



**BN BOARD MEETING MINUTES 13 NOVEMEBR 2023  
AT KINGS MEADOWS BOWLS CLUB**

**MINUTES**

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. WELCOME:	President Aaron opened meeting at 6.55 pm	
2. PRESENT:	Scott Zeuschner, Vicki Bassett, David Heron, Rae Simpson, Dennis Bassett, Marlene Bushby, Madge Strochnetter, Judy Gurr, Joseph Reissig, Aaron Page, Todd Mohr.	
3. APOLOGIES:	Denise Middap	
4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:	Vicki Bassett & Dennis Bassett – Over 60's Men's Selector.	
5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:	<b>RESOLUTION:</b> That the minutes dated 02 October 2023 that have been circulated be taken as read and adopted. <b>Moved by: Rae Simpson      Seconded by: Scott Zeuschner      Carried 11/0</b>	<b>Resolved</b>
6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:	<b>1. BN OVER 60'S MEN'S SELECTORS:</b> Circular motion was sent to Bowls North Board members on 3 November 2023 for the appointment of Nigel Pedley and Dennis Bassett as Bowls North Senior Men's Selectors for 2023-24. All Bowls Borad Board was in agreeance with appointment. <b>2. BN OPEN WOMEN'S SELECTOR:</b> Discussion was held, and it was resolved to appoint Sophie Fletcher as Bowls North Open Women's Selector. <b>3. BN OVER 60'S WOMEN'S SELECTORS:</b> No nominations have been received for selectors for Senior Women's Side. Discussion held. Madge Strochnetter and Judy Gurr to be appointed at Senior Women's Selector. <b>RESOLUTION:</b> That Sophie Fletcher, Judy Gurr and Madge Strochnetter be appointed to vacant Bowls North Selectors positions for 2023-24. <b>Moved by: Scott Zeuschner      Seconded by: Todd Mohr      Carried 11/0</b> <b>4. BT NORTHERN STATE SELECTORS:</b> Expression of interest has been called from Bowls Tasmania for northern selectors for Open Men's, Women's, Senior and Junior selectors for a three (3) year period. Nominations will need to be endorsed by Bowls North Board once received. Circular motion to be sent to BN Board members once nominations have been sent to region from Bowls Tasmania.	<b>Resolved</b>  <b>BN Secretary to follow up</b>  <b>Resolved</b>  <b>On-going</b>

<p><b>6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:</b></p>	<p><b>5. BN CONDITIONS OF PLAY 1.9 DUAL MEMBERSHIP:</b>          BN President has spoken to Bowls Tasmania CEO regarding Bowls North stance on dual membership. Bowls Tasmania will be updating their Affiliation, Clearance and Eligibility Policy at their next Board meeting. Bowls North to update policy once notification is received. Circular motion will be sent to Bowls North Board. Match Committee Chairman Scott spoke on proposed change to Bowls North Conditions of Play 1.9 as follows.</p> <p><i>A member of an affiliated club who has paid a capitation fee to BN shall be eligible to participate in BN Championship events and Pennant competitions, providing the member complies with all requirements outlined in the BT Affiliation, Clearance and Eligibility to Play Policy. This includes any players wishing to participate under BN's Social Substitute rules (refer COP 3.10). Confirmation must be received by BN from BT that all required paperwork has been submitted and approved and that all conditions of the BT policy have been met before any player can participate under the policy. Details and required forms can be sourced from the BT website.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Intrastate players (registered with a club in any other region in Tasmania) - Permit to Play Pennant required.</i></li> <li><i>Interstate players (registered with any other STA in Australia) - Interstate Player Declaration required.</i></li> </ul> <p>To be discussed with clubs at President &amp; Secretary forum.</p> <p><b>6. EIGHT BADGES SPONSORSHIP:</b>          Awaiting to hear back from the proposed sponsor. If sponsor is achieved. Eight Badges will be presented at Annual General Meeting.</p> <p><b>7. STATEWIDE CHALLENGE TOPS:</b>          Currently the following tops are missing – Men's Top Number 2 (med) and number 13 (xl) and Women's tops number 5 (14) and 19 (18). BN Secretary and Board Director Madge Strochnetter to work on system of current distribution of SWC tops.</p>	<p><b>BN Secretary to send circular motion once notification is received from Bowls Tasmania.</b></p> <p><b>On-going</b></p> <p><b>On-going</b></p> <p><b>On-going</b></p>
<p><b>7. INWARD/OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:</b></p>	<p>A list of inward &amp; outward correspondence was circulated.</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b>          That the inward &amp; outward correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed as circulated</p> <p><b>Moved by: Scott Zeuschner      Seconded by: Joseph Reissig      Carried 11/0</b></p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p>
<p><b>8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:</b></p>	<p>Nil</p>	
<p><b>9. TREASURERS REPORT:</b></p>	<p>1. Finance statements were presented to Board members prior to the meeting.          2. Bowls Tasmania affiliation fees have been paid.</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b>          I move that income totalling \$121,367.18 for the month of October 2023 be received and expenses totalling \$1 496.85 for the same period be ratified as paid. I confirm that Bowls North is trading in a solvent position.</p> <p><b>Moved by David Heron      Seconded by: Rae Simpson      Carried 11/0</b></p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p>

