

BOWLS TARANAKI (INC.)

Minutes of the 112th Annual General Meeting of Delegates held at the Stratford-Avon Bowling Club on Saturday, 28th June 2025, commencing at 9.30 am.

PRESENT: The Chairman, Robert Wolfe, presided over an attendance of 26 delegates and 14 observers. The Chairman welcomed Club Delegates and observers.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Awakino, Rahotu, 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 Kristin Stampa, Barbara Bishop, Carol Deegan, Don Christensen, Moe Kelly, Vickie Kelly, Gail O'Keefe and Graeme Fairclough. It was moved by Simon Rowe/Megan Peters 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 Bruce Peacock/David Brunton that the minutes of the 2024 AGM, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a true and correct record. **CARRIED**

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS:

President's Report: It was moved by Simon Rowe/Diane Chapman 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 Past President Ian Andrews and the recent bereavements of Marie Anderson and Vic Walsh **CARRIED**

Chairman's Report: It was moved by Steve Muller/Eamon Hussey that the report which had been circulated to all delegates be taken as read and approved. **CARRIED**

Annual Performance Report: The President, Grant Hassall, spoke briefly to the accounts. A small profit of \$5000 had been achieved but concern was held that our major sponsor Midlands Funds Management will not renew their sponsorship for the upcoming season.

It was moved by Terry Mullins/Barbara Harvey that the Annual Performance Report for 2024-25 be approved. **CARRIED**

CLUB LEVIES:

The Chairman advised that the Board had recommended that Bowls Taranaki player levies be increased by \$3 to \$27 +GST per full playing member, and Association levies to remain at \$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.

It was moved by Simon Rowe/Barbara Harvey that the levies proposed be confirmed for the upcoming season. **CARRIED**

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:

The Draft Constitution had been circulated to all clubs for feedback.

It was moved by Megan Peters/Steve Muller that the new Bowls Taranaki Constitution be approved. **CARRIED**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Patron: It was moved by David Brunton/Megan Peters 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-Avon) was elected unopposed

APPOINTMENTS TO THE CENTRE BOARD:

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

FINANCIAL REVIEWER: It was moved by Megan Peters/Chris Oliver that the financial reviewer VanBurWray Chartered Accountants be retained for the coming season. **CARRIED**

DRAFT CENTRE PROGRAMME:

There is a new Centre Tournament for the 2025-26 season. The Women's Centre Fours to be played in the Southern Division at the same time as the Men's Centre Fours.

The Draft Centre Programme for 2025-26 was accepted. Moved by Steve Muller/Simon Rowe. **CARRIED**

Steve Muller advised the meeting that the Northern Division will offer early season fixtures in October as a priority to clubs who have artificial greens. This is to reduce any impact from bowlers damaging greens early in the season.

REPORTS:

Greenkeepers:

A report from Terry Mullin (President of the Greenkeepers Association) had been circulated. He thanked all the clubs who had supported greenkeepers to attend the recent North Island Greenkeepers Conference.

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 (President of the Coaches Association).

Women's Selector:

Ian Lewis (Executive Officer) read a report from the Vickie Kelly (Women's Selector).

Men's Selector: No report had been received.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Club Constitutions:

Oakura Bowling Club have made some alterations to the model constitution provided by Bowls New Zealand for their own club's constitution. It was advised that clubs around the country have been re-registering with the model constitution successfully to the Companies Office.

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

ATTACHMENTS

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

TARANAKI BOWLS COACHES' CENTRE AGM REPORT 2024-25

The Association's activities commenced with the Winter Coaching programme for 1 to 10 year players at the Paritutu Stadium on two Sundays in August with each day limited to 16 players. With this number it allowed for a more constructive programme each day for the participants. A similar programme is scheduled for August this year. In addition to this, coaches will be available to provide coaching throughout the season on request.

Bowls NZ provided a training weekend for coaches on 14-15 June, with six new bowlers completing the 2-day programme as a start to them becoming Development Coaches. A further seven coaches attended one day for re-accreditation. Maurice Symes and Amanda Crehan assisted Graeme Rees, Bowls NZ's National Development Coach with the training over the two days.

However, even with these new coaches coming on board, there has been a few resignations from coaches who have done many years of work, and a number of clubs throughout the province do not have recognised coaches within their membership, and I ask those clubs to consider addressing this in the next year or so, to enable constructive coaching to be provided to benefit their individual clubs and also Taranaki in the future.

The newly introduced High Performance programme was well received by the rep players, many expressing the various points learned from the programme, and hopefully this will continue in a similar way in the future.

With the introduction of the High Performance programme for the representative squads, players are given an individual training programme to work to and part of this is for them to work with a mentor, hence the need for more clubs to have qualified coaches within their membership to assist the players.

Finally, I thank all our dedicated coaches who have put time in throughout the year to assist fellow bowlers to improve their skills, and hopefully our combined dedication and commitment to the sport will be recognised by more players.

MOE KELLY

Coach Director

2024-25 BOWLS TARANAKI UMPIRES ASSN.

Presidents Report

We have 28 certified umpires in Taranaki but unfortunately, they are not all available to officiate when umpires are required because of work, health, playing, etc commitments.

27 of our umpires officiated during this last season at 148 Official BT Centre appointments. The biggest hurdle was the Mens Open Fours. We used two umpires from out of the region and one Taranaki competent bowler. We were advised not to supply umpires for the Hugh Moss Tournament. I have been told and believe the junior players need umpires.

