

BN BOARD MEETING MINUTES 02 OCTOBER 2023 AT KINGS MEADOWS BOWLS CLUB

MINUTES

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION		
1. WELCOME:	Vice President Rae opened meeting at 7 pm			
2. PRESENT:	Vicki Bassett, Rae Simpson, Judy Gurr, Denise Middap, David Heron, Marlene Bushby,			
	Todd Mohr, Scott Zeuschner, Joseph Reissig, Madge Strochnetter			
3. APOLOGIES:	Aaron Page and Dennis Bassett			
4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:	Vicki Bassett – BN 2023-24 Statistician Appointment			
5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS	RESOLUTION:			
MEETING:	That the minutes dated 11 September 2023 that have been circulated be taken as read and			
	adopted.			
	Moved by: Denise Middap Seconded by: Marlene Bushby Carried 10/0	Resolved		
6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM	4. CONDITIONS OF PLAY – DUAL MEMBERSHIP:			
PREVIOUS MINUTES:	Discussion held on Bowls North Conditions of Play 1.3 Dual Membership.			
	 Is Bowls North limiting players with dual membership in two (2) regions from playing 			
	pennant in both regions in separate pennant competitions and is Bowls North going			
	against Bowls Tasmania and Bowls Australia directives regarding dual memberships.			
	Bowls Tasmania has renumerated on several occasions that they do not control pennant			
	competition. Regions set conditions of play for pennant competitions.			
	 If this condition of play was removed, Bowls North membership and revenue would increase. 			
	 From the Bowls North Match Committee perspective on this issue was to protect Bowls 			
	North members who only play Thursday pennant and Match Committee major concern			
	was that if there was an influx of dual members to our region with only four (4) divisions			
	on Thursday that Thursday only players could possibly not play pennant for their club, as			
	clubs would select their strongest sides, which could include dual members to ensure			
	that their team wins Another concern was dual members entering Bowls North			
	Championship events. Match committee sent proposed Conditions of Play to BN Board			
	members to view and Match Committee view on this section of Conditions of Play had			
	not changed.			

6.	BUSINESS ARISING FROM
	PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- With the possible securing of sponsorship for championships, that dual members could then participate in BN championships and other regions championships. Query raised that a simple fix for this issue was that a member declares their home region and that is where they play championships and representative teams.
- Concerns raised regarding circular motions that Board members don't have the
 opportunity to speak and listen to other members concerns and is Bowls North
 contributing to the issues surrounding Statewide Challenge.
- Clarification was sought from Bowls Tasmania regarding dual membership. Bowls North Match committee can only act on and make decision on information received. No concerns were raised at President & Secretary forum regarding Conditions of Play.

Decision made after a lengthy discussion that no changes will be made to current Bowls North Conditions of Play relating to dual membership.

2. BN SELECTORS POSITIONS 2023-24:

The following selectors are required for 2023-24:

- Two (2) Open Men's & Women's Selectors
- Two (2) Over 60's Men's & Women's Selectors

Written nomination for BN Open Men's Selector was received from Chris Lee.

RESOLUTION:

That Chris Lee be appointed as Bowls North Open Men's selector.

Moved by: David Heron Seconded by: Denise Middap Carried 10/0 Verbal nomination was received from Sophie Fletcher for the position of Open Women's

Selector. As per memo disturbed nominations need to be received in writing from interested Bowls North members. Discussion held and positions are to be re-advertised and discussed further at next Board meeting.

3. BN STATISTICIAN 2023-24:

Due to conflict-of-interest Vicki Bassett left meeting.

Written nomination received from Dennis Bassett and verbal nomination received from Oliver Morrison. Discussion held and a proposal was put forward for Oliver Morrison to be mentored into the position by Dennis Bassett.

RESOLUTION:

That Dennis Bassett be appointed as Bowls North Statistician for 2023-24 and that Dennis is to act as mentor for Oliver Morrison.

Moved by: Scott Zeuschner Seconded by Joseph Reissig Carried: 9/0 Vicki Bassett returned to the meeting.

4. UMPIRES COURSE:

Umpires course has been conducted with three (3) Bowls North members attending course. Presenter & Assessor for Bowls Tasmania Jane Pickett has been notified of member from

Resolved

BN Secretary to contact Chris Lee

Resolved Position to be readvertised.

