



## Regional Consultative Council Minutes Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

11.05am  
LONGFORD BC

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### **PRESENT:**

Graham Hay	–	Bowls Tasmania	Peter Kirby	–	Bowls South
Phil Prouse	–	Bowls North West	Greg Smith	–	Bowls North

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

David Back	–	BT Board / Treasurer	Bernard Knight	–	BT Board
Les Harrison	–	BT Board	Liz Rickards	–	BT Board
Mark Strochnetter	–	BT Board	Gena Short	–	BT Board
Vicki Bassett	–	Bowls North			

Rebecca Van Asch – BT CEO (Minute Taker)

### **APOLOGIES:**

Pat Zapatocky	–	Bowls South
Sue Ross	–	BT Board

Meeting opened at 11.05am

### **WELCOME:**

President Graham welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The previous minutes from the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were accepted as tabled.  
Proposed Phil Prouse, Seconded Greg Smith.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- Graham brought the meeting up to speed that RBM Alan Eadie has unfortunately resigned from his position. Alan will be sorely missed in this role and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours.
- Les noted that there are a few tasks such as Schools Programs etc. that we will need to address in the handover with the RBM.

## **REGIONAL REPORTS/QUERIES:**

### **Bowls South**

- Written report as presented prior to the meeting.
- Peter also noted that the Southern Bowlers of the Year were Jenny Suttie and Michael Taylor.
- Peter thanked BTAS for their attendance at the Bowls South awards night.
- Peter updated the meeting that BS have formed a subcommittee to work out their region's capitation model going forward.
- Peter raised the issue of Gender Identity and asked if there were any policies in place around this. Rebecca and Graham will investigate if there are any policies in place with Bowls Australia or if there are any templates and frameworks available through Sport Australia that we may be able to adopt and filter through the sport in Tasmania.

### **Bowls North**

- Written report as presented prior to the meeting.
- Greg also reported that Bowls North have been implementing cost cutting measures including reducing their honorariums by 50%.

### **Bowls North West**

- Written report as presented prior to the meeting.
- Discussion surrounded the length of the NW pennant season for the next season. This could be impacted by some decisions made latter in this meeting around State Pennant Finals.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### **a) CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

- Graham summarised some of the issues circulating around State Pennant Conditions of Play.
- Some discussion surrounded some of the correspondence received from members so far.
- Graham recommended forming an independent committee to review the Conditions of Play and work towards forming one set of Conditions of Play for the State. The regions were not in favour of this approach.
- A lot more discussion surrounded the validity of State Pennant Finals.
- Bowls South moved a motion that the recommendation to the Board be as follows; That State Pennant Finals be discontinued moving forward. Moved Peter Kirby, Seconded Phil Prouse. Bowls North voted against the motion. The Board will take this recommendation under advisement at their Board Meeting.

### **b) CLUB SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS**

- Bowls South raised the questions surrounding disciplinary processes at Clubs and whether this prohibits Clubs clearing players to other Clubs and if this

means players cannot play bowls anywhere while under suspension. Discussion surrounded this and it was agreed that all constitutions and policies must follow the lead from Bowls Australia.

**c) CAPITATION MODEL CONCESSIONS**

- Bowls South asked what concessions would be made under the new capitation model if there was a reduction in members within their regions. David clarified that the regions will be considered for automatic hardship if they show a reduction of more than 15% loss of members, however this does not stop the regions for applying for a hardship consideration if they have a reduction under 15%.

**d) SELECTORS PLAYING IN SWC**

- Bowls South raised a concern around state selectors playing in the same SWC competitions that they are selecting. Graham informed the meeting that Bowls Tasmania have updated the selection policy to prohibit State Selectors playing in the SWC rounds to ensure that they are able to watch all of the play and make a fully informed selection decision.

**e) SWC COP – SWAPPING PLAYERS ACROSS RINKS**

- The North West have requested that a change be made to the SWC COP regarding the swapping of players across rinks.
- A review is being conducted of the SWC COP and this is listed as a matter for consideration.

**f) PROMOTION & RELEGATION CONDITIONS FOR PENNANT**

- Bowls NW moved a motion that the Board withdraw their decision around the promotion procedures and leave it up to each region. Seconded by Bowls North. All Agreed. BTAS Board to discuss at their Board meeting and advise the meeting.

**g) DISABILITY BOWLS & BOWLING ARMS**

- Greg asked the Board to consider some remuneration for the Doctor from Hobart providing classification services to the Disability Bowlers. Gena advised that she will be taking this to the Board meeting to follow.
- Peter suggested that the Bowling Arm bowlers need to change their pairs format to 3 bowls straight rather than the current crossover. Les explained that the Regional Round Robins are a selection tool for the National Championships and they are following the National COP's, however a time limit was enforced.

**h) STEPS ONTO BOWLS GREENS**

- Peter raised a concern around Clubs not having the correct steps for players stepping onto the green.
- Mark notified the meeting of suppliers that are available for purchase. Regions can contact Mark if they require any advice or assistance with this.

Meeting closed: 2.45pm

Next Meeting:

Date : TBA  
Time : TBA  
Venue : TBA

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Signed by Chairman