

BN BOARD MEETING MINUTES 14th NOVEMBER 2022 AT NORTH LAUNCESTON BOWLS CLUB

MINUTES

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. WELCOME	President Maxine opened meeting at 7 pm.	
2. PRESENT	Aaron Page, Madge Strochnetter, Maxine Viney, Vicki Bassett, Rae Simpson, Marlene Bushby, Gene Ayton, David Heron, John Glisson	
3. APOLOGIES	Greg Thomas Lyn Cornelius	
4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST	Nil	
5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	RESOLUTION: That the minutes dated 17 th October 2022 that have been circulated be taken as read and adopted.	
	Moved by: Gene Ayton Seconded by: Marlene Bushby Carried 10/0	Resolved
6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	 MEETING WITH BOWLS NORTHWEST: No date set for meeting with Bowls Northwest Board. Meeting needs to be held prior to next RCC meeting in January 2023. Bowls Northwest to send results of ballot conducted to Bowls North once collated. PREMIER LEAGUE STEERING COMMITTEE: To be discussed in general business SELECTION POLICY AMENDEMENT: David Heron presented amendment for BN Selection Policy as follows to added to BN Selection Policy. 	On-going BN Secretary to follow up On-going On-going
	 Discussion held and the following amendment to be added to BN Selection Policy. 3. SELECTORS (a) Eligibility a) The position of selector shall be open to any bowler registered with Bowls North except for the following: 	Proposed amendment sent to all BN Board members prior to meeting.

	 A current and/or potential squad/team member A parent/guardian/spouse of a current and/or potential squad/team member Regarding the eligibility of Selectors under 3 (a) and if Bowls North Inc Considers it has taken all reasonable steps to fill vacancies, if insufficient suitable nominations have been received those vacancies, then Bowls North Inc may: Appoint any registered members of Bowls North Inc to the vacant position even if that person may be a playing member of the relevant team. 	
	 If the Selector is a member of any team, then Bowls North Inc, should ensure that the person's position in the team is certain and would not be doubted by a reasonable person. That all clauses and aims of sections two (2) and three (3) of the Bowls North Inc Selection Policy are adhered to. 	BN Secretary to adjust BN Selection Policy
	RESOLUTION:That the Bowls North Selection Policy is amended as from 17 October 2022.Moved by: Aaron PageSeconded by: Marlene BushbyCarried 10/0	Resolved
7. INWARD/OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE	A list of inward & outward correspondence was circulated RESOLUTION: That the inward & outward correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed as circulated.	
	Moved: Scott ZeuschnerSeconded by: Marlene BushbyCarried 10/0	Resolved
8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE	 AUDIKA HEARING: Audika Hearing are a major sponsor of Bowls Australia. Offer sent to all clubs to conduct free hearing test and receive \$250 cash back from Audika Hearing. 	Resolved
	 2. V HEAZELWOOD – REQUEST FOR CORRESPONDENCE: ° BN Secretary replied to letters. No Further correspondence received 	Matter Resolved
	 BN CONDITIONS OF PLAY 2.4 ELIGIBILITY (includes novice): The definition of Open and Minor in the Conditions of Play published on website and sent to clubs in incorrect in that Division 2 Saturday should be classified as Minor as per Bowls Tasmania definition. This has occurred due 	

