

BOWLS TARANAKI (INC.)

Minutes of the 110th Annual General Meeting of Delegates held at Stratford-Avon Bowling Club on Saturday 24th June 2023, commencing at 9.30 a.m

PRESENT: The Chairman, Robert Wolfe, presided over an attendance of 32 delegates and 16 observers. The Chairman specifically welcomed the delegates and observers, Patron and Life Member Patty Symes and Life Member Brien Bennett QSM.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Awakino, Oakura, Patea, Waimea and Urenui.

BEREAVEMENTS: The Chairman asked those present to stand and observe a moment's silence in memory of the well-known bowlers and servants of the game who had passed away during the year.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Allan Hunt, Chris Commane, Pauline Madgwick, Neil Earley, Simon Rowe, Maurice Symes, Moe Kelly, Gary Lilley, Allan Batley, Don Christensen. On the motion of Gordon Lawson/Faye Hopkins the apologies were accepted. **CARRIED**

REFRESHMENTS: The Chairman advised that refreshments will be provided after the AGM, and thanked the Stratford-Avon Bowling Club for their hospitality.

RULES OF DEBATE: The Chairman reminded delegates about the voting procedure and the Rules of Debate that had been circulated. There were no objections.

MINUTES: On the Motion of Jono Burrows/Gordon Lawson, the Minutes of the 2022 AGM, having been circulated, were taken as read and approved as a true and correct record. **CARRIED**

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS:

President's Report and Chairman's Report: Moved Jono Burrows/Mike Sherning that the Reports which had been circulated to all Delegates be taken as Read and Approved. **CARRIED**

Annual Financial Statements: The President, Grant Hassall, spoke briefly to the accounts saying that there was a small loss after depreciation, however we did have a small trading surplus prior to depreciation. Due to inflation, increased costs were incurred and paid out to clubs more for catering and refreshments for the Taranaki Open Fours. Costs for handbooks, travel and accommodation for Rep Tournaments have increased but thanks to Kiwi Gaming Foundation and Pelorus Trust, grants allowed us to cover most of the expenses for the Representative teams. Overall the accounts show a reasonable outcome for the year.

It was Moved Martin Jordan/Cindy Nicoll that the Annual Financial Statements for 2022-23 be approved. **CARRIED**

CLUB LEVIES: The Chairman advised that the Board had resolved that there be a small increase in levies from \$22+GST to \$24+GST per full playing member, and a small increase to the green levy from \$10 to \$15+GST per green for the three affiliates (Umpires, Coaches and Greenkeepers Associations).

The Chairman called for any questions or discussion on the levy – there were no objections to the proposed increase.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS: None were received.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Patron: It was moved by Faye Hopkins/Julie Hemahema that Mrs. Patty Symes be appointed as Patron. Patty Symes accepted and spoke briefly to the assembled delegates. **CARRIED**

President: Mr. Grant Hassall (West End) was elected unopposed.

Vice President:

Megan Peters, Brien Bennett and Patty Symes were appointed scrutineers for a vote for the election of a Vice President.

Nominees, David Brunton and Kristin Stampa addressed the meeting.

The vote was held, with Kristin Stampa winning the ballot 18 votes to 9. Kristin Stampa was elected as Vice President. It was resolved that the voting papers be destroyed. Moved by Mike Sherning/Julie Hemahema **CARRIED**

APPOINTMENTS TO THE CENTRE BOARD:

The delegates were informed that Kevin Gray, Robert Wolfe and Dean File were appointed to the Board for the next 2 years. Chris Commane and Val McEldowney have one further year to run on their appointments.

FINANCIAL REVIEWER: It was moved by Gordon Lawson/Tina Quilter that the financial reviewer be retained as VanBurWray Chartered Accountants for the coming season. **CARRIED**

DRAFT CENTRE PROGRAMME:

The Draft Centre Programme for 2023-24 was accepted. Moved by Cliff Rona/Faye Hopkins. **CARRIED**

REPORTS:

The Board received a written report from the Women's Selector.

Umpires: David Brunton, President of the Umpires Association, read a report to the AGM.

Greenkeepers: Ian Lewis read a report received from Gary Lilley, the President of the Greenkeepers Association.

Coaches: Ian Lewis read a report from Moe Kelly, the President of the Coaches Association.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Midlands Funds Management: It was announced that the Board had secured Midlands Funds Management as a major sponsor for Bowls Taranaki and the Taranaki Men’s Open Fours for the next two years with a right of renewal for one further year.

Incorporated Societies Act: After a question about updating club constitutions, it was advised that Mark Cameron from Bowls New Zealand was in attendance and would update the delegates after the meeting with regards the work that they are doing to update a model club constitution, so that clubs can keep in line with the incoming changes to the Incorporated Society Act.

Men’s Shield: After a brief discussion, a show of hands revealed that clubs were in favour of draws continuing to count by 8 votes to 3.