	<p>3. Bowls North income is around seventy-three (\$73 000) for 2023-24. Bowls North income has decreased by three thousand (\$3 000) from income received from player registrations.</p> <p>4. Club numbers – registered playing number for 2023-24 is eighty-eight (88) players down from 2022-23 season. Fifty-five (55) men, thirty-four (34) women, Juniors plus one (+1) This will have an impact on Bowls North budget for 2023-24. BN Treasurer has budgeted for an three thousand (\$3 000) loss for 2023-24 due to loss of income from player numbers.</p> <p>5. Discussion held regarding club membership numbers, with eight (8) of the twenty-six (26) clubs in the Bowls North region which is 1/3 of clubs affiliated with Bowls North having less than thirty (30) members, which is not sustainable and has had an impact on the pennant competition. To be raised at the next President and Secretary's forum, with the statistics to be presented and suggest that clubs should consider amalgamation. Launceston City Council and the Department of Sport &amp; Recreation have done studies on club numbers within the Bowls North region. East Coast membership numbers are also down this season. Bowls North Board need s to be proactive and address issues.</p> <p>6. Honorariums for 2023-24 was presented. With change to be made regarding Webmaster. title to be changed to multi-media manger and honorarium to be paid to Shane Gurr. Bowls North Board would like to congratulate formally, Shane Gurr for his work he has been doing as multi-media manager. Copy of proposed honorariums to be attached to minutes, to abide with auditors' recommendation.</p> <p>7. Clubs needs to invoice Bowls North five dollars (\$5) per player for hosting events at their clubs. Clubs was advised at President &amp; Secretary's forum.</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b> That the 2023-24 honorariums was presented with the change noted be accepted. <b>Moved by: David Heron                      Seconded by: Scott Zeuschner                      Carried 11/0</b></p>	<p><b>Bn Secretary to contact Launceston City Council and Department of Sport &amp; Recreation</b></p> <p><b>On-going</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p>
<b>10. GENERAL BUSINESS:</b>	<p><b>1. JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT REPORT:</b> Junior Development Officers gave verbal report regarding Juniors with monthly training session being conducted. Bowls North now has more junior female players this season. Bowls South will be using two (2) of our players for the upcoming Junior Statewide Challenge Series. Sixteen (16) Juniors will be attending Barrie Lester clinic on 22 November 2023.</p> <p><b>2. BOWLING ARM REPORT:</b> Joseph Reissig explained to meeting on how the structure of the Bowling Arm Committee works. Northern sides have been selected for the upcoming Bowling Arm Regional Round Robin which is to be held on Sunday 26 November 2023 at Devonport.</p> <p><b>3. SPONSORSHIP:</b> Sponsorship has been sourced from Pool Mart, Epic Pharmacy and Forty-Fifty. Sponsorship funds to be used for BN Championship events prize money. Meeting is to be held with Hearing Australia next week regarding sponsorship.</p>	<p><b>On-going</b></p> <p><b>On-going.</b></p>

<p><b>10. GENERAL BUSINESS:</b></p>	<p><b>4. USE OF NICOTINE AIDS AT BOWLS NORTH PENNANT:</b>  Issues raised concerning players using nicotine aids whilst participating in Bowls North pennant and championships. Concerns raised as to whether players need to be in designated smoking area whilst using these aids. Information received from Bowls Northwest who had seek advice from Bowls Tasmania and received a detailed response was that as players are absorbing an nicotine product, they should be sent to designated smoking area. Further investigation conducted has states that using these products does not convene the State Government Health Act. Bowls North send reminder to clubs regarding State Government Act around smoking issues that have been reported over the last few weeks. Smoking is prohibited within twenty (20) metres of the green. All clubs have designated smoking area. And it is a club issue to ensure all members/players adhere to the State Government Act.</p> <p><b>5. BOWLS TASMANIA ENTRY FEE INCREASE:</b>  Discussion held regarding increase to entry fees for Bowls Tasmania championship events. And that no notification has been sent out to members or placed on website or social media.</p> <p><b>6. BN CONDITIONS OF PLAY – QUESTIONS RAISED ON SOCIAL MEDIA:</b>  Discussion held regarding comments made on social media in regard to Bowls Conditions of Play. It is clear to the Bowl North Board that members do not have a clear understanding of the Conditions of Play with BN Board members answering with factual information on social media. Conditions of play to be placed on social media. Further post as placed on social asking that members put forward suggestions on how to improve and manage Bowls North pennant and championships moving forward with the following points suggested by Bowls Norh members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion was made that we form a future planning committee that did not consist of Bowl North Board members.</li> <li>• A five (5) year plan to be developed to plan and improve the game.</li> </ul> <p>Bowls North Board needs to re-visit suggestions made in 2022-23 regarding the format of Bowls North pennant. Match Committee Chairman to present to Board meeting all valid comments made on this social media post.</p>	<p><b>BN Secretary to follow up:</b></p> <p><b>Matter resolved to be BT Issue</b></p> <p><b>BN Secretary to follow up</b></p> <p><b>On-going</b></p>
<p><b>12. NEXT BOARD MEETING:</b></p>	<p>The next Board meeting is to be held on 11 December 2023</p>	
<p><b>13. CLOSURE OF MEETING:</b></p>	<p>President Aaron closed meeting at 9.03 pm.</p>	

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