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8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE	 to clerical error. Circular motion was sent to BN Board members on 31 August 2022. RESOLUTION: That the Bowls North Conditions of Play be amended to – Open Events – all affiliated members of BN for whom the event is designated Minor Events – all affiliated members of BN for whom the event is designated – Division 2,3,4,5,6, (Saturday), Division 3,4 (Thursdays) Moved By: Aaron Page Seconded by Madge Strochnetter Carried 10/0 	Resolved
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	4. BN SELECTORS POSITIONS 2202-23 ENDORSEMENT: As no expression of interest was received by Bowls North for Selectors for Open Men's and Over 60's Men's and Women's sides for 2022-23, as per the instructions given to BN Board members Rae Simpson and David Heron at the Board meeting held 17 TH October 2022 to source suitable people to fill vacant positions. • The following are to be appointed as BN Selectors for 2022-23	
	OPEN MEN'S	
	Chris Lee – Ray Boutcher – David Heron (appointed 17 October 2022)	
	MEN'S OVER 60'S	
	Chris Lee – David Heron – Gene Ayton	
	WOMEN'S OVER 60'S	
	Rae Simpson (appointed 17 October 2022)	
	Debra Lee	
	WOMEN'S OPEN	
	 Maxine Viney – Robyn Zoon (appointed 17 October 2022) RESOLUTION: 	
	That Chris Lee, Ray Boutcher, Debra Lee be appointed as Bowls North Selectors for	
	2022-23.	Decelored
	Moved by: John Glisson Seconded by: Madge Strochnetter Carried 10/0	Resolved
	5. SHARING AN POSITION – RULE CLARIFICATION:	
	Letter received from Launceston Bowls Club seeking clarification on Conditions of	
	Play 3.12 – Sharing an Position.	
	 Clarification was sought from 21-22 Match Committee. Clarification received from 21-22 Match Committee as to the intent of this 	
	ruling. The intention was because of covid-19 concerns at the time and that	
	runny. The internion was because of covid-13 concerns at the line and that	

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE	 players should not share bowls and to keep the games flowing that members participated in. No decision/clarification has been made by 22-23 Match Committee and will now be addressed. 	Referred to BN Match Committee
	 6. LETTER FROM LAUNCESTON BOWLS CLUB: Letter of thanks received from Launceston Bowls Club regarding help received from BN Secretary throughout the season. Request for letter to be tabled at meeting. 	Resolved
9. TREASURERS REPORT	 Treasurer David Heron spoke on financial statements. Bowls Tasmania capitation fee of \$76 000 to be paid. Short fall in the budget of \$8 000, due to the increase of 4% CPI increase for Bowls Tasmania capitation fees for 22-23. 39 Players down from season 21-22 Cost have increased for 22-23. Travel money for SWC has been increased this year. Concerns raised that the regions would have to cover the shortfall in Bowls Tasmania budget. Club Members for five (5) years presented. Membership numbers down but with the same number of sides participating in pennant matches and members competing in both Saturday and Thursday pennant competitions. The move to open gender has been best move to keeping particitipan numbers in our sport. RESOLUTION: I move that income totalling \$113 555.39 for the months of October 2022 be received and expenses totalling \$2 510.36 for the same period be ratified as paid. I confirm that Bowls North is trading in a solvent position. Moved by: David Heron 	Resolved
10. GENERAL BUSINESS	1. BN CLUB MEMBERSHIPS: ° Club number for 22-23 have been compiled. Over five (5) years numbers are	
	 by one hundred & ninety (190) members. Club numbers over the five (5) year projection show that clubs are struggling to maintain their membership base. Only three (3) clubs able to pick up members. Clubs need to consolidate their membership especially smaller clubs. Government survey conduct by Sport & Recreation, revealed that there is far 	

10. GENERAL BUSINESS	 too may bowling clubs in each region. BN Board needs to look at encouraging mergers between the smaller clubs to keep the sport going. Smaller clubs are struggling to fill pennant sides in the lowest divisions. BN Board will support any club who decides to go through this process. 	On-going
	 2. LIVE STREAMING BN CHAMPIONSHIP/BOWLS TASMANIA EVENTS: Concerns raised regarding the lack of support for live steaming of Bowls North pennant/championship events. Shane Gurr was appointed as BN Live Streaming Co-Ordinator in 202122 and this appointment is still in place. Shane Gurr has full support of the current BN Board to live stream matches throughout the Bowls North region. Bowls Tasmania events are currently being live streamed by Bowls Tasmania staff. BN Secretary to contact Bowls Tasmania regarding live streaming events. 	On-going BN Secretary to contact Bowls Tasmania and Shane Gurr
	 3. BN CONDITIONS OF PLAY – DIVISION 6: BN Match Committee have reviewed Condition of Play for Division Six (6) and presented proposed changes to the BN Board to rectify issue of Division Six (6) playing one (1) short as per intention when changes were presented, and motion passed to reduce Division Six (6) to triples format for 22-23 season. Proposed amendments are: 3.10 SUBSTITUTE PLAYER/SOCIAL SUBSTITUTES Delete – refer to Crystal Mark 3rd Edition Version 3.1. Rule 33.4 3.10 SUBSTITUTE PLAYER/SOCIAL SUBSTITUTES (a) Change to – Clubs must have six (6) registered players for Saturday Division Six (6) 3.11 PLAYING ONE PLAYER SHORT (b) Delete – Laws of the Sport of Bowls 39.2.3 and Domestic Regulations law 2.52 and 2.5.1.1. "A team with an absent player plays as though the second is the missing player" 2.5.1.2 "The order of play shall be maintained by the second in the complete team playing consecutive bowls." 2.5.1.3 "Each player must use the number of bowls specified in the conditions of play for that event. 3.11 PLAYING ONE PLAYER SHORT Add- For Saturday Division Six (6) only- Where a rink is one player short in 	

