



Regional Consultative Council Minutes Friday 24th May 2019

11.40am
LONGFORD BOWLS CLUB

PRESENT:

Graham Hay	–	Bowls Tasmania	Peter Kirby	–	Bowls South
Phil Prouse	–	Bowls North West	Vicki Bassett	–	Bowls North

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bob Clifton	–	BT Board / Treasurer	Liz Rickards	–	BT Board
Les Harrison	–	BT Board	Dee Harmon	–	BT Board
Margaret Cornish	–	BT Board	Pat Zapatocky	–	Bowls South
Gwenda King	–	Bowls North West	Dennis Bassett	–	Bowls North

Rebecca Van Asch	–	BT CEO
Nadene Graham	–	BT Administration Assistant (Minute Taker)
Sue Ross	–	Observer

APOLOGIES:

Greg Smith.

Meeting opened at 11.40am

WELCOME:

President Graham welcomed everyone to the meeting in his first meeting as the new Bowls Tasmania President. Graham thanked Sue for her time as Bowls Tasmania President and acknowledged the tremendous amount of work she has done in the past 12 months.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The previous minutes were accepted as tabled.
Proposed Liz Rickards, Seconded Phil Prouse.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Bowling Arm Committee wished Bowls Tasmania to register an objection to the announcement of Bowls Australia policy, as a medical certificate will no longer be required. Bowls Tasmania declined to officially raise the complaint and two members from the Bowling Arm Committee lodged individual complaints to Bowls Australia.
- 2019 Multi-Disability Lawn Bowls National Championships. Marcus Hardy attended to undergo his classification with his skateboard to see which category he was eligible for. He was interviewed and it went world-wide and was an excellent wrap for the Disabled Bowlers fraternity and Bowls Tasmania. Bowls South brought to the attention of the attendees the treatment of Rick Ormerod as he was excluded from the competition. He was classified already but was reassessed while there and had his classification revoked. A report will be sent to Bowls Tasmania regarding this matter; this could set a precedent for the future. Les Harrison will have the Bowlers with a Disability as part of his portfolio; will be working closer with the Bowlers with a Disability and working out the nuts and bolts. The immediate Past-President of Bowls Tasmania (Sue Ross) wanted it to be

minuted that she was unable to go to the airport to farewell them on their trip to Mackay. Les Harrison acknowledged the Bowls South president's concerns.

- Uniform standards are good, and players are professional looking. Umpires who see a player who is not compliant (not in BA logo uniform or not wearing club uniforms) will explain rules to the players and was handled well by them when they approached the player. Bowls South mentioned that it is more the responsibility of the players club that they are wearing the appropriate uniform. With NOAG, umpires do not have the responsibility of policing uniforms as the umpire's responsibilities do not start until the jack is bowled, it should be the match committee responsibility.

REGIONAL REPORTS/QUERIES:

Bowls North West

- Clubs individually can identify problems. The delegates meetings are not getting the matters heard and is happening over the next few months.
- AGM will be held in June.

Bowls South

- Lee Schraner undefeated BA Champion of Champions but was defeated by Taelyn Male in the Southern round this season. French Holbrook held at Sandy Bay was a great three days of bowls. Fantastic support from spectators.
- Bowls South are developing their new Strategic Plan and are looking at Bowls Tasmania and Bowls Australia's Strategic Plan to work in alignment.
- Added a policy in case a serious injury or death on the green and this will go up on the website soon. Have updated uniform policy as well.
- AGM to be held this Sunday 26th May, have two female board member vacancies and have three nominations for these positions. There are four board members who do not have a role within the constitution. Portfolios will be allocated to board members. Member protection officers will be allocated to two board members, Ken Coppleman and Rob McGuire, who are fully accredited.
- If a pennant match involves a player banned from a club then the game will be moved to a neutral ground.
- Saturday Pennant, investigating a restructure as season too long.
- Congratulations to Bowls TAS on the new calendar. It was mentioned that the move of state pennant finals to align with prior to ANZAC Day instead of Easter is a much better option. (No long weekends in season).
- It was noted that Bowls South released the state event dates prior to the calendar being endorsed at this meeting and Bowls Tasmania making the calendar public.
- Peter noted that he thinks there are still many ways that the regions Pennant conditions of play could still be aligned.

Bowls North

- AGM was held last weekend, 18th May 2019.
- Two positions vacant on the board.
- As well as short of members on the match committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

a) RELATIONSHIP OF REGIONAL AUTHORITIES WITH THE BOARD OF BOWLS TASMANIA

- What it translates to clubs within Bowls Tasmania, comments on Facebook are not positive and need to lift up profile of oscillating body and regions, as not positive.
- Disputes within clubs have escalated as no protocol and should have been settled at club level. To do with a lack of understanding or in future need to educate the clubs.
- It was agreed that Bowls Tasmania needs to review its dispute policy and follow the Bowls Australia model and charge for disputes with no refunds in the event of frivolous cases.
- Graham Hay asked that a formation of working parties be formed and discuss and bring back to RCC meeting.
- Phil Prouse said the concept is fine and will take back to Regional Board and discuss.
- Les Harrison noted it was good for regions to have both male and female qualified MPIO's.
- Peter Kirby raised that Bowls South were disappointed that the regions were omitted as being listed in the Working with Vulnerable People Policy. Rebecca noted that the policy was simply a template provided by Community Sport and Recreation Tasmania and it refers to associations which is intended to cover the regions.

