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President: Peter Kirby Secretary: Rob McGuire



Minutes of the Board meeting held electronically via Zoom on Monday 19 October 2020 commencing at 4.32 pm.

Present: Peter Kirby (President), Pat Zapotocky (Deputy President), Ross Bannister, Lee Cowie, Tony Fulton, Paul Hoddy, John McKibben, Leonie Price, Malcolm Salier and Rob McGuire.

Observers: Bernard Knight (Bowls Tasmania Board) from 5.05pm and Alan Eadie (Bowls Australia Regional Bowls Manager Tasmania) from 5.55pm.

Apology: Ailsa Milburn.

Minutes: Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Leonie Price “that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2020 be confirmed.” Carried

Matters Arising:

Sponsorship 2019-20 and beyond

At the June 2018 Board meeting, it was agreed that this matter should remain on the agenda for future Board meetings. No further action was taken in regard to this matter at this meeting.

Coronavirus and Lawn Bowls Update:

Bowls Tasmania has issued an amended COVIDSAFE conditions for pennant which has been built into the BTS Coronavirus policy.

Vacancies – Selectors, Managers and Coaches and Greens Advisory Committee

Not all positions have been filled.

- Senior Men – It was agreed to invite Greg Fehlberg and Shane Young to be Selectors. An invitation has been sent to both but no response has been received to date. It is understood that both have declined to be Selectors.
- Juniors – Margaret Cornish is interested in becoming a Selector – It was agreed to appoint her. Both Michael Taylor and Damien Sutton have indicated an interest in being Coach and Selector. Moved: Pat Zapotocky Seconded: Ross Bannister “that Michael Taylor be appointed as Coach and Selector provided that he obtains a Working with Vulnerable people Card before commencing and obtains a Coaching Certificate in due course”. Carried
- Greens Advisory Committee – Vacant.

Working with Vulnerable People Card

At the July 2020 Board meeting, Claremont advised that Club Board Members do not have to obtain a Working with Vulnerable People Card – It was agreed to raise this matter with Bowls Tasmania to determine its position where a Club will not conform to its policy. President Peter Kirby did so at the RCC meeting on 21 July 2020 and was advised that it is mandatory that Club Board Members obtain a Working with Vulnerable People Card. At the August 2020 Board meeting it was agreed that BTS should seek clarification from Bowls Tasmania to determine who is going to police this and what happens if a Club does not comply with the Bowls Tasmania policy. This matter is currently being considered by the Bowls Tasmania Board.

Fixed Fee Membership Model

At the 20 July 2020 Board meeting, it was agreed to submit the proposal developed by President Peter Kirby advocating for a fixed-fee membership subscription model rather than the current per-capita membership model to Bowls Tasmania and urge them to adopt the current national model.

This matter is now with a Bowls Tasmania working party of Treasurer David Back, immediate past Treasurer Bob Clifton and the three regional treasurers which is discussing this concept and working on a funding proposal to present to the Bowls Tasmania and Regional Boards for their consideration. Not all regions have yet developed a position on this matter. The next meeting of the working party is on Thursday 22 October 2020.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Bowls Tasmania Board Member Bernard Knight - Junior Development Committee – Junior coach and selector appointments have now been made – refer Business Arising above. It was agreed to forward appointees contact details to Bernard Knight.

Bowls Tasmania – COVIDSAFE Conditions and Pennant – BTS Coronavirus Policy has been updated to incorporate changes.

Margaret Cornish – Interested in becoming Selector for Southern Juniors – Appointed – Refer Matters Arising above.

Bowls Tasmania – Try Bowls Month - Noted.

Bruny – All Board members have a current Working with Vulnerable People card - Noted.

Bowls Tasmania – Upcoming Courses - Noted. Ross Bannister advised that he is conducting an additional Measurer's Course at Sandy Bay on 20 October 2020.

Bowls Tasmania – Bowls Australia History Records - Noted.

Joanne Cornish – BTS Life Member Don Cornish passed away in August 2020 – Noted with regret.

Royal Hobart – Approval for Barrie Cranwell, Darrell Long, Owen O'Driscoll and Iain Birtwhistle to wear previous Club's uniforms until Royal Hobart polo tops arrive in the next two weeks – Approved by BTS Match Committee.

