

## **Bowls Taranaki (inc.)**

Minutes of a meeting of the board of Bowls Taranaki held  
at the Bowls Taranaki office on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 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, Kristin Stampa, Ian Lewis (Executive Officer).

**APOLOGIES:** Chris Commane

Moved by Dean File/Robert Wolfe, that the apology be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES:** Moved by Val McEldowney/Kristin Stampa that the minutes of the board meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 having been duplicated and circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed.

**CARRIED**

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

a). Live Streaming

Bowls Taranaki will be in touch with Kevin Gledhill to see if additional volunteers can be found and to explore some funding options for the additional equipment required.

b). Office Rental Agreement

It was moved by Dean File/Kevin Gray that the proposed rental agreement be accepted with minor changes. Ian Lewis to update the agreement and correspond with Paritutu.

**CARRIED**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Inwards: Successful Grant Application – Toi Foundation, Annual and Events Grant  
Open Fours Dispensations  
Bowls New Zealand AGM Minutes  
Hexagonal and Octagonal Documents  
Selectors Reports – Taranaki v Waikato  
High Performance Quote – Mental Skills Sessions  
Date for TSSSA Have A Go Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Declined Grant Application – Bobby Foundation for Representative Caps  
Voice of Participation Survey – Bowls New Zealand  
Letter from Paritutu Bowling Club – Signage  
Office Rental Agreement – Paritutu BC

Outwards: Grant Application to Grassroots Trust Central – National Intercentre  
President and Secretaries Meetings – Agenda/Documents/Report  
Reply to Slow Play in Hugh Moss to Umpires Association  
Letter to Bowls Wellington Thank You for Under 26's tournament.  
Managers Meeting – Taranaki v Waikato  
Conditions of Play – Taranaki v Whanganui  
Affiliated Club Letter – West End BC  
Sport Taranaki Sport Survey  
Nomination of Camron Horo and Paritutu Men's Interclub Division 1 Side for

Sport Taranaki Awards.  
 Press Release to Coastal News – Camron Horo and Briar Atkinson  
 Handbooks to Sponsors and Key Contacts

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

**CARRIED**

**FINANCIALS:** Moved by Kristin Stampa/Kevin Gray that the financial statements for August and September be approved.

**CARRIED**

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

Nothing to Report.

### **REPORTS**

#### **a) Administration and Marketing**

A Tournament Committee meeting was held to go over plans for The Devon Hotel Men's and Women's Open Fours.

It was moved by Robert Wolfe and Kevin Gray, that a letter be addressed to Bowls New Zealand in support of live SKY and TAB coverage of The Devon Hotel Taranaki Men's Open Fours.

**CARRIED**

Board Members to talk with their clubs, to encourage a person within each club to assist with getting more local teams together for the Open Fours. Dispensations may be granted on application for teams if they fall outside the eligibility requirements but are within the spirit of the tournament.

Prize money for the Taranaki Open Fours was proposed to be increased to \$10,000 for the Men's Tournament and \$5,400 for the Women's Tournament. The best performed Taranaki side will receive \$200 worth of Devon Hotel vouchers for both Men's and Women's tournaments. The entry fee for the Open Fours Pairs tournament is to be increased from \$10 to \$15.

It was moved by Kristin Stampa/Val McEldowney that the proposed increase in prize money for The Devon Hotel Taranaki Open Fours be approved.

**CARRIED**

#### **b) Greens**

Green Inspections to occur on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of November for North and South Taranaki Clubs.

**CARRIED**

#### **c) Events**

It was moved by Val McEldowney/Kristin Stampa that a dispensation be granted for Okato and Opunake to field a composite side in the Egmont Shield.

**CARRIED**

It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Kevin Gray that a dispensation be granted to Pihama and Okato to field a composite side 'Coastal' in Men's Interclub due to both clubs having less than 20 male full playing members.

**CARRIED**

d) High Performance

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

Caps for representative players have been ordered. It was moved by Grant Hassall/Dean File that, a Cap can be presented to players, selectors and management who are selected to represent Bowls Taranaki at either Junior, Senior or Age Group level. Pre-season fixtures in the off season against Whanganui and Waikato do not count towards representative selection. **CARRIED**

e) Youth

Cole Drinnan and Bowls New Zealand arrive the week starting Monday the 13 October. They are visiting Opunake on Monday, Tuesday they are at Highlands Intermediate, Sacred Heart Girls College is Wednesday, Inglewood Bowling Club for All Abilities with Parafed on Thursday and Friday at New Plymouth Boys High School.

f) Membership/Club Engagement

The Presidents and Secretaries Meetings held were productive. Board Members to discuss with their 'buddy' clubs their goals and objectives for the season. Later in the year, we will ask clubs how many of the 15 items to recruit new members, circulated from Sport New Zealand, they are using.

It was noted that Limited Members must not play at any other club other than the club they have limited membership with. They must also not represent their club in any Interclub event including Shield, Pennants or Midweek Competitions.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### Sport Taranaki Awards - Nominations

Nominations were sent to Sport Taranaki for Camron Horo as Junior Sportsman of the Year and the winning Men's Interclub side from Paritutu for Team of the Year.

### Tournament Dates

It was moved by Kristin Stampa/Dean File that Pihama's request to change their date for their tournament on the 16<sup>th</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> December be accepted. **CARRIED**

It was confirmed that Waimea's request for a change of date for their 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration from Labour Weekend to Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March (Taranaki Anniversary) be accepted. **CARRIED**

### Letter from Paritutu – Signage

A letter was received from Paritutu Bowling Club regarding the signage installed for The Devon Hotel. A discussion was held about signage at venues for the Open Fours. A letter to be sent in response to Paritutu.

### Interclub Prize Money and Travel Assistance

A discussion was held around prize money and assistance paid out to clubs for helping with travel costs to the National Interclub finals.

It was moved by Dean File/Kristin Stampa, that the full amount of Interclub entry fees continue to be paid out as prize money minus the cost of entry to the National Interclub. Financial assistance for travel may be approved only on application to the Board of Bowls Taranaki.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed at 11.40am.

**Next Meeting:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am at the Centre Office.

Confirmed as a true and correct record: .....

President/Chairman: Grant Hassall