There were quite considerable travel expenses. The expenses of running a car etc. is being subsidised by the umpires themselves. Travel expenses for long distance, paid to umpires this last season was \$944

At present the daily appointment or travel reimbursement is \$20 per day up to approximately 15 km from home and 20 cents per km for long distance appointments. This is a long way from the government rate of over \$1 per km. An increase for travel of 20% would cost our Assn approximately \$200, but this would go, at least, towards covering the fuel costs for our umpires.

Our daily appointment or travel reimbursement should be increased by \$5 to help cover local travel costs.

This could be retrieved by Bowls Taranaki

The cost of umpire travel and expenses plus admin for BTUA varies between \$3,500 and \$4,000 recently.

The profit from our BTUA tournament has been very good the last two years making approximately \$800 per year. Thanks to our sponsor, Collective First National.

Our income comes from;

Bowls Taranaki	\$2,000
Taranaki Clubs Green Levy	\$15 per green
Sponsor for tournament	\$500
Tournament profit, approx.	\$700-800

Interest on Investment

The BTUA tournament is the only reason we have come out positive for the last two seasons.

Most Taranaki bowling Clubs have at least one umpire trained and accredited by BTUA which helps their players play by the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

A sincere thankyou to all of our umpires for their dedication and help to all Taranaki Bowlers!!

Dr Brunton

BTUA President

President's Report 2025.

Another bowling season has finished and a very successful one with our greens in Taranaki running very well compared to the other centres.

Listening to comments at Taranaki Open and other centre events were very favourable to our greens in Taranaki. I believe the mild winter and less rain helped our Green Keepers to prepare their greens for the new season. Some greens did suffer with heat stress on those hot days.

I would like to say to clubs that if your green keeper is having trouble with your green don't stand back and criticise... go and talk to him and support him.

Our Green Keeper field days were well supported which is the best way if you are a new Green keeper to learn from older experience keepers.

Thanks to our secretary Maurice Symes for organising those days.

It is good to see the centre is using the smaller clubs for centre events

A big thank you to those green keepers for preparing their greens to a good standard.

On behalf of Taranaki Greenkeepers Association I hope we can continue to provide good greens next season for our bowlers

Terry Mullin

President.

WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – 2024/25 SEASON

I was approached by the Taranaki Centre to take over the role of Women's Selector following the resignation of Don Christiansen.

The first rep fixture for the season was against Waikato in Hamilton which I attended as the coach. Overall, this was a very disappointing result, recording 3 wins and 9 losses. I felt that the team selected (a combination of senior and junior players) struggled against the better performed Waikato team who fronted with a lot more experienced players.

Following my appointment, I approached a number of senior players who had the ability to perform at representative level. With the introduction of the High Performance programme, a number of training sessions were held for senior and junior players, with the result that a number of changes to the squads were made.

The next fixture on the calendar was against Wanganui at the Tower Club in Hawera, with 10 senior and 10 junior players. Susan Cottam as coach and Cindy Nicoll (manager) overseeing the Juniors, with Faye Gecse being my senior manager. Our programme of training and selection changes worked well, with the Juniors recording 11 wins from 12 games, and the Seniors 8 wins from 12 games, giving us the winners trophies for both squads.

This year's Junior Hexagonal events had Taranaki being hosts, with the event being held at West End in New Plymouth. Susan and Cindy prepared the teams for this event, and after the good performance in the Wanganui fixture it was decided to keep the same squad together, only to find they did not perform as well as expected, finishing 4th – a disappointing result.

The senior Octagonal held at the same time as the junior Hexagonal was hosted by the Wellington Centre at Naenae.

Although the side finished fifth, the gap between the first five teams was just four points – Wellington 19, Kapiti 17, Manawatu and Wairarapa 16.5, Taranaki 15. This result was quite pleasing, giving some positives for events coming later in the season.

The National Inter-Centre was also hosted in Wellington with Cathy Andrews accompanying the team as my Manager. This competition involved singles, pairs and fours. Play on Day 1 was at Naenae, with play on the second day being at two separate venues – Fours at Silverstream and Singles and Pairs at Stokes Valley. At completion of section play, Taranaki and Bay of Plenty were the two qualifiers with the same match points, with Bay of Plenty being top on points differential.

On to the Post-Section round back at Naenae, Taranaki drew Nelson in the quarter-finals. An enthralling Singles match with Chris Commane playing Jo Edwards, finally losing 18-25. The Pairs saw Rhonda Adams leading for Trish Howard outplaying the Nelson combination of Kay Hammond and Val Smith for a great win. The Fours team of Judy Crawford, Maree Gadsby, Bridgett Fletcher and skip Gale Fache working very well together, having some great discussions during the match on shot selection etc, but finally went down to the strong team of Jo Collis, Barbara McGregor, Amy McIlroy and Kirsten Edwards 11-18.

Overall, Taranaki did extremely well finishing in the top 8 at this event, and a lot of this is a result of all the players in the squad committing to their individual tasks, from the preparation and practices all have done, down to the season's final outcome.

In conclusion, I believe Taranaki is capable of being amongst the best in New Zealand and hopefully players selected in the future will continue the progression we have made recently.

VICKIE KELLY - Selector