

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

MINUTES

TOPIC	DISCUSSION & DECISION	ACTION
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.

	niforms for Board Members, Coaches d Selectors.	The Board uniforms have arrived and have been distributed – although there are a couple to be reordered due to sizing issues. The Selector and Coach uniforms have left ACEIT and are expected this week.	
• The	e Nationals and COVID-19.	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.	
	entification of potential Appointed Board embers.	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.	Board Members.
• He	enselite Sponsorship	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.	CEO to contact Henselite.
	smanian branch of Australian Blind wlers Association (ABBA).	No response has been received from ABBA despite several reminders. It was agreed to take no further action on this matter.	
	ange of Seniors Women's Team at The tionals.	This was considered at a meeting of Selectors during Gala Week in January 2023 – and will be addressed in an amended Selection Policy.	CEO
• Issi	sues re Disability team at The Nationals.	President and CEO to address players at the RRR in Hobart on 26 February 2023.	President and CEO
• Dis	sability Doctor Classifications.	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.	

	At the December 2022 Board meeting, it was agreed to approach the Australian Medical Association and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners to ask if they can advertise our requirements in their journals but this has not yet been done. BTAS has recently been advised that the only doctor	CEO .
	providing classification services to the Disability Bowlers in Tasmania has resigned.	
	BTAS has also been advised that IBD controls classification, and classifiers are independent officials, not technically owned by BA or any state. The IBD representative in Tasmania is Colleen Fellowes	
Change of Constitution re appointment of Elected Directors.	This was approved at a Special General Meeting held on 16 January 2023.	
Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) Cards and Club Boards.	The CEO has undertaken further work on this matter regarding what BTAS can do if club boards do not follow current BTAS policy regarding this matter.	
	Section 16 of the <i>Tasmanian Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Act 2013</i> makes it an offence to work with vulnerable people without being registered. Monetary fines are applicable to anyone caught offending.	
	It was resolved to provide all the WWVP information to regions and clubs.	CEO to contact regions and clubs.
SIA National Integrity Framework	Nothing further has been done in this area. Anne Mullavey has offered to assist in the review of all BTAS policies.	CEO and Anne Mullavey.

Meeting with Peet Kay Group The President and CEO met with the Peet Kay Committee at Trevallyn on 9 January 2023. Bowls NSW has advised that a committee has been CEO to keep Bowls NSW informed. organised in NSW to ensure that the series will continue - albeit it is too late to organise the February 2023 series in Hobart. Accordingly the next series will be held in NSW in August 2023. The committee in NSW has no formal connection to Bowls NSW as is the case with the committee in Tasmania. It was agreed that BTAS will provide the following CEO to write to Peet Kay Group. assistance to the Tasmanian Peet Kay Committee: Send out emails to our database and put posts on our Facebook pages to assist in recruiting more participants to the Tasmanian Peet Kay Group. Include Peet Kay Series dates in the BTAS yearly "Calendar of Events". • Utilisation of the BTAS ACEIT sponsorship for the purchase of new hats and caps for the Peet Kay Group. CEO to contact Warren Groves. Tasmanian Committee requested some administrative assistance as well as most tasks are currently undertaken by Mike McHugo. The Committee is prepared to pay for such assistance. . BTAS is not able to do this but suggested that the Tasmanian Peet Kay Group talk to Warren Groves who may be able to assist. President and CEO. There were no applications for this position. The Tasmanian Pathways Coach President and CEO are meeting with BA High Performance Manager Rebecca Van Asch on 17 January 2023 to discuss options.

	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.	
Review of BowlsLearn Fees	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.	Treasurer and CEO.
6) Inwards / Outwards Correspondence	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 Highlighted items were discussed as follows: • 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.	CEO to write to Trevor Docking.

7) Paparts	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	David Back circulated his Financial Report prior to the meeting. Moved: David Back Seconded: Phil Prouse "that the reports for December 2022 and payments therein be ratified". Carried	
	Mark Strochnetter advised that Bowls North prizemoney for championships is dependent upon the number of entries received. Is this something that BTAS could consider?	Treasurer and CEO.
c) CEO	Rob McGuire circulated his CEO report prior to the meeting. Highlighted items were discussed as follows:	
	 "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.

	 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. 	CEO to amend 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. 	CEO to amend Conditions of Play.
	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.	Bernard Knight to speak to Phil Prouse.
	 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. 	CEO to contact 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. 	CEO to contact Bowls Victoria CEO to contact BNW.
d) Board Member Portfolios	<u>Diversity & Change and Strategic Planning</u> – Anne Mullavey – No report received.	
	<u>Junior Development</u> - Jane Pickett –Submitted a written report prior to the meeting.	

	Bowls Premier League and Match Committees - 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.	
	<u>Disability</u> – Gena Short – Submitted a written report	
	prior to the meeting.	
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	High Performance – Mark Strochnetter – Mark advised that Junior SWC had been held at Longford on 8	
	January 2023.	
	January 2025.	
	Officiating and Bowling Arm – Leonie Price - Submitted	
	a written report prior to the meeting.	
	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.	
	For the cake of consistency with Rowling Arm PRP	CEO to contact BAT Committee
	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	of Play.
	stating that the jack shall be rolled using a bowling arm	OF Flay.
	and not by hand. It was agreed to amend Conditions	
	of Play accordingly subject to ratification by the Bowling	
	Arm Tasmania Committee.	
e) RBM Tasmania	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.	

8) General Business		
a) BTAS Newsletter	Bernard Knight asked that Board Members write reports for future editions of the BTAS Newsletter which will be published quarterly.	Board Members
b) Gala Week March 2023	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.	
c) Other General Business	Nil.	
9) Close and Date of Next Meeting	Meeting closed at 4.00pm. 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. Gena Short advised that she will be an apology for this meeting.	