



BN BOARD MEETING MINUTES 5 JUNE 2023 HELD AT KINGS MEADOWS BOWLS CLUB

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1. WELCOME:	President Aaron opened meeting at 6.55 pm	
2. PRESENT:	Marlene Bushby, Joseph Reissig, Dennis Bassett, Rae Simpson, Vicki Bassett, Madge Strochnetter Scott Zeuschner, Todd Mohr, Aaron Page	
3. APOLOGIES:	David Heron	
4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:	Vicki Bassett and Dennis Bassett – Secretary Appointment – Rae Simpson and Dennis Bassett Junior Development Officers Appointment.	
5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:	RESOLUTION: That the minutes dated 17 April 2023 and 21 May 2023 that have been circulated be taken as read and adopted. Moved by: Marlene Bushby Seconded by: Rae Simpson Carried 9/0	Resolved
6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:	<p>1. BN SECRETARY APPOINTMENT 2023-24: Due to conflict-of-interest Vicki and Dennis Bassett left the meeting. Nomination received from Vicki Bassett for BN Secretary position for 2023-24. RESOLUTION: That Vicki Bassett be appointed as Bowls North Secretary for 2023-24 Moved by: Scott Zeuschner Seconded: Rae Simpson Carried 7/0</p> <p>2. PREMIER STEERING COMMITTEE: Trevallyn and Longford have submitted their club's representative for Premier League Steering Committee. Email reminder to be sent to Premier League clubs, to have names to Bowls North Secretary by June 30th, 2023.</p> <p>3. BOWLS STICKERS FOR JUNIOR EVENTS: Query raised and minuted on 20 March 2023, regarding bowls stickers at Junior events. Clarification received – Law 52.1.8 (old law book). Players do not have to have stickers on their bowls but if they do, they must be the same.</p> <p>4. TPT WEALTH TRUSTEES ACCOUNT: As minuted on 20 March 2023, Query raised regarding interest rate for investment account. BN Treasurer has advised that the interest rate for Bowls North investment account is 4.44%.</p> <p>5. JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS APPOINTMENT: The motion from Bowls North Board meeting on 31st May 2023 needs to be rescinded due to conflict of interest and quorum not being present to ratify appointment to the positions of Junior Development Officers for 2023-24.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>Email to be sent to clubs. BN Secretary to follow up</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p>

