



Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday 29th April 2019

10.00am ONLINE

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Sue Ross	-	President	Bob Clifton	-	Board / Treasurer
Liz Rickards	-	Board	Les Harrison	-	Board
Dee Harman	-	Board	Graham Hay	-	Board
Margaret Cornish	-	Board			
Nadene Graham	-	Administration Assistant / Minute Taker			

Meeting opened at 10.03am

WELCOME:

Welcome by Sue Ross President

Les Harrison was asked to leave the room while the board discussed and confirmed his appointment to the Board of Bowls Tasmania. Carried by unanimous consensus.

APOLOGIES:

Nil

DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved Bob Clifton and seconded by Graham Hay and carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Ken Coppleman Dispute has been resolved and the ban has been lifted on holding Bowls South events at Beltana Bowls Club.
- Howrah was given \$250.00 by Bowls Tasmania as a payment for holding the Indoor Qualifying.
- Kings Meadows Bowls Club has put in a bid to hold the Multi-Disability Nationals in 2021 and asked Bowls Tasmania to provide a letter of support for their bid. Will hold off for the time being until grant for improvements is announced.
- Letter of formal complaint from Rae Simpson regarding the behaviour of the Southern Selector Leonie Price at the Bowls Tasmania State Championships, Leonie Price and Kim Saunders had been contacted and denied that it ever happened.
- Simon Morrison (Regional Bowls Manager) is back to work full time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards:

- Nick Lee - resignation as Director from Board of Bowls Tasmania.
- Email from Bowls Australia Accounting (accounting package).

- Email from Leigh McAdam regarding the shield for the Saturday Pennant. Suggestion to add a gold strip to the left and right of the shield to extend its use for 40 – 50 years. Will extend life of shield and Bowls South to contribute to the cost. Board agreed and will send reply to Leigh McAdam.
- Email from Bowls North regarding G Laycock disciplinary hearing.
- Letter from Auditors of Bowls Tasmania.

Outwards: General emails to Board Members.

REPORTS:

Finance Report:

Written report submitted detailing month and YTD finance transactions. Bob Clifton explained the financials to the board.

- Report matched balance sheet for audit purposes. Bowls North and Bowls South had paid since end of month.

It was a unanimous consensus that the report be received and that the payments as set out in the March bank transaction list be ratified. Moved Bob Clifton, agreed by unanimous consensus.

Moved Graham Hay and seconded by Les Harrison and passed by unanimous consensus that:

After considering the information needs of all stakeholders, including regulators, the Board/Committee considers that there are no stakeholders who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy, specifically, all of their information needs. Accordingly, the preparation of a special purpose financial report is appropriate.

Board Members:

Dee Harman

- Bowls Clinics (Women in Sport) waiting on Rebecca Van Asch and Kelsey Cottrell to get back with details.

Les Harrison

Nil

Margaret Cornish

Nil

Graham Hay

- Mentioned to the Board that there will be a handover of Presidency at the Latrobe Bowls Club.
- High Performance Calendar, general consensus is that looking forward to changes and acceptance of open gender on coast. Bowls North West final changes to midweek pennant will align with true pennant (2 tier pennant).
- Disability Group meeting was handled extremely well. For the team to represent Tasmania they need to adhere to the rules. Disappointing that Marie Cleaver was unable to attend.

Liz Rickards

- As secretary of Geeveston Bowls Club, Liz was emailed to remove the Bowls Tasmania logo from the flyer promoting sponsorship of two players to attend the

Disability Bowls Fundraiser. It was crossed out of the flyer and the flyer was still able to be accessed on Facebook etc. These will need to be removed as well. As Bowls Tasmania did not give their permission to use their logo in the flyer. Liz will contact Rick Ormerod to remove the flyer from Facebook etc.

- North and South region in lower grade – country clubs in the central business district, no one needs to travel more than 1.5 hours to an event. Suggestion was to bring this matter up with Bowls South.

