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**Board Meeting Minutes
10th August 2020
Held at North Launceston Bowls Club**

1. OPENING:

President Greg opened meeting at 7 pm

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES:

Present: Aaron Page, John Glisson, Maxine Viney, Helen Renshaw, Madge Strochnetter, Marlene Bushby,
Dennis Bassett, Vicki Bassett, Greg Smith, David Heron, Rae Simpson.

Apologies: Greg Thomas

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

**** Declaration of Interest applies to all board members and requires individuals to declare any outside interests that could conflict with, have the potential to conflict, or could be perceived to conflict with the interests of the association.**

John Glisson – Correspondence involving Georgetown.

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION:

That the minutes dated 5 June and 19 July 2020 that have been circulated be taken as read and adopted.

Moved by: Maxine Viney

Seconded: Aaron Page

Carried 11/0

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Michael Sims has accepted appointment for Publicity Officer for 2020-21. Still vacancy for Thursday pennant Publicity Officer.
- Championship entry fees. A recommendation for championship fees for 2020-21 will be presented by subcommittee consisting of David Heron, Aaron Page and Chris Lee.
- Bowls Tasmania and the three regions have agreed that the way bowls is governed in Tasmania will not change.
- Shared services between the three regions and Bowls Tasmania for purchasing of scorecards and medals in bulk. A meeting between the three regions is to be set up by Bowls Tasmania to discuss further.
- Board Terms – to be held over to next Board meeting to be held on September 7, 2020.
- AFL Grand Final/Caulfield Cup – concerns have been received about playing pennant on October 17, same day as AFL Grand Final. Clubs can by mutual agreement agree to start pennant games earlier on this date.
- Statewide Challenge uniforms to be discussed at Finance Committee meeting and in general business.



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6. INWARD AND OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

A list of inward and outward correspondence was circulated.

RESOLUTION:

That the inward and outward correspondence received be accepted and outward endorsed as circulated.

Moved by: Rae Simpson

Seconded: Dennis Bassett

Carried 11/0

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Letters read to Board that was received from East Launceston and BN Statistician concerning transfer of a player. Discussion held on this issue and a motion was tabled.

- Positions description for BN Statistician to be compiled.
- Memo to be sent to Bowls North Members on Bowls Link database seeking a new Statistician for 2020-21 and placed on Bowls North Inc on Facebook and website.
- Training will be provided if required.
- BN Statistician to attend BN Match Committee meetings
- Letter to be sent to M Shingles thanking him for his service as BN Statistician.
- Discussion has been held at Bowls Tas RCC meeting, regarding the appointment of a Statewide Statistician. To be discussed further at RCC meetings.

RESOLUTION:

That the motion passed on July 19, 2020 to appoint M Shingles as Bowls North Statistician be rescinded.

Moved by: Rae Simpson

Seconded: Madge Strochnetter

Carried 11/0

8. TREASURERS REPORT

North Launceston Loan awaiting settlement from lawyers. Loan is to be paid in full plus interest of three (3) per cent once settlement is finalised. Loan was agreed on for two years maximum and is payable in full plus interest on or before February 2021.

RESOLUTION:

I move that income totalling \$2 750.29 for the month of July 2020 be received and expenses totalling \$2712.00 for the same period be ratified as paid.

I confirm that Bowls North Inc is trading in a solvent position.

Moved by: David Heron

Seconded: Rae Simpson

Carried 11/0



9. GENERAL BUSINESS

❖ 9.1 MATCH COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

No nominations have been received for the vacant positions on the Match Committee.

- Second memo to be sent out with closing date of two (2) weeks.
- To be advertised on Bowls North Inc on Facebook and Website.
- Seek advice from Bowls Tasmania/Australia regarding constitution and Match Committee appointments.
- One (1) Female and two (2) males required.

❖ 9.2 AFTERNOON TEAS:

Discussion held on the issue of Afternoon teas for Saturday pennant for 2020-21 due to COVID-19 guidelines/restrictions.

- Bowls North West have released memo to all club's advising clubs that there will no afternoon tea break and games will be played straight through.
- COVID-19 guidelines/restrictions will need to be adhered to by all clubs.
- Players can and are encouraged to bring their own snacks to games.
- Conditions of Play needs to be addressed.

RESOLUTION:

That providing afternoon teas for the 2020-21 Bowls North pennant season is ceased and Conditions of Play be changed to:

3.9 START TIME, DESIGNATED TEA BREAKS AND NO SHOWS

A break is to be taken between 2.30 pm and 3 pm with discretion to be used concerning pennant games that had commenced early for a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes. Teams wishing to play straight through can do so by mutual agreement. Breaks may need to be staggered, due to the numbers of players that are at a venue.

Moved by David Heron

Seconded: Rae Simpson

Carried 11/0

❖ 9.3 EAST COAST PENNANT FORMAT

East Coast clubs submitted proposal for the running of their pennant season.

- Pennant sides to consist of five (5) players, with players inter changing during the pennant game.
- All East Coast clubs are in agreeance with this format.
- Enables all members to be playing each week.
- Bowls Link system is currently being updated to accommodate this.
- Both players names to be added to scorecards and East Coast will need to send in pennant result sheets until the Bowls Link Portal is updated.
- To be trialled for this season in the East Coast region.
- East Coast Pennant Conditions of Play to be addressed.



RESOLUTION:

That the East Coast Pennant Format Conditions of Play for 2020-21 are:

3.24 EAST COAST PENNANT

- Starting time roll up is 12.15 pm for 12.30 pm start.

