



**Regional Consultative Council  
Minutes  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
1pm  
Longford BC**

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**PRESENT:**

Garry Beven - Bowls Tasmania  
Marleen van den Bosch - Bowls North

Bob Franklin – Bowls North West  
Peter Kirby – Bowls South

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Bob Clifton – BT Board  
Nick Lee – BT Board  
Shirley Hay – Bowls South  
Erin Sesara – Bowls NW  
Rebecca Van Asch – CEO Bowls Tasmania (Minute Taker)

Dee Harman – BT Board  
Les Harrison – BT Board  
Gaylene McNab – Bowls North  
Mike McHugo – Bowls NW

**APOLOGIES:**

Sue Ross – Bowls Tasmania  
Max Amos – Bowls Tasmania

Margaret Cornish – Bowls Tasmania

Meeting opened at 10.13am

BTAS President Garry Beven welcomed everyone to the first RCC meeting of the new season.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The previous minutes were accepted as tabled.  
Proposed Peter Kirby, Seconded Bob Franklin.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

**REGION REPORTS / QUERIES**

Bowls North

- Marleen van den Bosch gave a report on the Presidents/Secretary forum that they held. There were some comments raised regarding the promotion/relegation structure. Marleen has asked Bowls North Clubs to put this in writing to them so they can ascertain if it is a majority feeling of Northern clubs before raising it at the next RCC meeting.
- Bowls North have now eliminated the requirement for timing the greens from their COP.
- Work on their Constitution and Bylaws are ongoing and will be completed soon.

Bowls South

- Peter gave an update on the anti-discrimination case before them. Bowls South clubs will have some options put before them to vote on at the Bowls South AGM. This will include whether Bowls South any longer participate in the State Thursday Pennant Finals.

- Bowls South have surveyed clubs regarding some Conditions of Play issues for next season, including the number of ends.
- Bowls South are very pleased to have their treasurer and life member Tony Fulton back on board.
- Bowls South will communicate the date for their annual presentation night earlier next year so Bowls Tasmania can be in attendance and have any trophies for presentations ready for the evening.
- Bowls South held the Premier Division pennant finals as a standalone final this year on a Sunday so try and encourage more spectators. It was also held at Howrah Bowls Club so there was a possibility to move indoors if required due to inclement weather.
- There is a concern regarding junior numbers and the junior program in the South which will be looked at further by the Bowls South board.
- Bowls South are developing a subcommittee to deal with disputes and develop a procedure.

### Bowls North West

- Bob Franklin introduced Erin Sesara as the new Bowls North West CEO.
- Bowls North West are ready for their AGM.
- A new strategic plan is being finalised along with new bylaws.
- The men's pennant roster will be going to an 18 round roster this season.
- The Australian Masters Games are coming up in October and the region won't be hosting any competitions that week to allow bowlers to enter the event. BNW asked the South and North regions to reconsider postponing Thursday pennant during this week to allow players from around the state to enter.
- New corporate wear is being worn by BNW board members.
- BNW have endorsed BTAS policies.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **a) REGIONAL PENNANT: TAROONA APPEAL**

Peter Kirby gave a brief history of the timeline of issues regarding the Taroona Appeal. A long discussion surrounded this topic. Bowls North West and Bowls North stated that they recognise Bowls Tasmania as the peak body of bowls in the state and endorsed the actions taken by Bowls Tasmania on this matter in convening an independent Judiciary Panel to hear the case.

### **b) STATE PENNANT FINALS SCHEDULING**

Peter Kirby gave a brief on why Bowls South are concerned that Bowls North always get to have 1 game each day during the pennant finals. The Judiciary Panel that heard the matter have put forward a recommendation.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

CEO to circulate some alternative scheduling options for the State Pennant Finals for the regions to discuss and submit a preference.

### **c) SWC MEAL COSTS**

Mike McHugo spoke on behalf of BNW regarding the costing of meals for SWC events. The current cost is \$12 per head and a recommendation of \$15 per head is made.

All regions and Bowls Tasmania agreed with this rise.

**d) BPL CUP**

Rebecca gave a brief on the upcoming BPL Cup so all regions were aware of the event. This is a Bowls Australia event and it is the first year the event has been held. The winner each STA's event will compete in the National BPL Cup final held during the BPL.

**e) BOWLING ARM REGISTRATION FORM**

There will be a new Bowls Arm Registration Form for use throughout Tasmania. Bowlers requiring the use of a bowling arm and with the appropriate written approval from their Doctor will be required to complete the form and attached the certificate and submit this back to the region with a copy going to BTAS. There will also be a place on the members Bowls Connect profile to confirm their use of a Bowling Arm.

**f) HANDBOOK**

Rebecca explained that BTAS are currently looking at cheaper options for the Bowls Tasmania handbook. The rising cost of the handbook and a lack of advertisers is making the handbook a significant financial burden on BTAS. The main options being looked at are whether it is more economical to supply three separate handbooks (1 for each region) or simply one handbook for the whole state as has been the case to date. Regions will be notified accordingly.

**g) MEDIA PARTNERSHIP**

Rebecca announced that Bowls Tasmania have recently signed a new media partnership with WIN TV Tasmania. This is a three year deal that will allow BTAS to run a generic Try Bowls Advertisement as well as a more specific commercial for our Come & Try Day when the time comes.

**h) SURVEY RESULTS**

Rebecca gave a brief outline of the Survey Results received. Some of these highlights included;

- A majority in favour of rotating the Gala Week between the three regions.
- A majority in favour of keeping the Satellite Series.
- A majority in favour of the Disability Championships being held with the Gala Week.
- A majority in favour of incorporating the Junior Championships with the Gala Week.

**i) CALENDAR**

Rebecca discussed the 2017/18 Calendar of events. This has been circulated to the regions for their input.

Meeting closed 3:35pm

Next Meeting:

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Time: 10.30am  
Venue: Longford

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Signed by Chairman