

Bowls Taranaki (inc.)

Minutes of a meeting of the board of Bowls Taranaki held at the Bowls Taranaki office on Tuesday 31st January 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 Commene, Ian Lewis (Executive Officer)

APOLOGIES: None

MINUTES: Moved by Val McEldowney/Grant Hassall that the minutes of the board meeting held on 31st October 2022 having been duplicated and circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards: Letter from Umpire's Association – Recommended Remuneration
 Letter from Awakino Bowling Club – Tournament Schedule
 Opunake Bowling Club – Umpire's Letter
 Confirmation of Aotearoa Gaming Trust Grant Approval
 Confirmation of Pelorus Trust Grant Approval
 Outwards: Grant Application to Aotearoa Gaming Trust
 Grant Application to Pelorus Trust
 Sponsorship proposal letter to Forsyth Barr
 Sponsorship proposal letter to Suunto

The Inwards correspondence was received and outwards confirmed.
 Moved by Val McEldowney, seconded by Grant Hassall

CARRIED

FINANCIALS: Moved by Kevin Gray/David Brunton that the accounts and financial statement for December be approved.

CARRIED

It was moved "That Bowls Taranaki apply to the Toi Foundation for an Annual Grant"
 Moved by Grant Hassall, seconded by Chris Commene

CARRIED

REPORTS

a) Marketing

We had a very good response from the Open Fours. We had 43,000 impressions on Facebook, 120,000 views on the website and 21,000 viewers on YouTube. Many teams commented on how well run the tournament was and were looking forward to returning next year. We continue to search for a major sponsor of the Tournament.

b) Greens

Compliments were made of the quality of most of the Greens for the Open. However we are mindful, that there are challenges in keeping a high standard of greens around the Centre. A full debrief will occur when we meet to review the Taranaki Open.

c) Events

Robert Wolfe to Event Manage the Junior Hexagonal at Hawera Park.

Val McEldowney to Manage the Women's Octagonal at Paritutu.

Grant Hassall to Manage the Men's Octagonal with Robert in attendance on Friday at West End.

d) Open Fours

Meeting of the Board and Keith Sampson to de-brief the Open Fours is scheduled for Thursday the 23rd February at 4pm.

e) Youth

Programme to continue in Term 1. A number of promising young players attended Term 4.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Umpire's Association Recommended Remuneration:

An enquiry was received from Opunake Bowling Club seeking clarification on the letter sent by the Umpire's Association to all clubs. It was noted that the Umpire's Association currently pay remuneration for an Umpire to attend a Centre Event. This letter was sent to all clubs to inform clubs, that if they held a club tournament and wanted an Umpire to attend, that the recommended remuneration for that Umpire would be \$20 per day plus lunch and mileage. It does not relate to clubs who are hosting Centre Events.

Awakino BC Letter:

A letter was received from Awakino Bowling Club. We sympathised with Awakino who are trying to hold their Whitebait Tournament on a set date each year. There was discussion about how crowded the Tournament Programme is and the difficulty in clubs having days for their major tournaments. The Board recommended being in touch with Awakino to see if any assistance can be offered, and advised Annual Accounts and Minutes may need to be provided.

Outstanding Payment for Open Entry:

It was noted that the team of Wayne Te Huki (New Plymouth) had not fully paid for their participation in the Taranaki Men's Open Fours. It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Val McEldowney that 'A letter seeking payment and noting his ineligibility for future Centre events until the monies are paid was to be sent.'

CARRIED

Umpires Association Report:

We had 83 Appointments over the Open Fours. With work, covid and other challenges it showed that if the Open Fours grows bigger, we will need even more umpires. There were no complaints over the standard of umpiring, and all in all a very positive experience.

Website:

It was agreed that Ian Lewis will look for a couple of quotes with the view of getting a grant to redesign the website.

The meeting was closed at 5.45pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th March at 4pm at the Bowls Taranaki Office.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Board Chairman

Date