

## **BOWLS TARANAKI (INC.)**

Minutes of the 111th Annual General Meeting of Delegates held at Stratford-Avon  
Bowling Club on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024, commencing at 9.30 a.m

**PRESENT:** The Chairman, Robert Wolfe, presided over an attendance of 29 delegates and 18 observers. The Chairman welcomed Club delegates and observers.

**CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED:** Awakino, Manaia, Patea, Vogeltown and Waimea.

**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 Simon Rowe, Maurice Symes, Moe Kelly, Chris Commane and Graeme Fairclough. It was moved by Denise Cottam/Denise Clark that the apologies be 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:** It was moved by Gordon Lawson/Jono Burrows that the minutes of the 2023 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:** It was moved by Bruce Peacock/Barbara Harvey that the Report which had been circulated to all Delegates be taken as Read and Approved. The President specifically mentioned the passing during the year of Life Member Brien Bennett QSM. **CARRIED**

**Chairman's Report:** It was moved by John Garrud/Gordon Lawson that the Report which had been circulated to all Delegates be taken as Read and Approved. **CARRIED**

**Annual Financial Report:** The President, Grant Hassall, spoke briefly to the accounts. Due to changes to the Incorporated Societies Act, a Performance Report is now required. Revenue this year was up by \$23,000 exc GST and this was mainly due to

an increase in revenue from the Taranaki Open Fours. This was achieved by an increase in sponsorship and entry fees. Overall, a surplus of \$13,700 was achieved. Due to the surplus achieved, the Board has decided that Club levies be unchanged for this upcoming season.

It was moved by Denise Cottam/Denise Clark that the Annual Performance Report for 2023-24 be approved. **CARRIED**

#### **CLUB LEVIES:**

The Chairman advised that the Board had resolved that due to a good financial year, Bowls Taranaki Club levies remain unchanged at \$24+GST per full playing member, and \$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.

#### **NOTICES OF MOTIONS:**

None were received.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Patron: It was moved by David Brunton/Tina Quilter that Patty Symes be appointed as Patron. Patty Symes accepted, thanked the Board and Clubs for their efforts during the season and wished everyone the best for the new season.

**CARRIED**

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

Vice President: Kristin Stampa (Stratford/Hawera Park) was elected unopposed

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO THE CENTRE BOARD:**

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

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

#### **DRAFT CENTRE PROGRAMME:**

The question was asked as to whether clubs can hold events on days which the Centre hosts Open events. Club delegates were reminded that players must be allowed to enter Taranaki Centre events if they wish to do so, and therefore no Club Championships or Open Tournaments shall be held on days in which the Centre hosts Section Play, and that for Post Section Play no Club Championships are to be held if players are still involved in post section play of a Centre event.

The Draft Centre Programme for 2024-25 was accepted. Moved by Bruce Peacock/Gordon Lawson.

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS:**

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

Robert Wolfe (Chairman) spoke on the matter of players 'dumping' saying that it can be a sensitive matter, and that players could be recommended to a coach or suggest they use equipment to help with playing their bowls correctly.

There was discussion over appropriate footwear. A notice will be sent to all clubs reminding them of the Bowls NZ Domestic Regulations covering Footwear.

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

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

Men's Selector: John Garrud (Men's Selector) read a report to the AGM.

Women's Selector: Ian Lewis (Executive Officer) read a report from the Women's Selector, Don Christensen.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**Green Sizes:

June Ward (Lepperton) asked whether clubs could display the size of their greens for local and visiting players.

Champion of Champion's Substitutes:

Clubs were reminded of the rules around substitutes for Champion of Champion's events.

Robert Wolfe thanked the Board Members, Volunteers and Clubs for their efforts during the season. The meeting was then closed at 10.20am

Confirmed as a true and correct record: .....

Board Chairman:

Date

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**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Coaches report
- B. Umpires report
- C. Greenkeepers report
- D. Men's Selectors report
- E. Women's Selectors report

## BOWLS TARANAKI COACHES' ASSN

### Coach Co-Ordinator's Report to Centre 2023-24 AGM

The Association's activities were steady for the year, with a day held at Tower being well attended. In addition to this day, many of our members have undertaken sessions at their own clubs as well as visiting clubs who do not have coaches, to assist their new players. Assistance was also given to the men's and women's rep selectors at the start of the season, with sessions of various skills being done.

