



Bowls Wellington (Inc.)

Delegates Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

At Pelorus Trust House

Present

- Board: Sue Way (Chair), Dayle Jackson (President), Barry Jordan (Board)
- Clubs: Eastbourne, Hutt, Island Bay, Karori, Khandallah, Massey Avenue, Miramar, Naenae, Petone Central, Stokes Valley, Tawa, Tawa Services, Titahi Bay, Upper Hutt, Wainuiomata, Whitby, Wilton.
- In Attendance: Blake Signal (General Manager), Richard Morgan (Wainui), Sandy Booth (Petone Central), Paul Hassall (Wellington Umpires)

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Aaron Wall (Silverstream), Sharman Buckle (Board), Logan Amer (Johnsonville), Cath Thomson (Plimmerton), Lou Newman (Victoria), Kevin Newson (Seatoun)

3. Obituaries

A minute's silence was observed for Brian Kennedy (Plimmerton), Alan Blandford (Petone Central), Dot Forde (Wainui), John Preston (Wainui), Ron Jackson (Miramar), Bill Stevenson (Khandallah)

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd August 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Miramar / Island Bay

There were no matters arising.

5. National Inter-Club Division 2 Discussion

The General Manager read an email reply from Mark Cameron (Bowls New Zealand CEO) which described that Bowls New Zealand considered this a regional issue and felt this competition was a costly and complicated competition and had no vision of bringing it back. They would however consider a remit if Bowls Wellington wanted to go ahead on this issue.

After the reading a discussion was had amongst the delegates and it was decided to keep this proposal on our books and may look at it during the tournament review committee.

6. Umpires Training

Paul Hassall President of the Umpires Association gave a talk to the Delegates about the current state of the Umpires situation in Wellington. Key points were:

- Bowls Wellington currently has only 28 Umpires, 14 of which were bowlers.
- A free course for new umpires was happening in March with more information to come and be sent out to clubs.
- You no longer needed to be a full playing member to be an umpire.
- The benefits of being an umpire.

Some ideas were discussed amongst the Delegates about how to attract and get club members involved. Paul Thanked everyone for their time.

7. Club Health Check and Database Update

The general Manager spoke about the club database and how some were not well updated and not well maintained. He asked clubs to please have a look at theirs and update where needed. The General Manger then talked about a new initiative Bowls Wellington will be introducing this season "Club Health Check". This will soon be going out to clubs asking for their involvement in this. The "Club Health Check" will be a survey clubs partake in and send back to Bowls Wellington showing areas of good health, and needs etc. Matthew from Nuku Ora along with Bowls Wellington will then help those clubs that ask for it and need it.

8. General Business

8.1 General Manager – Community Facilities Network Plan

The General Manager talked about the survey Wellington City Council have put out around the Community Facilities Planning. This is important for all clubs to participate in as we want to remind the council that our clubs provide a service for the community and need to be looked after in their future planning of the city.

8.2 Plimmerton/Upper Hutt – Double Headers and Tournament Planning

Plimmerton Club is frustrated with the number of double headers that are being played during the season. It is decimating their club days and stopping their ability to provide bowls for their members that don't play Interclub.

Upper Hutt agreed that double headers were not the ideal for them also. They brought up that they have ideas around how to run Interclub and wanted to submit their thoughts to a tournament review committee. They also feel that pre-Christmas there is a lot of bowls but after Christmas most bowls for regular players was limited to only a couple of events.

The General Manager encourage the talk from the floor and explained that we were looking at having a larger group for our tournament review committee this year and would shoulder tap those that would be a good mix for this committee. If clubs had opinions on who they would like to see on this committee also, they could email the general manager for more info.

8.3 Wainuiomata – Cancellation of Round 1&2

Wainuiomata asked why Bowls Wellington didn't make a call and cancel all bowls in round 1 and 2 of Interclub due to the weather that affected the weekend. It was explained that in the Bowls Wellington conditions it states that each club should make a call on the weather due to micro climates in the region. There were some places that played all day and unaffected by the bad weather that plagued the most of Wellington.

The meeting finally concluded at 9.25 p.m.

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chair

Date