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<p>6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:</p>	<p>RESOLUTION: That the motion as minuted on 31 May 2023 appointing Rae Simpson and Dennis Bassett as Junior Development Officer for 2023-24 be rescinded. Moved by: Scott Zeuschner Seconded: Joseph Reissig Carried 7/0 Rae Simpson and Dennis Bassett left meeting. Discussion held and the existing Junior Development Officers to continue in the role for 2023-24. To keep contiguity and enable planning for 2023-24 season. Vicki Bassett due to conflict of interest did not vote on this motion. RESOLUTION: That Rae Simpson and Dennis Bassett be appointed as Junior Development officers for 2023-24 Moved by Scott Zeuschner Seconded: Joseph Reissig Carried 6/0 6. BN TREASURER 2023-24: David Heron has confirmed that he will continue on as BN Treasurer. 7. STATISTICIAN 2023-24 Job description has been complied. Expression of interest to be sent to clubs and placed on social media. 8. MATCH COMMITTEE VACANT POSITIONS: Two (2) females and one (1) male and Match Committee Chairman are still required to form Match Committee. Notice to be sent to all clubs and placed on social media, seeking nominations for vacant positions. Under BN Constitution, if no interest is received to fill vacant positions, then BN Board can appoint appropriate person to fill positions. 9. GREENS COMMITTEE: To be held over until next Board meeting 10. FINANCE COMMITTEE: To be held over until next Board meeting 11. PUBLICITY OFFICER: Discussion held regarding publicity officer position. Catherine Felmingham to be contacted regarding position. 12. UMPIRES HONORARIUMS: To be held over until finance committee is appointed. 13. BOARD PORTFOLIOS: Constitution/Policies – Rae Simpson, Scott Zeuschner, Vicki Bassett East Coast – Vicki Bassett</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>BN Secretary to follow up</p> <p>On-going</p>
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	<p>Bowling Arm – Joseph Reissig Sponsorship – BN Board as a collative group</p> <p>14. BANK SIGNATORIES: Former Bowls North Board members need to be removed from bank signatories and signatories for BN accounts at Bendigo Bank and TPT Wealth need to be updated.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: That former Bowls North President Greg Smith be removed as signatory for Bendigo Bank and TPT Wealth account and current Bowls North President Aaron Page and Vice President Rae Simpson be added as signatories for the above accounts.</p> <p>Moved by Scott Zeuschner Seconded Todd Mohr Carried 9/0</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>BN Treasurer to follow up</p>
7. INWARD/OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:	<p>A list of inward & outward correspondence was circulated.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: That the inward & outward correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed as circulated.</p> <p>Moved: Scott Zeuschner Seconded by: Todd Mohr Carried 9/0</p>	Resolved
8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:	<p>1. MARKERS FOR BTAS BOWLING ARM SINGLES: Email received from Bowls Tasmania regarding competitors in Bowling Arm championships are required to mark their singles game in sectional play of their championships and that regions where the championship was being held would need to supply markers for all bowling arm singles games. Bowls Tasmania referred matter to regional Boards to discuss. Bowls North Board consensus was that it is clear in the Bowls Tasmania conditions of play that it is a requirement to mark a game in your section and if a player enters, they will be required to mark. If a player is unable to do so, then they should consider not entering the event. Players unable to mark should find a suitable replacement.</p> <p>2. SENIOR STATEWIDE CHALLENGE: Following request from Bowls Northwest which was supported by Bowls North to centralise Statewide Challenge matches in the north. Bowls Tasmania has made the following decision for 2023-24. Open Statewide Challenge matches will continue to be rotated around the regions. Senior Statewide Challenge will be centralised in the North for 2023-24 season for a trial of one season and then will be reviewed.</p> <p>3. BOWLS TASMANIA MALE BOARD DIRECTOR VACANCY: No nominations was received for vacant male Board Director. Bowls North needs to nominate suitable candidate to fill this position by 16 June 2023 otherwise Bowls Tasmania will need to identify and fill vacant position. Discussion held – possible candidates John Glisson & Greg Thomas</p>	<p>Email to be sent to Bowls Tasmania</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>BN Secretary to follow up</p>



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<p>7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:</p>	<p>4. BOWLS TASMANIA MATCH COMMITTEE: New separate committee formed by Bowls Tasmania to ease the workload of Bowls Tasmania CEO at championship events. Bowls South and Bowls Northwest have representation on this committee. Consensus from Bowls North Board is to reiterate to Bowls Tasmania, that we do not have any person showing any interest in being on the Bowls Tasmania Match Committee and Bowls North does not support the formation of the Bowls Tasmania Match Committee.</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>9. TREASURERS REPORT:</p>	<p>Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation Statements were sent to Bowls North prior to Board Meeting. Bowls Board was all in agreeance that Bowls North is trading in a solvent position.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: I move that income totalling \$30.97 for the month of April/May 2023 be received and expenses totalling \$36 990.27 be ratified as paid. Moved by: David Heron Seconded: Madge Strochnetter Carried 9/0</p> <p>1. TPT WEALTH ACCOUNT: Twenty-five thousand (\$25 000) has been transferred into TPT Wealth fixed term fund gaining 4.44% interest.</p> <p>2. CAPITATION FEES 2023-24: Affiliation fees to be paid to Bowls Tasmania for 2023-24 is \$70 526. Bowls Tasmania has increase affiliation fees by 2.5% in line with CPI index. Current affiliation fees are \$90 (\$57 Bowls Tasmania fee & \$33 Bowls North fee). Bowls North fee has not changed for 3 years. Bowls North income did not cover Bowls Tasmania fee in 2022-23, with a shortfall of over \$4 000. Bowls North membership and therefore our income is likely to fall with our expense continuing to increase. There are two options for affiliation fee structure for 2023-24. Fixed fee model or as previous season per head capitation. Fixed fee model would be detrimental for smaller clubs and has advantages for larger clubs. In 2022-23 the BN finance committee recommended that Bowls North move to a per team capitation structure. The 2.5% increase in Bowls Tasmania fees was not taken into consideration when setting the proposed fee model for 2023-24. Discussion held.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: That the circular motion sent to Bowls North Board on 9 June 2023 and ratified, that Bowls North in 2023-24 season apply per team capitation be rescinded and that the capitation fee structure for 2023-24 be as per previous seasons, per head capitation with fees for 2023-24 to be \$99 per adult, \$64 Bowls Tasmania component, \$35 Bowls North component and Junior capitation fee to be \$30, \$26 Bowls Tasmania component and \$4 Bowls North component. Moved by Scott Zeuschner Seconded: Dennis Bassett Carried 9/0</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>A Page to follow up with BN Treasurer</p>