The Re-Accreditation and New Coaches Training Weekend for Taranaki was held in July with 13 members completing their re-accreditation. Along with this, there were five members who completed their 2-day Development Course content, along with four others completing their 1-day Foundation Course programme.

Presently our membership throughout the province is not evenly spread - 12 clubs do not have any accredited Development Coaches, with 4 of those clubs having at least one Foundation Coach.

I ask all clubs, especially those with no coaches, and those with only 1 or 2 Foundation coaches, to approach fellow club members to consider enrolling for the courses, especially some younger bowlers to support the fantastic group of experienced members we have at present. At this stage, a weekend course is planned for Taranaki next year, possibly June or July.

To share the load of coaching, I ask **all clubs without coaches**, to **contact myself** so I can arrange for accredited coaches to conduct various sessions for your members.

To date, 2 days of coaching are planned for year 1-10 bowlers at Paritutu indoor facility on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August, from 10am to 12 noon.

Finally, many thanks to all our dedicated coaches for their time and effort give 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 2024

The Taranaki Umpires have had a very busy and challenging season.

Umpires were assigned to 260 appointments in Taranaki.

For PBA there were 12 ½ day appointments, Para-bowls 11, BT Centre events 52, Open Fours and Pairs 100.

The National Fours and Mixed Pairs in February brought its own challenges as we could not appoint playing umpires to 14 greens for the Fours and 20 greens all around Taranaki for the Mixed Pairs. We were appreciative of the 7 Level 2 umpires from Northland to Otago who, at their own expense, helped out admirably. There were 86 appointments needed over week days and weekends when many of our umpires are working or playing. We are very thankful to all the umpires who gave their time and expertise for this event.

This season has seen less travelling to south Taranaki for umpires because we now have 4 qualified umpires there.

It has been observed and noted that there is a lack of application and knowledge of the CURRENT Laws of the Sport of Bowls by many bowlers including experienced and senior bowlers. These bowlers should be setting a good example to newer bowlers who may be watching and not realize these bowlers are breaking the current laws.

24 Taranaki umpires have officiated this year, 9 have not been able to help because of playing, health, mobility or work issues so there is a need for more umpires in Taranaki. Is there anyone in your club that you could recommend or encourage to train as an umpire? Please contact us!! Contact numbers are in the Centre handbook.

We are proud to announce that 4 of our umpires have been awarded the Bowls New Zealand UMPIRES LONG SERVICE AWARD.

Stephen Stuart 1988, Jane Augustine 1993, Yvonne Standing 1998 and Lloma Hibell 2002.

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to all!

Thanks to our new secretary/treasurer Denise, our committee, tutor and all our members for your time and commitment to helping Taranaki bowlers.

David Brunton

Bowls Taranaki Umpire Assn President 2023-24

15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Taranaki Greenkeepers Association.

Presidents Report for 2023-24 Season.

Greenkeepers have had a successful season providing good greens for their members, the Taranaki men's, and woman's open, and New Zealand fours and mixed pairs. Thanks must go to our members who did the thankless job of assessing the greens. There were not many complaints about the standard of the greens during these competitions. Many of the complaints about greens tracking could be put down to the wind that affects us most days.

The problem of dumpers damaging the greens has not been addressed by either Centre or Clubs. As I said in last year's report dumping is a reason why so many events are cancelled when the greens are wet. It is good to see more bowlers using a bowling arm, some very skilfully. Clubs should be encouraging more to use the bowling arm.

A lack of greenkeepers has not improved and will not until clubs can afford to pay a salary a person can live on. There are many greenkeepers working for a couple of beers and are providing good greens for their members. I don't know what the answer is, but I think clubs could be more generous in other ways besides salary. I have heard members say "but he gets paid" when his salary is 50% or more below what he should be getting.

I would like to thank Maurice Symes for is very efficient secretarial work, Keith Sampson for his liaison with the centre, and Andrew Mitchell from Turf Culture for his help and advice. We run field days in Taranaki that are very well attended and very helpful to the greenkeepers. It would be good to have club committee members so they would better understand requirements of the greens and greenkeepers. Health and safety requirements are getting stricter, and clubs should be making sure they comply.

Congratulations to the greenkeeper of the year and thanks to the retiring greenkeepers.

I will be retiring after 14 years at West End and will be looking forward to no more 5.30 am starts and mowing at night till 9pm.

Good luck to any newcomers and keep the standard of Taranaki greens well ahead of our neighbours.

Gary Lilley.