Glenorchy Rodman – Approval for Wendy Andrew, Helen Hepburn, Imelda Rose and Pat McCann to share positions – Approved by BTS Secretary.

North Hobart - Approval for Carlene Ackerley, Marie Eiszele, Anne Hardy, Maureen Newman, Betty Nailor, Dianne Reid, Kaye Smith, Margaret Southworth, Roma Tarrant and Yvonne Tawake to share positions – Approved by BTS Secretary.

North Hobart - Approval for Tas Cocker, Vic Dawes, Neil Eiszele, Nazir Jesenkovic, Peter Mann, Ted Moore and George Patterson to share positions – Approved by BTS Secretary.

Bowls Tasmania – Training videos re Bowls Link - Noted.

Cygnets and Brighton – Agreeing to change Saturday Pennant Division 4 Round 1 game to Brighton with the Round 10 game to be played at Cygnets - Noted.

Sandy Bay - Approval for Anne Wishink, Alan Glass, Tony McDermott and Sally Knott to play in the old Sandy Bay uniform until Sandy Bay polo tops arrive in the next three weeks – Approved by BTS Match Committee.

Glenorchy City – Dumping allegation against Stuart Melrose from Royal Hobart – Agreed that BTS Board will only take action if such action is reported by Club which has had its green allegedly damaged by the named player.

Taroona - Approval for Rachel Kerr and Christine Linton to share a position – Approved by BTS Secretary.

Claremont - Approval for Verna Stevens and Roslyn Browning to share a position – Approved by BTS Secretary.

Elise Archer MP – Sports Championships Program Grants – Noted.

Brighton - Approval for Colin Felmingham to play in a plain white top until his Brighton polo tops arrive in the next two weeks – Approved by BTS Match Committee.

Sandy Bay - Approval for Mark Burgess and Anne Fitzgerald to play in the old Sandy Bay uniform until Sandy Bay polo tops arrive in the next three weeks – Approved by BTS Match Committee.

Bowls Australia Regional Bowls Manager Tasmania, Alan Eadie – Bowls Link Training - Noted.

Glenorchy City - Dumping allegations against Steve Midson from Beltana and Lindsay Lovell and Brian Coleman from Sandy Bay – Agreed to write to Beltana to advise it that a complaint has been made against Steve Midson for allegedly damaging the Glenorchy City green and request that appropriate action be taken if needed to assist him to remedy his action which is allegedly causing the damage.. The BTS Board has previously agreed that it will only take action if such actions are reported by a Club which has had its green allegedly damaged by these players.

Glenorchy City – Dispensation to play John Paradisis, Tony Poulter and Jack Breadon (Saturday Pennant Division 4 players) in Glenorchy City’s Thursday Division 4 team as opposite gender players. Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: John McKibben “to approve this request provided that no Saturday Division 6 players are available to play”. Carried.

From Facebook – Damien Sutton offering to be Southern Junior Coach – Declined – Refer Matters Arising above.

From Facebook – Michael Taylor offering to be Southern Junior Coach – Approved – Refer Matters Arising above.

Cygnnet – Approval for Dawn Brown and Lois Wolfe to share a position – Approved by BTS Secretary.

Minister for Sport & Recreation – Successful COVID-19 – Sport and Recreation Grants Program – Tranche Two - \$1,950 for additional southern uniforms – Noted – Secretary to order new uniforms.

Glenorchy City– Approval for Les Batchelor, Sid Bloomer, Shirley Johnson, Tony McCallum, Eric Negri, John Paradisis, Ken Parish, Ray Reibel, Margaret Robertson, Max Streets, Michael Stevenson, Harold Waddington and Robin Wilkinson to share a position in either Wednesday or Saturday Pennants or both – Approved by BTS Secretary.

Kingborough – Concerns re taking beverages into licenced premises and other queries re BTS Coronavirus Policy – It is up to Clubs to determine their own rules in regard to bringing beverages into those Clubs (alcoholic beverages definitely cannot be brought onto licensed premises). Very little of the BTS Coronavirus Policy is mandatory on Clubs.

