

Bowls Wellington (Inc.)
Delegates Meeting Minutes

3/11/20

at Pelorus Trust Sports House



Present

Board: Sue Way (Chair), Dayle Jackson (President), Gerry Macgregor,
Life Members: Don McMurray, Gerry Macgregor
In Attendance: Nigel Dixon (General Manager)
Clubs Present: Hutt, Island Bay, Karori, Khandallah, Lyall Bay, Miramar, Petone Central, Plimmerton, Silverstream, Stokes Valley, Tawa, Tawa Services, Titahi Bay, Upper Hutt, Whitby
Clubs not present: Eastbourne, Johnsonville, Massey Ave, Naenae, Newtown, Seatoun, Victoria, Wainuiomata, Wilton, Workingmens

Welcome

7:32 The Chair welcomed everyone back and thanked them for coming.

Apologies

Lorraine Brennan (Newtown), Lou Newman (Victoria), John Harvey (Life Member), Blair Clarke (Tawa).

Obituaries

A moments silence was observed for John Little (Plimmerton), Bob Gallagher (Island Bay), John Hill (Island Bay), Fiona McKinlay (Naenae/Eastbourne/Hutt).

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on August 25 were accepted as true and correct, pending a slight amendment to the obituaries - Sharon Nixon should have been listed as a member of Petone Central and Wainuiomata, not Petone Central.

Greenkeepers Association

Don McMurray (DM) spoke on behalf of the Greenkeepers Association (GA). He reminded all Clubs to fill in the green self-assessment forms and be in regular communication with the GA and Bowls Wellington (BW) over the course of the season. The GA is available to assist clubs with their greens and are encouraged to seek assistance.

For those clubs that have green contractors, they need to ensure that the contractor is in regular

communication with the executive committee, usually through the Greens Superintendent or Green's Manager. Contracts should also include compulsory use of the Greenkeeper's diary so that all work can be recorded for future reference, including work done, issues, chemicals used etc. Contracts should also include compulsory attendance to the GA field days. This is not only for their benefit but for the benefit of other greenkeepers throughout Wellington who can share expertise.

DM encouraged clubs to have their greens running no faster than 17 seconds in Wellington due to winds.

Under current Grow Safe and Health and Safety requirements, all clubs should have a Certified Grow Safe and Certified Handlers Certificate. Access to some chemicals can be restricted without these.

Membership of the Greenkeeper's Association is also encouraged for clubs with artificial greens as there is still a lot of relevant information. i.e spraying for moss.

There was suggestion from the floor about whether clubs could indicate green condition each week after Interclub to assist with the allocation of Centre events. Bowls Wellington will look into the practicalities of this.

Umpire's Association.

Paul Hassall (PH), President of the Bowls Wellington Umpire's Association (UA), spoke about the role of the UA and their role on the green. PH also said that in addition to umpiring Centre events, they are available for clubs to use for their events and encouraged clubs to be in touch.

PH would like to see an increase in Umpiring membership, whether active or non-active, and spoke about the benefits players get from having done an umpiring or measuring course. They will be running measuring courses over the summer and will be looking at doing this at clubs. They will also be running an online umpiring course. Details for both of these will be coming out shortly from Recruitment Manager Peter Nixon.

A question was raised around whether Umpires are responsible for enforcing the non-smoking policy. The umpires do have a responsibility to point this out but should any issue escalate these are asked to be referred to Bowls Wellington to follow up. Clubs have a duty of care to visitors and players to set clearly defined smoking areas and should be mentioned in the health and safety briefing at the start of the day. This can be then referred to by players, officials and Tournament Managers.

For tournaments, umpires are to contact their allocated club in the days prior to ensure cards and charts have arrived. The UA thanked clubs for filling out the first round which assisted greatly in getting tournaments off on time in the morning. BW will list umpires on the draw going forward as these are confirmed.

Other business

Rep Selector Mike Carroll asked clubs to ensure that their rep nominations are submitted. Clarification this is for both men and women, juniors, open and masters grades.

DM is looking for two trophies which were historically played for amongst Premier Men's and Women's teams. These have been missing for some years. Clubs were asked to check their trophy cabinet.

Craig Walker of Khandallah spoke about the work they are doing to grow membership, with a focus on the social aspect of the game.

The General Manager reminded clubs of the upcoming Club Workshop on November 10th at 7pm – *Community Engagement: Unleashing the Entrepreneurial Spirit.*

Meeting closed – 8:36pm