Sue Ross

- It has been another busy month. We had a tribunal hearing about an appeal from Trevallyn about loss of points due to the correct paperwork not being completed for one of their interstate fly-ins. As a result, Bowls Australia will be making their Interstate Pennant Declaration form a bit clearer next season.
- I had a coffee with Simon Morrison and a good chat with him. He is now back at work full-time, so hopefully things will move on satisfactorily from here.
- At the invitation of the Sport and Rec department I attended a Sports Australia governance forum at Bellerive Oval. I think it was more for their benefit than ours, as they are updating their document on Sports Governance Principles and wanted some input. I think we follow their guidelines pretty well in the way we operate.
- We held a very productive brain-storming session on the High-Performance Calendar, due to the change to the Nationals in 2020. Bec will be circulating the draft calendar and her notes on the meeting very soon. We shall have to do more over the off-season to give our state team any chance of being competitive.
- I attended the Thursday State Pennant Finals. It was a shame that Penguin and Claremont chose not to compete, but they went off smoothly. There were a few grumbles in the bar (not too many) and there was an attempt on Facebook to make a big thing of the fact that an all women's side beat Invermay, who had a few men in the team, but other than that all went smoothly. Sandy Bay won div 1 and div 2, Trevallyn won div 3 and Ravenswood div 4.
- We had a last minute "panic" about the uniforms for the state team going away to Ettalong. They didn't arrive until 3.30 on the Friday before we left, but it didn't take Nadene, Kim and I long to sort them into their bags and I was able to take them along to the women's practice on the Sunday. Thank you to Graham, Dee and Bob for doing the presentations at the Saturday State Pennant Finals so that I was free to do that.
- Saturday State Pennant winners were Premier Kingborough, div 1 Dover RSL, div 2 Sheffield, div 3 Ridgley, Div 4 Howrah, div 5 Midlands, div 6 Glenorchy City. There was some discussion about whether div 4 should have been held on the east coast and I think we may need to bring it up at the next RCC meeting.
- I enjoyed my visit to Ettalong with the open team. The accommodation and transport arrangements worked well. There was an incident with one of the juniors, which we'll deal with as an agenda item. I think the men's team were a bit disappointed with their result, but the women finished 4th on the ladder and beat Victoria. For a small state I think we punch above our weight. Some of the games they lost were very close and I think they did well. I enjoyed my time with them. I also attended a presidents' meeting and a presidents' dinner while I was there.
- On my return Graham and I had a meeting with Colleen Fellows and Alan Ryman from the disability bowlers group, which I'll explain as an agenda item.

- Nadene and I had a meeting with the Bowlers with a Bowling Arm Committee. I think they are over-reacting to the Bowls Australia change in policy. I believe they are going to ask us to back some sort of petition about this. I've tried to point out to them that I think they are being illogical about it but didn't get very far.
- Bec called into the office on Friday to discuss various things, such as David Genford's proposal for a statewide competition to be held over winter. It's been suggested that we get David to address a board meeting to outline this proposal.
- I attended the presentation event at North West yesterday, and I am going to South tonight.

ACTION ITEMS:

OTHER BUSINESS

a) LES HARRISON – DIRECTOR FOR BOWLS TAS BOARD

- Confirmed as above

b) APPOINTED DIRECTORS

- By unanimous consensus it was agreed to appoint Bob Clifton as Treasurer for season 2019/20 and to appoint Margaret Cornish as an appointed director with the portfolio of Juniors for the season 2019/20.

c) ETTALONG INCIDENT

- The incident involving a junior player, it was clarified that he was not evicted from the venue. He was caught on camera in the gambling section and with an alcoholic drink in his hand.
- RSL was partially responsible, as they did not check his ID when he entered the premises. Bowls Tasmania are morally responsible for the junior but a huge responsibility lies with himself for what he did. He knows the rules and board member asked if he had gone in to have meal, reply was that did not know and that the junior was with a group of players from the Tasmanian team. The manager and the player are both at fault. New South Wales licensing laws are much stricter than Tasmania's and the penalties for the venue are much harsher.
- The player had signed with his Guardian/parent the Player Agreement and Indemnity Form plus the Bowls Australia Participation Agreement when he joined the team.
- Sue Ross read draft letter to the player. Graham Hay suggested one amendment.
- On another matter, two junior girls were found wandering around the Ettalong Bowls Club looking for their manager, as were going back to their accommodation for the night. The manager had left without them and as Bowls Tasmania have a duty of care to the juniors and are "in loco parentis" this was noted as well by the board.

d) HIGH PERFORMANCE CALENDAR

- Rebecca Van Asch emailed to the Board of Bowls Tasmania on 29 April 2019 the High-Performance Calendar and notes.
- The Board discussed appointment of selectors and statewide challenge.
- Board will need to have a look at calendar etc. as only received this morning and have not had a chance to look at and comment on.
- Will approve the updates once looked at and will discuss at the RCC meeting after the AGM of Bowls Tasmania on May 24th, 2019.