Delaying start to season: A letter was received from the Greenkeeper’s Association. It was read to the meeting by Ian Lewis. It recommended trying to hold off from using green’s too early in the season, so as to prevent damage to greens from players ‘dumping’ their bowls when delivering. The Chairman asked that clubs and divisions take this matter into consideration when setting their programmes. There was no further discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 10.30am

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Board Chairman:

Date

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Coaches report
- B. Umpires report
- C. Greenkeepers report

May 2023

BOWLS TARANAKI COACHES' ASSN**Coach Co-Ordinator's Report to Centre AGM**

The Association's activities were steady for the year, with the day held at Vogeltown being well attended. In addition to this day, many of our members have undertaken sessions at their own clubs. Requests have been received from a few clubs to provide coaching for their new members, and our efforts have been well received. However, there is still a number of clubs without accredited coaches who appear unaware of the assistance available to them from our Association.

Over the past 12 months, our members have given over 170 hours of coaching, to at least 200 bowlers, and are eager to continue offering their time for the benefit of all our bowlers.

In an effort to support a larger number of players, a day involving coaches and umpires is planned for early in the new season, with two venues being used, one in the north and one in the south of the province.

On 22 and 23 July, representatives from the Bowls NZ Coaching Group will be at the Paritutu indoor facility to deliver courses for new Foundation and Development coaches, along with re-accreditation for our existing coaches. I asked all clubs, especially the ones who do not presently have Active Accredited Coaches within their clubs, to approach fellow club members to enrol for the courses, as our Association is aiming to have all clubs with at least one coach within their membership. Similarly, I encourage all existing coaches who intend continuing as coaches to register for re-accreditation.

Finally, many thanks to all our dedicated coaches for their time and effort given throughout the year and hopefully we will all see results from this on the greens.

MOE KELLY

Coach Co-Ordinator

BOWLS TARANAKI UMPIRE ASSN**Presidents Report 2022-2023**

This year there have been much more umpire appointments, 169 in total, up from 112 last season, brought about by more entries in the Men's and Women's Open Fours and Consolation Pairs, 2 days of Octagonal and 3 days of Hexagonal. This season, for many reasons, only one green was used at two green clubs meaning extra umpires were required.

Centre activities were very well supported and required extra umpires. There was additional travel required to southern and coastal areas.

Tutoring Again, thanks to Betty and Barbara. A very high achievement from the new umpires in their exams.

First National Real Estate Collective again sponsored our fundraising tournament. Many Thanks to them for their support. Thanks to all who took part, Waitara Club with their 2 Buses and to Stratford /Avon for use of their facilities. Once again, we made \$800 I thank all our committee members for your support.

To Vivienne, a very big thankyou but unfortunately, she wishes to be relieved of her Secretary/Treasurer position. She has certainly updated our banking and Treasurers system.

The finances have suffered due to many extra appointments and travel for this year. I have informed the Bowls Taranaki Board that in future, if the number of appointments stay at this level, they may have to find extra funding for our Assn. Maybe by increasing club levies.

We also supply umpires for the PBA, (Professional Bowls Assn) 7 days during June and August. PBA pay us for these and we forward travel expenses to those umpires.

David Brunton
BTUA
President

Presidents Report 2023

Greenkeepers report 2023.

A successful season where the standard of greens was above average especially compared to other centres. Comments from bowlers in the Taranaki Opens, Octagonal, and Centre events were generally favourable. The season saw a lot of very wet weather and it was hard to get greens up to the seven second mark but in many cases greenkeepers did well to even get bowlers on the greens. At work from 6am to prepare a green and then hear comments about the green being slow and sticky makes you wonder why you bothered. The wet season saved on irrigation and the predicted hot weather didn't affect greens as much as we thought it would.

The North Island greenkeepers conference was held at West End with over 80 people attending. A very successful two days and many thanks to Maurice Symes for organising everything and John Garrud from West End for the many hours he and his helpers spent to make sure all went well.

The new greens at Tower and Waitara have been used with favourable comments and Tower are doing their other green this winter. Centre events were held on some of the smaller clubs and their greenkeepers prepared greens to a good standard. The average age of greenkeepers would be at least 70 and there would be no prospect of that changing as there is no career path for any younger person. As well as the manual work on the green for a greenkeeper there is the mental side especially during tournaments of how to manage to keep the greens alive and still getting a good playing surface.

A major problem is still bowlers dropping their bowls and 2023 Open would be the worst I have seen. Some rinks looked like a shot-put field and then there is the idiot who throws his bowls onto the green. A few bowlers are using the bowling arm and playing well, and the clubs should encourage more to try this device. I watched one Tuesday at West End and I reckoned 40% of men and 15% of woman were dumping to some degree. As I pointed out last year this is one reason why greens are closed when it is damp.

Our secretary had to resign due to ill health and we are very lucky Maurice Symes took the position. Thanks to both men. On behalf of the greenkeepers, we hope we can continue to give bowlers good greens next season.

Gary Lilley
President