



Bowls Wellington (Inc.)

Delegates Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

At Pelorus Trust House

Present

- Board: Barry Jordan (Chair), Dayle Jackson (President), Sue Way
- Clubs: Hutt, Karori, Khandallah, Lyall Bay, Miramar, Naenae, Petone Central, Plimmerton, Silverstream, Tawa, Tawa Services, Upper Hutt, Wilton.
- In Attendance: Blake Signal (General Manager), Sandy Booth (Petone Central), Paul Hassall (Wellington Umpires), Steve Baker (FoxPlan)

The meeting commenced at 7.35 p.m.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced himself as the new Chair. The Chair gave special thanks to previous Chair Sue Way for her fantastic service in the role for a number of years.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jason Puddick (Board), Rod Leitch (Board) Sharman Buckle (Board), Phil Todd (Vice-President), Brady Amer (Johnsonville), Steve Wilson (Stokes Valley), Keith Turner (Eastbourne), Alison Stewart (Island Bay), Janet (Massey Ave), Kevin Newson (Seatoun), Lou Newman (Victoria).

3. Obituaries

A minute's silence was observed for Tony Scott (Miramar), Ian Duff (Miramar), Joan Porter (Petone Central), Brian Toomey (Hutt)

4. Minutes of Previous 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.

Lyall Bay / Miramar

There were no matters arising.

5. Club Health Check

The Chair spoke to this issue and informed all that were in attendance that we have had a very poor turnout from clubs in regards to getting their check in to Bowls Wellington. In total only 9 of the 24 Clubs had sent theirs in which had slowed down the timeline of acting on these.

The Chair explained that this check was important to helping all clubs, and putting them in contact with those who had skills to help in areas they were struggling with. He assured the

clubs that none of their information would be shared individually to third parties and only be used to put in contact with the right support. The General Manager was to resend the link to the questionnaire asking for replies.

ACTION: GENERAL MANAGER

6. National Championships Nomination

The General Manager outlined the proposal he was going to submit to Bowls New Zealand to host the 2025 Open National Championships. He asked clubs for support for this nomination and would send clubs a letter to ask for their support. He would then relay that support in his proposal to Bowls New Zealand.

ACTION: GENERAL MANAGER

7. Condition Of Play for Centre Events

Mary Day (Hutt Delegate) questioned the ruling made in the Wellington Centre Fours in regard to different qualifying standards at different greens. Although this was allowed in the rules from Bowls Wellingtons conditions of play, Mary had feedback that players in the competition felt they were treated differently and that some had an unfair advantage.

Mary and the Hutt Club would discuss to request a change at the next tournament review.

8. General Business

- Green Allocations

Aaron Wall (Silverstream) asked about the new green selection procedure for the season. Clubs were unsure of when there greens would be required and made it hard to organise the clubs social and corporate calendar. He asked when the rest of the events greens would be notified.

The General Manager explained that this new procedure was requested by the board to hopefully have the best greens available to be used for Centre events. Blake would regularly check in with the Wellington Greenskeeper Association to get updated green assessments. The last assessment for 2024 would be completed in January and clubs notified of intended use at that point.

- Umpires

Paul Hassall (Umpires Assn President) gave a brief on the state of the Wellington Umpires Assn and how they were struggling to find the number of umpires that were required for events in Wellington. He asked that clubs to please make sure they had a full umpires kit at their venue for events and said players would have to self-manage some events. Rulings on law could be called through to Tournament manager who would find out or give the ruling.

A Laws course was to be held in March and there were going to be more opportunities for measurers courses during the season.

- 1-10 Year Pairs Wording

Dayle Jackson (Miramar) mentioned that some players were unsure of the entry requirements for the Development Open pairs under the new format of being "Open Gender". The General Manager explained the requirements by reading them from the Centre Handbook that explained teams could be made up of any combination of: 2 Men, 2 Women, Mixed, or players of Non-Binary. There was only one event this year.

9. Introduction of FoxPlan

Bowls Wellingtons new major sponsor Steve Baker of FoxPlan addressed the Delegates and showed them what FoxPlan was all about. He notified them that he will be doing some seminars at Pelorus House during the season and would be inviting those from clubs who were interested. More information would sent to clubs around these dates.

No other Business was brought up.

The meeting finally concluded at 10.19 p.m.

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chair

Date