Outwards:

All Clubs – Thursday and Saturday Pennant Rosters 2020-21, Men's Midweek Rosters 2020-21, Clearances 2020-21 as at 21 and 30 September and 7, 9 and 16 October 2020, Reminder for Delegates Meeting 30 September 2020, Club Information 2020-21, Bowls Tasmania Handbook 2020-21, Final reminder re nominations for lower pennant divisions 2020-21, Expressions of interest - Men's and Women's Senior Southern Teams, Registrations 2020-21, Pennant Scorecards, Board Meeting Minutes September 2020, Coronavirus Policy, Staggered starts and Coronavirus, Nominations received for lower Divisions, Saturday Pennant Rosters 2020-21 Amended, Saturday Pennant Division 7 Roster 2020-21, Midweek Pennant Rosters 2020-21 Divisions 3 and 4, Synthetic versus Grass Greens, Thursday Pennant Division 5 Roster 2020-21, Conditions of Play and Midweek Pennant, Bowls Tasmania Handbook, Social Distancing and Coronavirus, Reminder re close of entries for BTS Fours Championships.

Bowls Tasmania – Interstate Clearances Christine Hutchins, Conrad Westhead, Jan Farmer and Graeme Farmer, Handbook information, Working with Vulnerable People Card, Updates for Handbook.

Peter Bannister and Will Coad – Confirm appointments as Men’s Open Selectors.

Lyn Triffitt – Confirm appointment as Women’s Open Selector.

Buckingham – Confirm host of Delegates meeting.

Orford, Brighton, and Huonville – Unsuccessful expression of interest to host Delegates Meeting.

Brighton – Confirm host of Opening Day.

Orford, Buckingham and Huonville – Unsuccessful expression of interest to host Opening Day.

Claremont – Advantage of Clubs with synthetic and grass greens referred to Conditions of Play Committee 2021-22.

Claremont – Approval of new uniform.

Glenorchy City – Dumping of bowls added to agenda for Delegates Meeting.

Howrah – Women’s championships days added to agenda for Delegates Meeting.

Regional Bowls Manager Tasmania Alan Eadie and Bowls Tasmania Board Member Bernard Knight – Invitation to attend next BTS Board meeting to discuss schools program.

Regional Bowls Manager Tasmania Alan Eadie – Webinar training courses.

David Genford – BTS Singles Championship dates remain unchanged.

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Pat Zapotocky “that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be endorsed”. Carried.

Reports:

Finance:

Treasurer Tony Fulton forwarded his report to Board Members prior to the meeting. Moved: Tony Fulton Seconded: Ross Bannister “that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted and that accounts paid be approved”. Carried

Clearances:

Moved: Ross Bannister Seconded: Malcolm Salier “that the following intrastate clearances be noted and the interstate clearances be approved:

- Carlene Ackerley – Glenorchy City to North Hobart.
- Ian Archer – Howrah to Beltana.
- Julie Baker – Glenorchy City to Beltana.
- Allan Bannister – Dover RSL to Orford.
- Carol Bannister – Dover RSL to Orford.
- Michael Behrend – St John’s Park to Taroona.
- Jack Breadon – Kingborough to Glenorchy City.
- Matthew Breward – Oatlands to Brighton.
- Chris Chivers – Club Kawana (QLD) to Howrah.
- David Dixon – Beltana to Rosny Park.
- Bill Eather – North Hobart to Buckingham.
- Graeme Farmer – Charlestown (NSW) to Sandy Bay.
- Janet Farmer – Charlestown (NSW) to Sandy Bay.
- Michael Gallen – Buckingham to Sandy Bay.
- Brian George – Glenorchy Rodman to Buckingham.
- Don Holland – Buckingham to Brighton.
- Graham Horne – Smithton to Beltana.
- David Johns – Franklin to Taroona.
- Barry King – Beltana to North Hobart.
- Lyndon Newell – Howrah to Rosny Park.
- Suzanne Seabourne – Rosny Park to Sorell.
- Phyllis Sedgman – Geeveston to Dover RSL.
- Jacob Sherrin-Wall – Kingborough to Dover RSL.
- Deborah Smith – Kingborough to Huonville.
- Don Taylor – Cremorne to Bruny.
- Nola Taylor – Cremorne to Bruny.
- Conrad Westhead – Canberra North (ACT) to Kingborough.
- Jason Williams – Kingborough to Dover RSL.
- Michael Winter – Kings Meadows to New Norfolk.
- Mark Woodward – Buckingham to Sandy Bay.”

