



Bowls Wellington (Inc.)

Delegates Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

At Pelorus Trust Sports House

Present

- Board:** Barry Jordan (Chair), Dayle Jackson (President), Rod Leitch (Board), Sue Way (Board), Sharman Buckle (Board).
- Clubs:** Eastbourne, Hutt, Island Bay, Johnsonville, Khandallah, Lyall Bay, Miramar, Naenae, Newtown, Petone Central, Plimmerton, Silverstream, Stokes Valley, Tawa Services, Upper Hutt, Victoria, Wainuiomata, Whitby, Wilton.
- In Attendance:** Blake Signal (General Manager), Steve Crowhurst (Silverstream), Sheryl Young (Petone Central), Mark Christie (Plimmerton), Greg O'Connor (Miramar), Steve Leitch (Upper Hutt).

The meeting commenced at 7.31 p.m.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

No apologies were received

3. Obituaries

A minute's silence was observed for Gary Simpson (Stokes Valley), Bernadette Lawton (Plimmerton), Simon Havill (Silverstream), Maggie Heald (Naenae), Janet Turner (Lyall Bay), Jim Norling (Island Bay).

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

There were no matters arising.

It was recorded that clubs have found the help from Bowls New Zealand with the constitution template has been fantastic.

5. Awards for Bowls Wellington

Dayle Jackson was presented an award for Bowls Wellington Coach of the year.

6. Tournament Review Voting

The Chair described the process that will be taken for the voting on the night as well as the ratification process for the voting. With clubs that were absent the total voting points available was "37".

Voting took Place with the following results:

1a - Bowls Wellington to try and fit in as many singles headers as possible for the next season.

Yes (35) / No (2)

1b - Bowls Wellington will not split divisions into 2 or more sections that will then require a playoff.

Split (0) / Not Split (37)

1c - Playoffs will only be for Division 1, not the lower divisions.

Div 1 Only (34) / All Divisions have playoffs (3)

1d - Bowls Wellington will not allow a club to have more than one team in All Divisions except for the lowest division: *example: 7's – Division 3 (Women) and 8's Division (Men), Quads (Open Gender).*

More than 1 team (2) / No more than one team (35) / No more than one team even in lowest division (0).

1e - Bowls Wellington Interclub will played as the same as National Finals – Singles 21up, Pairs 18 ends, Fours 15 ends with at 2hour 45 min time limit.

21,18,15 (National Conditions) (23) / 25,21,18 (Current Wellington Conditions) (14)

1f - Interclub sevens only for division 1 all other divisions will play 8's or Quads.

Div 1 7's Remaining Divisions 8's (3) / Leave Divisions as they are currently (34)

1g - Interclub Postponement Days will be stated in the program and catch-ups MUST be played on or before that date.

Yes (34) / No (3)

1h - Bowls Wellington Interclub will continue to have 2 promoted and 2 relegated with the following conditions:

2up 2down Automatic (27) / 1up 1down Automatic with a playoff for the other spot (10)

And then

You must finish in top 50% to be promoted (13) / You must finish in top 33% to be promoted (24)

1i - Bowls Wellington Interclub Playoffs conditions to change to the following:

Current Semi Final – Final (15) / Scattered Draw Round Robin (16) / 1 v 2, 3 v 4 second chance (6)

- It was recorded from the floor that Bowls Wellington should look at making clear instructions that teams play out all rounds competitively in the scattered draw as to stop the chance of game throwing.
- Not allowing a change between disciplines was discussed as an option.

2a - Should Easter 2-4-2 Pairs be which of the following:

Separate Men and Women Events (21) / Open Gendered (14) / Abstained (2)

2b - Should Development 2-4-2 be which of the following:

Separate Men and Women Events (16) / Open Gendered (18) / Abstained (3)

3a - Should Easter 2-4-2 Pairs be which of the following:

1 Day Qualifying 2 Days Post Section (20) / 2 Days Qualifying 2 Days Post Section (17)

4a - Bowls Wellington should only use artificial greens on exceptional circumstances:

Yes, Natural Greens Only (9) / No, artificials can be used for all events (28)

5a - Bowls Wellington should compensate clubs for the use of their facilities for Bowls Wellington events:

Yes (18) / No (14) Abstained (5)

5b - Bowls Wellington should increase prize money for Open Events to 60% of entry fees taken in for each event:

Not to be voted on

- The floor asked why this wasn't to be voted on. The general manager explained that we have just had an increase in prize money and explained that players generally do not enter Bowls Wellington Centre events to win prizemoney, rather than the opportunity to compete against other bowlers for the titles. The event cost of \$25 per person for at least a whole day's activity/entertainment is very good value in modern times.

6a - Bowls Wellington should standardise qualifying conditions to events being affected by weather. If one club changes qualifying conditions, then all should match that club.

Each green runs independently (26) / Qualifying standards reflect that of the worse affected club (11)

7a - To play as part of the Rangatahi Members you must be 21 or under from the 1st September of that season.

Yes, 21 and under (34) / No, keep as 18 and under only (3)

8a - Finals weekend be stopped, and Champ of Champ events be played on separate weekends, as in the past.

Keep Finals weekend (31) / Stop finals weekend (6)

- The floor asked for the event to be "Finals" only and that we do away with Semi's, this will looked to be accommodated where possible.
- The floor asked if Champion of Champion events could be moved to later in the season to allow clubs more time to finish their program.

7. General Business

Race Day – Limited seats were still available if clubs would like to grab a seat they would need to contact the Centre Office by Friday.

AGM – 20 August 2024. Papers will be coming out in a few weeks once account have been accounts.

Draft 2024/25 booklet: Blake advised first draft is near completion and likely to be circulated next week.

The meeting concluded at 8.52 p.m.

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chair

Date