

Bowls Taranaki (inc.)

Minutes of a meeting of the board of Bowls Taranaki held
at the Bowls Taranaki office on the 1st September 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, Kristin Stampa, Ian Lewis (Executive Officer)

APOLOGIES: None

MINUTES: Moved by Robert Wolfe/Chris Commene that the minutes of the board meeting held on 21st July 2025 having been duplicated and circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed. **CARRIED**

Moved by Kevin Gray/Val McEldowney that the minutes of the in-committee meeting held on the 21st July 2025 having been duplicated and circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Inwards: Successful Grant Application - Pub Charity
 Successful Grant Application – Tu Manawa Funding (Sport Taranaki)
 Successful Grant Application - NZCT
 Signed Sponsorship Agreement – The Devon Hotel
 Thank You from Briar Atkinson and Camron Horo
 Youth Committee – Report from Amanda Crehan at Sacred Heart
 Umpires Association – Hugh Moss Slow Play
 Request for assistance – Coaching resources for players with restricted mobility
 Under 26's Conditions of Play, Programme, approval of team-Bowls Wellington
 Women's Octagonal Conditions of Play – Gisborne
 Rental Agreement – Paritutu
 Selectors Reports to High Performance Committee
 Bowls NZ – Online Gaming Bill
 Bowls NZ Final Notice - AGM
 AGM Minutes from Clubs and Divisions
 Live Streaming Proposal – Kevin Gledhill
- Outwards: Grant for Tu Manawa Funding – Sport Taranaki
 Grant Application to Four Winds Foundation – National Intercentre
 Grant Application to NZCT
 Affiliated Club Letter – Oakura BC
 Affiliated Club Letter – Urenui BC
 Centre Secretary Meeting Notes
 Sponsorship Agreement – The Devon Hotel
 Notice – Under 26's Coaching Sessions
 Youth Committee – Letter endorsing Kevin Southee
 Reply to Umpire's request for additional funding
 Conditions of Play/Draw - Waikato

The inwards correspondence was received and outwards confirmed.
Moved by Chris Commene/Kevin Gray

CARRIED

FINANCIALS: Moved by Kristin Stampa/Robert Wolfe that the financial statement for July be approved.

CARRIED

REPORTS

a) Administration and Marketing

The Devon Hotel has been confirmed as principal sponsors of The Devon Hotel Men's and Women's Open Fours. Signage has been arranged with Paritutu and West End Clubs.

Our Operation's Manual and Centre Regulations has been circulated to Board Members. With some minor changes to update, it was moved by Dean File/Chris Commene that "Bowls Taranaki adopt the Operations Manual and Centre Regulations for 2025-26."

CARRIED

It was moved by Kevin Gray/Val McEldowney that "Bowls Taranaki adopt the Privacy Policy that has been circulated."

CARRIED

b) Events

A report was tabled by Kevin Gray from the pre-season fixture held between Taranaki and Waikato. A manager's meeting was held where a recommendation to hold a Development fixture alongside the Seniors was discussed.

It was moved by Dean File/Chris Commene that "Bowls Taranaki approach Bowls Waikato to host a Men's Senior and Development Side fixture and a Women's Senior and Development fixture. Men's and Women's Sides to alternate between Hamilton and New Plymouth."

CARRIED

c) High Performance

A High Performance Meeting to be held before the upcoming fixture against Whanganui.

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Kevin Gray that "For representative events within the North Island, all sides will travel by road and flights to Auckland and Wellington will only be purchased on the condition of receiving additional funding. For sides travelling to Gisborne or the South Island, flights will be purchased."

CARRIED

It was moved by Kristin Stampa/Dean File that "Bowls Taranaki apply to Grassroots Trust Central for funding towards accommodation and flights to the National Intercentre in Auckland."

CARRIED

d) Youth

Coaching Sessions have been held for Under 26 players with new and existing players attending.

A report from Amanda Crehan had been circulated to the board. Successful coaching sessions had been held with senior PE classes at Sacred Heart Girls College.

A meeting had been held with Kevin Southee from New Plymouth Bowling Club. A letter endorsing his plans to engage schoolkids in having a go at playing Lawn Bowls had been sent. Kevin is to initially start with contacting St. Joseph's School on behalf of Bowls Taranaki.

It was noted that clubs need to be aware of their responsibilities around the serving of alcohol when having youth players at their clubs.

e) Membership/Club Engagement

President and Secretaries Meetings are to be held at Tower on Tuesday 9th September at 6.30pm for southern clubs and Paritutu on Wednesday 10th September at 6.30pm for northern clubs.

Grant Hassall to be our board member liaison for Opunake BC.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Umpire's Letter – Slow Play in the Hugh Moss

A letter was received from the Umpire's Association regarding slow play in the Hugh Moss competition. Players to be reminded of the laws to play at an appropriate speed. This season's event will be analysed, and if necessary, a movement of players restriction may be added into the conditions of play.

Live-Streaming

A proposal was received from Kevin Gledhill about live streaming Centre events. Live Streaming to be discussed with clubs at the upcoming President's and Secretaries meetings to ascertain if there is a demand for it, and if there are suitable volunteers to help run it. Additional equipment would likely need to be purchased.

Office Rental Agreement

The rental agreement proposed by Paritutu Bowling Club for the Boardroom and Centre Office was discussed.

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Dean File that "Bowls Taranaki accept the proposed rate of \$6300 per annum including utilities, plus GST. Bowls Taranaki to approach Paritutu with an agreement for a 2 and a half year term, with two, 2-year rights of renewal." **CARRIED**

Bowls Wellington – National Under 26's

A letter to be drafted to Bowls Wellington thanking them for hosting the National Under 26 tournament. This tournament is entirely funded by Bowls Wellington and their funding providers.

Centre Events – Entry Fees

Centre Open event entry fees and prizemoney to remain the same for the upcoming season. Prizemoney to be reviewed for The Devon Hotel Men's and Women's Open Fours.

Goals and Objectives

Goals and Objectives for the upcoming season were discussed and agreed:

- Membership: work more closely with clubs to ensure no decline
- High performance: competitive performances in the intercentre
- Youth programme: wider engagement and the extension of our depth
- Finance: break-even for the year

The meeting was closed at 11.55am.

Next Meeting: Monday 6th October at 10.30am at the Centre Office.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

President/Chairman: Grant Hassall