



Bowls Wellington

Annual General Meeting Minutes

23rd August 2022

At Pelorus Trust House

Present

Board: Susan Way (Chair), Dayle Jackson (President), Jason Puddick, Rod Leitch, Gerry MacGregor (Life Member) and Sharman Buckle.

Clubs: Eastbourne, Hutt, Island Bay, Johnsonville, Karori, Khandallah, Lyall Bay, Massey Avenue, Miramar, Naenae, Petone Central, Plimmerton, Seatoun, Silverstream, Stokes Valley, Tawa Services, Titahi Bay, Upper Hutt, Victoria, Wainuiomata, Whitby, Wilton

In Attendance: Blake Signal (General Manager), Trevor McComish (Life Member), Richard Morgan (Guest).

The meeting commenced at 7.50 p.m.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from John Carter (Life Member), Don McMurray (Life Member), John Harvey (Life Member), Wendy Mackie (Women's Selector), Glen Coshin (Whitby).

2. Obituaries

The obituaries had been noted in the Delegates' meeting preceding the Annual General Meeting, and a minute's silence observed for Terry Lynch (Naenae), Graham Musgrave (Hutt), Dorothy Pickston (Plimmerton), Sheryl Levy (Plimmerton), Judith Forster (Massey Avenue), Dennis Marshall (Wilton), Mary Logan (Wainuiomata), Anne Zouch (Johnsonville).

3. Confirmation of Minutes of 2020-21 Annual General Meeting

It was resolved an amendment to the minutes from 2020-21 to include Don McMurray (Life Member) in the apologies as he was not added in minutes.

**Naenae / Johnsonville
Action: General Manager**

There were no matters arising.

4. Presentation of Annual Report (2021-2022)

There was a slight adjustment to be made with regard to the National Pairs Title won by Seamus Curtin which will be amended.

Annual Report was taken as read and no comment made by those attending.:

5. Presentation of Annual Financial Report 2020-2021

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The General Manager said that Shayne O'Hagan of Small Business Accounting had reviewed the Annual Financial Statements.

It was noted that Bowls Wellington had another surplus for the year and this was even after missing a round of funding due to the vacant General Managers position.

A question was asked from the floor in regards to the sustainability of funding from grants. The chair said that as we have seen an increase in funding from grant over the last 3 years that this was likely for the short term but unsure of any longer-term consequences.

The floor once again asked if Bowls Wellington had been seeking any private entity for a major financial partnership to help sure up finances moving forward. The General Manager explained that part of his position was to look into this and would be seeking out new partnerships in the future. It was asked if anyone on the floor knew of potential possibilities to please be forthcoming to Bowls Wellington with the information.

The floor asked if there was a financial strategy moving forward forecasting future expenses and incomes. The Chair explained we had potentially 2 new board members with sound financial experience who would help the General Manager with this moving forward. The Chair explained that the Board worked formulating and adopting a new Strategic plan and the financial work was the next area that the board will be undertaking with the new General Manger.

It was asked of the impact the new Incorporated societies changes would bring to Bowls Wellington. We would be getting guidance from Bowls New Zealand on this matter. There is a 2-year warming period with the changes, so plenty of time to form a plan.

It was resolved that the Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2021-22 be accepted.

Naenae / Stokes Valley

6. Election of President and Vice-President

Miramar had nominated Dayle Jackson as President of Bowls Wellington. No other nominations had been received. Therefore, Dayle was re-elected unopposed.

Johnsonville had nominated Phil Todd as Vice-President of Bowls Wellington. No other nominations had been received. Therefore, Phil was elected unopposed.

7. Appointment of Board Members

On the recommendation of the Selection Panel, **it was resolved** that Jason Puddick (Stokes Valley) and Rod Leitch be reappointed and retain their position on the board. This was unopposed.

Gerry MacGregor (Life Member) was stepping down from the board and was thanked for his service to the board and Bowls Wellington.

Wilton had nominated Barry Jordan to the Board of Bowls Wellington. No other nominations had been received. Therefore, Barry was appointed unopposed and will replace Gerry MacGregor (Life Member)

8. Bowls Wellington Affiliation Fee

The Board recommended that the capitation fee be increased by 4.9% for the coming 2022-23 season, in keeping with the increase approved by Bowls New Zealand. This is based on membership fees as at 31 December 2018, and as per the affiliation model.

It was noted that CPI at 31 March 2022 was 6.9%

The floor discussed over why Bowls Wellington had taken on the Bowls New Zealand model and not use the old system of current memberships which seemed fairer to the club that had lost memberships since 2018. The Chair explained that current system was in place to encourage clubs to put programs in place to help grow membership in their clubs. Karori noted how the system works best for them as they have increased numbers over the time frame. The Chair explained that the framework for affiliation fees was voted in favour of by clubs about 3 years ago.

The motion was put to a vote in which it was voted in favour of the change.

For:	30
Against:	13

9. Appointment of Financial Reviewer

It was resolved that the services of Shayne O'Hagan of Small Business Accounting Mana be retained as Financial Reviewer.

Susan Way / Petone Central

It was asked from the floor if the new change with Incorporated societies act would this affect this reviewer. As there is sufficient lead in time to the new act, we would seek guidance on this.

10. Appointment of Board Selection Panel

It was agreed that the Board appoint the Delegates' representative on the Board Selection Panel.

11. General Business

11.1 Reinstatement of Bowls New Zealand Division 2 Competition

Victoria asked the feeling of the floor about reinstating the National Division 2 Interclub competition for the health of the sport and encouraging smaller clubs to keep players. He broke up the discussion to 3 points

1. Encourages participation in a meaningful competition
2. Clubs not quite up to Premier (Division1) level had a national competition they could compete for giving a new breed of bowler a chance to win a national event
3. Stop clubs from poaching players and helps smaller clubs retain new members

Victoria asked that this be taken to bowls New Zealand and submitted as a remit for the AGM

Jason Puddick (Board Member) spoke about this not necessarily being a Bowls New Zealand issue and more an issue to how Bowls Wellington run interclub in the region, limiting the teams that can play in Division 1 National Interclub.

It was agreed that the General Manager would enquire more about this with Bowls New Zealand and the Bowls Wellington Board while Delegates would discuss this with their club's committee's and this would become an Agenda item for the next delegates meeting on Tuesday 1st November 2022.

What support does Bowls Wellington Offer Clubs

Karori talked about their positive outcomes with membership and community focussed bowls events and how the club has turned itself around from the brink of closing. It was asked was there something bowls Wellington could do to help clubs connect and share information that works for each of them. The General Manager spoke to how he is planning to visit all clubs in his first 3 months and will discuss these ideas with clubs. Jason Puddick (Board Member) also spoke to how during the appointment of the General Manager it was made clear that working with clubs would be a major focus of the position.

Thanks to Gerry MacGregor

The Chair officially thanked Gerry for his time on the board and his experience and expertise that he has shared with Bowl Wellington.

12. 2023 Annual General Meeting Date

The 2023. Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 22 August 2023.

The meeting concluded at 9.08 p.m.

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chair

Date

General Manager

Date

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