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10. GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. BN BALLOT:

Ballot conducted to gain members thoughts on the structure of Bowls North pennant and championship events. As agreed by the Board, the results are not binding on the Board or Match Committee to abide by.

Thursday Pennant – 121 total respondents

Division played	Div 1 = 40 (33%)	Div 2 = 42 (35%)	Div 3 = 30 (25%)
	Div 4 = 17 (14%)		
Preferred Start Time	10am = 10 (8%)	11am = 92 (76%)	12pm = 11 (9%)
	10.30am = 2 (2%)	11.30am = 1 (1%)	1pm = 2 (2%)
How many games	18 = 94 (78%)	14 = 22 (18%)	20 = 1 (1%)
How many sides per division	10 = 96 (79%)	8 = 21 (17%)	12 = 1 (1%)
How many ends	21 = 112 (93%)	25 = 2 (2%)	25 A grade 21 B Grade = 6 (5%)
Which division classified as A grade	Div 1 = 119 (98%)	Div 2 = 71 (59%)	Nil for other divisions

Saturday Pennant – 165 total respondents

Division played	Premier = 33 (20%)	Div 1 = 27 (16%)	Div 2 = 46 (28%)
	Div 3 = 31 (19%)	Div 4 = 34 (21%)	Div 5 = 18 (11%)
	Div 6 = 10 (6%)		
Preferred Start Time	11am = 37 (22%)	12pm = 59 (36%)	1pm = 60 (36%)
	12.45pm = 1 (1%)	11.30am = 1 (1%)	2pm = 1 (1%)
	12.30pm = 4 (2%)		
How many games	18 = 124 (75%)	14 = 33 (20%)	16 = 1 (1%)
How many sides per division	10 = 120 (73%)	8 = 37 (22%)	9 = 2 (2%)
	12 = 1 (1%)		
How many ends	21 = 113 (68%)	25 = 19 (12%)	25 A grade 21 B Grade = 33 (20%)
Which division classified as A grade	Premier = 162 (98%)	Div 1 = 161 (98%)	Div 2 = 56 (34%)
	Div 3 = 1 (1%)	Nil for other divisions	

Pennant General – 181 total respondents

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When should season start	October = 136 (75%)	November = 44 (24%)	September = 1 (1%)
How many weeks off over Christmas	2 weeks = 64 (35%)	3 weeks = 106 (59%)	4 weeks = 8 (4%)
Pre-game pennant practice	Not on rinks of play = 95 (52%)	On any rinks = 61 (34%)	No practice = 21 (12%)
Pennant grand finals at 1 (or 2) venue(s)	Yes = 112 (62%)	No = 57 (31%)	
Who should be promoted	GF Winner = 75 (41%)	Top of ladder = 76 (42%)	Both = 27 (15%)
Should pennant change from traditional 4s competition	Yes = 10 (6%)	No = 147 (81%)	