Carried

Match Committee:

Nothing to report.

Officiating Panel:

As per the attached report.

Coaches Panel:

The final of the Winter Coaching Sessions at the Howrah Indoor Centre was held on Sunday 11 October 2020 with approximately 25 people attending.

Selectors:

No reports received.

Forward Planning:BTS Strategic Plan 2019-23:

It has previously been agreed that time will be spent each Board meeting going through the Strategic Plan and allocating tasks as required.

The Regional Bowls Manager Tasmania Alan Eadie and Bowls Tasmania Board Member Bernard Knight attended part of the meeting to discuss the possible establishment of a schools program in Southern Tasmania. Bowls Tasmania wants to work with regions to get schools programs up and running starting with some “Come and Try Days” to try and get schools interested. Alan is working on a pilot program in the North for Term 4 this year. Alan undertook to arrange a meeting with Sarah Mockridge from the Education Department to also try and make this happen in Southern Tasmania. Bernard Knight, Peter Kirby and Alan will attend that meeting. BTS need to consider which Clubs are best suited to run this program in Southern Tasmania.

One of the objectives in the current BTS Strategic Plan is to conduct a study to determine why members stop playing bowls. BTS wants to work with Clubs to survey members to determine reasons why members have left their Club. The BTS Board will then collate results and investigate how to rectify any problems identified. At the Delegates Meeting on 30 September 2020 it was agreed that the BTS Board will write to Clubs to start to get this underway.

General Business:Rotation of players in Saturday Pennant Division 7:

This matter was discussed at the Delegates Meeting on 30 September 2020 where it was agreed to trial this in 2020-21.

Guidelines are as follows:

- In Division 7 only clubs may play five players in any of their rinks.
- All five players must be nominated prior to the game and all listed on the result sheet.
- All five players must play a minimum of seven ends each.
- Rinks can only rotate players after the 7th and 14th ends.
- If the player coming in replaces a skip or a third they must take the position of the player they are replacing, if replacing a lead or a second they may change those two positions.
- All five players will be deemed to have officially played the game.
- Score cards must list all players who played in a rink on the day.

It was agreed to advise Clubs accordingly.

Pennant Starting Times:

Some concerns were raised that Orford has written to Clubs requesting early starts for all games they play in Wednesday and Saturday Pennant although it was agreed that Orford has done nothing wrong in doing this. Moved: Leonie Price Seconded: Lee Cowie “that Wednesday and Saturday Pennant starting times are as outlined in Conditions of Play unless agreed otherwise by mutual consent of participating side captains and with the approval of the BTS Match Committee”. Carried.

Saturday Division 7 Ladder:

John McKibben queried how the Division 7 ladder will be done to cover the additional three games in the roster when some sides have more byes than others. This is covered in Conditions of Play 3.18 (c) which provides that for those sides with an additional bye will be allotted points and shots at the end of the season equal to the average number of points and shots they have received from all other games they have played during the season.

Bowls Link Results and Washouts:

Paul Hoddy advised that the washouts in the first two weeks of the season had caused confusion amongst Clubs as to how to deal with these on Bowls Link. Paul undertook to send out instructions to Clubs on how washouts are to be dealt with on Bowls Link.

Date of next meetings: The next Board meetings will be held at 4.30pm on Monday 16 November 2020 electronically via Zoom. Face-to-face Board meetings will be held only occasionally in the future.

Meeting closed at 6.15 pm.

Confirmed President: / / 2020



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH OFFICIATING PANEL

Report October 2020

The Officiating Panel has appointed Umpires for the finals of the BTS Men's and Women's Fours in and Triples to be conducted in November.

The Umpires list, on the BTS website, has been updated.

Notes to umpires have been prepared and will be circulated shortly.

Leonie Price,
Chair Bowls South Officiating Panel