



BOWLS NORTH (INC) North Launceston Bowls Club
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Board Meeting Minutes
5th October 2020
Held at North Launceston Bowls Club

1. OPENING:

President Greg opened meeting at 7 pm

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES:

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

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.**

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION:

That the minutes dated 7th September 2020 that have been circulated be taken as read and adopted.

Moved by: John Glisson

Seconded: Marlene Bushby

Carried 11/0

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- North Launceston loan update. Letter was sent to North requesting a further update on progress of settlement and repayment of loan to Bowls North. Letter received, there is no definite settlement date. Meeting to be set between BN Secretary and Treasurer with North Launceston to discuss further.

RESOLUTION:

That Bowls North Secretary and Treasurer to organise and attend meeting with North Launceston to discuss concerns further.

Moved by: Maxine Viney

Seconded by: Madge Strochnetter

Carried: 11/0

- Expression of interest was received from Rob Claridge regarding Bowls North Senior Women's selector vacant position for 2020-21.



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RESOLUTION:

That Rob Claridge be appointed as Bowls North Senior Women's Statewide Challenge Selector for 2020-21

Moved by: Rae Simpson

Seconded: Madge Strochnetter

Carried 11/0

- Social media posts – query has raised around comments made on social media regarding Bowls North Minutes and motions passed and rescinded concerning Thursday pennant starting time. Memo has been sent to club's clarifying the situation. Bowls North Members are to be reminded that Bows North can take action under the Social Media Policy. Discussion held regarding posts made by Georgetown Bowls Club President, Craig Stringer towards the Bowls North Board. Clubs and Bowls North members should be aware that we following all guidelines/restrictions that that handed down by various Government Departments and Bowls North will be adhering to all guidelines/restrictions.

RESOLUTION:

That the President of Georgetown Bowls Club be sent a formal letter requesting apology for comments made on Northern Bowls Chat Page against the Board of Bowls North and make a public apology on Facebook.

Moved by: Rae Simpson

Seconded: Dennis Bassett

Carried 11/0

- No notification has been regarding status of grant applied for the purchase of new Statewide Challenge uniforms.
- Laser Measure. Umpires Director Greg Thomas has requested that Bowls North purchase a laser measure to use at Bowls North Championship events and for training of umpires.

RESOLUTION:

That Bowls North purchase a Laser Measure, which is to be kept at the Bowls north Office and must be signed for if taken from office. Person then is responsible for a replacement if the Laser measure is misplaced.

Moved by David Heron

Seconded by: Dennis Bassett

Carried 11/0

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: John Glisson

Seconded: Madge Strochnetter

Carried 11/0

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- Laser measurers now have been approved for use by umpires



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- Umpires/markers required for Bowls Tasmania events must be organised through Bowls Tasmania Umpires Director.
- Come Try Bowls Month – this year's event has been changed. Info will be sent onto Club's from Bowls Tasmania. Ten (10) northern clubs have registered this year.

8. TREASURERS REPORT

- Club Affiliations/Registration payments started to be paid by club's
- Six (6) clubs paid so far, and registrations are down by this year by thirty-four (34) players
- Sixty-two (62) transfers requests on Bowls Links Data Base

RESOLUTION:

I move that income totalling \$6 003.87 for the month of August/September 2020 be received and expenses totalling \$1533.47 for the same period be ratified as paid.

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

Moved: David Heron

Seconded: Aaron Page

Carried 11/0

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

❖ 9.1 BOARD TERMS:

John Glisson presented his findings to the Board regarding Board terms. As per Bowls North Constitution 32.1 (c) – 33.7.

Greg Thomas	Second (2) year of a two-year term
Dennis Bassett	Second (2) year of a two-year term
Helen Renshaw	Second (2) year of a two-year term
Rae Simpson	Second (2) year of a two-year term
John Glisson	First (1) year of a two-year term
Marlene Bushby	First (1) year of a two-year term

Four (4) Board positions will become vacant for 2021/22.

RESOLUTION:

That the proposed board terms be accepted and that the Bowls North Constitution be reviewed.

Moved by: John Glisson

Seconded: Aaron Page

Carried 11/0

❖ 9.2 SHARING AN POSITION:

Proposal for Sharing a Position was presented to the Board to be ratified.

3.10 SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS/SHARING OF AN POSITION



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(b) NOTE: The aim of this Condition of Play is to keep older and/or less healthy players playing bowls longer. Approval for “Sharing” of a position will only be given if this aim is the over-riding reason for seeking approval for “sharing” of a position.

