

Bowls Taranaki (inc.)

Minutes of a meeting of the board of Bowls Taranaki held at the Bowls Taranaki office on the 3rd March 2025 at 10.30am

WELCOME: The Board Chairman welcomed the board members.

PRESENT: Robert Wolfe (Chairman), Grant Hassall (President), Kristin Stampa (Vice-President), Val McEldowney, Dean File, Chris Commene, Ian Lewis (Executive Officer)

APOLOGIES: Kevin Gray

MINUTES: Moved by Grant Hassall/Val McEldowney that the minutes of the board meeting held on 13th January 2025 having been duplicated and circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards: Bowls NZ – Change of dates and venues for Champion of Champion’s events
 Bowls NZ – National Intercentre, National Interclub correspondence
 Reports from selectors and managers - Junior Hexagonal and Octagonal
 Octagonal – Conditions of play and Managers Meeting minutes
 Robert Wolfe – Report Junior Hexagonal and Bowls3Five
 Correspondence from Janet Olliver about mascot during Women’s Open Fours
 Feedback from Di Smith, Di Howard about smoking – Women’s Open Fours
 Inglewood request for change of date for Men’s Shield
 Quotes for Representative Caps
 Letter from Rhonda Adams regarding establishing a Women’s Centre Fours

Outwards: Minutes to Awakino Bowling Club
 Sponsors Reports
 Club Affiliation Letter to Lepperton
 Grant Application to Venture Taranaki
 Marketing Report to Key Sponsors and Supporters
 Meeting with Cole Drinnan – Rangatahi Lead at Bowls New Zealand
 Bowls New Zealand Secretaries Meeting
 Bowls NZ – Change of dates and venues for Champion of Champion’s events
 Junior Hexagonal Conditions of Play and Managers Meeting minutes
 Contact with Bowls Wanganui regards mid-winter fixture
 Health and Safety response to Bowls Wellington – Women’s Octagonal
 Invites to Finals Day for Taranaki Open Fours
 Reply to Janet Olliver regarding Women’s Open Fours mascot
 Reply to Di Smith, Di Howard regarding Women’s Open Fours smoking policy

The inwards correspondence was received and outwards confirmed.

Moved by Dean File/Kristin Stampa

CARRIED

FINANCIALS: Moved by Grant Hassall/Robert Wolfe that the financial statements for January and February be approved. **CARRIED**

REPORTS

a) Administration and Marketing

A meeting to be arranged with Midlands Funds Management to review their continued sponsorship of Bowls Taranaki and the Taranaki Men's Open Fours.

Financial documents to be put together and a meeting scheduled to review the Taranaki Open Fours for 2025.

b) Events

After receiving correspondence it was noted, that Clubs should be aware that their smoking areas need to be away from the greens where people are playing. All players and visitors should smoke in these areas for Centre events.

It was moved by Val McEldowney/Chris Commane that "A Women's Centre Fours Title be played for. A minimum of 20 entries required for the Centre Fours to be eligible to count towards a Centre Point towards your Gold Star." **CARRIED**

This Women's Centre Fours tournament will be played at the same time with the same Conditions of Play as the Men's Centre Fours and hosted in the Southern Division.

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Val McEldowney that "the Men's and Women's Open Triples be shortened to 18 ends per game to be consistent with the Bowls NZ Champion of Champion's events." **CARRIED**

c) High Performance

A meeting of the Selectors had occurred after the Junior Hexagonal and Octagonal. Congratulations to our Men's team, winners of the Junior Hexagonal. Plans are in place for our teams to participate in the National Intercentre.

d) Youth

Ian Lewis met with Cole Drinnan, the Rangatahi Lead for Bowls New Zealand. It was arranged that he will visit Taranaki from the 13th to 17th of October 2025. Cole is to contact schools all around the province to introduce Lawn Bowls to interested students and classes. Bowls Taranaki to assist with volunteers and resources.

e) Membership/Club Engagement

It was noted that, no club is able to simply nominate a person or team to represent them at Champion of Champion's events. Clubs must ensure a Club event is held to determine their winner and the winning scorecard is supplied to the Centre Office when entering.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Women's Junior Hexagonal

Bowls Kapiti asked for dispensation to field a senior player prior to the start of the Junior Women's Hexagonal held at West End. A report to be sent to all Centres detailing what occurred, how it was handled and the default which was recorded by Kapiti for fielding an ineligible player. This letter to be sent to ensure that all Centres improve their procedure

for selecting sides, and to ensure a fair competition remains for all 8 Year and Under players involved.

First Year Singles

A default was recorded when a player did not show for play at the First Year Singles event held at Stratford-Avon. Paritutu to be contacted for an explanation.

Taranaki v Whanganui Mid Winter Fixture

A pre-season fixture to be held between Taranaki and Whanganui at the Indoor Stadium at Paritutu. Stadium has been booked for the 19th & 20th of July. Centres will field a Junior and Senior Men's side playing on the Saturday and a Junior and Senior Women's side playing on the Sunday.

Player of the Year Points

It was clarified that Player of the Year points awarded for success at Bowls New Zealand events are for the National Open Championship events only and that only Full International Honours receive points. Handbook to be updated to make this more clear.

Bowls New Zealand Champion of Champion Mixed Pairs

Currently we use the Open Mixed Pairs event as our qualifier for the Bowls New Zealand Champion of Champion's Mixed Pairs. Clubs to be consulted as to whether to retain this method of qualifying, or for each club to host their own club mixed pairs event and a Champion of Champion's event to be held.

Bowls Taranaki Constitution

We have reviewed the example constitution provided by Bowls New Zealand, and Grant Hassall has contacted Bowls New Zealand for clarification on some matters. Bowls Taranaki are happy to keep with a two year rotation for appointed Board Members. We aim to have the Constitution ready for clubs to approve at our AGM.

The meeting was closed at 12.15pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 15th April at 10.30am at the Centre Office.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

President/Chairman:

Date