



Bowls Wellington (Inc.)

Delegates Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

At Hutt Bowling Club

Present

Board: Barry Jordan (Chair) & Rod Leitch

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

In Attendance: Blake Signal (GM Bowls Wellington), Anna Northcott (Miramar), Sue Way (Tournament Managers), Vikki Lee Remuera (Wainuiomata), Steve Leitch (Upper Hutt).

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from John Carter (Bowls Wellington Life-member), Paul Hassall (Bowls Wellington Umpires)

3. Obituaries

A minute's silence was observed for Wayne Ramanui (Wainuiomata), John Foster (Wainuiomata), Kevin Harrington (Wainuiomata), Jim Durkin (Island Bay), Peter Collard (Petone Central), Charlie Clayton (Bowls Wellington President, Upper Hutt), Daphne Fenwick (Tawa).

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the Delegates meeting held 17th February 2026 were confirmed as a true and correct record

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Matters Arising

No matters arising.

5. Bowls Wellington Tournament Review

Voting took place with the following results

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Vote 1: Interclub Men's 7's. Bottom two divisions be allowed to have mixed teams.

No:18 Yes:24

Vote 2: Interclub will remain in the current format;

Yes:27 No:15

Vote 3: Interclub stays at current conditions of 21up, 18 end pairs, 15 end Fours;

Yes:22 No:20

Vote 4: Women's Pennants stays at 18 ends or moves to 15 ends;

18 ends: 11, 15 ends: 25

Vote 5: Men's Pennants stays at 18 ends or moves to 15 ends;

18 ends: 27, 15 ends: 12

Vote 6: Men's Pennants remains 2 points for rink win and for aggregate win;

Yes: 24, No: 15

Vote 7: Men's Pennants remains in its current regional format;

Yes: 27, No: 12

Vote 8: Women's Pennants remains in its current 2n matches per day format;

Yes: 36, No: 13

Vote 9: Bambery and Lynch Trophies; End Competition, 4 Teams, 6 teams

End: 6, 4 Teams: 27, 6 Teams: 6

Vote 10: Prestige Pairs stays in the current format;

Yes: 22, No: 14

Vote 11: Champion of Champions all players must be from same club;

Yes: 33, No: 9

Vote 12: Bowls 3 five opens up both competitions for casual players to be allowed to play in it;

Yes: 30, No: 12

There were several discussions on these votes with some good feedback that will go back to our review committee in the next process in two years. The board will now consider these results and vote to ratify these decisions at the next Board meeting.

A huge thanks to our committee that were part of this process: Aaron Wall, Adrian Browne, Steve Leitch, Jordan Keene, Sue Way, Lily Signal, Kim Quartermain.

6. Strategic Priorities and Census

The chair went through data from the recent Bowls New Zealand Census as well as discussing the boards priorities over the next few years.

7. Winter Coaching and Training Camps

Information was provided on the upcoming training camps and clubs were to encourage their members to take part in these activities over the winter.

8. General Business

Plimmerton wanted it passed on to Ross Gillett a huge thanks for his work over the last 6 years. This was endorsed by the delegates present.

Wilton asked for better communication from Bowls Wellington. Not sending messages to generic club email was preferred as not all communications were getting through. Blake will check and update email addresses. He asked for any updates to be sent though especially if changes in club Boards.

The meeting concluded at 8.52 p.m.

The next meeting was to be held on Tuesday 18th August 2026 @ 7.30pm

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chair

Date