



Board Meeting
Monday 16 January 2023 at 2.45pm at the Longford Bowls Club.

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| TOPIC | DISCUSSION & DECISION | ACTION |
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| 1) Welcome | The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular Bowls Australia CEO Matthew Kennedy. | |
| 2) Present | Bernard Knight (President), David Back (Treasurer), Anne Mullavey, Leonie Price, Phil Prouse, Gena Short, Mark Strochnetter, Matthew Kennedy BA CEO (Observer), Rob Soward – BA RBM (Observer) and Rob McGuire – CEO (Observer). | |
| 3) Apology | Jane Pickett. | |
| 4) Declaration of Conflict of Interest | Nil. | |
| 5) Minutes of Previous Meeting: | | |
| a) Confirmation of Minutes 5 December 2022. | Moved: Anne Mullavey Seconded: David Back “that the minutes of the meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record ”. Carried | |
| b) Matters Arising - Action Item List: | | |
| • Player Expenses Policy | Not yet reviewed. | Treasurer and CEO. |
| • Budget 2023-24. | Draft will be presented to February 2023 meeting. | Treasurer and CEO. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniforms for Board Members, Coaches and Selectors. • The Nationals and COVID-19. • Identification of potential Appointed Board Members. • Henselite Sponsorship • Tasmanian branch of Australian Blind Bowlers Association (ABBA). • Change of Seniors Women's Team at The Nationals. • Issues re Disability team at The Nationals. • Disability Doctor Classifications. | <p>The Board uniforms have arrived and have been distributed – although there are a couple to be re-ordered due to sizing issues. The Selector and Coach uniforms have left ACEIT and are expected this week.</p> <p>An insurance claim has been submitted for the player who contracted COVID-19 whilst at The Nationals and subsequently had to delay her return to Tasmania. Extra information has been provided to the insurer as requested.</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 proposal is still being considered by Henselite. One additional benefit that could be offered to Henselite is to allow them to sell their merchandise at State events as they did at Gala Week at Rosny Park several seasons ago.</p> <p>No response has been received from ABBA despite several reminders. It was agreed to take no further action on this matter.</p> <p>This was considered at a meeting of Selectors during Gala Week in January 2023 – and will be addressed in an amended Selection Policy.</p> <p>President and CEO to address players at the RRR in Hobart on 26 February 2023.</p> <p>Disability Bowls Committee is working on getting more doctors classified in Tasmania. Sheila Corcoran from International Bowlers with a Disability (IBD) will be conducting a course in Burnie as part of Gala Week in March 2023.</p> | <p>Board Members.</p> <p>CEO to contact Henselite.</p> <p>CEO</p> <p>President and CEO</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of BowlsLearn Fees | <p>Phil Prouse queried Chris Dudman's position on the BPL Committee. Chris would like to stay on the Committee but is there as the Pathways Coach – a position he vacated on 31 December 2022. It was agreed to leave this matter in abeyance.</p> <p>At the December 2022 Board meeting, Leonie Price queried why STAs charged different amounts for officiating and coaching courses – in particular, in Tasmania we charge \$40 for each of the Marking, Measuring and National Umpire courses but participants are given a book for the first of these courses undertaken and the same book is used for each course. It was agreed that it would be good if all fees were the same in each STA. The Treasurer agreed to review all charges and provide a breakdown of what each course module costs BTAS and report back to the next Board meeting. This has not yet been done.</p> | <p>Treasurer and CEO.</p> |
| <p>6) Inwards / Outwards Correspondence</p> | <p>CEO circulated a correspondence report prior to the meeting. Moved: David Back Seconded: Anne Mullavey “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"> Trevor Docking – Chairman of Selectors – Requested that all SWC be centralised in Launceston – This matter will be considered at a future BTAS Board meeting resulting from the same recommendation from the RCC meeting held on 16 January 2023. | <p>CEO to write to Trevor Docking.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Taylor – Incident at Longford during Gala Week – The BTAS High Performance Director Mark Strochnetter investigated this matter and found no evidence of match fixing. He has spoken to the two players concerned and given them a stern warning. | CEO to write to Michael Taylor. |
| 7) Reports | | |
| a) President | Bernard Knight circulated his President's Report prior to the meeting. | |
| b) Treasurer | <p>David Back circulated his Financial Report prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Moved: David Back Seconded: Phil Prouse “that the reports for December 2022 and payments therein be ratified”. Carried</p> <p>Mark Strochnetter advised that Bowls North prizemoney for championships is dependent upon the number of entries received. Is this something that BTAS could consider?</p> | Treasurer and CEO. |
| 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"> “The Sue Geeves Tasmanian Open Mixed Pairs” – This sponsorship was forgotten about until the CEO was reminded about it by Rosie Geeves during Gala Week. It was agreed that an apology be forwarded to Rosie Geeves and discussions take place ASAP to finalise all the arrangements for 2024. | CEO to contact Rosie Geeves. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jury of Appeal – It was agreed to include a Jury of Appeal clause as per SWC Conditions of Play into State Events Conditions of Play. • Refunds from State Events – Current Conditions of Play are silent on the return of entry fees if a player withdraws after entering a BTAS Championship. It was agreed to amend Conditions of Play such that withdrawal after the draw has been done will result in the forfeit of entry fees paid. • Bowls Premier League – It was agreed that either President Bernard Knight or BPL Committee Chair Phil Prouse should attend BPL#17. The President undertook to speak to Phil Prouse about this matter. • Vacant Southern Selector Positions – It was agreed to appoint John Nichols and Nadine Seabourne to the vacant Southern Junior and Senior Women Selector positions subject to the appointments being ratified by BTS. • Victorian Test Series – Preliminary budget discussions have resolved that the Victorian Test Series beyond 2023 will only be played if suitable funding can be found. It was agreed to advise Bowls Victoria accordingly. It was also agreed that the Open and Junior Test Series be held in Burnie in 2023. | <p>CEO to amend Conditions of Play.</p> <p>CEO to amend Conditions of Play.</p> <p>Bernard Knight to speak to Phil Prouse.</p> <p>CEO to contact BTS.</p> <p>CEO to contact Bowls Victoria CEO to contact BNW.</p> |
| d) Board Member Portfolios | <p><u>Diversity & Change and Strategic Planning</u> – Anne Mullavey – No report received.</p> <p><u>Junior Development</u> - Jane Pickett –Submitted a written report prior to the meeting.</p> | |

