

Bowls Taranaki (inc.)

Minutes of a meeting of the board of Bowls Taranaki held at the Bowls Taranaki office on Tuesday 14th March 2023, at 4pm

WELCOME: The Board Chairman welcomed the board members.

PRESENT: Robert Wolfe (Chairman), Grant Hassall (President), Kevin Gray, David Brunton, Val McEldowney, Eric Foreman, Chris Commane, Ian Lewis (Executive Officer)

APOLOGIES: Chris O'Dea

MINUTES: Moved by Val McEldowney/Chris Commane that the minutes of the board meeting held on 31st January 2023 having been duplicated and circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards: Letter from Lois Ritson

Letter from Tower/Southern Division - Shield

Letter from Paritutu - Centennial

Invitation from Bowls Wellington

Notice from Bowls Waitara – change of tournament date

Outwards: Accountability Report to Pelorus Trust

Letters to Bowls Manawatu and Northland - Taranaki Open Dates/Scheduling

Letter of thanks to Abrahams Funeral Home

Octagonal and Hexagonal Managers Meetings Minutes to Centres.

Minutes to Awakino Bowling Club

The Inwards correspondence was received and outwards confirmed.

Moved by David Brunton, seconded by Val McEldowney

CARRIED

FINANCIALS: Moved by Grant Hassall/Kevin Gray that the accounts and financial statement for February be approved. **CARRIED**

It was moved "That Bowls Taranaki apply to the Toi Foundation for a Capital Grant to cover the expenses of getting additional representative shirts and the design of a new website"

Moved by Robert Wolfe, seconded by David Brunton.

CARRIED

REPORTS

a) Marketing

Enquiries have been made with sponsors and Venture Taranaki to secure funding for next year's Taranaki Open Fours.

b) Greens

A discussion was held about the selection of greens. It was advised that the Greens

Advisory Panel recommends greens for the Centre to use. Kevin Gray/Chris Commane moved that it should be an item to be discussed at the AGM whether or not to continue with the rule of 'playing on the best greens available in that division' or that it be left to the 'controlling body to allocate suitable greens for Centre play.'

CARRIED

c) Events

Reports from the recently completed Triples, Singles and Bowls3five were tabled by Robert Wolfe. The new laws coming in 1st April states that conditions of play must be quite specific, regards how the draw is done and playing conditions before the tournament starts.

Mike Hori and Kewene Ratahi both didn't show up and defaulted games in the Open Singles. Letters to be sent advising they will be refused entry from the next 3 centre events.

d) High Performance

Report tabled showing good results from our high performance players. We are optimistic about our prospects at the National Intercentre, although a number of men's players made themselves unavailable.

e) Youth

Coaches have been approached to assist with upcoming youth initiatives, the 'Have a go day' with TSSSA and 'Adaptive Bowls' with Parafed Taranaki.

It was moved by Robert Wolfe/David Brunton that we 'apply to Sports Taranaki for assistance with running the youth programme.'

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Letter from Lois Ritson:

The board received a letter from Lois Ritson. The matter was discussed and Ian Lewis to reply to Lois Ritson.

CARRIED

Letter from Southern Division/Tower:

Chris O'Dea was invited to the meeting. A discussion was had about a letter received about the Men's Shield Final. It is intended that all divisions should adhere to the calendar of events approved at the start of the season. A letter to be sent to the clubs involved, acknowledging any inconvenience caused by the rescheduling of the Men's Shield Final.

CARRIED

Invitation from Bowls Wellington:

We have been invited to take part in an Under 26 National Competition hosted by Bowls Wellington. It was moved by Eric Foreman/Kevin Gray that 'we accept the invitation and ask selected players to contribute \$100 each to the cost of travel and accommodation.' Bowls Taranaki to appoint a selector/manager to attend the event with players. **CARRIED**

Late and Non-Payment by Clubs:

Some clubs are not paying their entry fee's on time. A reminder to all clubs that payments need to be made before the Centre event starts.

Paritutu Centennial Letter:

A letter was received outlining Paritutu's Easter Weekend Centennial Programme. It was approved that the Easter Saturday and Sunday (30th & 31st March) be reserved for Paritutu and included in the draft programme for next year.

Waitara Tournament Date:

Notice was approved that Waitara's Opt 4's Hyundai Tournament is to be re-scheduled due to cancellation by rain to Friday 17th March, 2023

Website:

Two quotes have been received, and a grant application to be made to cover the costs, with the aim being to have a new website before the start of next season.

Xmas Pairs:

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Kevin Gray that 'the start time for the Men's Xmas Pairs to be played on Anzac Day be changed to 8.30am.' It was noted that Eric Foreman and Robert Wolfe voted against the resolution. **CARRIED**

AGM

AGM to be held at 9.30am on Saturday 24th June 2023 at Stratford-Avon BC. President and Vice-President will be elected and 3 board members will be appointed. Applications for the Centre Board close on the 1st of May. Notices of Motion from clubs to be received by the 1st of May, as well as Nominations for Men's and Women's Selectors to be received by the 18th of May.

Accommodation

There is a clash between Americarna and the Bowls New Zealand National Fours and Mixed Pairs. Please come forward if you know of anyone who would be able to let their house out for visiting teams during this time.

Taranaki Open Fours Debrief:

Minutes of the Open Fours debrief were received. It was moved by Val McEldowney and Chris Commane that the 'Entry Fee be increased to \$240 for Men's, and \$200 for Women's Teams' **CARRIED**

Umpires Report:

David Brunton tabled a report. Concern was shown about 'coaching' of players during games. On review of the new laws of the game to be published soon, a determination on when coaches will be permitted in centre events will be determined.

The meeting was closed at 6.15pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd May at 3pm at the Bowls Taranaki Office.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Board Chairman

Date