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BN President & Secretary Forum
April 24, 2017
Held at the East Launceston Bowls Club

President Marleen opened the forum at 7.05pm.

Clubs' Representatives: Rick Putnam (Beauty Point), David & Bernice Glover (Bridport), Jim Longstaff, Sharon Foster (Cosgrove Park), Kellie Johnson (Cressy), John Gleeson, John Samphier (Deloraine) Robert Walsh (East Launceston), Evonne van Namen, Peter Turmine, John Bennett (Exeter), Vicki Quail, Kerry Smith, (Invermay), Andrew Vodak, (Kings Meadows), Brian Connolly, Pat McLean, Judy Burgess, (Launceston), Lesley Loring, June Johnson, (Longford), Garry Upton (Midlands), Charlie Thomas, Mary Bell, (Ravenswood), Pat Bennett, Helen Pola (Scottsdale), Jane Pickett, Garry Laycock (St.Helens), Richard Edwards, Michael Johnson, Alida Walker (West Launceston) Leon & Kaylene Archer (Westbury).

Present: President Marleen van den Bosch, Greg Smith (Deputy President), Tony Butters (Treasurer) Gaylene McNab (Secretary), Sandra Krushka (Women's Bowls Director), Marlene Bushby, Maxine Monson, John Bowerman (Men's Bowls Director), Mark Dickinson, David Heron (Board Directors), Lyn Vodak (Match Committee Chair), Sue Ross (Match Committee), Simon Morrison (BA Regional Bowls Manager), Garry Beven (Bowls Tasmania President).

Apology: Ross Munro & Jill Holland (Bass & Flinders), Bruce Wright (Beauty Point) Maxine Viney BN (Board Director).

The following topics were discussed:

1. Westbury-

- Revert back to the side winning the Bowls North grand final in each division pennant being the ones promoted.
 - Bowls Tasmania directive, noted in the BT minutes April 2014.

2. Kings Meadows

- Could Bowls North purchase master boards for clubs that hold finals.
 - Refer Bowls North Board.
- Is it possible for clearance fees of \$10.00 for all members, be abolished.
 - \$10 fee result of a RCC meeting
 - Refer Bowls North Board.

3. St. Helens:

- Restrictions on playing with multi-coloured bowls at pennant and club level?
 - No ban on use of multi coloured bowls.
- Suggesting that 21 ends be the standard for all competitions at all levels of play.
 - Divisions 5 & 6 are 21 ends plus Thursday pennant.
 - Tried in the past, reverted back to 25ends
 - ACTION: Clubs to respond to Bowls North re preference.

4. Beauty Point – Green allocations

Requirement is that all Greens to be inspected for events, not just the town clubs. Some clubs do not want to host events no money in hosting events, preference is to have social events, more financial viable for a club.

- One division final series per club include country clubs.
- Assessment of all greens.
- Clubs to tender for Championship and finals.
 - Refer to Bowls North Board / Match Committee/ Green Committee.



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- Use of Synthetic greens for finals?
- Suggestion: Semi and Preliminary Finals played at various clubs, Grand finals all divisions to be played at one venue.
- Remove green rating on Result form.

5. Launceston –

Advice / confirmation as to whether the Thursday Women Only Pennant is to continue next season

- Women's Only Pennant to continue with the support of clubs.

Address concerns being voiced by a number of players from several Northern Clubs relating to the current format of pennant in the North of the State.

- A clubs responsibility to select sides accordingly.

6. West Launceston: Linking the two pennants re player's eligibility.

- Linking the two is an extra work load for the Statistician
- A clubs responsibility to select sides accordingly.
 - Thursday Division 1 players playing in Saturday Division 6, no different to Saturday Premier & Division 1 players in Thursday Division 3 & 4.
- Query relevance of
 - COP Clause 3.25 (e) Clubs shall ensure that all players in all Divisions are selected in positions based solely on their ability and merit.
 - Refer to match committee

General Business

Garry Beven:

- Bowls Connect survey is genuine.
- Bowls Tasmania card with member's BA ID number, renewed each year, discount with "United".
- Cash Back Living being launch in Tasmania.
 - Information Forum is being held in each region, the North May 15th 2017.
- National Census – information relevant for Regions and Bowls Tasmania.

President Marleen:

- A reminder club uniform **must** be BN approved, new designs/colours/additions e.g. jackets, hoodies etc.

Greg Smith:

Timing of the green, remove from the BN Conditions of Play.

- Show of hands, general consensus is for the removal of the clause.

John Bennett (Exeter):

- Hats requirement for pennant? Refer to the Bowls Australia Policy logo.

Robert Walsh

- Etiquette bowls?
- Clubs selecting players on merit and ability as per BN COP, penalties should apply.

Action- Club response required by June 9th , 2017.

1. Promotion – Home & Away ladder leader or Grand Final winner.
2. 21 ends or 25 ends for Saturday Premier through to Division 4.
3. Green allocation for Finals & Championships.

President Marleen declared the Forum closed at 8.52pm.