

Bowls Taranaki (inc.)

Minutes of a meeting of the board of Bowls Taranaki held at the Bowls Taranaki office on the 15th April 2025 at 10.30am

WELCOME: The Board Chairman welcomed the board members.

PRESENT: Robert Wolfe (Chairman), Grant Hassall (President), Kristin Stampa (Vice-President), Kevin Gray, Dean File, Chris Commane, Ian Lewis (Executive Officer)

APOLOGIES: Val McEldowney

MINUTES: Moved by Kristin Stampa/Kevin Gray that the minutes of the board meeting held on 3rd March 2025 having been duplicated and circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards: Bowls Kapiti – response to Junior Hexagonal Letter
 Club Membership Returns and Databases from Taranaki Clubs
 Bowls NZ – National Intercentre correspondence
 Bowls NZ – National Interclub correspondence
 Bowls NZ – Voice of Participant Survey
 Bowls NZ – Secretaries Meeting
 Bowls NZ – Letter of Funding for Youth Bowls
 Bowls NZ – Champion of Champion’s Change of Dates and Venues Notice
 Accountability accepted from Four Winds Foundation
 Accountability accepted from Aotearoa Gaming Trust
 Successful Grant Application to Venture Taranaki for Major Events Fund
 Nomination Forms for Board Positions
 Patea BC apology for default at Champion of Champion’s event
 Enquiry about Green Assessments from Fitzroy BC
 Coaches Association Notice – Upcoming Coaches Weekend
 Letter from Patty Symes

Outwards: Minutes to Awakino Bowling Club
 Accountability report to Aotearoa Gaming Trust
 Accountability report to Four Winds Foundation
 Sponsors Reports
 High Performance Meeting Notes
 Taranaki Open Fours Debrief Notes
 Nomination Forms for Selectors, HP Coach, Board and President’s positions
 Have A Go Day – Conditions of Play
 Letter to Centres – Re: Junior Hexagonal and Kapiti players eligibility
 Letter to Paritutu – Default at First Year Singles
 Proposed Conditions of Play – Taranaki v Whanganui Winter Fixture
 Correspondence to Rhonda Adams – Women’s Centre Fours
 Taranaki Open Fours Shirts as Prizes posted.
 Request for Change of Date for Tournament – Lepperton

The inwards correspondence was received and outwards confirmed.

Moved by Grant Hassall/Chris Commane

CARRIED

FINANCIALS: Moved by Grant Hassall/Kristin Stampa that the financial statements for March be approved.

CARRIED

It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Kevin Gray that "Bowls Taranaki apply to NZCT for \$20'000 for salary for the position of Executive Officer"

CARRIED

It was moved by Chris Commane/Kristin Stampa that "Bowls Taranaki apply to Grassroots Trust Central Limited for the amount of \$2130.44 exc GST to cover the cost of purchasing caps for Bowls Taranaki representative players."

CARRIED

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Kristin Stampa that "Bowls Taranaki apply to the Lion Foundation for the cost of Rent and Power for the Bowls Taranaki Centre Office for the period of July to December 2025"

CARRIED

REPORTS

a) Administration and Marketing

Midlands Funds Management to be extended an invite to attend our AGM. Potential new sponsors for 2025-26 have been approached.

A contract with Venture Taranaki has been accepted and signed. Their Major Event Fund will continue to support the Taranaki Open Fours, this year with \$10'000+ GST of funding.

The new constitution has been drafted and will be reviewed by the Board. The new draft constitution will then be distributed to clubs in April. Clubs are to provide feedback before the 31st of May and any revisions made before approval at our Bowls Taranaki AGM.

b) Events

Champion of Champion's events are being held. There will be new rules regarding Bowls New Zealand National Champion of Champion events for next season. This will require the use of substitutes in our Champion of Champion's events to be reviewed.

It was noted that our handbook should be updated to include that if you knowingly enter an event that you can not complete, then that player should not enter that event.

The use of trial ends was discussed at the Champion of Champion's events. It was noted that trial ends must be completed before the scheduled start of play.

c) High Performance

A meeting of the High Performance Committee had been held to review performances at the National Intercentre. Selectors to be appointed for the new season in May, before winter training squads are selected.

d) Youth

Our TSSSA Have A Go Day was held for all abilities children with over 50 disabled students attending the morning session at the Indoor Stadium. The afternoon event was cancelled due to wet weather.

It was moved by Dean File/Kevin Gray that "Bowls Taranaki apply to Pelorus Trust for the cost of purchasing 10 sets of smaller size '0' bowls specifically designed for rangatahi to use."

CARRIED

e) Membership/Club Engagement

Club membership numbers have been returned and were distributed to Board members. Membership databases have been returned to the Centre Office by most clubs.

It was noted that Awakino Bowling Club were successful in obtaining a \$1500 grant from COGS, the Community Organisation Grants Scheme.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Coaches Weekend

The Coaches Association together with Bowls New Zealand are hosting a weekend for all new and existing Coaches. Re-accreditation will occur for existing coaches and anyone interested in becoming a coach can attend. It is hoped that every club will have a registered coach. The weekend is to be held at the Paritutu Indoor Stadium on the 14th & 15th of June.

Correspondence from Fitzroy Bowling Club – Greens Assessments

After receiving correspondence on behalf of Fitzroy BC, the assessment of newly laid first year greens was discussed. It was agreed, that the current regulation is, that no first year greens shall be selected for use in Bowls Taranaki events. It was agreed to continue with this regulation going forward.

It was noted, however that first year green's should still be assessed to provide clubs and greenkeepers feedback on the progress and condition of their new green. A letter to be sent to Fitzroy BC.

Change of Date – Lepperton Tournament

Lepperton have asked for a new date for their Optional 4's tournament. This will now be held on the 23rd of April.

Office Rental Agreement

The rental agreement between Paritutu BC and Bowls Taranaki is due to expire in 2025. Robert Wolfe and Ian Lewis to approach Paritutu BC to negotiate a new agreement.

Draft Tournament Programme

A draft of the Tournament Programme for 2025-26 was discussed. The Champion of Champion's Bowls3Five events to be removed from next season, pending Bowls New Zealand's removal of the National Finals.

AGM

Our Bowls Taranaki AGM to be held on Saturday the 28th of June at 9.30am at Stratford-Avon Bowling Club.

The meeting was closed at 12.45pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 20th May at 10.30am at the Centre Office.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

President/Chairman:

Date