



## Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

10.00am ONLINE

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### MINUTES

#### PRESENT:

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

Meeting opened at 10.00am

#### WELCOME:

Welcome by Sue Ross President

#### APOLOGIES:

Nil

#### DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Nil

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved Dee Harman and seconded by Graham Hay and carried with an amendment.  
Amendment : Players of the Senior Sides Series received \$50 and a card only.

#### BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Advertising in the handbook, Bob Clifton has worked out the invoicing and will send out soon.
- Road Shows mentioned by Neil Dalrymple at the last meeting. As the Calendar of Events is changing, will leave the dates of the roadshows open until the calendar is organised.
- Phil Hobbs is doing a wonderful job as Chairman of the Selectors.
- Ken Copleman Dispute, Rob McGuire attended a mediation with Beltana Bowls Club, was not successful in resolving the issue.
- Gala Week Debrief was discussed at the RCC meeting, 18 March 2019.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards: Nil

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.

Moved Bob Clifton and seconded by Graham Hay and agreed by unanimous consensus.

### **Board Members:**

#### **Dee Harman**

- Rebecca Van Asch to organise Bowls Clinics.

#### **Nick Lee**

- Statewide Challenge (open) at Rosny Park on 24 February 2019. Stayed to watch for a while and was a very good day of bowls.
- Multicultural Events, have had none to this date and is very quiet.

#### **Margaret Cornish**

- Northwest is looking for juniors to join. State Squad is getting new juniors. Looking for state coach at present.
- Discuss selectors in agenda.

#### **Graham Hay**

- State Triples at Burnie were run successfully. Sue Ross (president) presented medals at Northwest and thanked her for doing presentation.
- Champion of Champions, presented medals and was well attended. Need to look at timing and promotion, and duty of care by regions.
- Statewide Challenge (Seniors over 60), shield at New Norfolk, participated and spectators appreciated the format.

#### **Liz Rickards**

- 2020 Division 4 to travel to Geeveston, Ouse / Orford. North V South in regional competition.
- Conditions of Play. Statewide instead of regional is the consensus.
- Capitation fees, clubs can't afford to pay everybody's \$78 for one game. (arrangement for a team. \$10 for most country clubs). Regions to see if can get more people to play.
- President Sue Ross pointed out these were regional matters.

#### **Sue Ross**

- Looking through my diary this appears to have been a quieter month, though it doesn't really feel like it!
- We had the senior state championships in the north, which I played in and then did the presentations for. There were complaints about the format of the ladies' pairs, as you will have heard by now.
- We had a meeting of the Bowlers with a Bowling Arm Committee here in the Bowls Tasmania office. I turned down an invitation to Beltana's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lunch, as I was having visitors that weekend, but was encouraged to receive the invitation after their ongoing dispute.
- Nadene and I attended the online CEO's meeting. One agenda item was the Bowling with a Bowling Arm change of regulations and I expressed our committee's unhappiness about that. Bronwyn White from BA rang me the next day about it and I'll go into that as an agenda item later.
- The State Triples and Champion of Champions were held at Burnie over the long weekend. The Bowlers with a Disability group also held a practice at the indoor

centre there, so at their request I attended that, to sort out uniform requirements. As I was there, I also did the presentations for the triples.

- I have also been working on getting the Strategic Plan printed, which is now completed and has gone out to clubs and regions, and just trying to keep ahead of everything that still needs to be done. We can't announce the seniors sides yet because the venue has only just been announced and we can't put an approximate costing on it yet, so we can't inform the players of what they would have to pay, so we can't notify them of their selection. We also have to announce the Disability team.
- I have been invited to a workshop on Governance in Sport by Sport & Rec in Hobart next week, so I'll be catching up with Leigh Oswin then.
- We now have all the finals coming up and I have a trip to the sides championship to look forward to. There will be a Presidents meeting while I am there. Bowls Australia have now decided there should only be one SCB meeting to coincide with the AGM and Awards night. The Presidents felt they would like two meetings a year, so BA have decided that the second meeting will be held at the state's expense.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **a) BOWLERS WITH A BOWLING ARM ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BOWLS AUSTRALIA**

- Bowls Australia announced that after the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019, players would no longer need to attain a medical certificate to use a bowling arm.
- The Bowling Arm Committee had the following concerns :
  - Won't know who are bowling arm users and will not be registered on the database.
  - Some players refer to the bowling arm as a cheat stick, now that players no longer need a medical certificate, nothing is stopping other players from getting one and trying one.
  - In the southern region some players are dumping the ball and damaging the green, so now coaches can recommend to players to get a bowling arm to try.

