



Board Meeting Minutes Monday 30th April 2018

ONLINE

PRESENT:

Garry Beven	-	President	Max Amos	-	Board
Bob Clifton	-	Board/Treasurer	Margaret Cornish	-	Board
Nick Lee	-	Board	Sue Ross	-	Board (Minute Taker)

Meeting opened at 10:10 am

APOLOGIES:

Dee Harman	-	Board	Rebecca Van Asch	-	CEO
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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Treasurer Bob Clifton declared a conflict of interest in the item on Indoor Qualifying listed in Other Business, as he is a member of Howrah Bowls Club.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

In a unanimous consensus, the minutes of the previous minutes from the meeting on 26th February 2018, were passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Nick & Max

BUSINESS ARISING:

- President Garry had investigated the problem which had arisen during the State Junior Championships, due to a withdrawal and forfeit. The sections would have been redrawn had time permitted. The Conditions of Play will be adjusted, so that it is not mandatory to have just three in each section.
- Tasmania is sending a side to a Bowlers with Disabilities competition in WA. All participants are paying their own way. This is not an official Bowls Australia event. It is important that Bowls Tasmania is informed if a team is to represent the state, so that insurance etc. can be arranged. Bowls Tasmania will offer assistance where it can.
- The fixed capitation fee model will be discussed at the upcoming SCB meeting. Queensland is trying to get BA to help with assistance to clubs facing hardship.
- Rebecca has been flying round the country with Team Australia to thank people for their support during the Commonwealth Games. She has also been selected to play in Wales and England in June and July. The Board endorsed a sincere vote of congratulations to Rebecca for her efforts in the Commonwealth Games – a dual gold medallist at one Games is a first.
- Rebecca will be pursuing getting a representative from Basketball to address the next RCC meeting about levels of administration.

- The Governance Committee held its first meeting on the Strategic Plan, which will be closely aligned to the BA Bowls Unleashed plan. A rough draft will be circulated to Board members soon.

CORRESPONDENCE: The only item was the resignation of Gordon Mallett.

REPORTS:

CEO Report

Rebecca had been away at the Commonwealth Games and was now at the Sides Championship. She was working on the Strategic Plan and on finding a replacement for Gordon. It was clear that the replacement needed a good knowledge of bowls. Garry pointed out that the Open, Juniors, Seniors and 7-a-side teams were announced separately, to allow each their own place of importance.

Finance Report

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

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, Seconded Max Amos.

Sue Ross Strategic Plan

- As already mentioned by Garry a meeting of the Governance Committee had taken place to discuss the Strategic Plan.
- Sue had attended the Good Sports workshop recently. Attendance had been poor, but organisers were pleased at Bowls Tasmania representation.

Nick Lee – Cultural Heritage Portfolio

- Nick had been in communication with Mr. Wall and was waiting for information re the state grant area. Mr. Wall had asked for details of a Launceston-based Bowls Tasmania representative with local knowledge of clubs and facilities. Nick had passed on Simon Morrison's details.
- Nick had noticed a deteriorating standard of clothing in pennant in the South. Garry recommended that the regional Conditions of Play should include a clause that states that all players must abide by and comply with the Bowls Australia clothing policy. It would then be up to the regional authority to police it. Any escalation would come to Bowls Tasmania. This would be one of our non-negotiables at the meeting on the Conditions of Play.

Margaret Cornish – Nothing to report.

Max Amos – Junior Development

- Max had attended the Junior practice at Howrah. Only 13 of the 20 selected had attended. Two from the North and five from the North West had not, and had not sent any notification of their absence. Max thanked Howrah for looking after everyone so well.

- Tom had enquired if Victoria had yet been notified of the venue for the competition in July. Rebecca would be doing that on her return from Darwin and also arranging ground transportation.
- Margaret had made enquiries at the Shoreline Hotel, which was within walking distance of Howrah, and would forward pamphlets to Rebecca.

Garry Beven – Governance

- Garry had been very annoyed at comments on Facebook concerning advertisements currently on Win TV. These are part of in-kind sponsorship, so there is no charge and they are being shown now to take advantage of the spike in interest in bowls generated by the Commonwealth Games. It was particularly annoying that the comments came from a person involved with Bowls Tasmania, and this emphasised the need for such people to sign the Social Media policy.

ACTION ITEMS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

a) CAPITATION FEES 2018/19

After some discussion, it was a unanimous decision that capitation fees will rise by \$2. Treasurer Bob will inform the regions straight away.

b) CONDITIONS OF PLAY COMMITTEE

At the RCC meeting it had been decided to form a committee, chaired by Rob McGuire, to try to get a statewide Conditions of Play for pennant. The meeting scheduled for April had not taken place however. Bowls Tasmania had been asked to give blanket approval of the document, which was not possible as it could be discriminatory, illegal or against Bowls Australia rules. It was felt that Bowls Tasmania should have representation at the meeting.

It was a unanimous consensus of the Board that we should continue to hold state finals, as an invitational event.

c) TREASURERS POSITION 2018/19

Garry invited Bob to continue as Treasurer from the first meeting after the AGM to the following AGM. Bob accepted and this was confirmed by a unanimous consensus of the Board.

d) TIMING OF NOTIFICATION TO JUNIORS

As already discussed, Bowls Tasmania will endeavour to give the juniors as much notification of arrangements as possible. We must take on board the hierarchy of responsibility. Dates will be set and anyone wishing to make any changes will need to do so through Bowls Tasmania.

e) INDOOR QUALIFYING

It was decided by unanimous consensus to award an ex gratia payment of \$250 to Howrah Bowls Club, in recognition of the lack of notice given to them about holding the Indoor Qualifying event. On a motion put forward by the CEO and the Treasurer, it was also decided by unanimous consensus to offer this event to Howrah in 2019. This should give them time to obtain a sponsor.

f) LIFE MEMBER NOMINATION PAT BENNETT

A nomination for life membership for Pat Bennett had been received. It was a unanimous consensus that this should be put forward at the AGM for voting by the regions.

g) SPECIAL RESOLUTION

It was 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.

Treasurer Bob proposed that the Board move a motion of thanks to Garry (6 years) and Max (4 years) for their service to Bowls Tasmania. This was passed by unanimous consensus.

Meeting Closed: 12.40 pm

Next Meeting:

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Date: Friday 25th May, 2018

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: Longford

Signed by President