Resolved

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:	Scottsdale wanting to complete course. Bowls North Board had agreed to pay for ten (10) Bowls North Members to complete umpire's course. RESOLUTION: That Bowls North carries the financial commitment over to the next umpire's course that is conducted. Moved by: Scott Zeuschner Seconded by: David Heron Carried: 10/0	Resolved/On-going	
7. INWARD/OUTWARD	A list of inward & outward correspondence was circulated.		
CORRESPONDENCE:	RESOLUTION:		
	That the inward & outward correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed as circulated Moved by: Judy Gurr Seconded by Todd Mohr Carried 10/0	Resolved	
8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:	SPONSORSHIP CONCERNS – BOWLS TASMANIA: Concerns raised at RCC Meeting Bowls North concerns over sponsorship potential not being addressed. President Aaron spoke on issue at RCC meeting. Letter received from Bowls Tasmania. Bowls North to approach X-Hemp regarding sponsorship for naming rights of Bowls North Pennant games.	President Aaron to follow up. On-going BN Secretary to follow up with X-Hemp.	
9. TREASURERS REPORT:	 Finance statements were presented to Board members prior to the meeting. 2023-24 Budget has been sent to all Bowls North Board Members. Bowls North is budgeting for an \$2000 loss for 2023-24 due to membership a quite significant member decline. Honorariums for 2023-24 to be presented at next meeting. Sponsorship has been gained from Forty Fifty for sponsorship of Bowls North Triples and Pool Mart to be invoiced for sponsorship for Bowls North Pairs championship. Appointment of Auditors for 2023-24. Bowls North Treasurer David Heron has approached a local Launceston firm to be auditors for Bowls North for 2023-24. Ruddicks Chartered Accountants have sent in Expression of interest to Bowls North. Ruddicks will complete audit in a timely manner and make recommendations for changes if required. RESOLUTION: That Ruddicks Chartered Accounts be appointed as auditors for Bowls North for 2023-24. Moved by: David Heron Seconded by: Scott Zeuschner Carried: 10/0 Bowls North Treasurer presented monthly financial figures for September 2023. RESOULTION: 	BN Treasurer to Follow up.	
	I move that income totalling \$695.19 for the month of September 2023 be received and expenses totalling \$1898.15 for the same period be ratified as paid. I confirm that Bowls North is trading in a solvent position. Moved by David Heron Seconded by Denise Middap Carried 10/0	Resolved	
10. GENERAL BUSINESS:	4. POLICIES TO BE UPDATED:	INGSUIVEU	

10. GENERAL BUSINESS:

The following policies was presented to Bowls North Board to review and update.

- Social Media Policy
- Board Confidentiality Policy
- Life Membership
- Junior Selection Policy

Wording to be changed in Junior Development Policy to Development Officer/s

RESOLUTION:

That the policies as presented be accepted and updated.

Moved by: Denise Middap Seconded by: Todd Mohr Carried 10/0

2. JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY FUND - PAYMENT REQUEST:

As set in Junior Development pathway funds guidelines. Payments made from funds must be approved by Bowls North Board. Request for payment recent inclusion in Junior Girls' team, Imogen Watson.

RESOLUTION:

That Imogen Watson is paid one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) to cover expenses associated with recent State selection.

Moved by: Madge Strochnetter Seconded by: Scott Zeuschner Carried: 10/0

3. EIGHT BADGES:

President Aaron has been in discussions with potential sponsor for eight badges.

4. MISSING STATEWIDE CHALLENGE PLAYING TOPS:

Two (2) male and two (2) female statewide challenge playing tops are missing. System needs to addressed on how tops are distributed. Discussion held and for 2023-24 all tops will be distributed on the morning of games. Post to be placed on social media regarding return of Statewide Challenge playing tops.

5. STATEWIDE CHALLNGE FORMAT PROPOSED CHANGES 2023-24:

Bowls North submitted at recent RCC meeting a proposal for change to the format of the Statewide Challenge format to include the current state side instead of each region second side to which Bowls North believes to be in the best interest for current State sides and regions. Awaiting confirmation from Bowls Tasmania regarding proposed changes. Due to the proposed change to the format, players from the East Coast will need to nominate their expression of interest to be considered for inclusion in Bowls North Statewide Challenge sides.

The following suggestions to be sent to Bowls Tasmania for consideration –

- That the State Over 60's sides are included in the Senior Statewide Challenge.
- That the two (2) course meal be replaced with tuck shop style food that can be preordered by teams/regions one (1) week prior.
- That these changes are implemented for the 2023-24 Statewide Challenge Series.

6. SATURDAY DIVISION 6 AND 7:

Nominations close Saturday 7 October 2023 for Saturday Division Six (6) and Seven (7),

Wording to be changed in Junior Selection Policy and updated on website. BN Secretary to follow up. Resolved

Resolved On-going

BN Secretary to follow up.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING:	Vice President Rae closed meeting at 8.05 pm.	
12. NEXT BOARD MEETING:	The next Board meeting is to be held on 13 November 2023	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	On-going
	 rescheduling of game, then the Bowls North Match committee needs to be informed. BN Board and Match Committee encourages all clubs to adhere to requests for change of time and day of pennant matches. If clubs refuse to accommodate change then BN Match Committee can review and points could be shared. 	
	 Clubs are to organise between themselves for pennant match rescheduling. Games are to be played at time that is mutually agreed upon. If no definitive date is achieved for the 	
	Discussion held on request for change of date of pennant match on Sunday 12 November 2023 due to BPL commitments for some members.	
	8. CLUB REQUESTS FOR CHANGE OF DATE OF PENNANT MATCHES:	
	Request received from Bowls North members regarding transfers for 2023-24. List to be placed on social media.	To be placed on social media.
	Conditions of Play. 7. TRANSFERS 2023-24:	
	nominate a side in Saturday Division Six (6) and Division Seven (7). Reminder to be sent to clubs. BN Match Committee Chairman answered club query regarding wording in BN	follow up.
	(2). Thursday Division Four (4) – seven (7). Clubs are encouraged to combine with other clubs. Query raised on Conditions of Play wording on the number of players a club must have to	BN Secretary to
10. GENERAL BUSINESS:	Thursday Division Four (4) sides Entries. Closing date for sides entries was extended due to request from clubs at the recent President & Secretary's Forum. Current number of sides entries received is – Saturday Division Six (6) – five (5) and Saturday Division Seven (7) – two	

President	Date