- (a) If a player believes that they may be unable to complete a pennant game, an eligible alternative player from the same club shall be permitted to “share” the game with that player.
- (b) “Sharing” a position means one player at each end and bowling alternatively.
- (c) “Sharing” a position is only permitted in Bowls North pennant games in a club’s lowest division. Alternative player must be from the same division.
- (d) The name of the eligible alternative player is to be noted on the score card but is not to be entered into the Bowls Link Results Portal. The player whose name is on the score card will be the only player who will be deemed to have played the game in determining eligibility to play finals. To ensure that all players are eligible to play finals, it is suggested that the names on the score cards be alternated each week.
- (e) No “Sharing” of a position shall be permitted unless it is approved in writing by the Bowls North Secretary prior to occurring.
- (f) Players must use the same set of bowls throughout the pennant match.
- (g) Players “Sharing” a position are only to play lead or second.
- (h) Players are to ensure that all COVID-19 guidelines are followed.

RESOLUTION:

That Bowls North adopted the Sharing of a Position and is to be added into Conditions of Play for 2020-21

Moved by Maxine Viney

Seconded: Rae Simpson

Carried 11/0

❖ 9.4 COVID-19 POLICY

COVID-19 policy was presented to the Board to be passed and ratified. Clubs should adhere to Bowls North COVID-19 policy which has been drawn up from guidelines/restrictions that have been handed down by the relevant departments.

RESOLUTION:

That bowls North COVID-19 Policy as presented be accepted.

Moved by Maxine Viney

Seconded by: Helen Renshaw

Carried 11/0

COVID-19 Policy to be sent to clubs and placed on website.

❖ 9.5 BOWLS TASMANIA CAPITATION FEES

Treasurer David Heron has attended several meetings regarding Bowls Tasmania capitation fee structure.

- Currently Bowls North receives invoice from Bowls Tasmania in December and February each year.



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- Bowls Tasmania would like to change the way fees are collected based on a percentage of payers in each region, currently budget is set on player registrations.
- Bowls Tasmanian can set a budget but has no control over income it receives as this is totally reliant on total player registrations.
- Bowls Tasmania wishes to set capitation fee at the start of the season having set its budget and identified the amount of money it will require to fund its running costs.
- Change to way Regions currently collect capitation fees. Regional treasurers will need to set fees to cover what is needed to pay Bowls Tasmania

The four main points that are a concern for Bowls North –

1. We support the concept of increasing participation through not having to pay a full registration fee for a season for players who only play a few games as a fill in or to try pennant out.
2. At a time when regions are suffering declines in player numbers, is the idea of adding 3% to the previous year's registration number fair.
3. Is Bowls Tasmania shifting the risk factor to the regions? If Bowls North advises clubs that these are the Bowls Tasmanian and Bowls North fees for the season and then suffers a player decline, how do we raise the shortfall in funds to pay the budgeted amount required by Bowls Tasmania.
4. We note in Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales, and South Australia that capitation fees are received directly from the clubs and not the regions/divisions. Why does not does not Bowls Tasmania deal directly with the clubs instead of placing extra burdens on the regions for which we receive nothing.

RESOLUTION:

Bowls North Board do not support the initiative put forward by Bowls Tasmania

Moved by: Maxine Viney

Seconded: Marlene Bushby

Carried 11/0

9.6 JUNIOR TRAINING

Junior Coach Rae Simpson report to the Board regarding the Junior Winter training program and on how much improvement they have all shown over the winter months. More Junior girls are required. We need the minimum of two girls in our Statewide Challenge side. Dispensation will need to be sought from Bowls Tasmania.

9.7 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

President Greg raised concerns around payment to Board Members for travel cost associated in representing Bowls North.

RESOLUTION:

That any Bowls North Board is only reimbursed for petrol costs for travelling on official Bowls North duties. Receipt must be forwarded to Bowls North Treasurer.

Moved by Greg Smith

Seconded: Marlene Bushby

Carried 11/0



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9.8 TRANSFER FEE:

There will no transfer fee applied for the 2020-21 season. Players must be aware of Bowls North Conditions of Play -1.13

1.13 REGISTRATION AND CLEARANCES

- (e) Clearances will not be processed by BN after January 31st each year in each bowls season. Clearances after this date require Bowls North Board approval before processing.

9.9 CLUB OPENING DAYS 2020-21

President Greg thanked the Board members who have attended various clubs opening days representing Bowls North.

10. NEXT MEETING

Next Board meeting is to be held on Monday 9th November 2020 at North Launceston Bowls Club commencing at 7 pm.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING:

President Greg closed meeting at 9.40 pm.

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President

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Date