



**Board Meeting
Monday 27 February 2023 at 1.06pm 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, Leonie Price (from 1.30pm), Phil Prouse Mark Strochnetter and Rob McGuire – CEO (Observer).	
3) Apologies	Gena Short and Rob Soward – BA RBM (Observer)	
4) Declaration of Conflict of Interest	Nil.	
5) Minutes of Previous Meeting		
a) Confirmation of Minutes 16 January 2023.	Moved: Anne Mullavey Seconded: Phil Prouse “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"> • Player Expenses Policy • Budget 2023-24. • Uniforms for Coaches and Selectors. 	Not yet reviewed. Draft will be presented to March 2023 meeting.	Treasurer and CEO. Treasurer and CEO. CEO to re-order as required.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nationals and COVID-19. • Identification of potential Appointed Board Members. • Henselite Sponsorship • Change of Seniors Women’s Team at The Nationals. • Issues re Disability team at The Nationals. • Disability Doctor Classifications. • Change of Constitution re appointment of Elected Directors. • SIA National Integrity Framework 	<p>The Coach and Selector uniforms have arrived and have been distributed – although there are a couple to be re-ordered due to sizing issues.</p> <p>An insurance claim for the player who contracted COVID-19 whilst at The Nationals has been paid.</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 – but none have been identified. It was agreed to advertise for expressions of interest as BA has recently done.</p> <p>The proposal is still being considered by Henselite. If this is not successful, it may be worth approaching Puma.</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 Gala Week in Burnie on 14 March 2023.</p> <p>The 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. We have a doctor interested and another person interested in becoming a technical classifier.</p> <p>This was approved at a Special General Meeting held on 16 January 2023 but has not yet been actioned by the CEO.</p>	<p>CEO to advertise for expressions of interest.</p> <p>CEO to contact Henselite and possibly Puma.</p> <p>CEO to amend Selection Policy.</p> <p>President and CEO</p> <p>CEO</p> <p>CEO</p> <p>Anne Mullavey and CEO.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peet Kay Group Tasmania • Tasmanian Pathways Coach • Review of BowlsLearn Fees 	<p>Anne Mullavey is assisting in the review of all BTAS policies and has prepared a Working With Vulnerable People Policy which has been sent to Sport & Recreation for perusal. Nothing further has been done in this area.</p> <p>CEO has sent a letter from the Peet Kay Group to the BTAS database to assist in recruiting more participants to the Peet Kay Group Tasmania. The information was also put on the BTAS website and Facebook pages.</p> <p>There were no applications for this position. The President and CEO met with BA High Performance Manager Rebecca Van Asch on 17 January 2023 to discuss options which are now being actioned by Rebecca Van Asch. In the interim, Karen Murphy is going to work with Lauren Banks.</p> <p>At the January 2023 meeting, 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>President and CEO</p> <p>Board</p> <p>Treasurer and CEO.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at Bowls Premier League #17 	<p>President Bernard Knight and BPL Committee Chair Phil Prouse both attended BPL#17 and reported that it was most worthwhile with the Tridents being very competitive. Phil Prouse is preparing a detailed report for consideration of the BPL Committee and the Board.</p>	<p>Phil Prouse</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centralisation of SWC in 2023-24 and beyond. 	<p>The last RCC meeting recommended to the BTAS Board that all SWC be centralised in Launceston. At the last Board meeting, it was agreed that this matter will be considered at a future BTAS Board meeting. BTS has advised that it is making a further submission to BTAS regarding this matter. Accordingly, it was agreed to defer consideration of this matter until the next Board meeting.</p>	<p>CEO to contact BTS.</p> <p>Defer to next meeting.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacant Southern State Selector Positions – Juniors and Senior Women. 	<p>BTS has ratified the appointment of John Nicholls as the Southern State Junior Selector and Carol Bannister as the Southern Senior Women’s State Selector (and not Nadine Seabourne as has been previously advised by the CEO). It was agreed to confirm the appointments with the CEO to talk to Carol Bannister about her appointment.</p>	<p>CEO to write to successful Selectors.</p> <p>CEO to talk to Carol Bannister.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victorian Test Series. 	<p>At the last Board meeting, preliminary budget discussions 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. This has not yet been done.</p>	<p>CEO to contact Bowls Victoria.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bowling Arm RRR Conditions of Play re rolling of the jack. 	<p>At the last Board meeting, Leonie Price 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>Subsequent advice from BA confirms that this is contrary to BA policy which provides that the jack can be rolled by either hand or a bowling arm. Such a change to Conditions of Play is not permitted.</p>	
<p>6) Inwards / Outwards Correspondence</p>	<p>CEO circulated a correspondence report prior to the meeting. Moved: Anne Mullavey 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"> • BNW Player – Querying why a player suspended by one club can go and play at another club; and making accusations of threatening behaviour and bullying by the suspended person against both her and her son. It was resolved to advise the player that this matter has been dealt with by the club concerned and BNW and that their decisions are supported by BTAS. It was further resolved that in the first instance, the player be advised to raise her threatening behaviour and bullying complaints with Sports Integrity Australia. It will advise her whether they deal with such matters or if it should be raised with the club under BA’s Member Protection Policy. • Dennis Parker, Les Harrison and Joe Simpson – Resigning as State Disability Selector North West, State Bowling Arm Selector North and State men’s Open Selector North West – Resolved to accept the resignations with regret and advertise the vacancies ASAP. 	<p>CEO to write to the player and BNW.</p> <p>CEO to write to Selectors. CEO to advertise vacancies.</p>