President Taranaki greenkeepers.

## BOWLS TARANAKI MENS SELECTOR REPORT

2023/2024 SEASON

The Revital Fertilisers Taranaki season started early with an Intercentre Event game against Waikato held at Paritutu Indoor Complex on the 2nd & 3rd September. This was a great result for the Taranaki side with a 10-8 games victory. It include a side of seven seniors and three juniors.

The next Intercentre Event was against Whanganui held at Stratford Avon B.C. on the 11th of November – this included both Senior and Junior teams resulting with a 11-5 win to the Seniors and a 10-6 win to the Juniors. A great result.

Then followed the Octagonal for the Seniors held in Whanganui on 9th-11th February. Whilst we finished fourth the side experienced a different format as the team was split between two bowling clubs of which one was an artificial surface – this made it difficult to have a team environment and being unable to watch some disciplines to analyse form and play.

The Juniors played in the Hexagonal Event held in Paraparaumu on same weekend. They did not fare so well as they did at Stratford back in February, however a lot was learnt especially in shot-making decisions.

Finally the Intercentre Event held in Wellington on 14th-17th March. The team began well after day one with a 4win 2loss record, and on Day 2 did not get the necessary wins on the board to qualify for the playoffs. However the team lost 4 of the 6 games played on the last ends with the scores going either way – a somewhat disappointing result considering how well the players performed.

I would like to thank all the players that represented Taranaki throughout the season, the Bowls Taranaki Board for the great support and lastly to Revital Fertiliser Taranaki for their wonderful sponsorship this year and in past years as they will no longer be our sponsor for the next season, thank you Kerry & Karen O'Neil.

John Garrud  
Taranaki Mens Selector

A Report on the Taranaki Junior & Senior Women's Representative Bowls team for the 23-24 Bowls Season.

Started with the return of the Waikato Rep fixture after some years in the wilderness. This was played at the Paritutu Community Bowls Stadium. Format Pairs, Triples & fours with a minimum of 3 Juniors, we had 5 in the team of 10. Reports I had of this side was nothing but positive from the players and spectators alike which was pleasing and endorsed our intentions of persuing with the younger bowler whom are keen to carry us forward. Combinations are always going to be hard to build especially when you think you've got it right someone is not available, which causes shuffling of players & bringing others in to fill in. Winning this event against Waikato was a great start to the season.

Next event the annual Whanganui visit to a South Taranaki venue, Junior & Senior women playing at Manaia bowling Club, we went down there confident of a good showing. I suppose winning the Juniors and drawing the Seniors losing on differential was a good day but it seems to be especially the senior Ladies get themselves in a winning position but don't seem to push on.

We had a sprinkling of Juniors & Seniors in the squads maybe experience is lacking in certain positions so hopefully by 25-26 season the junior players being given the chance at senior rep bowls will be more atoned to the level of play required.

Then we had to pick teams for the Octagonal/ Hexangular tournament. Hexangular was held in Wellington where John Sexton & Cindy Nicola took charge. The Junior side finished runner to Wellington. The whole team performed extremely well so we have talent coming thru which we are aware of for the coming season. There were also some Junior players whom were not available for this event. Overall, we as selectors are very pleased with progress these Junior bowlers are making.

The Senior squad for the Octagonal playing in the Wanganui Centre had some players whom were unavailable which left gaps to be filled. The team playing in this event last season on Paritutu greens performed very well to finish 2nd behind Wellington, giving us hope for a repeat but not to be we finished a disappointing 5th, not acceptable. Condition of inferior greens was a large factor which the players need to get mentally prepared for, or have coping systems to cope. The performance of the triples combination of all Junior bowlers winning 3 drawing 1 of 7 games was a very pleasing effort. Some players were also unavailable for this fixture.

Then came the the big event that all bowlers at Rep level aspire to play "National Intercentre". Played in the Wellington Centre also with some players unavailable. The team got itself into a handy position by the end of play on the 1st day. Going into 2nd day we had a chat prior to start all knowing that 3 wins would get us thru to quarter finals, a repeat situation of the previous season once again missing out. Becomes annoying knowing the players picked have the ability but can't get over the line. Some work for all players with local coaches being involved.

Overall view of the 23-24 season a pass mark. I say that, because of the effort from all Junior/Senior players we all just need to find that Mental Attitude to get over that final line to quarter finals then further. Team development takes a while, but we feel it's coming.

Don Christensen  
Head Selector