

## **Bowls Wellington**

### **Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**25 August 2020**

**At Hutt Bowling Club, 6 Myrtle Street, Lower Hutt**

#### **Present**

Board: Sue Way (Chair), Dayle Jackson (President), Gerry Macgregor, Rod Leitch, and Sharman Buckle.

Life Members: Don McMurray, Gerry Macgregor, John Carter, and John Harvey.

In Attendance: Nigel Dixon (General Manager) and Angela Sheehan (Minutes).

Apologies: John Hanning (Upper Hutt), Jan Larsen (Karori) and Lorraine Brennan (Newtown).

The meeting commenced at 7.43 p.m.

#### **1. Welcome and Agenda**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **2. Obituaries**

The obituaries had been noted in the Delegates' meeting preceding the Annual General Meeting, and a minute's silence observed for Peter Strange (Tawa Services), Bob Crawford (Naenae), Chad Morehu (Naenae), Sharon Nixon (Petone Central), Paddy Breslin (Petone Central), and Harry Kerr (Upper Hutt).

#### **3. Confirmation of Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30 July 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**Miramar / Sharman Buckle**

There were no matters arising.

#### **4. Presentation of Annual Report (2019-2020)**

The President spoke to her report. She highlighted the following:

- The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown had meant the end-of-season tournaments had not been held. She congratulated clubs on adhering to the recommendations and for checking regularly on members' welfare.
- Thank you to the General Manager for his excellent work during the year and his interest in clubs. Clubs had gained a lot of benefit from that.
- The Bowls3Five competition had increased locally this year, with the introduction of regional teams. Twenty-seven teams had entered, including two Wellington teams, and

Stokes Valley had got through to the finals. Also, it was great to watch Stokes Valley perform each week on television.

- Thank you to the Tournament Controllers, the Umpires' Association, and the Greenkeepers' Association for their work and support.
- The ability for all bowlers to watch the live-streaming of bowling was further progress.
- The Board had met six times during the year, and continued to work to bring about the best happenings for all bowlers and supporters.
- Former Board Chair, Mark O'Connor, had been appointed President of Bowls New Zealand.
- The Board had farewelled Wayne Henshaw (Vice-President for the past 2 years) and Mark O'Connor and thanked them for their work.

The Board Chair said she was extremely proud of Bowls Wellington and all the clubs in the area, especially for keeping things going during the lockdown. She reiterated the thanks expressed by the President, and wished everyone well for the new season.

The General Manager highlighted the following from his report:

- Thank you to all clubs and their Executives for their support of Bowls Wellington in its attempts to continue to provide playing opportunities.
- Thank you to the Board for their support, and the umpires, tournament managers, and greenkeepers for their work. But there was still more work to be done!
- Funding had been secured for a series of workshops designed to assist clubs in overcoming the challenge of getting more people bowling.
- The Champ of Champ Finals weekend will be an opportunity to showcase the competition through live-streaming, Facebook, and the website.
- Free entry for Junior 1-3 players in open tournaments will be trialled. Clubs are encouraged to engage with and welcome their juniors.

**It was resolved** that the Annual Report for 2019-20 be accepted.

**Petone Central / Gerry Macgregor**

#### **5. Presentation of Annual Financial Report (2019-2020)**

The General Manager said that, unfortunately, the Bowls Wellington Financial Reviewer, Ken Brown, had stepped away from the role. Shayne O'Hagan of Small Business Accounting was available to do the financial review this year.

The Financial Report showed a small surplus for the financial year and that Bowls Wellington was slowly becoming a sustainable organisation, able to withstand an event such as COVID-19 and what it will do to class 4 gaming. Efforts will continue to build cash reserves.

**It was resolved** that the Board accept the Annual Financial Report.

**Blair ??? / Sharman Buckle**

### **6.3 Election of President and Vice-President**

Miramar had nominated Dayle Jackson as President. No nominations for Vice-President had been received to date. The Chair called for nominations from the floor. There were none.

**It was resolved** that Dayle Jackson be re-elected unopposed as President of Bowls Wellington and that the role of Vice-President be left vacant for the time being, but that the Board be authorised to come back to a Delegates meeting with any other suitable nominee.

**Gerry Macgregor / Miramar**

### **7. Appointment of Board Members**

On the recommendation of the Selection Panel, **it was resolved** that Gerry Macgregor (Johnsonville), Rod Leitch (Johnsonville), and Jason Puddick (Stokes Valley) be elected to the Board of Bowls Wellington.

**Sue Way / Naenae**

### **8. Bowls Wellington Affiliation Fee**

**It was resolved** that the capitation fee be unchanged (no CPI increase) and remain at \$36.15 (full/dual) and \$10.65 (student) excluding GST per members as at 31 December 2018, as per the affiliation model.

**Sue Way / Sharman Buckle**

### **9. Appointment of Financial Reviewer**

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

**Sue Way / Gerry Macgregor**

### **10. Appointment of Board Selection Panel**

**It was resolved** that John Harvey be the Delegates' representative on the Board Selection Panel.

**Gerry Macgregor / Miramar**

Other panel members will be the President, and the Board nominee, to be chosen at the next meeting of the Board.

### **11. General Business**

#### **11.1 Life Membership – Trevor McComish**

The Board had recommended that Trevor McComish be made a Life Member of Bowls Wellington. The President spoke about Trevor's achievements and the work he had done, and continues to do, for the sport of bowls in the region.

**It was resolved** that Trevor McComish be a Life Member of Bowls Wellington.

**Dayle Jackson / Sue Way**

Trevor thanked the Board for his nomination, and the meeting for the honour. His comments were greeted with applause.

**11.2 2021 Annual General Meeting Date**

The 2021 Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 24 August.

The meeting concluded at 8.14 p.m.

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record:

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Chair

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Date