

Bowls Taranaki (inc.)

Minutes of a meeting of the board of Bowls Taranaki held at the Bowls Taranaki office on Monday 31st October 2022, 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 Kevin Gray/Val McEldowney that the minutes of the board meeting and in-committee meeting held on 27th September 2022 having been duplicated and circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards: Men's and Women's Managers Reports from Under 8 Trial.
Confirmation of grant received from Toi Foundation for \$5000 towards the running of the Taranaki Open.
Written correspondence from Chris O'Dea.
Letter from West End requesting change of date for Tournament.
Letter from Manaia BC regarding Club Jubilee.

Outwards: Letter to Rt. Hon Grant Robertson MP.

The Inwards correspondence was received and outwards confirmed.

Moved by Eric Foreman, seconded by Chris Commane

CARRIED

FINANCIALS: Moved by Robert Wolfe/Eric Foreman that the accounts and financial statement for September be approved. **CARRIED**

It was moved "That Bowls Taranaki apply to the Aotearoa Gaming Trust for \$2700 for costs for rent and power for the next 6 months"

Moved by Grant Hassall, seconded by Val McEldowney

CARRIED

It was moved "That Bowls Taranaki apply to the Pelorus Trust for \$5000 to help send our Taranaki Under 8s Teams to the Junior Women's Hexagonal in Manawatu and for help with hosting the Men's Junior Hexagonal in Hawera."

Moved by Grant Hassall, seconded by Val McEldowney

CARRIED

REPORTS

a) Administration/Finance

Bowls Taranaki continues to be in a sound financial position.

b) Marketing

Marketing committee held their meeting. They discussed the tournament programme for working bowlers, costs involved with upgrading live streaming equipment and establishing a Bowls Taranaki Noticeboard online for Bowls Taranaki Cancellations, Events and Results (on Facebook).

c) Greens

David Brunton reported on the Greenkeepers Field Day attended by Andrew Mitchell from NZ Sports Turf Institute. Greens Advisory Panel have supplied written assessments for Southern and Coastal Clubs. Northern Clubs to be assessed in time for the Taranaki Open.

It was moved that Terry Mullin, Maurice Symes and Keith Sampson be recognised as the Greens Advisory Panel. Moved by Grant Hassall/Eric Foreman. **CARRIED**

d) Events

Event Supervisors and Managers to be identified for upcoming events.

The weather proved difficult at various venues to start the season. A lack of suitable available venues for Women's Interclub meant that the 1st Day scheduled was not used. The second day was then washed out. It was agreed that a redraw will be done in the Women's Division 2, with the 10 sides split into two sections of five, with the winners playing off in a final.

Grant Hassall discussed the current rules regarding the playing of byes in advance during post section of centre events and a discussion that took place during the men's Centre fours, where it had been suggested that more games could be played in advance. The current position is that all teams have the same number of games to play on the final day of any event. However, the meeting agreed that Hassall would undertake more work to illustrate the impacts of any potential changes.

e) Open Fours

Notice to be sent out to clubs, inviting reserve players, accommodation and event supervisors to come forward. It was reinforced that a successful Taranaki Open is about the whole experience, good greens, hospitality, good accommodation and a well organised tournament for all teams to enjoy their stay.

The Open Fours Tournament Committee has met, and ruled on any successful/unsuccessful dispensations for composite teams for the upcoming Taranaki Open.

f) High Performance

Progress being made. Meeting with selectors and John Murtagh scheduled.

g) Youth

Under 18 Bowls has started at New Plymouth Bowling Club. This will run for the majority of Term 4, Wednesday afternoons at 4pm. A positive start with 15-16 kids turning up for week 1.

GENERAL BUSINESS

West End Craigs Investment Partners Tournament: It was agreed that due to poor weather that West End could hold this later in the year on 7th May 2023. Moved by Val McEldowney/Chris Commane. **CARRIED**

Manaia Bowling Club Jubilee: It was noted that Labour Weekend is the current date set down for Anniversary/Jubilee Tournaments. This should be suggested to Manaia Bowling Club for further consideration. Contact to be made with Manaia Bowling Club about their plans and size of tournament.

Womens Representative Managers: It was moved by Grant Hassall/Robert Wolfe that we accept the selectors appointments of Cathy Andrews as Manager for the Senior Women's Representative Team, and Cindy Nichol as Manager for the Junior Women's Team. **CARRIED**

National Interclub 2023: It was moved by Grant Hassall/Chris Commane, that Taranaki enter on behalf of winning clubs, the Bowls New Zealand National Interclub 2023. **CARRIED**

Junior Hexagonal 2023: The meeting agreed that Bowls Taranaki will go ahead with hosting the Junior Men's Hexagonal in Hawera. Whanganui, Kapiti and Manawatu all have difficulty hosting this year with accommodation and greens. Manawatu will host the Junior Women's Hexagonal.

Senior Octagonal 2023: It was moved by Grant Hassall/Kevin Gray that West End host the Men's Octagonal and Paritutu host the Women's Octagonal for 2023, on the condition of these respective venues being recommended by the Greens Advisory Panel. This is a reverse of the last time Taranaki hosted when, Paritutu hosted the Men and West End hosted the Women. **CARRIED**

Clubs hosting centre events: All clubs are reminded that they should make every effort to make themselves available for hosting Centre Events, and when doing so, supply a supervisor and ensure that lunches available for purchase.

Chris O'Dea's letter: It was noted that the current BT constitution does not permit any voting rights to non Board members, which the same document restricts the composition to just seven members. The Board remain committed to having representation from at least one member of a southern division club. It was noted that on-going communication with people at southern division clubs remain a priority.

The meeting was closed at 5.50pm.

Next Meeting: Monday 5th December at 4pm at the Bowls Taranaki Office.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Board Chairman

Date