

BOWLS TARANAKI (INC.)

Minutes of the 113th Annual General Meeting of Delegates held at the Stratford-Avon Bowling Club on Saturday, 27th June 2026, commencing at 9.30 am.

PRESENT: The Chairman, Grant Hassall, presided over an attendance of 33 delegates and 6 observers. The Chairman welcomed Club Delegates and Observers.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Awakino, Manaia, Oakura, Patea, Rahotu and Vogeltown.

BEREAVEMENTS: The Chairman asked those present to stand and observe a moment's silence in memory of the well-known bowlers and servants of the game who had passed away during the year.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Dean File, Robert Wolfe, Stephen Stuart, Steve Muller, John Gray, Peter Van de Croft, Moe Kelly, Kevin Gray, Cliff Rona, Peter Van Dyk, Terry Mullin and Viv Hall. It was moved by Neil Candy/Bruce Peacock that the apologies be accepted. **CARRIED**

REFRESHMENTS: The Chairman advised that refreshments will be provided after the AGM, and thanked the Stratford-Avon Bowling Club for their hospitality.

RULES OF DEBATE: The Chairman reminded delegates about the voting procedure and the Rules of Debate that had been circulated. There were no objections.

MINUTES: It was moved by Eamon Hussey/Denise Cottam that the minutes of the 2025 AGM, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a true and correct record. There were no matters arising. **CARRIED**

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS:

President's and Chairman's Report:

It was moved by Eamon Hussey/Frank Gecse that the reports which had been circulated to all delegates be taken as read and approved. **CARRIED**

Annual Performance Report:

The Chairman, Grant Hassall, spoke briefly to the accounts. A small loss of around \$5000 had been posted due to the extra costs associated with emergency travel returning from the Octagonal in poor weather and some additional representative costs, also our support from the Centre to Briar Atkinson and Camron Horo to represent New Zealand in the Under 26 World Championships in Northern Ireland. This balances out a small \$5000 profit achieved in 2024-25.

It was moved by Neil Candy/Bill Ranford that the Annual Performance Report for 2025-26 be approved. **CARRIED**

CLUB LEVIES:

The Chairman advised that the Board had recommended that Bowls Taranaki player levies be increased by \$3 to \$30 +GST per full playing member, and Association levies to remain at \$15 +GST per green for the three affiliates (Umpires, Coaches and Greenkeepers Associations).

The Chairman called for any questions or discussion on the levy – there were no objections.

It was moved by Bruce Peacock/Mark Dudley that the levies proposed be confirmed for the upcoming season.

CARRIED**NOTICES OF MOTIONS:**

None were received.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Patron: It was moved by David Brunton/Barbara Harvey that Patty Symes be appointed as Patron. Patty Symes accepted, thanked the Board and Clubs for their efforts throughout the season.

CARRIED

President: Robert Wolfe (Waitara) was elected unopposed.

Vice President: Grant Hassall (West End) was elected unopposed

APPOINTMENTS TO THE CENTRE BOARD:

The delegates were informed that Neville Nodder and Kevin Gledhill were newly appointed to the Board for the next 2 years alongside Chris Commane. Dean File and Kevin Gray have one further year to run on their appointments.

Neville Nodder and Kevin Gledhill spoke to the meeting, looking forward to the upcoming season.

FINANCIAL REVIEWER: It was moved by Neil Candy/Gerry O'Sullivan that the financial reviewer Moore VBW Chartered Accountants be retained for the upcoming season.

CARRIED**DRAFT CENTRE PROGRAMME:**

A document had been circulated to clubs proposing that the Centre Programme be extended by a further 2 weeks into May.

Due to the more settled weather later in the season and warmer weather for longer enabling more time for green preparation, the overwhelming majority of clubs showed their support in favour of extending the season. The Board to confirm the Centre Programme for next season at our next Board Meeting.

The question of whether to retain the play and mark format for the Open Singles was raised. It was advised that Clubs find it hard to provide markers to enable this to happen. The incoming Match Committee will consider this feedback.

REPORTS:

Reports had been received and circulated to all Clubs from the Umpires Association, Greenkeepers Association, Men’s and Women’s Selectors. No report had been received from the Coaches Association.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Interclub

Mike Walsh (Paritutu) spoke on the matter, that Paritutu would like to see Interclub expanded in order that players and Club sides can get more regular competitive games against the best players from other Clubs.

Health and Safety

Sport New Zealand guidelines were distributed to Clubs prior to the meeting. All Clubs must have a Health and Safety Officer and the majority of Clubs indicated that they do have a Health and Safety Officer and are keeping a Risk Register, along with other documents pertaining to Health and Safety including the provision of documents pertaining to chemicals and greenkeeping Health and Safety.

Business House/Social Bowls

A good number of clubs are hosting Business House/Social Bowls. It was noted that conversion of these players into Club Members was difficult.

Club Regulations

It was important that Clubs adopt new Club Regulations to sit alongside their new Club Constitution.

Limited Membership

It was reminded that Limited Membership only allows those members to play ‘Limited’ events at their own club and does not allow any ‘Limited Member’ to play Club Championships, represent their own Club in Interclub or any other divisional event, or play at another Club.

There being no more general business, the Chairman, Grant Hassall thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting was then closed at 10.00am

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Board Chairman:

Date

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Umpires report
- B. Greenkeepers report
- C. Men’s Selector report
- D. Women’s Selector report