

Bowls Taranaki (inc.)

Minutes of a meeting of the board of Bowls Taranaki held
at the Bowls Taranaki office on the 21st July 2025 at 10.30am

WELCOME: The Board Chairman welcomed the board members.

PRESENT: Grant Hassall (President & Chairman), Robert Wolfe, Val McEldowney, Kevin Gray, Dean File, Chris Commene, Ian Lewis (Executive Officer)

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Kristin Stampa. It was moved by Kevin Gray/Robert Wolfe that the apologies be accepted. **CARRIED**

MINUTES: Moved by Kevin Gray/Val McEldowney that the minutes of the board meeting held on 20th May 2025 having been duplicated and circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed. **CARRIED**

Moved by Robert Wolfe/Dean File that the minutes of the board meeting held after our AGM on the 28th June 2025 having been duplicated and circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed. **CARRIED**

The minutes of the AGM on 28th June 2025 will be adopted at the 2026 AGM.

MATTERS ARISING: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards: Umpire's Request for Travel Assistance
Grant Application to Pelorus Trust – declined – Youth Bowls
Successful Grant Application to Lion Foundation – Office Rent
New Substitute Regulations from Bowls New Zealand
Bowls New Zealand Domestic Regulations - June 2025
Bowls New Zealand Coaches Course Documents
Greenkeepers AGM Minutes
Feedback from Western and Southern Divisions – Men's Shield

Outwards: Minutes to Awakino Bowling Club
Entry Forms and Posters for Taranaki Open Fours
Annual Awards Invites
Grant Application to Pub Charity – Rep. Travel
Grant Application to Bobby Foundation – Rep. Caps
Grant Accountability to Sport Taranaki for Tu Manawa Funding
Letters to the Divisions - Men's Shield
Letter to Matt Glasier - Umpiring
Letter in reply to Greenkeepers – Greenkeepers Tournament
Letter of Affiliation to New Plymouth Bowling Club
Centre Secretary Meeting Notes
National Intercentre Feedback to Bowls New Zealand
Draft Programme, Annual Report, AGM Documents
Financial Statements to Companies Office
Reregistration of Bowls Taranaki and new constitution to Inc. Societies

The inwards correspondence was received and outwards confirmed.
Moved by Dean File/Kevin Gray

CARRIED

FINANCIALS: Moved by Chris Commene/Val McEldowney that the financial statements for May and June be approved.

CARRIED

A budget for the upcoming season was presented to the Board and adopted for the coming season. Moved Grant Hassall/Dean File.

CARRIED

REPORTS

a) Administration and Marketing

Bowls Taranaki documents including our updated Operations Manual and Bowls Taranaki Policies were distributed to Board Members for discussion and adoption at our next meeting.

Discussions with sponsors for the 2025-26 are currently progressing satisfactorily.

It was agreed that Grant Hassall and Ian Lewis to be on the Administration and Finance Committee for 2025-26.

It was agreed that Robert Wolfe, Dean File, John Sexton and Ian Lewis to be on the Marketing and Sponsorship Committee for 2025-26.

b) Greens

It was moved by Dean File/Kevin Gray that, Terry Mullin, Mike Walsh, Gavin Benton and Keith Sampson be confirmed as the Greens Advisory Panel for 2025-26.

CARRIED

Ian Lewis to continue working with Keith Sampson on greens for Centre events in 2025-26.

c) Events

It was agreed that Grant Hassall, Val McEldowney and Ian Lewis to be Match Committee for 2025-26.

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Robert Wolfe that, the Taranaki Men's and Women's Open Fours committee for 2025-26 be Robert Wolfe, Grant Hassall, Kevin Gray, John Sexton and Ian Lewis.

CARRIED

A report was tabled by Kevin Gray of the pre-season fixture held between Taranaki and Whanganui.

d) High Performance

A High Performance meeting with selectors to be held to review the Whanganui Fixture and preview the Waikato fixture and Under 8's High Performance day.