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 January 2023 and payments therein be ratified".</p> <p style="text-align: right;">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"> • Matters arising from Senior Championships – Resolved to amend State Events Conditions of Play to permit the Controlling Authority to re-draw a competition to avoid byes and to fill up sections etc in the event of withdrawals after the draw has been done. It was further resolved to change the schedule of the Seniors Championships in 2024 such that the fours are played out on the Sunday and Monday and then the pairs on the Tuesday and Wednesday. • It was agreed that the CEO should consider other changes to Conditions of Play – introduce time limits on games, re-spot the jack rather than a replay of ends, review format of Senior Women's and Bowling Arm Pairs to play 4 bowls cross over rather than three bowl pairs and requiring a minimum number of entries or an event will be cancelled. 	<p>CEO to amend Conditions of Play.</p> <p>CEO to change schedule in 2024.</p> <p>CEO to review and report back to the Board.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates Policies – Deferred to next Board meeting, however, it was resolved that the CEO as the Facebook Coordinator has authority to remove any posted messages that it considers to be in breach of the Social Media Policy and may also impose penalties on persons who he considers to be in breach of the Policy. Such penalties can include a reprimand, exclusion from the Facebook social media page for a specific period or permanent exclusion from the Facebook social media page. 	Defer updated policies to next Board meeting.
d) Board Member Portfolios	<p><u>Diversity & Change and Strategic Planning</u> – Anne Mullavey – No report received, however, Anne advised that she is working with CEO on reviewing all BTAS policies.</p> <p><u>Junior Development</u> - Jane Pickett –Submitted a written report prior to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Bowls Premier League and Match Committees</u> – Phil Prouse – Phil will provide a report on his trip to BPL#17 in the near future. .</p> <p><u>Disability</u> – Gena Short – Submitted a written report prior to the meeting.</p> <p><u>High Performance</u> – Mark Strochnetter – The final round of Junior SWC was held on 26 February 2023 with Bowls North West winning SWC. Mark will provide his report as BPL Coach in the next week.</p>	<p>Phil Prouse to submit report to BPL Committee and Board.</p> <p>Mark Strochnetter to submit report to BPL Committee and Board.</p>

	<p><u>Officiating and Bowling Arm</u> – Leonie Price - Submitted written reports prior to the meeting. Leonie and the CEO are to follow-up issues raised in the reports including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters arising from Gala Week in Launceston in January 2023. • Matters arising from the Presenters & Assessors Course in January 2023. • Outdated forms and information on the BTAS website. 	Leonie Price and CEO to address.
e) RBM Tasmania	No report received as Rob Soward is on annual leave from 25 February 2023 – 9 March 2023.	
8) General Business		
<p>a) BowlsLink Issues</p> <p>b) Bowls Stickers</p>	<p>Jane Pickett advised that the BN Secretary had advised that there seems to be issues and delays in uploading results into BowlsLink on Saturday afternoons after pennant. The CEO reported that the BN Secretary had also reported the same issue to him. The CEO undertook to report this issue to BA.</p> <p>Bernard Knight reported that concerns were raised at Gala Week in January 2023 of the need for players to constantly change bowls stickers depending on the make-up of teams in various events. Current Conditions of Play require the following:</p> <p><i>The bowls being used by players who are members of composite teams (from more than one Club) shall either all carry identical stickers, or none shall carry any stickers at all.</i></p>	CEO to contact BA.

<p>c) Gala Week March 2023</p>	<p>Leonie Price advised that it is contrary to the Laws of The Sport of Bowls to allow players to play in a team with different bowls stickers. Our Conditions of Play cannot over-ride World Bowls Laws.</p> <p>The CEO reported that 199 entries have been received to-date for Gala Week March 2023. In 2022 we ended up with 313 entries and at the same time last year we had received 226 entries. The CEO will continue to chase entries.</p>	<p>CEO to chase entries.</p>
<p>9) Close and Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Meeting closed at 3.00pm.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 March 2023 commencing at 1pm via Zoom.</p>	