



Bowls Wellington (Inc.)

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 20th August 2024 at 7.48 p.m.

At Pelorus Trust Sports House

Present

Board: Barry Jordan (Chair), Dayle Jackson (President), Phil Todd (Vice President), Rod Leitch, Sharman Buckle, Jason Puddick, Sue Way

Clubs: Eastbourne, Hutt, Island Bay, Johnsonville, Khandallah, Lyall Bay, Miramar, Naenae, Petone Central, Plimmerton, Silverstream, Stokes Valley, Tawa Services, Titahi Bay, Upper Hutt, Victoria, Wainuiomata, Whitby, Wilton.

In Attendance: Blake Signal (General Manager), Trevor McComish (Life Member), Jordan Todd (Ford Sumner), Steve Leitch (Upper Hutt), Don Mackie (Naenae).

The meeting commenced at 7.48 p.m. immediately after the conclusion of the Delegates Meeting.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from John Harvey (Life Member), John Carter (Life Member), Gerry MacGregor (Life Member), Don McMurray (Life Member), Keith Turner (Eastbourne), Mark Christie (Plimmerton)

3. Obituaries

A minute's silence was observed for Maggie Heald (Naenae), Terry Nunns (Naenae), Noel Beban (Upper Hutt), Pat Lomath (Upper Hutt), Gina Horne (Plimmerton), Mark Burgess (Victoria), Joe October (Titahi Bay).

3. Confirmation of Minutes of 2022-23 Annual General Meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd August 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Dayle Jackson/ Alison Stewart

There were no matters arising.

4. Presentation of Annual Report (2023-2024)

Annual Report was taken as read and no questions raised made by those attending.

The Chair then spoke about the Bowls New Zealand Census data comparing Bowls Wellington with Centres from around the country. Bowls Wellington fits in comfortably with figures from other regions and shows similar strengths and weaknesses. The data clearly shows the challenges with declining female membership, the importance of funding to progress youth bowling, and the rapid rise in summer / barefoot bowls. All these matters were aspects within Bowls Wellington's strategic priorities.

5. Presentation of Annual Financial Report 2020-2021

Barry Jordan (Chair) spoke to the financial performance report, stating that our budget for the year had forecast for a break even and despite the challenges with rapid increases in some operating costs, we managed the year with only took a small loss. Management of our revenue sources is high on the board's priority list and we are very grateful for the new support of our sponsors albeit the Chair reminded the meeting that sponsorship comes with obligations that must be met). Our over financial position remains solid with no material concerns.

A question from the floor asking what percentage of entries paid was paid out as prize money? In general, 35% was returned in prize money. This was for all Open and restricted events. Club based entries (Interclub, Pennants etc.) were not allocated prize money.

No further questions came from the floor.

It was resolved that the Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2023-24 be accepted.

Barry Jordan / Cath Thomson

6. Election of President and Vice-President

Miramar had nominated Dayle Jackson as President of Bowls Wellington. No other nominations had been received. Therefore, Dayle was re-elected unopposed.

Johnsonville had nominated Phil Todd as Vice-President of Bowls Wellington. No other nominations had been received. Therefore, Phil was re-elected unopposed.

7. Appointment of Board Members

On the recommendation of the Selection Panel and with no other nominations, **it was resolved** that Barry Jordan (Wilton), Rod Leitch (Johnsonville) and Jason Puddick (Stokes Valley) be reappointed and retain their position on the board. This was unopposed.

Sue Way, and Sharman Buckle were appointed at the last AGM and currently served 1 year of a 2-year term.

8. Bowls Wellington Affiliation Fee

A motion for the updated 2024/25 affiliation fees was sent out to all clubs for them to discuss and vote on. Barry Jordan (Board Member) spoke to this and reminded the meeting that the Board have adopted the same approach as last year. Some clubs noted that they had

challenges updating and suggested that although not sent out prior to meeting that a discussion be had about using Bowls New Zealand Census Data for Levies instead of Bowls Wellington Database. After a discussion on the floor around the options given to vote on for the motion, a vote took place between

Option A: an increase of \$50 per full playing member based with numbers taken from the Bowls Wellington Database (as agreed last year).

Or Option B: An increase of \$50 for all clubs based on the Bowls New Zealand Census numbers.

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The motion was put to a vote in which it was voted in favour of the change.

Option A: 34.

Option B: 1.

Abstained or not present: 10.

The meeting approved Option A and the affiliation fees for 2024/25 were confirmed.

Questions were asked about types of membership that were counted towards clubs Levies, with the General Manager stating that Full Playing Members along with Honorary Life Members and Honorary Members being counted.

9. **Appointment of Financial Reviewer**

A motion was made that the services of Shayne O'Hagan of Small Business Accounting Mana be re-evaluated and a new tender for the service to go out for next year's reviewer. The motion was approved.

Barry Jordan / Phil Todd

10. **General Business**

The Chair introduced to the meeting, Jordan Todd (solicitor with law firm Ford Sumner) who had agreed to take on a position on the Bowls Wellington board as an observer / non-voting apprentice. Jordan has an interest in learning governance roles and appreciates the experience he would be getting in this role at Bows Wellington. The Chair has given Jordan some special projects he will work on while in this role, mainly being help with re writing the Bowls Wellington Constitution and re-registering with the Incorporated Societies. Jordan is available for clubs to make contact if they are experiencing trouble with their same project.

Steve Leitch (Upper Hutt) asked the question whether selectors could select themselves for representative games for Wellington? High Performance Manager Rod Leitch explained that they could select themselves if they can justifiably explain that selection.

Steve also went on to congratulate Brady Amer for the new role of Development Selector.

No other general business was brought up.

11. 2024/25 Annual General Meeting Date

The 2025 Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th August 2025.

The meeting concluded at 8.56 p.m.

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chair

Date

General Manager

Date