



MINUTES (Report)

DELEGATES MEETING

Date: 26th JULY 2021

Venue: ULVERSTONE 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), Alison Venn (Director), Julie Schmidt (Director), Tracey Little (CEO).

Club Reps – Burnie – A Harris, D Patmore. Devonport CC – I Moore, A Triggs. East Devonport BC – T Wilton, P Langmaid. Latrobe BC – W Jaffray, J Stevenson. Penguin BC – D Fielding, R Howard-Smith. Port Sorell BC – J White, B Loane. Railton BC – B Hill, M Walls. Ridgley BC – L White, L Hodgetts. Sheffield BC – G McGhee, G McNab. Smithton BC – J Stronach, K Sweeney. South Burnie BC – J Streets, W Wiseman. Turners Beach BC – D Knuckey, B Heathcote. Ulverstone BC – B Cruz, M Dawson. Wynyard BC – R Groenewege, P Beamish.

Observers – Gena Short.

2. APOLOGIES

Bob Franklin (Director) and Charlie Compagne (Director)

3. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

- President Phil Prouse welcomed the delegates.
- President Phil Prouse also reminded all club delegates that one of each gender should attend the delegates meetings as this is in the by-laws.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- Delegates Report – last meeting – supplied
- Survey results – supplied
- Survey Memo from the Board – supplied
- Season Pennant Cards - supplied

General Business –

Survey Results –

- BNW formatted the survey in this style to get more information from Clubs than the standard yes and no questionnaire.

Latrobe – The Working Party has it met?

BNW Board – no it hasn't, discussion is on the reforming of the Working Party in the future. The Board wish to appoint people who wish to look at the future of the game, that are not necessarily in Club administration.

Burnie – Are you saying that the current people are not interested in the future of the game?

BNW Board – no, we are looking at what is the future of the game, not the current format - for example – how to make the game more attractive to get new members.

Burnie – So, you don't care what we think?

BNW Board – We may not personally agree with current format but agree on change.

Burnie – Could you put out what your progressive thinking is?

BNW Board – yes.

Burnie – You have a responsibility to the clubs.

BNW Board – we would like to see people who are not in the administration of clubs, looking for others with forward thinking.

Devonport – Are there any double headers?

BNW Board – yes, one.

Turners Beach – 18 game roster, will this change the Teams?

BNW Board – not confirmed as of yet. 10 Teams we have tried before.

Wynyard – Have you looked at the proposal from us?

BNW Board – yes. The Board will look at this.

Wynyard – Explained their proposal to the delegates – Wynyard/Smithton.

Burnie – Will BNW ask BTAS if they will move the finals to a later date?

BNW Board – yes, we can, but the Calendar is full, there is no room to allow this.

Length of Pennant Games –

Burnie – 25 ends for the top Divisions.

BNW Board – BNW has tried to get all the Divisions/Games the same number of ends.

Turners Beach – Seems that most want 21 ends straight through. Covid has helped this, and we are still in Covid times.

BNW Board – not necessarily Covid, the Board would like to assist and promote - in getting more people to play.

Promotion and Relegation –

BNW Board – this is a BTAS rule. This topic will be discussed at the next BTAS meeting.

Turners Beach – There is already a promotion and relegation out? Will this change?

BNW Board – yes and no. There can only be two ways – winner of pennant or winner of finals.

Ridgley – As a State-wide decision?

BNW Board – a state-wide decision will never be made. BTAS need to make a final decision. Number of rinks is difficult, the South have too many members.

Smithton – When will the decision be made (Saturday State Finals)? And what about Division 5?

BNW Board – for next season. Division 5 can be looked at by the Match Committee, there could be Division 6 depending on the teams entered.

Wednesday Pennant –

- No comments.

Pennant Game Breaks –

Turners Beach – Why the difference (in Divisions)?

BNW Board – higher divisions wish to play straight through, whereas the lower divisions (which have our more elderly members) want a break.

Penguin – Lower Divisions ask for a break.

Railton – Can't two teams agree?

BNW Board – no they can't. Ladies wanted mandatory breaks.

Penguin – Some ladies went and had longer breaks.