b) FORMATION OF STATE OFFICIATING PANEL

- Peter Kirby pleased that Les Harrison was back on board with this portfolio.
- There needs to be uniformity with the training with all officials statewide, this will be addressed with a Presenters and Assessors training refresher course coming up.
- Forums are needed in three regions to pass on information to umpires and as a refresher on topics.
- Bowls South feel that umpires do not undergo enough practical training in gaining their qualification.
- Bowls North; one does presentation and another one doing green test – work scenario out from presentation and learn, (as eight different processes).
- Needs consistency and thanked Les for taking on.

c) HIGH PERFORMANCE CALENDAR

- The dates 26th April and 2nd May were left off the calendar.
- This calendar is good for grass roots bowlers, and takes pressure of regions, clubs and players.
- Have a three-year rolling calendar, with two gala weeks (a temporary name), removed from January as the feedback from clubs was that this was a difficult time to get volunteers.
- The regions were happy with this calendar and felt that this freed up more Sundays for regional events.
- Introduction to Gala Challenge, 2nd week of August, the age group of 40 to 60 age is the forgotten area of bowls. Junior development side to open up as well.
- The regions endorsed the calendar and well done to the working party.

d) DAVID GENFORD PROPOSAL

- Introduction by Graham Hay regarding the proposal and thanks for putting together to David Genford.
- Graham Hay asked how it would make it inclusive for all bowlers (as smaller teams) across grass roots bowlers. BLP cup people are keen to play and would have 2nd tier competition or even a 3rd or 4th tier and show people what are capable of.
- Peter Kirby asked, 2nd tier competition, run at indoor centres of three regions, south do not have an opposition to it. 2nd tier have 16 teams which will create state final together and have something to play for. Including everybody and makes more valid.
- Graham Hay; have you consulted indoor centres. Answer; not as yet as did not want to go over any bodies head. Have two in the northwest and Kingborough, can use both venues and one on Friday night and Sunday can be shared around as part of the event.
- Liz Rickards was concerned that both tiers were for the more elite bowlers and there wasn't a B Grade option. David felt this could be included in future years if the event became a success.
- Graham Hay; pilot program to start with and expand right across the state as ongoing event (can have B grade 2nd year).
- Graham Hay asked David Genford if adopt / endorse proposal would he be prepared to work on sub-committee to make happen. David's response was yes willing to help out and will answer any queries by email and get back to you.
- Is a sound proposal, indoor facilities have a debt that needs to service so a fee for the indoor centres would need to be negotiated.
- In its raw form has potential but needs to be fine tuned as a few faults, as need to understand how it works and sell it. Fees will be included in the proposal.
- Dee Harman enquired about the BPL cup interest. No one was up to date on how entries were looking, but it was noted some rounds had been cancelled due to lack of entries. It was also noted that it was disappointing that one round was held at the same time as the Tasmanian Indoor Qualifying.
- Promotion of the event will need to be sent out to clubs (pitched at) and may take a while for it to take up and run with it.
- Conditions of play will not be needed as use BPL Cup and would be played during winter as not much else on during this time.
- Pat Zapatocky commented "different to what we've got on at present which is a good thing."
- Suggestion for the Working Party to have one representative from each region. Suggestion that Rebecca Van Asch be on the committee and one person from each region. Liz Rickards and Dee Harman are willing to help. Regions to get back to Bowls Tasmania. Bowls North have somebody in mind for committee and Bowls South will have David Genford as their representative. Graham Hay asked that send out emails to one's nominated and go from there.

e) DIVISION 4 STATE PENNANT FINAL EAST COAST

- Sue Ross stated that it was decided three years ago that the Division 4 State Pennant Final be held on the east coast and therefore Bowls Tasmania chose to follow this agreement. BTAS had received criticism from one club as to why they were stuck on east coast by themselves.
- The event was discussed and it was agreed that this arrangement would continue when the State Pennant Finals are scheduled for the North West every third year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Gwenda King asked if a decision had been made on who would be the Southern Open Selector. It was confirmed that Rosie Geeves was the new women's open selector.
- Gwenda King; enquired about travelling tops for state teams. Team wore playing shirt as this gives the sponsor more exposure. Travelling tops were very expensive and up to managers whether worn or not. The Disability Team brought own tops for travelling and looked very professional. Bowls Tasmania could buy locally but would not have Bowls Australia logo on it. Input from Bowls Tasmania, as liked the Disability Traveling shirt, Rebecca Van Asch to look into.

Meeting closed: 2.10pm

Next Meeting:

Date : TBA

Time : TBA

Venue : TBA

Signed by Chairman