



MINUTES

DELEGATES MEETING

Date: 25TH NOVEMBER 2019

Venue: TURNERS BEACH BOWLS CLUB

Time: 7.00 pm

1. MEETING PROCEDURES AND ATTENDANCE

1.1. ATTENDING

BNW Board - Phil Prouse (President), Alison Munting (Vice-President/Director), David Jeffrey (Vice-President/Director), Mike McHugo (Director), Alison Venn (Director), Charlie Compagne (Director), Tracey Little (CEO).

Club Reps – Burnie – Anthony Harris, David Gewin. Devonport CC – Mike Higginson, Lyn Baulch. East Devonport BC – Paul Tierney, Peter Langmaid. Latrobe BC – Robert Sims, Jenny Stevenson. Penguin BC – Gary Bloom, Annette Yaxley. Port Sorell BC – John White, Barbara Loane. Railton BC – Greg Hill, Nolene Purton. Ridgley BC – Leon White, Christine Bentley. Sheffield BC – Alec Loane. Smithton BC – Terry Auld, Patsy Medwin. South Burnie BC – Geoff Dyke, Ken Viney. Turners Beach BC – Dennis Knuckey, Bruce Heathcote. Ulverstone BC – Kerry Bebbington, Ross Bebbington. Viewmont BC – Desley Blanch, Anne Marshall. Wynyard BC – Daryl Henri, Pauline Beamish.

Observers – Gloria Compagne, Merilyn Dawson and John Neal.

2. APOLOGIES

Evol Kaine (Director) and Colleen Fielding (Sheffield).

3. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

- President Phil Prouse welcomed the delegates.
- Commented on concentrating of the positive not the negative.
- The BNW Board see all clubs as equals.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- Delegates Report – Read and supplied.
- Strategic Report – Read and supplied.
- Finance Report – Read and supplied.
- Capitation and Fees Reminder Letter and Form – Read and supplied.
- Pennant Ladders – supplied.
- President Annual Meeting – presidents from each club to have an annual meeting.
- Logo for NW Teams – Phil Prouse asked Clubs to have a think about a logo to be used.
- Calendar of Events – Working Party TOR.

Ridgley –

- One Delegate Meeting per year.
- New By-laws not sent out.
- Database.

Board Response –

- One Delegate Meeting per year and Two one on one Club Meetings per year.
- By-laws were sent out to all clubs after amendments were made.
- The database is nation-wide, for Bowls only.

Ulverstone –

- If something is put forth from the Delegates Meeting, will the board investigate it?

Board Response –

- Yes, but it is up to the Board to make final decisions, this is why board members have been elected.

Wynyard –

- Why did the Men's Match Committee resign?
- Capitation and Insurance

Board Response –

- The Men's Match Committee sat down with the Board at a combined meeting, agreeing to matters, but later disputed matters that were made at the meeting. The Men's Match Committee decided to resign, and the Board accepted their resignation. An interim Committee is now in place.
- Capitation must be paid, and clubs must also have their own insurance.

Turners Beach –

- BTAS Meeting

Board Response –

- Recently the Board had a combined meeting with BTAS (Graham Hay and Rebecca Van Ash), also Simon Morrison (BA). At the meeting issues were discussed – communication and feedback, Development of Bowls and growth in Tasmania, COP issues, Promotion of the sport (live streaming) and Involving schools for more juniors. BTAS may also change to a Club payment instead of capitation per player.

Burnie –

- Database – Money was spent on the new system and we think it is good.

Calendar of Event Working Party –

- Ulverstone – good idea
- South Burnie – have a look at Canberra
- Latrobe – get working people into clubs. Tournaments on the indoor greens over other times of the year
- Turners Beach – Is the calendar being looked at State Level?
- Penguin – we are cramming too much into 6 months

Board Response –

- All the Clubs working together to come up with the best for all of the Coast.
- The Calendar from BTAS is over 3 years.
- The working party can look at the base level of what we need to do on the coast.
- We can talk to other regions and pressure BTAS to look at the future of the sport.
- Yes, the calendar is too crowded.
- An expression of Interest for the Working Party will be sent out shortly for Club Members to apply.

