



Bowls Wellington

Board Meeting Minutes

4th February 2025 at 5:25 p.m.

@ Pelorus Trust Sports House, Seaview.

Present

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

In Attendance Blake Signal (General Manager), Jordan Todd

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for allowing the change of date.

2. Apologies

Dayle Jackson (President).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Board meeting held on 9th December 2024 had been circulated.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Jason Puddick/Sharman Buckle

The Women in Bowls report has not gone out to clubs yet. This was to be actioned upon as soon as possible.

Barry still working on report about the financial viability of clubs as part of the club health report.

No other matters arising.

4. General Managers Report

The report from the General Manager was noted.

Staff

Staff seem to be working along nicely at present with a busy period for us with events galore.

Blake to re-advertise for the Administration Assistant with only admin work required (and could be done at home)

Grants – A report of successful grants was given and further grants to apply for were resolved on the night. These included:

1. Nuku Ora – Accepted for \$20,000. Youth Activation.
2. Pelorus Trust – Accepted for \$68,000. Greens Machines.
3. TAB – Apply for grant to meet costs of rep training
4. NZCT – Awaiting outcome.

Health and Safety – Nothing to report.

Club Check – Updated report of club visits was provided. Chair would like to see future bookings of meetings from the General Manager. This will be looked at for next meeting.

Sponsorship Update – Updated report of current sponsorships and obligations was provided.

5. Financial Statements

The financial statements for the last two months were provided. Tracking close to plan. No concerns were raised.

6. New Constitution Project (Update from Jordan Todd)

The General Manager had only seen a couple of submissions relating to the draft Constitution which he had answered back to clubs with advice from Jordan and Bowls New Zealand. We were now on track to have the Special General Meeting on Tuesday 29th April 2025 prior to the normal delegates meeting. This would be advertised to clubs in March. The General Manager would also ring around each club prior to the SGM to try and have clubs commit to coming along.

7. Eastbourne Bowling Club Championships

The General Manager had received a phone call along with a follow up email regarding Eastbourne Bowling Club Championships and their use of limited playing members in these Championships. After a discussion the board decided that there is rules in the constitution that make clear that players they are not able to do this. The General Manager along with help from Jordan Todd will write back to Eastbourne with the decision.

8. Port of Auckland Ruling – Health & Safety

The Chair raised the recent ruling about the Port of Auckland and how it could have implications for sports governance boards in our sector. The board would investigate this more and see what if any implications could be for our sport and look to having a presentation / education session at a upcoming delegates mtg by a experienced law firm.

9. Other Business

Naenae Interclub – A discussion was held following advice in recent days that Naenae was possibly looking at playing most of their Women's Division 1 team in the Division 2 competition. This has yet to be confirmed and would be looked at after the completion of the round. Blake to discuss with Naenae and remind them of the "spirit of the game" rule.

Promotion Relegation Ruling – There was some uncertainty around the application of what the promotion / relegation rule – can a team be promoted to Div 1 if they have a team in Div 1 already when it the Div 1 team is likely to be relegated. Can one team swap with the other or is it beginning of the season position. The Board carefully considered all aspects of this rule and agreed it was a little unclear but on balance understood the intention was that teams cannot flip regarding promotion from Division 2 and relegation from Division 1 (the position at the beginning of the season is relevant. However, a view from Jordan or his law firm on the wording of our rule book would be appreciated.

The meeting concluded at 7:01 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 14th April 2025.

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chair

Date