10. GENERAL BUSINESS	 line with the above conditions and is therefore playing with two (2) players only, the skips for both teams in that specific game shall maintain the scorecard. Match Committee believed changes made to division six (6) this year was the best for that division, to try to avoid forfeits and keep players on the green. Concerns raised on how Bowls North keeps players participating in Pennant competition. Bowls North needs to be pro-active and seek clubs' opinion on the format of Division Six (6). Availability of substitute players from clubs is an issue. Five (5) members from 	
	 Lilydale Bowls Club substituted for clubs this week. Clubs need to fix issues within their individual clubs regarding selections procedures and adhere to Bowls North Conditions of Play. BN Match Committee are considering sending a ballot out to individual players rather than being club based. To gain individual members thoughts and shape things for the next five (5) years. RESOLUTION: 	On-going
	 That the changes to Bowls North Conditions of Play be accepted as presented. Moved by: Scot Zeuschner Seconded by Madge Strochnetter Carried 10/0 4. BYE ROUNDS – LADDER ADJUSTMENT: 	Resolved
	 Division Six (6) ladder will be adjusted at the completion of Round 18 of Bowls North Saturday Pennant as per BN Conditions of Play 3.26 (e) EAST COAST CLUB SINGLES, NOVICE & VETERN CHAMPIONS: 	Refer to Match Committee On-going
	 Query raised as to why East Coast Clubs – St Mary's, Scamander, Swansea & Bicheno club champions are not included in BN Champion of Champion Events. Discussion held. East Coast clubs are part of the Bowls North Region and 	BN Secretary to contact East
	club champions are permitted to enter Champion of Champion events. 6. STATEWIDE CHALLENGE UNIFORMS UPDATE:	Coast Club and send this year's entry forms to clubs. On-going
	 New playing jackets and hats should be received by 5 December 2022. 7. PREMIER LEAGUE STEERING COMMITTEE: Mandate for Premier League Steering Committee needs to be set by BN Board for 	
	Match Committee to follow.	On-going

	 [°] Eight (8) clubs competing in Premier League in 2023/24 need to be represented, along with two (2) Bowls North Board Members and anyone else who is interested. [°] Clubs needs to be pro-active and take ownership of the format and structure and starting dates of Premier League. [°] Committee needs to produce ideas for the first 4 weeks of the Bowls North Pennant competition for Premier League Players. BPL style competition in which clubs can enter as many sides as they 8 a side competition. [°] Bowls North needs to avoid the inequality that could occur with clubs using their Premier League players in lower divisions in the first four (4) weeks. [°] BN Conditions of Play will need to be addressed by Match Committee. 8 BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION:	Refer to Match committee.
	Gene Ayton presented resignation letter from the Bowls North Board effectively from 15 November 2022. Bowls North Board accepted resignation with regret. President Maxine thank Gene for all his hard work done for the betterment of bowls by Gene and Candice over the years. The Bowls North Board wished then well in their new endeavours.	Resolved
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CLOSURE OF MEETING	President Maxine closed meeting at 8.28 pm.	

President