

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

Minutes of a meeting of the board of Bowls Taranaki held  
at the Bowls Taranaki Centre Office on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 10.30am

**WELCOME:** The Chairman welcomed the Board Members.

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

**APOLOGIES:** None.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Kevin Gray/Kristin Stampa that the minutes of the board meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 having been duplicated and circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed. **CARRIED**

**MATTERS ARISING:** Men's and Women's Interclub to be discussed at the AGM in order to get feedback about potential format from Clubs.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Inwards: Nominations received – Annual Awards  
Lawn and Sports Field Network Plan - Workshop Outcomes  
Correspondence – Health and Safety issue at Stratford-Avon BC  
Northern Division AGM Notice  
Greenkeepers AGM Notice  
Nomination Forms – Board and Presidential Positions  
Assistance with Bowls Museum – New Curator Required  
Regional Meeting – Documents and Representative Costs Discussion Paper  
Regional Meeting – Letter - Costs for attending Bowls NZ National Intercentre  
Men's Selector Report 2025-26  
Correspondence from Paritutu BC – Plural/Dual Membership

Outwards: Grant Application to Lion Foundation – Office Rent  
Draft Centre Programme for 2026-27 to Clubs  
Regional Meeting - Attendance  
Lawn and Sports Field Network Plan Workshop – Attendance  
Letter addressing Health and Safety to Stratford-Avon BC and Chris O'Dea  
Invitation to Chris O'Dea to speak about Health and Safety at AGM  
Health and Safety resources to all Clubs  
Sponsors Reports  
Letter to Bowls New Zealand – Host National Fours and Mixed Pairs 2028-29  
Letter regarding Women's Champion of Champions Fours  
High Performance Committee Meeting Notes  
Letter of Representation – Vanburwray Chartered Accountants  
Bowls NZ National Intercentre Parajacks Feedback

The inwards correspondence was received and outwards confirmed.  
Moved by Robert Wolfe/Kevin Gray

**CARRIED**

**FINANCIALS:** Moved by Dean File/Val McEldowney that the financial statements for April be approved. **CARRIED**

The Annual Accounts for 2025-26 were presented. There was a small loss of around \$5000 attributed to the financial assistance given to Briar Atkinson and Camron Horo to travel to the World Championships, the purchase of representative caps for players and the extra costs associated with emergency travel during a significant weather event returning from the Octagonal.

It was also noted that some sponsors had pulled their support this year, citing the increased costs and difficulty of running a successful business. It was noted that sponsorship was becoming increasingly difficult to find and that some events for 2026-27 do not have a sponsor currently.

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Robert Wolfe that the Annual Accounts for 2025-26 be approved. **CARRIED**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:** No Health and Safety issues in the office were noted.

## **REPORTS**

- a) Administration and Marketing  
Potential sponsors had been approached.
- b) Greens  
It was noted that the Greenkeepers have their AGM coming up.
- c) Events  
Our Champion of Champions Finals Day had been held. It was felt that it was a very successful day with a large number of people supporting their clubs by attending West End BC. It was noted that because of the nature of the day and with so many trophies being awarded, that not all the winners and runner-ups had been shown the same amount of recognition.
- d) High Performance  
Our High Performance Committee had met and a report was filed by the Men's Selector for the season.

Bowls Taranaki had been approached by Bowls Wanganui over extending the pre-season games in August to two days for both Men and Women. It was moved by Val McEldowney/Dean File that Taranaki accept. Ian Lewis to confirm with Bowls Wanganui over the exact dates. **CARRIED**

Whanganui will pay for their own accommodation, Taranaki will pay for the booking of the venue and afternoon tea. All players are to buy or bring their own lunch for pre-season games.

It was noted that we had not received any nominations for the vacant position of Under 26s Selector/Manager. Expressions of interest to be sought.

e) Membership/Club Engagement

Just over half of all clubs had returned their Annual Return. Board Members to follow up with their buddy clubs ahead of the 31<sup>st</sup> May deadline.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### Regional Meeting

The lower North Island Regional Meeting was held recently. At the meeting it was discussed as to how to reduce costs for the Representative Programme. A letter was drafted on behalf of the 8 Centres requesting Bowls New Zealand to only host the National Intercentre in the central locations of Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch in order to reduce costs and travel.

It was moved by Kristin Stampa/Chris Commane that Bowls Taranaki endorse the draft letter received from the Regional Meeting to be sent to Bowls New Zealand. **CARRIED**

### Taranaki Lawn and Sports Field Network Plan

It was moved by Kevin Gray/Dean File that we seek representation on the Project Reference Group to discuss the Lawn and Sports Field Plan. Ian Lewis appointed to submit an application to join the panel with Sport Taranaki. **CARRIED**

### Health and Safety

Robert Wolfe met with Chris O'Dea on site at Stratford-Avon to discuss some of his Health and Safety concerns.

It was noted that Chris O'Dea must report his accident to Stratford-Avon BC, so that they can include the accident in their club's Hazard Register, and so that the matter can be dealt with accurately by their Club Committee.

Bowls Taranaki have been dealing with Worksafe and have taken Health and Safety advice from them. Worksafe have been invited to make a presentation to all clubs at the AGM and the invitation to Chris O'Dea has now been withdrawn.

### Plural Membership

Correspondence had been received from Paritutu Bowling Club. A discussion was had around Plural (Dual) Membership and the notion, that potentially a rule be introduced that a player can only play for one club in the Champion of Champions events during a season (and therefore only one club for their Club Championships). It was noted that clubs themselves have jurisdiction to set their own regulations.

For Champion of Champion events, the status quo shall remain that is "that players who hold Plural Membership can only play a discipline once." **CARRIED**

### Annual Awards

It was resolved that the following Bowls Taranaki Awards for 2025-26 be awarded:

Club of the Year:	Urenui
Men's Player of the Year:	Dean Elgar
Women's Player of the Year:	Jackie Moeahu
Youth Player of the Year:	Luca Dobson

Greenkeepers of the Year: Mike Werder and Phil Kuklinski (Tower Greenkeepers)  
 Coach of the Year: Amanda Crehan  
 Umpire of the Year: Betty Brunton  
 Administrator of the Year: Megan Peters

Our Annual Awards to be hosted at The Devon Hotel on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

#### AGM Documents and Club Levy

It was noted that there will be some topics for discussion at our upcoming AGM. Those include: Health and Safety; Division 1 Interclub; a later finishing date for the Centre Programme; club regulations and especially those regulations around disciplinary matters; membership categories and social & business house bowls.

It was moved by Grant Hassall/Chris Commane that the Annual Levy for membership be increased from \$27+GST to \$30+GST for the 2026-27 season. **CARRIED**

#### Board Members

Val McEldowney and Kristin Stampa are retiring from the Board. They were both thanked for their efforts over the years and wished well for their future endeavours. Neville Nodder (Fitzroy) and Kevin Gledhill (Paritutu) are elected to the vacant positions.

Nominations were received from Robert Wolfe (Waitara) for Centre President, and for Centre Vice-President from Grant Hassall (West End). There being no other nominations received, Robert Wolfe and Grant Hassall will be confirmed at the upcoming AGM.

The meeting was closed at 11.55am.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 following the Bowls Taranaki AGM at Stratford-Avon Bowling Club.

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

President/Chairman: Grant Hassall