It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Dean File that "Bowls Taranaki apply to Four Winds Foundation for accommodation and travel to Auckland for the Bowls New Zealand National Intercentre."

CARRIED

e) Youth

A meeting had been held to review the previous year and plan for the upcoming season. Under 26's Coaching Clinics to start 5th August for anyone under the age of 26. Bowls New Zealand are coming in October with a number of schools booked for Have A Go sessions.

It was moved by Val McEldowney/Dean File that "Bowls Taranaki apply to Tu Manawa Funding for assistance with our Youth Bowls programme for 2025-26".

CARRIED

f) Membership/Club Engagement

Board Members to liaise with 'buddy clubs' throughout the season. Robert Wolfe to be involved with Waitara, Lepperton and Urenui. Chris Commene with Pihama and Manaia. Kristin Stampa with Patea, Hawera Park, Tower and Stratford-Avon. Kevin Gray with Rahotu, Okato and Oakura. Grant Hassall with Awakino, West End, Waimea and Vogeltown. Val McEldowney with New Plymouth and Paritutu and Dean File with Inglewood and Fitzroy. Board member to liaise with Opunake to be confirmed.

President and Secretaries Meetings to be held on Tuesday the 9th September (Southern Division) and Wednesday the 10th September (Northern Division).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Gold Star events

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Kevin Gray that Centre events eligible for a point towards your Gold Star to remain the same for 2025-26 season as they were for the 2024-25 season.

CARRIED

Player of the Year Points

There was discussion about which events and selections count towards points towards the Bowls Taranaki Player of the Year.

It was moved by Dean File/Robert Wolfe that in addition to full New Zealand international selection, other players gaining selections made by either Bowls New Zealand or Aotearoa Maori Bowls to represent New Zealand in either ParaBowls, Youth/Age Grade, Development/Emerging Player or Aotearoa Maori sides shall be awarded half the points for the that are currently awarded for a full international. These points therefore are: Full NZ international 100 points for first fixture (each subsequent fixture 50 points), other NZ rep for first fixture 50 points (each subsequent fixture 25 points).

Chris Commene moved to amend the motion by removing Aotearoa Maori Bowls from the selection criteria for Player of the Year points. The amendment lapsed through the lack of a seconder.

The original motion was then put to the meeting and **CARRIED**.

All other points remain the same as the 2024-25 season.

Briar Atkinson and Camron Horo - 2025 World Junior Indoor Championships

It was noted that Briar and Camron are fundraising towards entering the World Junior Indoor Championships after being selected by Bowls New Zealand.

It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Dean File that Bowls Taranaki support Briar Atkinson and Camron Horo with \$1000 each so that they can travel and play in the 2025 World Junior Indoor Championships in Northern Ireland.

CARRIED

Bowls New Zealand Delegate to AGM

It was moved by Val McEldowney/Chris Commene that Grant Hassall be our delegate to the Bowls New Zealand AGM.

CARRIED

Umpires Letter – Travel Assistance

Correspondence was received from the Umpires Association. Bowls Taranaki are supportive of their proposed increase in payments to travelling Umpires. Once the financial position of the Umpires Association is clear later in the season, a determination can be made if there needs to be an adjustment from the current financial assistance which they currently receive.

Governance

As part of our Strategic Planning, our Mission Statement was discussed. There were suggestions for suitable Goals and Objectives for the upcoming season. Board members were asked to consider these and discuss them further at the next Board Meeting.

Health & Safety and Privacy Officer

It was moved by Kevin Gray/Robert Wolfe that Grant Hassall be our Health and Safety Officer.

CARRIED

It was moved by Chris Commene/Robert Wolfe that Ian Lewis be our Privacy Officer.

CARRIED

In-committee

At 11.41am it was moved Robert Wolfe/Chris Commene that the meeting go into committee.

CARRIED

At 11.46am it was moved Chris Commene/Val McEldowney that the meeting move out of committee.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed at 11.46am.

Next Meeting: Monday 1st September at 10.30am at the Centre Office.



Confirmed as a true and correct record:

President/Chairman: Grant Hassall – 23 July 2025
Date