



**Board Meeting  
Monday 24 October 2022 at 1.00pm via Zoom**

## MINUTES

TOPIC	DISCUSSION & DECISION	ACTION
1) Welcome	The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2) Present	Bernard Knight – President, David Back (Treasurer), Anne Mullavey, Jane Pickett (from 1.10pm), Leonie Price, Phil Prouse, Gena Short, , Mark Strochnetter, and Rob McGuire – CEO Observer.	
3) Apologies	Rob Soward – BA RBM Observer.	
4) Declaration of Conflict of Interest	Nil.	
5) Minutes of Previous Meeting:		
a) Confirmation of Minutes 19 September 2022.	Moved: Anne Mullavey Seconded: Gena Short “that the minutes of the meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record ”. Carried	
b) Matters Arising - Action Item List: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BTAS Operational Plan.</li> <li>• Player Expenses Policy</li> </ul>	Moved Anne Mullavey Seconded Phil Prouse “that the BTAS Operational Plan be approved”. Carried  Not yet reviewed.	Treasurer and CEO.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget 2023-24.</li>   <li>• Hosting The Nationals in Tasmania.</li>   <li>• Uniforms for Board Members, Coaches and Selectors.</li>   <li>• The Nationals and COVID-19.</li>   <li>• Identification of potential Appointed Board Members.</li>   <li>• Henselite Sponsorship</li>   <li>• Induction of new Board member.</li>   <li>• Tasmanian branch of Australian Blind Bowlers Association (ABBA).</li>   <li>• Presenters &amp; Assessors in the North.</li> </ul>	<p>Treasurer and CEO to review and report back to the Board before the end of 2022.</p> <p>Events Tasmania has advised BA that the budget for 2024 and 2025 is fully committed , however BA and Events Tasmania have agreed to re-connect in six months when Events Tasmania will provide another update. It was agreed to review this matter again in six months.</p> <p>Uniforms to be ordered by early November 2022.</p> <p>The insurance was put into effect and two players contracted COVID-19 whilst at The Nationals with one claim pending.</p> <p>Board Members were requested to let the President or CEO know of anyone they think may be interested, with media or competition organisation skills to fill this position.</p> <p>The CEO has submitted a formal proposal to Henselite for naming rights of our January and March Gala Weeks for three years for \$5,000 plus GST per annum but has not had a response from Henselite to date.</p> <p>The President and CEO undertook an induction process with Leonie Price on 27 September 2022.</p> <p>Waiting for a response from ABBA.</p> <p>BA has indicated that it will come to Tasmania to accredit our new Presenter &amp; Assessors and re-assess our other Presenter &amp; Assessors whose appointments expire this financial year.</p>	<p>Treasurer and CEO.</p>  <p>CEO.</p> <p>CEO to lodge claim with BCiB.</p> <p>Board Members.</p> <p>CEO to contact Henselite.</p>  <p>CEO to contact ABBA.</p> <p>Leonie Price to contact our Presenters &amp; Assessors to check their availability.</p> <p>CEO to contact BA.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name badges for Board Members</li> <li>Officiating courses on the East Coast.</li> </ul>	<p>Name badges have been ordered and are due this week.</p> <p>Jane Pickett advised that ten people are interested and marker, Measurer and National Umpire courses are scheduled for 20 November 2022.</p>	
<p>6) Inwards / Outwards Correspondence</p>	<p>CEO circulated a correspondence report prior to the meeting. Moved: Phil Prouse Seconded: David Back “that the inwards correspondence be received, and the outwards endorsed”. Carried</p> <p>Highlighted items were discussed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BA – Dates for The Nationals 2023 – BTAS would prefer that dates were moved back a week to lessen the impact on regional pennant. It would be better if the order of Open and Over 60’s is reversed due to Test Series being played by Open teams who would need to arrive early to avoid double-up of accommodation). It Multi-Disciplinary was changed to first week there would be less impact on pennant. BTAS will incur additional accommodation for its players as they cannot finish at lunchtime and fly home that day. Once dates are agreed upon, BTAS can look at pennant – recommending Thursday and Saturday double headers for teams who have players impacted by The Nationals – and start pennant as usual for rest of divisions.</li> <li>Bowls Tasmania South – Cyber Security – Agreed to circulate information to Clubs alerting them of the issue and advising that BTAS supports the actions proposed by BTS.</li> </ul>	<p>CEO to prepared draft response to BA and circulate to Board out-of-session for ratification.</p> <p>CEO to write to Clubs.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bowls North West – Actions available to Ridgley regarding member who has pleaded guilty to sex offences – Response prepared by CEO after discussions with BA CEO was endorsed out-of-session.</li> <li>• Gene Ayton – Resignation as Men’s Open Selector North – Accepted with regret.</li> <li>• Mark Nitz – Accommodation before BPL#16 due to early 6am flight ex Launceston – If BA require players to fly out so early, they should pay accommodation for players like Mark who must travel from Burnie to Launceston to catch his flight, or they should arrange for Mark to fly out of Burnie or Devonport rather than Launceston. In future, BA should arrange later flights if possible. It was agreed that, in this instance, BTAS would provide twin-share accommodation for Taelyn Male and Mark to stay in Launceston the night before their early start. Mark Strochnetter kindly offered to put Taelyn and Mark up at his place the night before so that they could all travel to Brisbane together the next morning.</li> <li>• Chairman of Selectors – Issue re change of Open Women’s team at The Nationals – Agreed to refer this matter to Selectors once all are appointed and report back to the Board. Trevor Docking has suggested such a change should not be made until 50% of the event has been completed unless a player asks to be changed or in circumstances that cannot be avoided.</li> </ul>	<p>CEO to respond to BNW.</p> <p>CEO to write to Gene Ayton.</p> <p>CEO to contact BA.</p> <p>CEO to contact Mark Nitz.</p> <p>Mark Strochnetter to contact Taelyn Male and Mark Nitz.</p> <p>CEO to arrange a meeting of Selectors when appointed.</p>
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	<p>The Board thought that such a decision in the future should only be made after consultation with and with majority agreement from the Chairman of Selectors and all Selectors of that side. The Selection Policy to be amended in due course to reflect such changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gena Short and others – Issues re Disability team at The Nationals - There were personality clashes with members of the Disability team at The Nationals. Unless the problems are sorted out, a few players are expected to make themselves unavailable in the future. It was agreed that the President and CEO should address all Disability players at the first available opportunity (possibly the first round of the Disability RRR) to try and mediate problems. The President and CEO are to also speak to individuals who were identified as the main cause of the problems.</li> </ul>	<p>CEO to change Selection Policy.</p> <p>President and CEO to address Disability players.</p> <p>President and CEO to speak to problem individuals.</p>
<p><b>7) Reports</b></p>		
<p>a) President</p>	<p>Bernard Knight circulated his President's Report prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Bernard advised that BTAS must vote for two BA Directors prior to the BA AGM on 8 November 2022. There is a Q&amp;A session via Zoom with candidates on 25 October 2022. It was agreed to share thoughts on candidates who BTAS should vote for with Board Members after the Q&amp;A session.</p>	<p>CEO to contact Board Members.</p>

