

Bowls Taranaki (inc.)

Minutes of a meeting of the board of Bowls Taranaki held
at the Bowls Taranaki office on the 20th May 2025 at 11.30am

WELCOME: The Board Chairman welcomed the board members.

PRESENT: Robert Wolfe (Chairman), Grant Hassall (President), Kristin Stampa (Vice-President), Val McEldowney, Kevin Gray, Ian Lewis (Executive Officer)

APOLOGIES: Dean File, Chris Commene.

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Kevin Gray that the apologies be accepted. **CARRIED**

MINUTES: Moved by Grant Hassall/Robert Wolfe that the minutes of the board meeting held on 15th April 2025 having been duplicated and circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards: Bowls NZ – Bowls+ Update
Bowls NZ – Notice removing Bowls3Five National Finals from events calendar
Bowls Wellington – Under 26's notice
Coaching Weekend Registration Documents
Correspondence from Kristin Stampa
Matt Glasier – Letter about Umpiring
Nominations for the Annual Awards
Nominations for the Board, Selectors and Presidential Positions
John Garrud – Letter of thanks and resignation of Men's Selector role
Cindy Nicoll – Thanks and resignation of Junior Women's manager role

Outwards: Minutes to Awakino Bowling Club
Letter to Fitzroy BC – Green Assessments
Letter in response to Patty Symes
Sponsors Reports
Bowls Taranaki Draft Constitution to all Clubs
Grant Application to the Lion Foundation
Grant Application to Pelorus Trust
Grant Application to Grassroots Trust Central
Invitation to Midlands to attend our Annual Awards Dinner
Regional Meeting Minutes
Board Appointment Meeting and Minutes

The inwards correspondence was received and outwards confirmed.

Moved by Grant Hassall/Robert Wolfe **CARRIED**

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

REPORTS

a) Administration and Marketing

Accent Web Design have provided a quote to work on updating the website with a record of Centre Titles. Ian Lewis to work on compiling a database. Historical records will be able to be searched by name and event and published on the website.

After receiving nominations for Board Positions, and in line with our Constitution, an independent meeting had been held, Dean File, Kevin Gray and Robert Wolfe are to be re-appointed as Board Members at our upcoming AGM.

John Sexton to be included in our Marketing and Open Fours sub-committees for next season.

b) Events

Champion of Champion's events were finalised. The meeting believed that the current finals format works well, despite it being congested for some players and the lag between some preliminary rounds and the finals weekend. There was a discussion of potentially finalising the singles on one day, but at no resolutions were moved, meaning it too will continue to be completed on finals day.

The meeting concurred with the decision of the match committee on substitutes in our recent Champion of Champion events. If a substitute is required and plays in the winning team, that player must have played a minimum of two games to be eligible to warrant earning a Centre Title and a point towards their Gold Star, otherwise the original player will be deemed to be the winner of the Centre Title.

c) High Performance

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Kevin Gray that Chris Commane be appointed Women's Selector and Cathy Andrews be appointed Senior Women's Manager.

CARRIED

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Kevin Gray that John Gray be appointed as Men's Selector and Kevan Sellers be appointed as Senior Men's Manager.

CARRIED

Representative teams have to travel to Gisborne/East Coast and Hawkes Bay for the Octagonal. The extra time involved in travelling means that flying may be more appropriate, especially for working players. Ian Lewis to obtain quotes for the option of flying.

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Kristin Stampa that "Bowls Taranaki apply to Four Winds Foundation for funds to support our Senior Representative team travelling to the Octagonal and National Intercentre."

CARRIED

A High Performance meeting to be arranged with the newly appointed selectors, where the appointment of a High Performance coach will be made.

d) Youth

Dean File to join Amanda Crehan and Kevin Gledhill on our Youth Bowls Committee for next season.

CARRIED

e) Membership/Club Engagement

Clubs are reminded that Club Constitutions need to be updated and reregistered under the Incorporated Societies Act before April 2026.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Regional Meeting

Our Regional Meeting was held. There was a request from Gisborne/East Coast and Wairarapa to be included in the Junior Hexagonal for 2026-27. It was discussed that Taranaki would be happy for this to happen, however we would recommend that the event stay as a two day weekend event to reduce costs, and that if accepted Gisborne East Coast and Wairarapa would only join as hosts at the end of the current rotation.

Annual Awards and Dinner

The Devon Hotel has been booked for Sunday, 8th of June for our Annual Awards Dinner.

After much discussion the following awards were decided upon.

Youth Player of the Year: Camron Horo

Women's Player of the Year: Briar Atkinson

Men's Player of the Year: Craig De Faria

Greenkeeper of the Year: Willie Fleming – Manaia

Coach of the Year: Maurice Symes

Administrator of the Year: Steve Muller

Club of the Year: Stratford-Avon

Men's Shield

A discussion was held about Men's Shield ahead of woolshed and divisional meetings. Letters to be addressed to each division asking them for feedback on the Men's Shield.

Annual Levy

It was moved by Kevin Gray/Kristin Stampa that the proposed Annual Levy, paid per full playing member by each club, be increased to \$27 +GST from \$24 +GST at the next Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

Bowls+

It was discussed that Bowls Taranaki would not be providing results for Bowls+. If clubs wish to utilise Bowls+, they need to have all members signed up on BowlsHub and use this for their tournaments and results.

Executive Officer Review

A date to be set in July for the annual review of the Executive Officer.

The meeting was closed at 1.30pm.

Next Meeting: Saturday 28th June at Stratford-Avon concluding the AGM.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

President/Chairman:

Date