Sponsorship –

- Devonport – Conflict of Interest
- Wynyard – looks like we are getting the scraps, if it shows that it is affecting the club can it be stopped (sponsorship)
- Ulverstone -why wasn't Clubs asked first
- Latrobe – if the ethical part is maintained, then Latrobe doesn't have a problem. We understand the Board need to act like a business. Clubs need to come forth if they think there is a concern.
- Burnie - One of Burnie BC business goals is for the best use of our resources. We also want to showcase Bowls at our venue at every opportunity. We are lucky to have our facilities and have always looked at ways of sharing those with the NW bowls community. We have previously sponsored Bowls Tas events, so sponsorship of

events was nothing new to us. Our sponsorship idea was a way of providing those funds directly to Bowls NW, the outcome of this to be of benefit to All clubs across the Coast rather than potentially going to other regions. We most certainly did not request All events/finals be allocated to us. We felt that we had not received a fair allocation of finals and events over the past 8 – 10 years, the terms of our sponsorship were centred around us receiving a reasonable allocation. So yes the intention of the proposal was for us to achieve a more positive outcome for our club, but It should be acknowledged, as a result of this we are also giving back to BNW (and all member clubs), a point that seems to be overlooked in most discussions.

Board Response –

- When we circulated our sponsorship plan, we didn't expect Burnie to come forth.
- We didn't make the decision lightly. It was a long process with many discussions and many changes.
- We sent out a letter with all the agreed items. Followed by a response letter to club concerns.
- All clubs have the ability to hold Club Championships and will all get the chance to do so.
- We wish to help the smaller clubs in any way possible.
- If we asked all the clubs about the sponsorship in the first place, we would still be waiting for this sponsorship to occur.
- The BNW Board are elected to make decisions, if you wish to be on the board the AGM is coming.
- The Sponsorship is accepted, so no it can't be stopped.
- BTAS are aware of the sponsorship and have no concerns with it.
- The Board always puts the Best of the Clubs on the Coast first.

Other Points –

- Ridgley – Communication to clubs and some members do not understand. Maybe the Board need to communicate more from their meetings. Why don't we have a handbook? Demotion in the By-laws.

Board Response –

- All minutes from meetings are on the website. All communication is sent to all clubs via email to the club secretary. Members need to contact their Club secretary for information. The handbook is very costly and once printed can not be changed. The handbook can now be accessed on-line and printed by your club secretary. The rule promotion and demotion can be looked at by the Working Party.
- Devonport – Do we know why so many bowlers left?

Board Response –

- People have gone to social or left the sport.

- Ulverstone – We need to look at the issue of wet weather.

Board Response –

- An interim Match Committee in place – Tracey Little CEO is to be contacted re: Saturday Pennant closures. Pauline Shaw for Thursday Pennant.
- MC's must be contacted via phone or txt.
- Facebook posts will be ignored, it is up to the Greenskeepers and MCs to close greens. Clubs must contact each other if long travel is involved, then let the MCs know of closure.

- Wynyard – Div 4 forfeits – 4 in a row. Can we have capitation refunded?

Board Response –

- Capitation will not be refunded.

- Railton – can rostered teams be at home together?

Board Response –

- Rosters will be also looked at next season.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Ridgley – Wednesday Finals, can the board look at smaller clubs? Clarify the rule – leaving the end?

Board Response –

- All clubs will be looked at to host all finals. The end must be re-played.
- Devonport – thank you to all for the venue changes.
- Penguin – Thursday Pennant starting time?

Board Response –

- 11.15 roll up for 11.30 start (Ladies Pennant).
- Latrobe – number of people watching events, we must all encourage people to come and support the host club. Any changes at the beginning of the season on communication needs the date changed on the email.

Board Response –

- We need to encourage everyone to attend events and promote them. All communication will have date changes.

- Smithton – Open gender – Div 1 ladies cut of point?

Board Response –

- Saturday Pennant is open gender. It is a guideline only that the Board sent out, not rules. If ladies have asked to play in Saturday Pennant, they are picked on their merit same as men. It is up to the club selectors to make that choice.
- Penguin – pass on our condolences for the passing of Lyn Gower (Burnie).
- Port Sorell – thanks for the Ladies 4s Championships.

10. NEXT MEETING

November 2020

Meeting Closed: 9.20pm