



'Enhancing the future of Bowls across the NW Coast'

President Meeting Report

Held at Ulverstone Bowls Club on Wednesday 4th October 2023

Meeting opened at 5.30pm

Present: Ben Fidler, David Gewin, Dave Jeffrey with CEO Tracey Little

Presidents: Burnie, Wynyard, Ridgley, South Burnie, Sheffield, Railton, Penguin, Ulverstone, Turners Beach, Latrobe, Port Sorell, Devonport

Apologies: Smithton

Non-Attendance: East Devonport

Welcome: Ben Fidler opened the meeting and welcomed the Presidents.

Business Arising

1. GST – BNW have now registered for GST. The CEO has already notified all clubs not to pay invoices from BNW until new updated invoices are sent due to this change – an example of invoice has been supplied at the meeting. BNW explained that this may now effect this year's budget, and that BNW may run at a loss – this cannot be helped, but BNW hope that cutting back on some expenses may assist in a minimal deficit. For the next season, BNW do not know at this time what effects may happen with membership increases until the budget is reexamined.
2. Clubs are urged to investigate their own finances if they need to register for GST to claim any reimbursements.
3. Honorariums – BNW also investigated Honorariums with the Tax Centre – with this investigation the CEO position has now been changed to a contractor position. The Board have delt with this at Board Level, now contracting Tracey Little in this position.
4. Gmail Addresses – CEO reported that any club with a Gmail address is not receiving emails (due to Bulk sending). BNW urges all clubs that use Gmail to check with their provider to assist in this. The CEO has escalated this with BNW provider and Microsoft but cannot assist clubs. If you have an alternative email address with another provider, please supply it.
5. Thursday Pennant – all clubs were urged to look at their lady member numbers, if any spare ladies are not getting a game on Thursdays, please share to other clubs that may need subs. It is preferable that ladies get a game before male subs. Sub

rules for this season have not changed – 1 sub or replacement player per rink – only in the lead or second position.

6. BNW have asked all clubs to check their membership numbers to make sure they can field all teams for the start of the season.
7. BNW will investigate the 'Shared Position' at its next Board Meeting.
8. Disability Bowlers – BTAS recently sent out an email to highlight any potential bowlers who may fall into this category – please look at your members and let BTAS know if you have any potential members.

Next Meeting

1. The meeting schedule - TBA

Closure

2. There being no further business. Ben Fidler closed the meeting at 6.10pm.