

BSI Joint Chairs Meetings

March 2, 2025, at Victoria Bowls and Croquet Club

Chair: Anita McCaw (Victoria) Co chair: Brent Merchant

Secretary: Portia Priegert (Victoria)

Attendance: Burnside(2), CP(2), Central Saanich(1), Cowichan(1), Gordon Head(2), Juan de Fuca(2), Lake Hill(2), Oak Bay(1) Sidney(2), Victoria(2), Vic West(1)

- 1) Call to order at 9:55 a.m.
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Minutes of Feb. 25, 2024 - Approved
- 4) Adoption of agenda with no additions - Approved
- 5) Review of BSI games schedule for 2025 season as outlined on February draft document with the following amendments:
 - President's Cup Mixed Triples @ VBCC moves to **May 10**
 - South Island Women's Fours @ Gordon Head June 2 to June 4 – **evenings only**
 - Men's Women's Novice/Intermediate Invitation @ Oak Bay moves to **June 28**
 - Flora Martin Fours @ Burnside moves to **June 14**
 - Mix & Mingle @ Burnside moves to **Aug. 16**
 - BSI Novice Men Sept. 6 and Sept. 7 will be hosted in **Sidney**

All posters must be sent to anitamccaw0@gmail.com by **Sunday, March 30 in PDF format**. Please proof your posters. They will be sent via visible CC to all game chairs. Corrections and redistribution are the responsibility of individual clubs. Copies will be sent to the BSI umpires, BSI Council

- 6) Discussion of updates from the last BSI Council meeting.
 - A council proposal clarifying eligibility for novice championships to exclude players who have previously participated in a structured lawn bowling program was endorsed on a trial basis for this year with the addition of the word "a" replacing the word "another." (Motion by Lake Hill / seconded by Burnside)Carried.
 - After discussion of the council's proposal for a single chair (rather than separate men's and women's chairs) the following motion was put forth::

That in the fall of each year there will be a BSI Games Chair meeting. This meeting will discuss and strive to resolve issues stemming from that year's tournaments and recommendations from club games committees. Minutes will be kept and distributed to committee members. Once reviewed and approved the minutes will be copied to members and the head umpire for the BSI district.

A second BSI Games Chair meeting will be held in March of every year. That meeting will confirm BSI tournaments for that year. The meeting will also discuss issues common to BSI clubs.

The BSI Games Chair committee will have two subcommittees – one for men and one for women. Each subcommittee will hold meetings as needed. The minutes from these subcommittees will be shared with the Chair of the BSI Games Chair committee who will distribute them to the members of that committee.

Motion by Oak Bay, seconded by Gordon Head
Abstention: Victoria. Carried.

7. Discussion took place on club autonomy, and covered numerous areas such as green fees, kitchen charges and areas that some clubs feel are not how they wish to run their tournaments. Each club has their own needs, and a rigid procedure on how to do things must be done is not acceptable to all clubs.

There was also discussion on the lack of knowledge of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. Annie Mathie will be attending the umpires meeting soon and will take the problems and suggestions to the group, such as reading out the COP prior to starting a tournament. Some clubs will be making changes in how they provide and charge for refreshments. Read your posters carefully.

Adjourned

Recorded by Portia Priegert VBCC