



Hi Everyone

Please see below an update of information following the recent BHR Board meeting (160723):

1. Board elections

Following the BHR AGM, the Board discussed the remaining Appointed Director position and nominated Glenn Hampton to take up this position (two year appointment) as the BHR Finance Director / Treasurer. Following the election of office-bearers at its recent meeting, the full BHR Board for the 2023-24 season is as follows:

NAME	ROLE	CLUB	PLAYING AREA
Ian Guymer	Chairman	Macedon Ranges	Highlands
Lyn Bryce	Vice Chair - Juniors	BMS	Ballarat
Wayne Morgan	Secretary	Buninyong	Ballarat
Glenn Hampton	Treasurer		Highlands
Tom Clark	Director - Pennant / State Events	Webbcona	Ballarat
Vic Dunn	Director - Greens	Beaufort	Ballarat
Lesley Hodgson	Director - Umpiring	Kilmore	Ballarat
David Odgers	Director - Pennant	Diggers Rest	Ballarat
Dave Kelly	Director - State Events	Learmonth	Ballarat
Elizabeth Kierce	Director (Appointed) - Representative Selection	City Oval	Ballarat

2. Regional committees

- Following the Expression of Interest process, the following regional committees were formed:
 - ~ Pennant: Ballarat: Yvonne Clark (Buninyong), Rod McDonald (Invermay);
Highlands: Gary Templar (Romsey), Mike Dornau (Woodend), Neil Jamieson (Kyneton), John Coates (Kilmore), Amanda Rayner (Diggers Rest)
 - ~ Representative Selection: Anne Draffen (Ballan), Ben McArthur (Webbcona), Wayne Lynch (Victoria)
 - ~ Umpiring: Yvonne Clark (Buninyong), Laurie Wadeson (Central Wendouree), Lesley Hodgson (Kilmore)
 - ~ Greens: Ian Hedger (Sebastopol), Laurie Wadeson (Central Wendouree), Val Wilkens (Victoria),
 - ~ Juniors: Gerry Flapper (Creswick), Barry Harris (BMS), Marc Oswin (Victoria), Lisa Tung (Webbcona), Chris Jones (Bungaree)
 - ~ State Events: Tom Clarke (Webbcona), David Kelly (Learmonth), David Odgers (Diggers Rest), Brian Johnson (Sebastopol)
- The Board will contact identified members of these committees to take on the role of committee coordinator.
- Further approaches will be made to bolster numbers from Highlands playing area on committees where required.

3. Other roles

- Bowlslink: Ballarat: Brian Johnson
Highlands: Terry Kelly
- Publicity: Ballarat: Anthony McCabe
Highlands: Bill West

4. Affiliation Fees 2023-24

- Affiliation fees will remain at \$15.00 per player for the 2023-24 season.
- This fee will apply to all clubs (with the agreement for Ballarat clubs paying \$5.00 having ended in 2022-23).

5. Divisions and Team numbers, etc

- Divisions and teams will be finalised after club team nominations are due in (Tuesday, 1st August).
- A reminder to clubs that you only have to nominate teams if you wish to change from what you had last season. If we do not hear from you, it will be assumed that you are happy with the status quo.

6. Fixtures

- Obviously fixtures cannot be completed until teams / divisions are known but the Board will endeavour to get fixtures out as soon as is possible, once nominations close.

7. Calendar of Events

- A draft calendar of events is being finalised and will be distributed to clubs shortly.

8. Conditions of Play

- Likewise the BHBR Conditions of Play are being reviewed. It is anticipated that only a few small changes will be made, with the rules around finals eligibility being clarified being the main item.
- One small change is that the 20 minute break will be taken after 11 ends (rather than a specific time). Feedback has been that quite often games only have 5 or 6 ends left to play after the break if it is taken at 12.00pm (Tuesdays or 3.00pm (Saturdays). As is the current situation, teams are able to agree to play straight through without a break (must be decided by Team Managers prior to the start of play).

9. Other policies

- Clubs will receive other documentation shortly, including Inclement Weather policies, State event / Finals Hosting policy, Team Manager roles, etc.

10. Laws of Bowls - 4th Edition

- A new edition of the Laws of Bowls has been published and there are some changes (please see the attached document).
- The Board will purchase one copy of the new laws for each club and these will be available for purchase at the next delegates' meeting.

11. Regional Bowls Manager - Ballarat

- Steve Arthur, the former Regional Bowls Manager for the Ballarat area, has moved onto new employment.
- At this stage Bowls Australia is not replacing him (similar to some other RBA positions apparently).
- Senior RBM Warren Griffin [0427 956 669](tel:0427956669) or wgriffin@bowls.com.au will be covering this role for the moment.

12. Protected Tournaments

- As we have outlined previously, clubs will have the opportunity to nominate a tournament as 'protected'. This will be done at the September delegates' meeting prior to the start of the season. (Please don't send them in via email). We may not be able to get to only one tournament per day, but we should be able to reduce tournaments to no more than two on the one date.
- Clubs are requested not to put tournaments on Day 1 of state events.

Regards
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