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| | <p><u>Bowls Premier League and Match Committees</u> – Phil Prouse – Phil advised that a meeting of the BPL Committee will be held on 23 January 2023. Phil further advised that he has had preliminary discussions with a potential major sponsor but will be approaching the Tasmanian Government first to ascertain if it will be renewing its sponsorship.</p> <p><u>Disability</u> – Gena Short – Submitted a written report prior to the meeting.</p> <p><u>High Performance</u> – Mark Strochnetter – Mark advised that Junior SWC had been held at Longford on 8 January 2023.</p> <p><u>Officiating and Bowling Arm</u> – Leonie Price - Submitted a written report prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Leonie advised that the proposed Officials Forum was not held due to the unavailability of a suitable room at Trevallyn as the dining room there was being used for a Selectors and Coach meeting.</p> <p>For the sake of consistency with Bowling Arm RRR Conditions of Play, Leonie requested that State Events Conditions of Play be amended to include a clause stating that the jack shall be rolled using a bowling arm and not by hand. It was agreed to amend Conditions of Play accordingly subject to ratification by the Bowling Arm Tasmania Committee.</p> | <p>CEO to contact BAT Committee. CEO to amend State Events Conditions of Play.</p> |
| <p>e) RBM Tasmania</p> | <p>Rob Soward advised that he had been on personal leave due to his father passing and then annual leave. He had assisted with live streaming at Gala Week and is still distributing the “Drink Wise Kits” to clubs.</p> | |

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| 8) General Business | | |
| <p>a) BTAS Newsletter</p> <p>b) Gala Week March 2023</p> <p>c) Other General Business</p> | <p>Bernard Knight asked that Board Members write reports for future editions of the BTAS Newsletter which will be published quarterly.</p> <p>Gena Short queried why Gala Week in March 2023 will be held at Burnie. The CEO advised that it is up to the Host Region to appoint host and support venues. Burnie is a major sponsor of Bowls North West and part of that sponsorship is to host BTAS and BNW events. The CEO advised that Gala Week will be held at three or four clubs in the North West with Burnie being the host club which they do extremely well.</p> <p>Nil.</p> | Board Members |
| 9) Close and Date of Next Meeting | <p>Meeting closed at 4.00pm.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 27 February 2023 commencing at 1pm via Zoom. This will be a week later than normal due to a clash with BPL#17.</p> <p>Gena Short advised that she will be an apology for this meeting.</p> | |