



**Regional Consultative Council
Minutes
Monday 3rd December 2018
10.30am
Longford BC**

PRESENT:

Sue Ross - President Bowls Tasmania
Garry Beven – President Bowls North

Peter Kirby – President Bowls South
Phil Prouse – President Bowls North West

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bob Clifton – BT Board / Treasurer
Nick Lee – BT Board

Liz Rickards – BT Board (Minute Taker)
Gwenda King – Bowls North West

APOLOGIES:

Margaret Cornish– BT Board
Dee Harman – BT Board

Graham Hay – BT Board
Pat Zapatocky - Bowls South

Meeting opened at 10.40am

President Sue Ross welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous minutes were accepted as tabled.
Proposed Phil Prouse, Seconded Peter Kirby

BUSINESS ARISING

- Web Site has still not been launched.
- Fixed Capitation Fees still under consideration when more information is available.
- Sue congratulated Kingborough Bowls Club for their excellent organisation and hosting of the National Champion of Champions event. There was a brief discussion of the event.

REGION REPORTS / QUERIES

Bowls North West

- Notification of the resignation of Bob Franklin as Vice-President and his replacement by David Jeffery.
- CEO Erin Moore on Maternity Leave and her replacement will be appointed at their next meeting.
- Treasurer Bob Clifton queried some account details missing, capitation fees owing and the number of registered players.

Bowls South

- The Member Protection issue with Beltana was dealt with in a Mediation session and no further action has been taken by either side at present. Gary Beven gave input on how their region deals with such matters.

- There was an issue over selection by a disgruntled bowler and it was agreed to impose a fee of \$500 for an official appeal to Regional Boards. Bowls Tas could also charge a fee for frivolous disputes. It was essential for Clubs to have a Member Protection Officer to deal with complaints and all Club board members must have a Working with Vulnerable people check.
- There was a complaint about notices for the players with Bowling Arms not being displayed in some clubs.
- There was a recommendation for the Bowls Tas Board to hold Video Teleconferences for future RCC Meetings, though AGMs would still have to be held at Longford.
- Junior Coach Tom O'Brien resigned and although Josh Mab is not yet accredited he has been appointed and will undertake to do the Coaching Course and the Working with Vulnerable People Check.
- The French Holbrook competition will be held at Sandy Bay and the Officiating Body have appointed quality Umpires.
- Gala Week host clubs are: - Rosny Park, Buckingham, Claremont and Kingborough.

Bowls North

- Question was asked 'Has Open Gender affected the numbers'?
Answer was more people now playing than five years ago, including recruiting several younger players to East Launceston Bowls Club.
- There was to be a President and Secretary Forum to discuss Best Principles, with questions to be asked of Bowls Tas President.
- The Ad Hoc allocation of matches indoors or outside at short notice was to be addressed due to one disagreement between clubs. It would be decided that venues be arranged prior to the games.
- It was mentioned that Southern clubs allocate which Divisions play on which surface at the beginning of the season but Team Managers can agree to play indoors when weather conditions close the outdoor greens.
- In the Northern Conditions of Play visiting teams may practice for an hour if playing indoors.
- There was a discussion on the promotion and relegation of teams, eg; team on top of the ladder promoted rather than the winner of the Finals.
- It was suggested to extend the Finals to two weeks instead of one weekend.
- There was also a discussion on how competitive are the teams who have been promoted. It was the general consensus that the present system was working well but all regions would do a survey on the situation.
- The problems obtaining volunteers for Board positions and Coaches and difficulty Statewide to involve people in administration is increasing was also discussed.
- It was proposed to consider running courses on Good Governance for Boards and Committees.
- Pro-activity is needed so that there is a plan in place.
- Bowls Australia are now organising Working Parties for Match Committees, Operation Managers etc.
- Responsibility suggestions for the Bowls Tasmania Board:- to start now, select a Steering Committee and take time to get the right model.
- Bowls Australia are advertising for an Administrative Assistant to fill Rebecca's Maternity Leave.
- There was a discussion on the circumstances with Simon Morrison and it was disappointing that confidential material had been seen by him. President Sue Ross wished to have noted in the Minutes her appreciation of how Rebecca returned at short notice to handle the matter.
- There have been many applicants for the position of CEO but many weren't capable of coping with the work but several Applicants were to be interviewed in the near future.
- Sue also mentioned those who have volunteered their services in the short term.

GENERAL BUSINESS

a) JUNIOR STATEWIDE CHALLENGE ROTATION

- There was some dispute about the rotations. South want rotations parents prefer to hold them all in the North.

b) CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- It was resolved to allow Regions to keep their own set of rules at the present time.

c) SUPER LEAGUE

- There was a lengthy discussion on the future of bowls and how to attract younger age groups with different formats.
- Bowls North are looking at forming a sponsored Super League of elite players with some pros and cons to be considered.
- Some clubs will be depleted and some players may have to change clubs but altering the game to night games etc may encourage many more players who like their weekends free.

d) ALLOCATION OF GREENS FOR TEST MATCHES

- It was decided that the allocation needs to be made a year ahead which would enable the coaches to have team practices a few weeks ahead of the matches.

e) UMPIRES JACKETS

- It was resolved to request Bowls Australia to provide jackets for the Umpires to purchase to use when officiating in Test Matches.
- There was a brief discussion on the need to resit Umpires exams every 4 years. Renewing the accreditation only costs \$40.

Meeting closed 12:25pm

Next Meeting:

Date: 18th March 2019

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Onlilne

Signed by Chairman