#### **b) INDOOR QUALIFYING EVENT**

- Howrah held the event in 2018 and agreed to have for the second year running as able to lead up to the 2019 event and make a big event of the Indoor Qualifying. Paula Hadley (secretary) has now informed us that there will be no prize money for this year. Last year was paid \$250 ex gratia payment; this money was to compensate the club for holding the event at the last minute.
- Bob Clifton will speak to Howrah and explain the situation.
- Suggestion that Howrah would be missing out on revenue for the day and should be compensated.
- Bob Clifton mentioned that is Friday, Saturday, Sunday and bowler to nominate the day want to play.

c) HIGH PERFORMANCE CALENDAR

- Committee to be formed for working party to discuss on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019, for the 2019 – 2020 season.
- 2020 Sides Championships and Senior Sides etc are to be combined into the Nationals fortnight in October.

d) BOWLERS WITH A DISABILITY

- Rebecca Van Asch made the suggestion that give the players two shirts. They had the option to buy or borrow pants and/or shorts and jacket.
- They had asked for a cap as well and the board agreed to this.
- Kings Meadows had applied for a grant to install lights and make other improvements. They wished to put in a bid to hold the multi-disability nationals there in 2021 and had asked Bowls Tasmania to provide a letter of support for their bid. The event would be held in May and there would be no cost to Bowls Tasmania.
- A board member is needed to be involved with Bowlers with a Disability group.

e) REPRESENTATION AT STATE FINALS

- Sue Ross (president) to do presentations at Thursday State Pennant Finals.
- Graham Hay will present medals and trophies for the Saturday finals.

f) STATE JUNIOR COACH

- One application was received verbally from David Minns; no formal letter of application was received.
- David will have his coaching ticket as of 18 March 2019.
- The board approved the appointment of David Minns as state junior coach.
- Will need to readvertise for state northern selector on the website (as David Minns was doing this role). If nobody applies for role, David will do both roles and will find somebody to assist him.

g) LETTER OF FORMAL COMPLAINT

- Received letter of complaint dated 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 from Rae Simpson. Regarding the behaviour of the Southern Selector, Leonie Price, at the Bowls Tasmania State Championships.
- Bob Clifton suggested that informally contact Leonie Price and ask her for her recollection of the events of the day. Sue Ross will contact.
- Graham Hay suggested that speak to Kim Saunders for her version of events.
- Margaret Cornish made the observation that the complaint should have been made on the day.

h) PARLIAMENTARY BOWLS CARNIVAL – MERCHANDISE FOR SOUVENIR BAG

- It was agreed to give them badges in the office with the old logo on them, as no cost to Bowls Tasmania.
- Usually souvenir bags are filled with brochures of the region etc.
- In email they had asked for polishing cloths. As the event will have 80 players at the carnival, Bob Clifton suggested that look at purchasing 200 – 300 and surplus sell at the Gala week.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

AGM will be held 10.30 am on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Longford. Sue Ross to contact Longford Bowls Club to confirm able to hold there. Combine AGM and RCC meetings (as combined both meetings in 2018).

Sides championships need to book room for two players for the 14<sup>th</sup> April, as will be a late flight into Launceston. The players live at Burnie and Bowls Tasmania have a duty of care. The Board agreed to book a hotel room at the Grand Chancellor.

Simon Morrison returned to work recently and he is currently working 2 ½ days a week and this will be reviewed on 8<sup>th</sup> April. Sue Ross will have a face-to-face meeting with Simon on the 25<sup>th</sup> March and will be discussing work only.

Graham Hay spoke about the super league. Due diligence is needed and to look at what's happening in the states of Queensland, South Australia and Victoria (Geelong region). As similar league is happening with these states and find out what happens and get feedback from Bowls Australia. Bowls North is introducing super league (consisting of a division of six teams) which would sit above the premier league. The Thursday and Saturday State Pennant Finals are invitation only and the super league will not be invited to play.

Nick Lee. Discussed the players who play pennant on mainland and then come back to Tasmania and play in lower divisions.

Bowls Australia have a rule that player can play interstate pennant and can come back to Tasmania. Lower grade players, as they stay and play all year round in Tasmania, make way for elite players when return from mainland. It was agreed to suggest to the regions at the RCC meeting that a clause be included in their Conditions of Play stating that "fly-in" players should only play in the club's highest division.

Dee Harman discussed the open statewide challenge in Hobart and that Nick Lee had not made the presentations to the winners. Dee had to do the presentations as well as playing. It had been previously arranged for Margaret Cornish to attend and make presentations, but was unable to do so as had an event at her own club.

Margaret Cornish mentioned that have no fixed dates as yet for the junior practice and has heard nothing about when they will be held. David Minns as the new coach of the juniors would need to set some dates.

Meeting closed: 11.43am

Next Meeting:

Date : Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Time : 10.00am

Venue : ONLINE

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Signed by President