

Bowls Taranaki (inc.)

Minutes of a meeting of the board of Bowls Taranaki held
at the Bowls Taranaki Centre Office on the 8th October at 10.30am

WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed the Board Members.

PRESENT: Robert Wolfe (President), Grant Hassall (Chairman & Vice-President), Chris Commene, Kevin Gledhill, Kevin Gray, Neville Nodder, Ian Lewis (Exec. Officer).

APOLOGY: Dean File. It was moved by Kevin Gledhill/Chris Commene that the apology be accepted. **CARRIED**

MINUTES: Moved by Robert Wolfe/Neville Nodder that the minutes of the board meeting held on 27th August 2026 having been duplicated and circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: It was noted that supervisors and divisions must be recording when Limited Members are permitted to play when preventing a bye in club open tournaments and divisional interclub events. These will be assessed by the Board at the end of the season.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards: Successful grant application – Tu Manawa Funding for Youth
Successful grant application – Pub Charity for National Intercentre
Successful grant application – Toi Foundation for Open & Annual Grants
Declined grant application – Aotearoa Gaming Trust for Office Rent
'Buddy Club' reviews with Clubs from Board Members
Live streaming proposal – PCL Lighting
Bowls New Zealand Annual Report
Bowls New Zealand National Champion of Champions changes

Outwards: Grant Application to Aotearoa Gaming Trust – Office Rent
Grant Application to Pub Charity – National Intercentre
Grant Application to Toi Foundation – Open Fours & Annual Grant
Grant Application to Tu Manawa – Youth Funding
Grant Application to Grassroots Trust Central – Hexagonal & Octagonal
Grant Accountability for Four Winds
Submission of edits to the Taranaki Lawn and Sports Field Network Plan
Inglewood Bowling Club – Letter of affiliation
Awakino Bowling Club – Letter of affiliation/change of date for tournament
Feedback to Bowls Wellington – National Under 26s
Nominations to Taranaki Sports Awards
Centre Handbooks to Clubs, sponsors and key contacts
Draft agreement to potential new representative sponsor
Notice to Clubs – updates to Centre Handbook

The inwards correspondence was received and outwards confirmed.
Moved by Neville Nodder/Chris Commene

CARRIED

FINANCIALS: Moved by Robert Wolfe/Neville Nodder that the financial statements for

August and September be approved.

CARRIED

It was noted that with sponsorship and grant income coming in, that we are on track to achieve our financial objectives for the season.

It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Chris Commene that Bowls Taranaki authorise Ian Lewis and Grant Hassall to apply on behalf of Bowls Taranaki to Pelorus Trust for the amount of \$3150 exc. GST for the rent of the Bowls Taranaki Centre Office for the period from the 1st of January to 30th of June 2027.

CARRIED

HEALTH AND SAFETY: No health and safety issues in the office were noted.

REPORTS

a) Administration, Finance and Marketing

An approach had been made to Kerri Cottell to put together a travel package for interested teams in entering the 'Open'. The extra costs for the travel and accommodation required to get to New Plymouth from Auckland or Wellington proved to be a barrier. Kerri to be approached before next seasons event.

Reciprocal advertising with the Sunshine Coast Carnival to continue again for this year.

b) Greens

Southern Greens are to be inspected on the 14th of October. Northern Greens to be inspected at a date to be confirmed.

c) Events

It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Chris Commene that our Open Fours committee for 2026-27 be Ian Lewis, Robert Wolfe, Grant Hassall, John Sexton, Keith Sampson, and Kevin Gray.

CARRIED

d) High Performance

Taranaki had competed in our now annual fixture against Waikato winning the overall event. Reviews had been conducted by both Men's and Women's selectors. Squads have been announced for the first summer fixture against Whanganui in November.

e) Youth

Bowls Taranaki successfully secured Tu Manawa funding from Sport Taranaki for our youth programme. It was moved by Kevin Gray/Kevin Gledhill that Bowls Taranaki use that funding to purchase 10 sets of size '0' bowls for use with youth tournaments and programmes.

CARRIED

Our Vic Blance Challenge had been held with success. 9 players under the age of 21 competed in family and club teams. The winning team featured Seth Knight (18) from Waimea.

School sessions had been conducted at New Plymouth Boys High School with approximately 260 students taking part.

f) Membership/Club Engagement

President and Secretary Meetings had been held with good discussion ahead of the new season. Reviews had been conducted with Clubs by Board Members of almost all clubs ahead of the new season.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Live Streaming Proposal

A discussion was had about a proposal put to the board by Kevin Gledhill to engage PCL Lighting to live stream the Metcalfe Real Estate Men's Centre Fours on YouTube. It was decided that Bowls Taranaki would go ahead with this as long as sponsorship covered the cost to the Centre and that weather would not become a barrier to finalising the event. This year's event is to be held at Tower and finals played on Labour Day.

Coastal Interclub entry

It was moved by Kevin Gray/Kevin Gledhill that the Western Division clubs, Opunake, Pihama and Okato be allowed a dispensation to enter a Coastal side in Men's Division 2 Interclub as they do not have 20 or more male players within each club. **CARRIED**

Change of Tournament Date - Awakino

It was moved by Robert Wolfe/Kevin Gray that Awakino Bowling Club be permitted to change their date of their closing day tournament from the 11th of April to the 18th of April 2027 as it does not clash with any other events within their division. **CARRIED**

Club Regulations

A template for Club Regulations had been sourced from Bowls New Zealand. Robert Wolfe, Grant Hassall and Ian Lewis to review this document and make changes for the board to approve before sending to Clubs as a recommendation to adopt.

The meeting was closed at 11.50am.

Next Meeting: 10.30am Thursday 3rd December, 2026 at the Centre Office.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chairman: Grant Hassall