

Bowls Wellington

Delegates Meeting Minutes

2nd November 2021 at 7.30pm

at Hutt Bowling Club, 6 Myrtle Street Lower Hutt



Present:

Board: Sue Way (Chair), Dayle Jackson (President)
Paul Hassall, President of Bowls Wellington Umpires' Association Inc.

Clubs: Hutt, Johnsonville, Naenae, Wilton, Whitby, Khandallah, Miramar, Island Bay, Silverstream, Petone Central, Plimmerton, Island Bay, Tawa, Johnsonville, Massey Avenue, Upper Hutt,

Apologies Newtown, Stokes Valley, Eastbourne, Nigel Dixon (GM), Gerry Macgregor (Board), Sharman Buckle (Board)

1. Welcome
The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Hutt Bowling Club.
2. Obituaries (see list)
A minute's silence was observed for Peter Owles and Ken Durrant (both Upper Hutt).
3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th September 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting. Silverstream/Petone Central

There were no matters arising.

4. Sue Way presented a slideshow on the 'Traffic Light System: What does it mean for your Club?.'
Clubs will need to understand the implications of being a 'Vaccinated' or 'Unvaccinated' Club and make the decision that is best for them. There remains a lack of clarity around the definition of sport under the new Traffic Light system but the current understanding is that:
Under the Red Light, vaccinated clubs can remain open with limits of 100 people, while unvaccinated clubs will remain shut.
Under the Orange Light, vaccinated clubs can open but with some restrictions such as 1m social distancing. Unvaccinated clubs with clubrooms will remain closed.
At the Green Light, vaccinated clubs can open with no restrictions, whereas unvaccinated clubs will be limited to 100 people and 1m social distancing.

There was considerable discussion amongst clubs around the new system and how this would be implemented. To ensure Bowls Wellington can continue to run events this season, only vaccinated clubs would be used for Centre events under the traffic light system, including Tournaments, Interclub, Pennants, Bowls3Five and Champion of Champions. The logistics around this for both bowls Wellington and clubs will become clearer in the coming weeks as more information is received from the government and Sport NZ.

5. Paul Hassall of the Umpire's Association spoke to the dwindling numbers of umpires in the region, noting that about ¼ still actively play. The situation is becoming critical. He asked Delegate's feedback around barriers to becoming umpires/ measurers?"

The ideal situation would be for all Clubs to have umpires/ measurers and noted they did not have to be full members of clubs. Also umpires can be allocated to half days to lessen the workload.

Clubs mentioned that they were finding it difficult to seek or encourage people to become umpires with most only wanting to play. Khandallah enquired whether the course could be compacted.

6. General Business

Craig Walker of Khandallah asked for clarification around rules of Dual Members taking part in Champion of Champion events. He was referred to the Conditions of Play which are available on the website and on Page 65 of the Handbook.

An enquiry from Naenae was made about whether the centre would consider filling out the cards for the first round of tournaments prior to sending them to clubs. Host clubs will continue to be expected to fill these out.

Barry Jordan of Wilton asked whether Bowls Wellington will follow Bowls NZ and use their tournament entry system. The Chair said that the requirement to set up a profile and need a email and number would be prohibitive for some in our community. Bowls Wellington is currently working on its own software which would be more fit for purpose.

Silverstream canvassed clubs and the centre for ideas to promote and encourage more women to play the game. It was acknowledged that more work needs to be done in our community to increase participation rates amongst women.

The meeting was informed that the Umpire's Gala for this season is cancelled.

Meeting closed at 8.43pm.