b) Treasurer	<p>David Back circulated his Financial Report prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Moved: David Back Seconded: Anne Mullavey “that the report and payments therein be ratified.” Carried</p>	
c) CEO	<p>Rob McGuire circulated his CEO report prior to the meeting. Highlighted items were discussed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 National Bowling Arm Championships Devonport – It is a current unwritten policy that all players and officials playing in a Test Series or National Championships must stay in accommodation together for the duration of the Test Series or National Championships. It was agreed that this unwritten policy would be waived in this instance.</li> <li>• Reimbursement of air fares for players who booked their own fares for The Nationals – Agreed to reimburse as outlined in CEO report.</li> <li>• State Caps – Despite the Uniform Policy providing that our Open Sides wear a green cap with all other Sides wearing a yellow cap, quite a few of the Open Sides were wearing yellow caps – Agreed that all future Tasmania teams should wear yellow caps and any Open players who do not have a yellow cap be provided with one when they next play.</li> <li>• BA medallions for Under 18 Champions – It was agreed to write to BA recommending that that Boys and Girls Overall Champions be presented with medallions (as happens in all other Sides Championships and as happens for individual Boys and Girls Champions).</li> </ul>	<p>CEO to contact Bowling Arm Tasmania Committee.</p> <p>CEO to arrange reimbursement.</p> <p>CEO to amend Uniform Policy.</p> <p>CEO to write to BA.</p>