BNW Board – this is why we made the decision on mandatory breaks – 15 mins only.

Port Sorell – we need to look after our older bowlers. Pennant is a social, networking time for them. It is better for them to have a break.

Ridgley – having lunch while playing is un-hygienic.

BNW Board – most of the ladies have asked for no break in the higher divisions. Afternoon tea is gone in the other pennants.

Devonport – then why are we not starting at 12 noon.

BNW Board – start time of 11 (roll up) stays. We have tried other times.

Turners Beach – we are happy with the decision overall. No afternoon tea and a short break.

Ridgley – can you go inside and get a drink?

BNW Board – of course you can. You have 4 members playing, there is time to go and get a drink during the game. Also, there are policies on Weather – eg – Hot weather that need to be followed.

Devonport – our members can't take food.

BNW Board – this is one club.

Port Sorell – use hand sanitiser.

Latrobe – Start time for Thursday Pennant?

BNW Board – 11am (roll up).

Championships –

Ridgley – ladies based on Thursday Pennant, now open gender?

BNW Board – Based on Saturday – men and Thursday – ladies. This is a gender based competition.

Burnie – if a club doesn't have a champion finalized, can last season be used.

BNW Board – championships need to be played.

Wynyard – as for first eg Fours? A or B grade.

BNW Board – go on last season pennant as to the status of players.

State Finals –

Sheffield – pennant finals and championships are different.

BNW Board – yes, this was a typo, apologies. Thursday Pennant State Finals are gone. Saturday is still on, but this will be taken to BTAS as the majority of clubs want it abolished, only a couple of clubs wanted the format to be looked at. If there was no State Finals this would open the season to be longer.

Latrobe – Who are the Reps for the BTAS Meetings?

BNW Board – Phil Prouse and Dave Jeffrey.

Penguin – why are the regions not unified? Why can't they all be same? They are in other sports like AFL.

BNW Board – Bowls is different by nature to all other sports. Bowls has numerous Divisions and teams. There is no unified bowls in any state, every state plays different.

Sheffield – regions run the pennant not BTAS, this is why every region is different.

Other Discussion –

Survey –

Port Sorell – should have come out just before the end of the pennant season.

BNW Board – More time, yes, this we can look at.

Devonport – we emailed to every member only had 15 returned.

Ridgley – thank you to the Board. We were very proactive in our club. Thank you to all the other clubs for their comments.

Match Committee – Dave Jeffrey – we have a meeting next week. Rosters have started to be put together.

Ridgley – State Championships – The Nationals – how many are involved in this?

BNW Board – a lot are, it is juniors, seniors, etc. We are waiting to see if this event takes place due to Covid restrictions.

General Business –

Port Sorell – Saturday Indoor – when the weather is fine. This has happened on a Thursday too.

Board Director – Ali Venn – I don't think it is right if the weather is fine, we should be playing on the grass outdoor.

BNW Board – it is in the by-laws, but this is something that will be looked at.

Devonport, Ridgley, Railton and Wynyard agreed.

Burnie – we have asked for scheduled games on the indoor, we would like people to use the facilities. We always follow the by-law and contact the other club in the time as stated.

Ulverstone – should be played on the grass, we prefer this if it is a sunny day.

BNW Board – we will look into this - the indoor bylaw for the future.

Devonport – Thursday Pennant – lowest Division should be at least 8 ladies to constitute a game. By-laws need reviewing.

Wynyard – season before – played 6 men, this is just happened so that people could play.

Ridgley – ruling on Ladies can't play in lower Divisions on a Saturday?

BNW Board – you can't have conditions on an Open Gender Pennant. It is up to clubs to select on merit, not gender.

South Burnie – all the clubs have had a good say, thank you for listening.

Wynyard – Classic Carnival – explained – please enter teams, this carnival is important to us and will be a great event. Please see our flyers.

Latrobe – thanks for the input into this. We had a say. We still have a problem with the Working Party. I think people who are not involved in the club may not have the answers.

Burnie – agree.

Smithton – thank you for the survey.

10. NEXT MEETING - TBA

Meeting Closed: 8.20pm