who wished to purchase them) for \$60 (including GST) and issue/recover them from players who did not.
25. **Return of Trophies.** Ross reminded the Board that clubs should be asked to return trophies (hopefully to Bucks/Beltana). **ACTION: Secretary**

Next Meeting

26. The next meeting is planned for Monday 19 February at a 6.00pm via Zoom.

Closure

27. The President declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Paul Matthews
BTS Secretary

Appendices

1. Financial summary as of 31 October 2023
2. Financial summary as of 31 December 2023
3. BTS Match Committee Report – January 2024
4. BTS Officiating Panel Report – January 2024

Appendix 1 – Treasurer’s report for November 2023

SUMMARY as of 31 October 2023

Current Assets

	Actual	Last year	Variance \$
1-0000 Assets			
1-1000 Current Assets			
1-1100 Bank Accounts	\$182,820.46	\$248,882.98	(\$66,062.52) ↓
1-1165 Officeworks Gift Card	115.00	0.00	115.00 ↑
1-1170 Undeposited Funds Account	19.60	0.00	19.60 ↑
1-1200 Accounts Receivable	1,796.38	7,995.00	(6,198.62) ↓
Total Current Assets	\$184,751.44	\$256,877.98	(\$72,126.54) ↓

Current Liabilities

2-0000 Liabilities			
2-0010 Current Liabilities			
2-1140 Accounts Payable	42,091.00	8,966.00	33,125.00 ↑
2-1300 GST Liabilities	\$1,574.24	\$12,228.18	(\$10,653.94) ↓
2-1500 Provisions & Accrued Expen...	\$470.00	\$30,300.00	(\$29,830.00) ↓
Total Current Liabilities	\$44,135.24	\$51,494.18	(\$7,358.94) ↓

Profit & Loss report YTD - May to October 2023

	Actual	Budget	Variance \$
4-0000 Income	\$148,390.71	\$147,191.00	\$1,199.71↑
Gross Profit	\$148,390.71	\$147,191.00	\$1,199.71↑
6-0000 Expenses	\$95,404.41	\$5,614.00	\$89,790.41↑
Operating Profit	\$52,986.30	\$141,577.00	(\$88,590.70) ↓

NOTES:

BowlsLink payment received for singles on 3rd November 2023 less refunds and merchant fees.

Deb Jeffrey
Treasurer

20 November 2023

Appendix 2 – Treasurer’s report for December 2023

SUMMARY as of 31 December 2023

Current Assets

	Actual	Last year	Variance \$
1-0000 Assets			
1-1000 Current Assets			
1-1100 Bank Accounts	\$145,923.02	\$125,563.78	\$20,359.24 ↑
1-1165 Officeworks Gift Card	115.00	0.00	115.00 ↑
1-1200 Accounts Receivable	899.25	575.40	323.85 ↑
Total Current Assets	\$146,937.27	\$126,139.18	\$20,798.09 ↑

Current Liabilities

2-0010 Current Liabilities			
2-1140 Accounts Payable	2,428.00	(2.00)	2,430.00 ↑
2-1300 GST Liabilities	\$2,009.46	(\$6,861.73)	\$8,871.19 ↑
2-1500 Provisions & Accrued Expens...	\$470.00	\$22,850.00	(\$22,380.00) ↓
Total Current Liabilities	\$4,907.46	\$15,986.27	(\$11,078.81) ↓

Profit & Loss report YTD - May to December 2023

	Actual	Last year	Variance \$	Budget	Variance \$
4-0000 Income	\$154,144.38	\$145,662.97	\$8,481.41 ↑	\$151,325.00	\$2,819.38 ↑
Gross Profit	\$154,144.38	\$145,662.97	\$8,481.41 ↑	\$151,325.00	\$2,819.38 ↑
6-0000 Expenses	\$97,524.47	\$100,463.65	(\$2,939.18) ↓	\$100,515.00	(\$2,990.53) ↓
Operating Profit	\$56,619.91	\$45,199.32	\$11,420.59 ↑	\$50,810.00	\$5,809.91 ↑
9-0000 Other Expenses	\$2,160.00	\$46,475.00	(\$44,315.00) ↓	\$0.00	\$2,160.00 ↑
Net Profit	\$54,459.91	(\$1,275.68)	\$55,735.59 ↑	\$50,810.00	\$3,649.91 ↑

NOTES:

December 2023 BAS payment is \$2,148 and due 28th February 2024

Deb Jeffrey
Treasurer

17 January 2024

Appendix 3 – Match Committee Report for January 2024

As 2024 year starts, we have played half of the 2023-24 pennant season with clubs now looking to try and make the finals.

The ladies and men's singles and pairs BTS championships have been completed; once again we can't hold these championships without clubs volunteering to host them, thank you to Kingborough, Rosny Park Claremont and Beltana.

Other BTS championship entries are closing on Saturday 20 January 2024 is for the:

- Men's Open triples
- Men's B Grade Triples
- Men's Over 60's Fours
- Women's Open triples
- Women's B Grade Triples
- Women's Over 60's Fours

Bowls south also held the Bowls Tasmania gala week in January 2024. A big thank you to all the clubs that offered to help host these events, with Beltana Bowls Club accepting to be the host club. The other clubs used were Kingborough, New Norfolk and Rosny Park.

A big thank you to Michael and his officiation panel for the arranging off all the volunteering umpires and markers for these events and Rob McGuire from Bowls Tasmania for the draws, score cards and all the draw sheets for each event.

Ross Bannister
Chair
BTS Mach Committee

17 January 2024

Appendix 4 – BSOP report for January 2024

Officiating Forums were completed in the past quarter with the final small group at Franklin, attended by Huonville, Franklin, Geeveston & Dover. Appreciation was shown for our local attendance and a comprehensive measuring demonstration and practice was put on with Brad Johns completing his practical greens tests for both Marking & Measuring.

Umpires and Markers were appointed to the BTS Events (Singles & Pairs held in the 1st half of the season. Umpires were also appointed to Seniors SWC in Launceston with Fred Willes from St Helens a late stand-in for us in December and Shane Peck covering January's day at North Launceston.

January Gala Week comprising Mixed Pairs & Triples for Open and B Grade Men and Women, together with Bowling Arm Singles and Pairs was successfully rostered with 12 volunteer officials covering the 4 venues across the days. A big thanks goes out to Wayne Cobbing, Pauline Connell who worked on at least 3 of the 5 days, and most of the 12 doing at least 2 days.

Our immediate focus is coordination of upcoming events with Women's and Men's Triples, Over 60s Fours and in late February SWC Bowling Arm. March will see Women's and Men's Fours and Open SWC before we start looking at Men's Fours and Pennant Finals across Midweek Women's and Open Gender.

There are host clubs for BTS events having trouble fielding their own umpires for Day 1 of competition with our panel kicking in to help. Claremont will require 2 umpires to cover the Ladies Triples Day 1 and I/We will assist coordinate.

Michael Andersch (mandersch@bigpond.com)
Chair, BTS Officiating Panel

22 January 2024