

Bowls Taranaki (inc.)

Minutes of a meeting of the board of Bowls Taranaki held
at the Bowls Taranaki office on the 17th November 2025 at 10.30am

WELCOME: The Board Chairman welcomed the board members.

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

APOLOGIES: None

MINUTES: Moved by Kevin Gray/Robert Wolfe that the minutes of the board meeting held on 6th October 2025 having been duplicated and circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING:

Limited Membership

Correspondence was received from the Southern Division enquiring about Limited Membership. Bowls New Zealand has been approached to clarify their stance on Limited Members and what they can and can't play in. Under our Constitution, Limited Members are only allowed to play in Club days and gala events at their own Club. Precisely, each club determines what limited members in the club can play in. Limited Members **must not** play in Club Champs, Interclub events, Divisional events, or outside the confines of their own club.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards: Letter of resignation – Maurice Symes as High Performance Coach
 Limited Membership – Enquiry from Southern Division
 Waimea's 242 Pairs tournament date application – Wednesday, 18th February
 West End Craig's Mixed 4's Tournament rescheduled to – Sunday, 4th January
 Assistance for players with limited mobility – Chris O'Dea
 Lunches for Symes Shield – Southern Division. This is a divisional matter.
 Playing on the same rinks morning & afternoon for Shield – Southern Division.
 This is a divisional matter and finality rest with the Southern Division Convenor.
 Correspondence with NZTA / Downer – Road Closure
 TET Masters Games
 No Smoking Policy – Correspondence from Craig Murray
 Report from Robert Wolfe – Men's Interclub
 Reports from Kristin Stampa – Women's Interclub, Centre Fours and Rep
 Fixture

Outwards: Grant Application to Grassroots Trust Central – National Intercentre
 Grant Application to Aotearoa Gaming Trust – Office Rent and Power
 Correspondence with NZTA / Downer – Road Closure
 Letter to Paritutu – Devon Hotel Signage
 Nominations for Sport Taranaki Annual Awards
 Meeting with Cole Drinnan – Bowls New Zealand Rangatahi Lead
 High Performance Meeting Notes

Advertising in Sunshine Coast Carnival Programmes
 Sponsors Reports
 Letter to Bowls NZ in support of SKY TV and TAB coverage of the 'Open'.
 Open Fours Notice – Devon Hotel & Marbles Restaurant & Game Changer Shirts

The inwards correspondence was received and outwards confirmed.

Moved by Val McEldowney/Dean File.

CARRIED

FINANCIALS: Moved by Kristin Stampa/Chris Commane that the financial statements for October be approved.

CARRIED

A profit/loss cash report for the previous 6 months was presented to the Board.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Nothing to Report.

REPORTS

a) Administration and Marketing

Entries continue to come in for the 'Open'. Advertising has been placed in the Sunshine Coast Carnival Programmes.

The Open Fours Tournament Committee will meet to conduct the Men's draw on the 25th of November.

b) Greens

Green Assessments have taken place with clubs receiving written reports. Overall the standard of greens is high. A list of greens has been submitted for the 'Open'.

c) Events

Reports were received from Kristin Stampa for The HTL Group Women's Centre Fours, Vospers Women's Interclub and the recent Representative fixture.

A report was tabled from Robert Wolfe around Summerset Men's Interclub.

Clubs are to be reminded about their obligations around hosting, and that clubs must provide an opportunity for players to purchase lunch, whether that be a lunch run to a bakery or lunch on site. If clubs are unable to meet their hosting obligations, then they may not be selected to host future events.

d) High Performance

A High Performance meeting has been held and report sent to Board Members. The High Performance Committee is to review fixtures and squad numbers ahead of next season.

A letter was received from Maurice Symes resigning as High Performance Coach. Discussion has been held with the Men's Selector about supporting our Men's Development Side with a coach/selector.

e) Youth

Cole Drinnan from Bowls New Zealand had completed a week of engagement with youth in schools around Taranaki. A debrief had been held, in which Cole was thanked and Bowls New Zealand was asked for further support in the coming year.

Kevin Southee has initiated a trial programme with St. Jospeh's School.

f) Membership/Club Engagement

A general discussion was had of clubs and membership. It was noted that some clubs were progressing well, with some good initiatives.

GENERAL BUSINESSTournament Dates

It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Kristin Stampa, that Waimea's request to play a 242 Tournament on Wednesday ,18th February, 2026 be accepted. **CARRIED**

It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Dean File, that West End's request to reschedule their postponed Craig's Investments Mixed 4's Tournament to Sunday, 4th January, 2026 be accepted. **CARRIED**

Assistance for Players with Limited Mobility.

A request had been received from Chris O'Dea to help with purchasing equipment, such as a bowling arm and stick to help him with assisting players who have limited mobility. It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Kristin Stampa that a request be sent to the Coaches Association to see if equipment can be sought to help with the coaching. **CARRIED**

Letter regarding Bowls Taranaki Smoking Policy

There was an incident in Interclub where a player was found to be smoking on the green. For consistency, the Centre will enquire with Bowls New Zealand around their current penalties that are given for players who continue to smoke after being warned against it. Bowls Taranaki policy is quite clear around smoking, in that there is to be no smoking on the green and that smoking is to be conducted only in designated smoking areas.

Mat Fees

It was noted that some clubs do not have anyone at their club at the start of play. A representative of the club should be at their club at the start of play to organise lunch orders and collect mat fees, if required, on behalf of the club.

The meeting was closed at 11.30am.

Next Meeting: Monday 12th January at 10.30am at the Centre Office.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

President/Chairman: Grant Hassall