



Bowls Wellington

Board Meeting Minutes

12th June 2023 at 5.55 p.m.

At Pelorus Trust Sports House, Seaview

Present

Members Sue Way (Chair), Dayle Jackson (President), Sharman Buckle, Rod Leitch, Jason Puddick, Phil Todd, and Barry Jordan.

In Attendance Blake Signal (General Manager).

Apologies There were no apologies.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Board meeting held on 18th April 2023 had been circulated, and were taken as read.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Sharman Buckle/Phil Todd

Matter Arising

No matters were brought up.

3. General Manager's Report

The General Manager discussed with the Board the following matters from his report:

Club Health Report

Only 8 reports had been sent back so far. An email will be going to clubs reminding them to please send their report in ASAP. We need to set up a committee to look through reports and report back to clubs that have sent in.

Action: Board

Rangatahi Bowls Week

The week is set up and ready to go ahead. 7 teams will contest the Under 26 Five-A-Side while we have just Wellington and Wairarapa contesting the Secondary School Challenge. We have some Centre's looking at wanting to come in to these events and will hopefully have them participate in the next instalment.

Race Day

Bowls Wellington's Race Day has been cancelled due to wet weather. Another date has been offered and we will look at taking this up.

Action: General Manager

Grants

The Board noted the reporting on previous grant applications. They then agreed to all Grant Proposals.

5. Financial Statements

Barry spoke to the report that was printed. Barry said that the year-to-date numbers were slightly better to plan and was happy that the General Manager had kept to budget. Grants received had stayed similar which was to be commended.

Small Business Accounting Mana have been preparing the report for the AGM and should be ready in time. Blake to deal with SBA Mana.

Action: General Manager

6. Letter to player for Wellington Open Singles

The Board discussed this situation and concluded that a new letter be sent to the player. This matter is no resolved.

7. Tournament Review Ratification

The Board Ratified the following from the Tournament Review Meeting and voting.

1. **Representative Selection:** That players must be a Full Paid Member of a Bowls Wellington Club and be available, for that club, to play Interclub.
2. **Club Of the Year Award:** This will go back to the Competitions Manager to work out and then mailed to the board who will discuss at the next Board Meeting.
3. **Bambery and Lynch Teams Reduced:** This was a close vote, but was decided to stay the same with 8 Teams per side.
4. **Junior Bowls, change back to 1-5 Year for all Junior events:** Representative play will stay as 1–8-year players and Development Pairs will stay at 1-10 for next season.
5. **Rangatahi Bowlers:** Passed and allowed.
6. **Midweek Pennants:** Agreed with and a later finish is scheduled for the season.
7. **Changing Pathway to National Champ of Champs:** Leave as Champ of Champ to qualify for national event.
8. **Hutt Valley Events Opened to Wellington:** Allow Wellington Clubs to play in these events at their own option.

9. **Open Gender Events:** Both events that were voted on will become open gender events for next season. Development Pairs and Easter Pairs.
10. **Centre Events Wellington Only:** Anyone can play in our Open Events.
11. **Interclub:**
 - **Name Change:** Dropping Premier and using Division 1-5 Etc.
 - **Limit Double Headers:** Double headers will be eliminated when and where possible.
 - **Changing Number of teams:** Staying with 10 team divisions where possible
 - **Promotion Relegation 2 teams automatic:** 2 Teams promoted and relegated automatically.

8. **Affiliation Fee Adjustment**

The General Manager showed a document of levies at current rates and proposed numbers at different stages of cost on a members-based format. A discussion was had by the Board and decision was made that the General Manager would work with the Finance Team to put together a final report for the AGM. We would be looking at a per head basis for clubs. General Manager will write this up to discuss at AGM.

Action: General Manager

9. **Club Financial Viability Report**

Barry showed his workings on a Club Viability Financial Report and the Board discussed this report at length. This was a work in progress and would work well with the Club Health Report. A committee would be made up from the board to go through this and report to clubs. We will discuss with Matt Ruscoe at Nukuora to help with the evaluation of the clubs.

10. **Over 60's Representative Discussion**

A final discussion was had around this decision and an alternative way of selection. It was confirmed that Hawkes Bay would be taking the vacant spot in this event and that the Selector convenors would decide on how the teams would be selected. This matter is now finalised and over.

11. **AGM Preparation**

The General Manager informed the board that he had not requested for notices of motions from the clubs and that he would do so the next day. He would leave this open for two weeks to allow clubs time to submit. A discussion was had regarding Board selection committee and the chairperson would check an old minutes' and contact those that are needed. The selection panel will only be needed if there are more than 2 nominees. All other aspects of the AGM are in place and we will give final notice to the clubs 30 days from the AGM.

12. **Other Business**

Bowls New Zealand "Bowls Hub" The General Manager brought up that Colin could make himself available for us to discuss this with the board. It was decided that we find our current result and entry method adequate and would wait and see if the Bowls Hub become more user friendly.

Bowls New Zealand Award Nominations the General Manager announce of host of people he was considering for the National Awards. The Board agreed with the list and the general manager would submit these to Bowls New Zealand by the cutoff date.

Action: General Manager

Selector Convenor Selection there were nominations for both positions. Women's had 3 people nominate for the position while the Men had 2 Nominations for the position. After some lengthy discussion and weighing up the nominees it was decided and voted that the women's position would go to Teresa Crowhurst of Upper Hutt while Mike Carroll of Stokes Valley would remain as the men.

Defaulting player in Champ of Champ this was brought up by a board member and it was agreed that a letter be sent to the offending club in regards to the default in the Champ of Champ finals day.

Action: General Manager

The meeting concluded at 9.33 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 7th August 2023.

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chair

Date