	<p>It was further agreed to arrange medallions for our winning Under 18 Boys Champions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live Streaming – To provide a better coverage, BTAS needs to invest in two further cameras and tripods to cover bowls and heads near the ditches – Agreed that the CEO obtains quotes for consideration by the Board at its next meeting.</li> <li>• Selection Policy and Conditions of Play – The Selection Policy and the Bowling Arm RRR, SWC and State Events for 2022-23 have been amended and updated. Following a meeting with the two ITO's in Tasmania, it was agreed to change SWC Conditions of Play such that two umpires per green were required instead of one – All changes to the Selection Policy and Conditions of Play were approved.</li> </ul>	<p>CEO to arrange medallions.</p> <p>CEO to obtain quotes.</p> <p>CEO to change policies as required and put policies on website.</p>
<p>d) Board Member Portfolios</p>	<p><u>Diversity &amp; Change and Strategic Planning</u> – Anne Mullavey – Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Junior Development</u> - Jane Pickett – Supports the various initiatives of BTS around Juniors.</p> <p><u>Bowls Premier League and Match Committees</u> – Phil Prouse – The Match Committee has not met yet. The BPL Committee met on 26 September 2022 via Zoom and is meeting again on 31 October 2022 via Zoom. He is having difficulty in organising the Tridents clinic on the NW Coast.</p>	

	<p><u>Disability</u> – Gena Short – Submitted a written report prior to the meeting. Gena will liaise with CEO to get more doctors classified in Tasmania. She is waiting for paperwork to come from Sheila Cochrane.</p> <p><u>High Performance</u> – Mark Strochnetter – Submitted a written report prior to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Officiating and Bowling Arm</u> – Leonie Price - Submitted a written report prior to the meeting.</p>	<p>Gena Short to get paperwork from Sheila Cochrane.</p> <p>Ena Short and CEO to arrange classifications.</p>
e) RBM Tasmania	Rob Soward was an apology for the meeting - no report on his activities was provided.	
<b>8) General Business</b>		
a) Arising from the RCC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amendment to SWC Conditions of Play – It was agreed to change SWC Conditions of Play to reflect the current situation re overall prize money which has changed from \$3,000 1<sup>st</sup>, \$2,000 2<sup>nd</sup> and \$1,000 3<sup>rd</sup> to a subsidy of \$2,000 per region to assist with offsetting some of the costs incurred by each region. It was also agreed to change State Championships Conditions of Play as proposed by BTS President Peter Kirby. These changes have been made and have been approved by the Board.</li> <li>Junior SWC - At the RCC meeting in May 2022, BTS requested that Junior SWC in future be played in a central location such as Longford, Midlands and Oatlands to remove the need for overnight travel. Regions did not object to this proposal.</li> </ul>	CEO to refer to Junior Development Committee.



