



Bowls Wellington

Board Meeting Minutes

14 February 2022 at 6.16 p.m.

Via Video-conference

Present

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

In Attendance Nigel Dixon (General Manager) and Angela Sheehan (Minutes).

Apologies Apologies were received from Gerry Macgregor and Ralph Vulu.

1. Welcome and Confirmation of Agenda

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The agenda was confirmed.

2. Interests Register and Conflicts of Interest

No changes to the Interests Register or conflicts with today's agenda were advised.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Board meeting held on 6 December 2021 had been circulated, and were taken as read.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting subject, in item 5 General Manager's Report and Financial Report, adding the mover and the seconder of the motion as Rod Leitch and Sharman Buckle.

Sharman Buckle / Rod Leitch

4. General Manager's Report and Financial Report

The General Manager spoke to his report.

The General Manager said that the finances were tracking to budget, with an operating loss posted for the month due to some large expenses. As at 31 January 2022, equity stood at \$240k compared to \$182k a year ago. However, there were some big costs coming up.

It was resolved that the General Manager's Report and Finance Report be accepted.

Dayle Jackson / Jason Puddick

5. Representative Fixtures

Board Members discussed whether Bowls Wellington should keep the Tararua Quad. They felt it gave the opportunity to work closely with the development side. While some of the criteria might change, they felt it should stay.

6. Contingency Planning – Delegates' Meeting and Tournament Review

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Pelorus Trust Sports House will allow only 25 people at a meeting. It was agreed that the General Manager approach Hutt Bowling Club about using their rooms for delegates' meetings, and to continue holding Board meetings via Zoom.

Action: General Manager

7. Eastbourne Bowling Club and Massey Avenue Bowling Club – Requests for Discounted Affiliation

An email had been received from the Eastbourne Bowling Club asking Bowls Wellington to consider reducing the per player fee. In support of the application, the club noted:

- A reduction in the full playing membership from 31 in 2018 to 16 now.
- Because of serious disease to the club's greens, play had been possible only since 18 January 2022, which had resulted in a significant loss of income, coupled with the cost of renovations.
- A significant trading loss for the 8 months to 31 December 2021 of \$25,650, which will increase to about \$35,000 by the end of the financial year on 30 April 2022.
- While the club did have relocation plans and other options under consideration, its financial situation will enable it to continue in the current location for another two seasons at most.

The Board agreed to decline the request at this time, and asked the General Manager to advise the club of that decision, pointing out the following:

- The club should consider:
 - increasing its annual subscription fee;
 - increasing the number of members, including social memberships;
 - seeking advice from the Greenkeepers Association;
 - lodging an insurance claim for the diseased greens;
 - providing more supporting financial information.
- To agree to the request would set a precedent.
- Bowls Wellington could assist by arranging for the club to liaise with another club that had successfully worked its way out of a similar situation.
- Bowls Wellington would consider allowing the club to pay its affiliation fees in instalments.

An email had been received from Massey Avenue Bowling Club outlining a request that had been made of Bowls New Zealand to consider a fee reduction in light of the club's declining membership number, and asking Bowls Wellington to afford it the same consideration,

pointing out that the affiliation fee was based on historic numbers. The General Manager understood that Bowls New Zealand had reduced the club's fees by 50%. He added that several times he had asked the club to provide its financial statements and other supporting evidence for the request, but that information had not been forthcoming.

The Board agreed to decline the request at this time, and asked the General Manager to advise the club of that decision, pointing out the following:

- The club should provide Bowls Wellington with the information it has requested.
- Bowls Wellington would consider allowing the club to pay its affiliation fees in instalments.
- The club should increase efforts to find extra income – for example, grants or applications to the Government's COVID-19 funds.
- To agree to the request would set a precedent.
- The club should look to increase its membership.

8. Other Business

8.1 Managers' Meeting

A Managers' meeting had been held this past weekend. Rod Leitch will send Board Members the minutes of the meeting.

Action: Rod Leitch

The meeting concluded at 7.39 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 11 April 2022.

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chair

Date