e) APPOINTMENT OF SELECTORS

- Bowls Tasmania has an expression of interest for the position of Northern State Junior Selector from David McCormick. The Board agreed by unanimous consensus to appoint him to the position.
- Commented that it is forbidden in the constitution for coaches to be selectors.
- Had one expression of interest for the State Southern Open Men's Selector – Mick Sweeney. Board agreed to his appointment.
- For the State Southern Open Women's Selector; Bowls Tasmania received two nominations for this position: Leonie Price and Rosie Geeves. Board appointed Rosie Geeves to the position.

f) DISABILITY BOWLERS

- Bowls Tasmania comprising of Sue Ross (President), Graham Hay (Board Member) and Nadene Graham (Administration Assistant) had a meeting with Disability Bowlers representatives, Colleen Fellows and Alan Ryman.
- It was brought up that a letterhead of Bowls Tasmania was used to inform player that had been replaced on the team. This caused much grief for the player involved and he has since decided to withdraw from the team to concentrate on upcoming events.
- The Board was informed that uniforms and caps would be given out at the upcoming training session and team would be taking The Tasmanian flag and pins with the old Tasmanian Bowls logo with them.
- Les Harrison was asked to supervise the Disability Bowlers.

g) JUNIORS

- David Minns plays carpet bowls for the state team and he may not be available to do coaching. He might have to resign his position.
- Juniors will need to practise in their own regions.
- Bowls Tasmania has booked accommodation for July in Dandenong. As it will be the school holidays, airfares will be expensive. But will not be able to book until the team has been named.
- Margaret Cornish joined meeting at 11.15am to discuss the juniors.
- Discussed when to have training as parents are training them themselves and having to give up their time and it is difficult for them as if they are not retired, can be hard for them to juggle their work and their bowling as well.
- 26th May will be picking the team to travel to Dandenong and will be able to book flights etc. after this date but will need to announce the team first. Bowls Tasmania will be sending out emails to the parents of the juniors with training dates / times.

- The Juniors in the south need a selector and Bowls Tasmania will need to put out a form for expression of interest for this position.

h) BOWLERS WITH A BOWLING ARM

- Bowlers with a Bowling Arm Committee requested that Bowls Tasmania sign a petition, as an able-bodied bowler can now purchase and use a bowling arm without getting a medical certificate.
- Sue Ross expressed the opinion that they were overreacting and Les Harrison thought that a good bowler in his / her day will not automatically become a good bowler with a bowling arm as it takes a year to perfect the use of the bowling arm, plus time and costs \$400 to purchase one. Liz Rickards commented why would you use one unless disabled.
- NSW (Bowling Arm Association) had the same complaint. Suggestion was to get Bowling with a Bowling Arm Committee to write individually (as their right) but Bowls Tasmania would not be endorsing the petition. Sue Ross will let them know of the outcome discussed by the Board.
- Bowls Tasmania will still register players on the database as a bowling arm user and to remind clubs to tick the box.

i) QUAD TEST SERIES PROPOSAL

- This is the email that the Board of Bowls Tasmania received from Maryann Parcell :

In the first few months of every year, NSW teams play a test match series against Qld, VIC and every second year against ACT, in the lead up preparations for the Australian Sides.
However, it is expensive in terms of travel, accommodation and other allowances.
Tasmania are interested but funding is a big issue for them. However, this could be alleviated so that in the year that the ACT does not participate, TAS might make up the extra state required for a quad-test. This means that NSW, Qld and Vic would continue as the main competitors each year with ACT and TAS competing every alternate year.
- The Board of Bowls Tasmania would only be interested if could play every year as is no cost saving otherwise.
- Email to be sent to Maryann Parcell State President of Women's Bowls New South Wales.

j) INDOOR QUALIFYING

- The players draw has been completed for the indoor qualifying at Howrah. Had some last-minute withdrawals.
- The playoffs will be held on Saturday due to the low number of players and Sunday will no longer be required.
- Bowls Tasmania to make clear in advertising for next year's event that schedule depends on the number of entries.

k) BOWLS NORTH

- Bowls North have no one nominated for top positions in the board.
- Bowls North AGM is scheduled to be held before the AGM of Bowls Tasmania.
- Les Harrison did not think that clubs would leave the board without a president.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- a) Senior side yet to be announced as waiting on one player to confirm that accepts position on team.
- b) Board discussed the process of the election of Bowls Tasmania President at upcoming AGM.

Meeting closed: 11.43am

Next Meeting:

Date : AGM Friday 24th May 2019

Time : 10.00am

Venue : Longford Bowling Club

Signed by President