



Board Meeting Minutes Monday 22nd July 2019

10.00am ONLINE

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Graham Hay	-	President	Bob Clifton	-	Board / Treasurer
Liz Rickards	-	Board	Les Harrison	-	Board
Margaret Cornish	-	Board	Bernard Knight		Board
Rebecca Van Asch		CEO			
Nadene Graham	-	Administration Assistant / Minute Taker			

Meeting opened at 10.05am

WELCOME:

Welcome by Graham Hay President to new board member Bernard Knight to Bowls Tas.

APOLOGIES:

Dee Harman

DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Amendment from previous meeting 25th June 2019. Bowlers with a Disability AGM will be held on the 25th July not 21st July as stated in last minutes.

Minutes confirmed by a unanimous consensus that they are a true and accurate record.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Board Vacancy for the South Representative has been filled by Bernard Knight.
- Presenter and Assessor Vacancy for the North will be advertised on the BowlsTas website.
- Tasmanian Healthy Fund Grants has been sent out to all regions.
- Vacancy for Northern Selector for Over 60's teams: Graham Hay and Rebecca Van Asch had a meeting with Bowls North and discussed this further. The position is set to be advertise shortly.
- Bowls Tasmania will no longer be producing a hard copy version of the handbook and an electronic copy will be available from now on.
- The President and CEO of Bowls Tas had a meeting with Bowls North and they reported they now have a full board and match committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board was presented with a list of inwards and outwards correspondence. This was carried by unanimous consensus.

REPORTS:

Finance Report:

Written report submitted detailing monthly transactions. Bob explained financials to the board.

Treasurer Bob Clifton presented the draft Budget for 2019/20. The \$2 increase in capitations was discussed and it was explained why this was required when viewing the draft budget. Bob has estimated a conservative decrease in membership based on the previous trend explained in the worksheet.

Graham Hay thanked Bob for all the work he has done on budget and agreed that this budget was quite achievable. The whole Board agreed with this assessment.

Moved Bob Clifton and seconded by Les Harrison. Carried by unanimous consensus.

Presidents Report

President Graham discussed his written report presented to the Board. Outlining the following;

- RBM Performance Review
- Devonport Country Club Development
- Statewide League first meeting
- Meeting with Bowls North
- Junior Test Series
- Portfolios
- Bowlers with Bowling Arms and Disability

CEOs Report

Rebecca discussed her written report presented to the Board. Outlining the following;

- State Team updates
- Bowls Link
- State Grant
- Try Bowls Day

Board Members:

Les Harrison

- The Bowlers with a Disability was discussed in more detail.
- Graham gave an overview of the AGM in Les' absence.
- Les discussed getting things ready for setting up the State Officiating Panel.

Margaret Cornish

- The Juniors attended the Juniors Test Vic vs Tasmania from 9 – 12 July.
- The north and south players and families met in Melbourne and the travel arrangements for transport and the Rowville Hotel were excellent.
- Dandenong Bowling Club were very welcoming and had the lights same as Devonport Country Club, unfortunately had three sides of the green open and was very cold.
- Victoria won both tests 7 – 0 for the girls and 6 – 1 for the boys.
- Chris Dudman was an excellent coach and the players looked up to him.
- Margaret suggested that have different accommodation to the Victorians as there were issues with the two teams in the evening.
- The makeup of the leadership group will be looked at for future trips.
- It was discussed that BTAS look at introducing a state squads induction day for all state representatives and squad members to discuss the expectations of being a Tasmanian representative.

Liz Rickards

- Liz gave an update on the changes to Bowls South's pennant competition for season 2020/21 including; changing pennant sides next year to eight sides (fourteen-week session).
- Liz expressed disappointment that Bowls South did not split lower divisions into geographical regions for ease of travel.
- Reported that committee is going through new changes and trying to get more women, disability and multi-cultural players into the sport.

Bernard Knight

- Thanked everyone for the introduction and is looking forward to working with everyone.

ACTION ITEMS LIST:

OTHER BUSINESS

a) STATE LEAGUE UPDATE

- Minutes to be distributed and if anyone has any questions, please contact Bec Van Asch or Graham Hay to elaborate further.
- Liz Rickards asked for clarification on travel requirements. Teams will only need to travel to each region once.

b) SENIORS TEAM MANAGER

- Graham Hay gave a summary on how this has worked in the past and the concern is that the travelling selector / manager hasn't always been eligible to substitute if needed. The Board discussed if this requirement needs to be considered.
- Bec Van Asch to draft an advertisement for the managers position. The manager must be eligible to substitute. Tour managers position could be the chairman of selectors to report back to the selection panel, especially in the event of the travelling team managers / substitute not being a selector.

c) DISABILITY BOWLS

- The Bowlers with a Disability group have a new president with Brendan Short.
- Graham Hay (President of Bowls Tasmania) and Les Harrison have scheduled a meeting for September 2019.
- It is suggested that the Disability subcommittee works similarly to the Bowlers with a Bowling Arm which is working very well. Graham and Les will discuss this in more detail with the new committee.

d) 1.69% ONLINE CARD FEE

- Bowls Australia have asked if Bowls Tasmania will absorb the 1.69% credit card fee on the new Bowls Link payment gateway or if this will be an additional charge to the user.
- Rebecca explained the saving in administrative duties by encouraging people to enter online.
- It was agreed by unanimous consensus that Bowls Tasmania would absorb the cost.

e) STATE CHAMPS ENTRY FEES

- The Board discussed whether the entry fees should be increased, giving that the State Championships have been running at a significant loss for a number of years.
- It was noted that the entry fees have remained the same for quite a while now.
- It was agreed that given the Open events have the greatest prize money then entry fees for these events will increase to \$15 per person while all other events will remain at \$10.
- Carried by unanimous consensus.

f) BA AWARDS NIGHT

- Nominations are open for Bowls Tasmania to nominate players for Bowls Australia awards. For example: Juniors, coach of the year, and officials.
- To recognise and nominate any player, the board can send the information to Rebecca Van Asch.
- Tasmanian Bowlers Hall of Fame / Awards Night for Tasmania to be put on next agenda and Board to think about and discuss at next meeting.

g) BELTANA / KEN COPPLEMAN

- Correspondence has been received from Beltana clarifying the suspension handed down to Ken Copleman as this had not been previously sent to Bowls Tasmania.

h) RBM SERVICE AGREEMENTS

- Bowls Australia have proposed eliminating the monetary component of the RBM service agreement and have instead requested that each STA simply support the program and promote its initiatives.
- Discussion around the quality of and the value of service receive and what do other states get for this service.
- Bowls Tasmania supports this alteration to the agreement provided the service of the program is held to a strong standard.

Meeting closed: 12.27pm

Next Meeting:

Date : Monday, 19 August 2019

Time : 10.00am

Venue : Online

Signed by President