1. FORMAT

- a) Sides to consist of up to 16 players = 4 teams of 4 players
- b) Sides can have up to 20 players = 4 teams of 5 players. With 1 player sharing a position and only one substitution per rink.
- c) Substitutes can only play as a lead or second in a rink.

Moved by: Dennis Bassett

Seconded: Aaron Page

Carried 11/0

❖ 9.4 NUMBER OF ENDS IN BOWLS NORTH PENNANT

Across the three regions, a different number of ends are played in pennant games. Bowls South and North West will be playing 21 ends all divisions for 2020-21 pennant season.

- Bowls Tasmania Conditions of Play for pennant is 21 ends.
- Pennant ends has been addressed at Bowls Tasmania RCC meeting with no resolution achieved between the regions.
- Memo to be sent to club with the three (3) following options and club's preference to be received by Bowls North by Friday 4th September 2020. Memo to be sent to all on Bowls North Members through the Bowls Link database, also placed on website and Bowls North Inc on Facebook.
- BN Members are encouraged to let their respective clubs know what their preference is for the number of ends played.

OPTIONS:

Option 1: All divisions play 21 ends and straight through

Option 2: Premier, 1, 2 25 ends
Division 3,4,5,6 21 ends

Option 3: Premier, Division 1 25 ends
Division 2,3,4,5,6 21 ends

To be addressed at next Board Meeting on 7th September 2020.

❖ 9.5 HONORARIUMS 2020-21

Treasurer David Heron presented proposed honorariums for 2020-21. Discussion held.

- Due to COVID-19 there is except to be potential loss of members.
- Two (2) main areas to be focused on and that would make an impact to the Budget are - honorariums and BN Championship prizemoney.
- Proposal of 20% cut to Board Honorariums for 2020-21

RESOLUTION:

That Maxine Viney moved that the proposed Bowls North honorariums for 2020-21 be accepted with the amendments to honorariums as suggested by Aaron Page be accepted.

Moved by: Maxine Viney

Second: Aaron Page

Carried 11/0

❖ 9.5 BOWLS NORTH CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS



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Working party of Aaron Page, David Heron and Chris Lee have met to discuss the format of Bowls North Championships.

- Proposal was presented to the Board for consideration outlining some concerns.
 - Suffered sufficient losses concerning Bowls North championship events and this cannot be sustained.
 - Declining entries.
 - Restore value/prestige of events
 - Closing of entries too early
- Introduce Expansion of grades for the 2020-21 BN Championships
 - Open – Separate Male and Female championship events. Open to all bowlers regardless of grade
 - A Grade – Open Gender – Open to all divisions 1 and 2 Saturday and Division 1 Thursday.
 - B Grade – Open Gender – Open to all Division 3 and below Saturday and Division 2 and below on Thursdays.
- Encourage and increase participation in BN championships events
- Establish a partnership with clubs to promote and run Bowls North Championship events.
- Timeline for finalising this innovation has been set.

Bowls North to contact Chris Lee and ask him to attend the next scheduled Bowls North Board meeting to discuss proposal further.

❖ 9.6 STATEWDE CHALLENGE UNIFORMS

Aaron page has investigated and presented to the Board a quote for the supply of 70 new uniforms for Statewide Challenge teams from Premier Bowls. Quote includes -

- Free artwork and set up
- 3 to 5 week turn around
- No minimum order required

Bowls North to apply for a grant for the supply of new uniforms. If not successful, then take to BN Finance Committee for consideration.

❖ 9.7 PENNANT STRUCTURE

Aaron Page spoke on how Bowls North West have streamlined their season and is something that Bowls North needs to consider. Discussion held. To be taken back to the Match Committee for consideration for 2021-22 pennant season.

❖ 9.8 COVID-19 GUIDELINES/RESTRICTIONS

John Glisson queried, if all clubs have a clear set of guidelines/restrictions around COVID-19.

- Return to Play policy has been sent to all clubs from Bowls Tasmania which was set by the Department of Sport & Recreation, Australian & Tasmanian Government, Bowls Australia.
- COVID-19 plan should have been compiled by clubs before reopening.
- Clubs are responsible to ensure all guidelines/restrictions are adhered to that have been set by the relevant authorities.
- If any changes are made to guidelines/restrictions that effect bowls structure will be sent onto clubs



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❖ 9.9 THURSDAY PENNANT STARTING TIME

Due to COVID-19, the starting time of Bowls North Thursday pennant was discussed. The following was suggested.

- 10.15 for 10.30 am start. 21 ends played straight through with a ten-minute break to be taken if necessary.
- Lower divisions may arrange with the opposition to have a 30-minute break halfway through game.
- Country/travelling teams could choose to start at 11.30 as long as it was arranged with oppositions side.

RESOLUTION:

Madge Strochnetter moved a motion that Thursday Pennant is to start at 10.15 for 10.30 am start, playing 21 ends straight through.

Motion was rescinded and amended to –

That Thursday Pennant is to start at 11.15 for 11.30 start and games are to be played straight through.

Moved by: Rae Simpson

Seconded by: Madge Strochnetter

Carried 11/0

❖ 9.10 MIDWEEK BOWLERS ASSOCIATION

It was discussed by the Board and resolved that this association does not come under Bowls North jurisdiction and is the individual club involved concern.

10. NEXT MEETING

Next Board meeting is to be held on Monday 7th September 2020 at North Launceston Bowls Club commencing at 7 pm. W

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING:

President Greg closed meeting at 9.35 pm.

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Date