Championships – 86 total respondents

Entered championships last 6 years	Yes = 34 (40%)	No = 51 (59%)	
Continue to run championships	Yes = 85 (99%)	No = 0	
Minimum entries	No = 14 (16%)	Min 8 = 27 (31%)	Min 12 = 31 (36%)
	Min 4 = 4 (5%)	Min 6 = 1 (1%)	
Open gender – Open	Yes = 17 (20%)	All but singles = 25 (29%)	No = 39 (45%)
Open gender – Minor	Yes = 17 (20%)	All but singles = 24 (28%)	No = 28 (33%)
What championships should be run	Singles = 62 (72%)	Pairs = 60 (70%)	Triples = 55 (64%)
	Fours = 59 (69%)	X Pairs = 59 (69%)	O60 pairs = 51 (59%)
	Novice = 64 (74%)	Veterans = 62 (72%)	With Arm = 1 (1%)
	X fours = 1 (1%)		
Veterans and Novice COC or Open	COC = 56 (65%)	Open = 27 (31%)	
Sectional or Knock Out	Sectional = 31 (36%)	All KO = 34 (40%)	KO singles only = 13 (15%)
Entry Fees	\$10 = 58 (67%)	Nil = 21 (24%)	\$15 = 1 (1%)
Prize Money	Winner = 22 (26%)	Winner & R/U = 45 (52%)	Nil = 12 (14%)

Issues to be addressed by BN Match Committee.

1. Pre-game practice. Issues have arisen when games have commenced earlier in other divisions.

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<p>10. GENERAL BUSINESS:</p>	<p>2. Eligibility for competing in Open and Minor events. BN Match Committee followed Bowls Tasmania eligibility requirements for championship events. Concern raised that this is not the best for Bowls North region.</p> <p>3. State Champion of Champions events need to be introduced for Novice & Veteran singles.</p> <p>4. Number of ends played across all divisions.</p> <p>5. Division 6 pennant format.</p> <p>2. BOWLS NORTH CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS ENTRY FEE: Discussion held on consideration to increase Bowls North Championship's entry fee. Bowls Tasmania and Bowls South have increased entry fees for 2023-24. The following was discussed and to be taken to BN Finance Committee.</p> <p>1. Increase Bowls North Championship entry fees to \$15 with a minimum number of entries need to be received to run events, with the exception of singles events.</p> <p>2. BN has had great difficulty in enticing clubs to host championship events. The suggestion was to increase entry fee by five dollars (\$5) and compensate clubs with the fee increase to cover payment to clubs.</p> <p>3. VETERAN VOUCHER PROGRAM FOR GYMS & SPORTING CLUBS: Information on Veteran voucher program for 2023-24 was presented to meeting. Flyer to be sent to clubs and placed on social media.</p> <p>4. GOOD SPORTS – SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION: Information on writing grant applications was presented to meeting. Information booklet to be sent to clubs and placed on website.</p> <p>5. MAJOR FUND-RAISING RAFFLE: President Aaron presented information on running fund raising raffle in 2023-24. To be discussed further with finance committee.</p> <p>6. RCC MEETING INFORMATION: President Aaron gave verbal report from recent RCC meeting</p>	<p>On-going To be referred to Match Committee RCC agenda item</p> <p>Refer to BN Finance Committee.</p> <p>BN Secretary to follow up</p> <p>BN Secretary to follow up</p> <p>Refer to Finance Committee</p>
<p>11. NEXT MEETING:</p>	<p>The next meeting is to be held on Monday 10 July 2023.</p>	
<p>12. CLOSURE OF MEETING</p>	<p>President Aaron closed meeting at 8.41 pm.</p>	



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