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Board Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2017

Held at the BN Office

1. President Marleen van den Bosch opened the meeting at 4.56pm.

2. Present: Marleen van den Bosch, Greg Smith, Gaylene McNab, Tony Butters, Maxine Viney, Sandra Krushka, Marlene Bushby, Maxine Monson, John Bowerman and Mark Dickinson.

3. Apologies: David Heron.

4. Conflict of Interest

Conflict of Interest noted for agenda items. Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes as circulated be accepted

Moved Gaylene McNab

That the Minutes dated April 3, 2017 that had been circulated be taken as read and be adopted.

- Seconded Maxine Viney CARRIED

6. Business arising from previous minutes:

- Life membership nominations tabled, decision made.
 - To be announced at the AGM
- Peter Jacobson's complaint sent to North Launceston.
 - Tony Butters advised that North Launceston Bowls Club has received a notice of the complaint from the Anti Discrimination Commissioner.
- Suspension of Umpire Mr Charlie Thomas whilst officiating at a BN final at Kings Meadows Bowls Club.
 - Mr Thomas has been sent a letter outlining his penalty, suspended from all umpiring duties until December 31st, 2017.
 - Bowls Tasmania has been informed of the suspension

7. Correspondence - list of inward & outward as circulated

- Bowls Tasmania requires Bowls North's endorsement of the following selectors
 - David Minns – Junior Selector
 - John Bowerman – Men's Open Selector
 - Greg Smith – Women's Open Selector
 - Maureen Zoon – Women's Senior Selector
 - John Munting - Men's Senior Selector (already endorsed)

Moved Tony Butters

That the selectors be endorsed.

Seconded Marlene Bushby AGREED



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Moved by Mark Dickinson

That the Inward correspondence received be accepted and the Outwards endorsed as circulated.

- Seconded Maxine Monson CARRIED

9. Tony Butters presented the financial report.

Moved Tony Butters

That the April 15, 2017 Bank Register containing Cheque 803208- 803033 and Direct Debits of \$878.75 as paid, be approved and ratified. –

- Seconded Marlene Bushby CARRIED

Moved Tony Butters

That the Financial Report dated April 15, 2017 as presented be accepted and approved.

- Seconded Maxine Monson CARRIED

Treasurer expressed concerns re AGM being held on Mother's Day and that the Financials may not be received back in time from the Auditor.

- o AGM reschedule, May 28, 2017 at 10am.

10. Reports:

10.1 Youth by Mark Dickinson

The Bowls Tasmania State Junior Championships were held during April at Invermay and saw twelve of the Bowls North players on display. There was great success for our bowlers on the green, well done to all that participated and also to the support of parents and officials.

The overall numbers in the State Junior Championships were very low from the other two regions; various factors may have contributed to this happening. A BT survey has been released, with the intention of generating additional feedback to be used in building for the future.

As a regional authority we must continue to plan for the challenges ahead in maintaining the current U18 numbers and also looking at methods to assist in arresting the decline that has been occurring, particularly over the last five years. This will require action from BN, BT and at a club level to generate interest for young people to be involved in lawn bowls.

As this is the final report for the 2016-17 season I thought it appropriate to reflect on the season past as there were so many positives for the region to take away from it:

- *The appointment of two young bowlers in the roles of BN U18 Coach and Assistant Coach – Courtney Hobbs and Matthew Jackson! Hoping they will return in 2017-18 to continue the great work started this season.*
- *Having some new faces join the regional U18 squad being exposed to both regional and state competitions; the camaraderie got stronger every time they all played together.*
- *A big thanks to the selectors, David Minns, Debbie Lee and Denis Page for giving up their time in assisting with the U18 crew; very much appreciated! And thanks to the parents/families/friends that supported the bowlers to ensure they could participate in all of the events conducted.*



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- *On the green we had the success of regaining the Veolia SWC U18 Trophy back from the South. The BN U18 Championships were a big success with good numbers participating in each of the formats.*

It has been a really awesome experience for me to be involved with a great bunch of people at all levels in the sport and I wish to thank everyone that has supported not only my efforts, but those of Bowls North in ensuring we place a priority on U18 players into the future.

Wishing all the best to JOSH APPLEYARD in his last season of 'juniors'; his enthusiasm, encouragement and leadership around the squad were invaluable; as well as his ability of course, to finish with back-to-back State Junior Singles titles.

10.2 Women's Section by Sandra Krushka

SWC celebration lunch, a fantastic gourmet BBQ provided, thank you to Kings Meadows Bowls Club.

- A letter of thanks to be sent to Kings Meadows Bowls Club

10.3 Men's Section by John Bowerman

Email addresses for players.

- Clubs and players' responsibility to update their contact details on the Bowls Connect database.

10.4 Officiating by Maxine Monson

Following investigations the Invermay Bowls Club's complaint of an officiating umpire has been finalised.

A list of payment to umpires for this season has been sent to Secretary, total being \$1260.00.

Thank you to Greg Smith for guiding and assisting me this year, very much appreciated.

11. President Marleen concerns from the President & Secretary's Forum:

- **Payment to Clubs hosting BN Championships and Pennant Finals;**
 - Championship payment is \$2 per player
 - Query a set amount for hosting?
 - Championships and finals are separate issues?
- **Championship prize money;**
 - Include semi finalists?
 - Require sponsorship for events.
- **Master Boards,**
 - Suggestion that Bowls North purchase and have available for clubs hosting pennant finals.
 - Maxine Viney to draft a letter for Mr Peter Gutwein re financial support/grant
- **Transfer fee of \$10;**
 - Outcome: \$10 transfer fee to remain as is.
- **Clubs to tender for Pennant finals and championships;**
 - Outcome: Refer to Match Committee
- **Timing of the Green;**
 - Outcome: Refer to Match Committee with the Bowls North Board recommendation that the clause be removed from the Conditions of Play.
- **Ends of pennant play; 21 or 25**
 - Referred to Match Committee



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- Awaiting Clubs' responses
- **Pennant Promotion;**
 - A Bowls Tasmania's directive.
 - Awaiting clubs' responses.
 - If required an Agenda item for the Regional Consultative Committee for review.
- **Green rating on result sheet;**
 - Outcome: To be deleted from next issue of result pads.
- **Crossover eligibility;**
 - Outcome: It is a Club's responsibility for Open gender selection of players.

12. Compensation for Mark Dickinson travelling and accommodation expenses.

Moved President Marleen van den Bosch
That the payment for the Board Member's Youth Portfolio be the same as the Men's and Women's Bowls Directors. - Seconded Greg Smith CARRIED

13. Tony Butters re Bowls Tasmania Come & Try Day cost of \$2500;

- Discussion held.
 - Action: President Marleen, Greg Smith and Tony Butters to meet with the Bowls Tasmania CEO for further information.

14. Bowls North Constitution update;

- Draft will be sent to Board members within the next few months.

15. Greg Smith: Bowls North's acknowledgement of achievement to Rebecca Van Asch.

Moved Greg Smith
That \$300 be presented to Rebecca Van Asch to assist with her expenses. - Seconded Sandra Krushka CARRIED

The next meeting will be held on Monday May 28, 2017 following the AGM.

President Marleen declared the meeting closed at 6.45pm.

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President

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Date