	<p>It was agreed to refer this matter to the BTAS Junior Development Committee for its consideration with a request to make a recommendation to the BTAS Board. This has not yet been done but will be referred to the Committee at its meeting in November 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change of Constitution re appointment of Elected Directors – The BTAS Constitution requires that Elected Directors be elected by the clubs located within their region. This is a time-consuming process and the BTAS Board believes that the appointment should be made by the regions without going to clubs. It was agreed to seek to changes to the Constitution at the next BTAS general meeting.</li> <li>• Working with Vulnerable People Cards and Club Boards - BTS advised that it was having trouble with some clubs who do not believe that their Board Members need to have a WWVP card. BTS believes that BTAS policy in that regard is not being followed. What can BTAS do to make this happen? CEO will investigate this further and report back to a future Board meeting.</li> <li>• Inclusion of Bowling Arm RRR in overall SWC points – BN asked if points gained by each region in the BTAS Bowling Arm RRR can be included in the overall points for State Wide Challenge (SWC) . One issue is that the overall winner is currently declared after the final round of Open SWC which will be held on 5 March 2023 – whilst the final round of the Bowling Arm RRR will not be held until 30 April 2023. BTAS agreed to look at this matter further.</li> </ul>	<p>CEO to arrange SGM prior to next SCC meeting.</p> <p>CEO to investigate and report back to a future Board meeting.</p> <p>CEO to advise regions.</p>
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<p>b) Arising from the BN Board meeting</p>	<p>At the recent BA SCM meeting at Broadbeach, the matter of the National Bowling Arm Championships was raised – asking why BA did not financially support them. BA and other STAs were very strong in their opinion that the whole aim of bowling arm was “integration” with main stream bowlers. BA advised that it will not support a Bowling Arm Sides Championship as part of The Nationals. Accordingly it was agreed BTAS follow suit and <u>not</u> include the BTAS Bowling Arm RRR results in the overall points for SWC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future RCC meetings – At the last Board meeting, general discussion took place on the RCC meeting held prior to the BTAS Board meeting. It was agreed that RCC meetings are a valuable conduit between Bowls Tasmania and the regions. The Board normally schedules more than one meeting on the day. but it was agreed to ensure that sufficient time is allocated in future to enable full discussion to take place at RCC meetings including any items of general business raised at the meeting.</li> <li>• Tasmanian Premier League – BN suggested that BTAS considers running its own Tasmanian Premier League (as Victoria has just done). Given that BN would like to get its own Super League up and running through the Winter of 2023, it was agreed that BTAS would wait and see how the BN Super League goes before considering an alternative Tasmanian Premier League.</li> </ul>	<p>CEO to advise regions.</p> <p>CEO to advise BN.</p>
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<p>c) SIA National Integrity Framework</p> <p>d) Other General Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of communication from BTAS – BN claimed that communication between BTAS, the regions and members needs to be improved. A question was asked as to what members get for the money they pay to BN and BTAS through their capitation fee. BN suggested that it would be good if a bi-monthly report could be sent to members. CEO will look at this further and report back to the next Board meeting.</li> <li>• Disability Classifications - BN advised that several players had raised a disability classification matter with the Immediate Past President, Graham Hay, but had received no response to date. Bernard Knight undertook to investigate this matter further which he has done and has written to BN accordingly. BN also advised that there is only one Medical Classifier in the State and only three Technical Classifiers – Colleen Fellowes, Gena Short and Charlie Thomas. Bernard Knight advised that the BTAS Board will look at the matters raised and report back to the BN Board. The Disability Bowls Tasmania Committee is to be requested to investigate this matter.</li> </ul> <p>President Bernard Knight reported that the National Integrity Framework PowerPoint Presentation slides that accompanied a discussion by Craig Dodson of Sport Integrity Australia at the recent BA SCM meeting at Broadbeach had been circulated to Board Members. Key information on the National Integrity Framework can be found on the BA website. This is an important matter that will be an agenda item for a future Board meeting.</p> <p>Nil.</p>	<p>CEO to provide a report to the next Board meeting.</p> <p>Increase in number of Medical Classifiers to be referred to Disability Bowls Tasmania Committee.</p> <p>CEO to list on agenda for future Board meeting.</p>
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<b>9) Close and Date of Next Meeting</b>	Meeting closed at 3.20pm.  The next two meetings are due to be held on Monday 21 November 2022 and Monday 19 December 2022. It was agreed to combine the above two meetings into a face-to-face meeting in Hobart on Monday 5 December 2022 at 1pm at the Board room at the BTAS office followed by a Board Christmas dinner that night.	
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