

Bowls South

- Peter gave an update on how things are preparing for the coming season for Bowls South and updates on the Conditions of Play for the 2018/19 season.
- Peter raised the issue of the Controlling Body and who exactly was the controlling body of Bowls in Tasmania. The Bowls Tasmania board made it clear that this needed to be listed as an agenda item with the rule clauses presented to everyone prior to the meeting so that everyone could be prepared.

Bowls North

- Garry gave an update on the new board for Bowls North for this season.
- There have been some difficulties with putting a match committee together due to lack of interest. The match committee is listed as a mandatory subcommittee in the constitution and with the struggle with filling the vacancies Bowls North will be calling a SGM to remove this from the constitution and make it a part of the policy

GENERAL BUSINESS

a) STRATEGIC PLAN

Each member at the RCC Meeting were presented with the first BTAS Strategic Plan proof points prior to the meeting. It was agreed to have an online meeting at 10am, 22nd October to have further discussion on this once the regions have discussed things internally.

b) STAY CHATTY

Simon presented what Stay Chatty is as an organisation. It was agreed unanimously that everyone would like to be involved with this organisation to promote mental health. It was agreed that pennant days would not be suitable days for these presentations, instead should be driven by individual clubs. It would be Bowls TAS and the regions responsibilities to make clubs aware of the initiative and perhaps Bowls TAS could have a "Stay Chatty" round as part of the SWC.

c) IT TRAINING/BOWLS LINK UPDATE

Rebecca gave an update on how things are progressing with the new IT System. Bowls Australia Training and Support Coordinator Kelvin Rodger, Simon and Rebecca will be touring the three regions in the coming weeks to conduct IT training for each of the clubs focussing on competition management and website training.

Websites: The new club, state and national websites will be the first part of the Bowls Link system that will go live. Bowls Tasmania will be launching our new website along with Bowls Australia at the end of October. Rebecca asked the regions to pass on any information on what they would like to see added to the website as Rebecca is developing the new website from scratch.

Databases: The new databases will be up and running in the new year and training will be conducted for this to all clubs and regions around March 2019. All of the information currently on the database will be transferred over to the new system so clubs will not have to recreate this. Rebecca did mention that there were concerns regarding the information on the Bowls NW database with a lot of clubs unsure how to use this system and have not kept their databases up to date. It was agreed to attempt to get this information correct before the change over. **Action:** Rebecca will export spreadsheets for each Bowls NW club and send them a copy of this membership list with BNW copied into these emails. Each club will be

asked to update these spreadsheets or the database if they know how. If they don't Bowls TAS will assist with this.

Competition Management: The new competition management system will not be operational until the end of this season so regions will be using the existing system for the 2018/19 season. Training will be provided to all clubs and regions once the new system is in operation in preparation for season 2019/20.

d) FIXED FEE CAPITATION

Bowls South raised the issue of Fixed Fee Capitation and their preference to progress down this avenue. Bowls Tasmania reported that Bowls Australia are now undertaking their 3 year review of the capitation model and we should be in a better position to know what Bowls Australia are doing going forward after the SCB meeting in October attended by Sue and Rebecca. Bowls Tasmania will report back after this meeting.

e) THURSDAY PENNANT STATE FINALS

Bowls South requested clarification on what format the Thursday State Pennant Finals would take given that there has been no consensus on one conditions of play. Sue reported that Bowls Tasmania will be conducting the finals under the same format as last year and will be inviting all finalists to participate in the Pennant Finals and it will be the clubs choice as to whether they choose to compete or not.

f) ALL CHAMPIONSHIP CATEGORIES FOR THE GALA WEEK

Bowls South asked if it would be possible to combine all state events into the Gala Week, including the Seniors, B Grade etc. Rebecca raised the concern that this would not be logistically possible with volunteers and clubs pushed to the brink during this week with the introduction of the juniors, bowling arm and disability championships into the Gala Week already. Concerns were also raised by members of the RCC regarding making the senior players have to choose which event they would need to enter and whether this would ultimately cost us entries in the long run. It was therefore agreed to continue the events as they are.

g) WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Rebecca reported that she had been speaking with our liaison at Community Sport & Recreation and they informed us that our WWVP policy is slightly out of date and needs to include all Club board/committee members are required to hold a WWVP card. Rebecca noted that this is going to be a logistical issue and will be quite a big job going forward. The regions suggested that the instruction should come from Bowls Tasmania directly to clubs and regions, and from there clubs should register their WWVP checks directly with the regions and the regions will report to Bowls Tasmania. Rebecca also explained that there is a qualifications section on the database where this can be recorded. **ACTION:** Rebecca to seek this in writing from CSRT to assist with presenting this officially to clubs. The Board of Bowls Tasmania to also revamp the current WWVP policy. Once the first two steps have been completed Bowls Tasmania will send out official notification to clubs and regions.

Meeting closed 2:10pm

Next Meeting:

Date: 3rd December 2018

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Longford

Signed by Chairman