



Bowls Wellington (Inc.)

Delegates Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 28th October 2025 at 7.31 p.m.

At Pelorus Trust Sports House

Present

- Board: Barry Jordan (Chair), Rod Leitch, Barbara Pilkington.
- Clubs: Eastbourne, Hutt, Island Bay, Johnsonville, Khandallah, Miramar, Naenae, Petone Central, Plimmerton, Silverstream, Stokes Valley, Tawa, Upper Hutt, Wainuiomata, Whitby.
- In Attendance: Blake Signal (General Manager), Steve Leitch (Upper Hutt), Paul Hassall (Umpires), Marilyn Gutschlag (Petone Central).

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Lorraine Brennan (Newtown), Wilton, Victoria, Sharman Buckle, Keith Turner (Eastbourne).

3. Obituaries

A minute's silence was observed for Dave Goodey (Petone Central), Ursula Carroll (Island Bay), Andy Spinks (Eastbourne), Russ Kerr (Stokes Valley), Lil Renata (Naenae).

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the Delegates meeting held 29th April 2025 were confirmed as a true and correct record

Island Bay/Miramar

Matters Arising

A change to be made as Tawa were in attendance not Tawa Services.

5. Bowls Hub Use for 2025

The GM went about the reasoning for the use of Bowls New Zealand's Bowls Hub ID number for the season. Mainly a way for Bowls Wellington to test the system as a competition management system for the future. We have a volunteer who is happy to help with this experiment this season and will monitor how this goes over the season. A good discussion was had by those in attendance and the GM finished with the request for clubs to please help

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those members who struggle with IT with the online system or encourage them to contact the Centre for help.

6. Bowls Wellington Tournament Review Process

The GM went through the process that this was going to be used for this. The key points canvassed were:

- Request of Nominations for Committee
- The role and importance of the Committee
- Timeline of the process
- Submissions

A letter about this would head out to clubs in December which will give clubs and members plenty of time to get submissions in and discuss recommendations.

7. Bowls Feasibility Study

This is a project that Bowls Wellington is taking on this season to help get a view of the current landscape of bowls in the region. This is important for the funding support of large projects clubs might wish to undertake in the future. Clubs are asked to assist with this undertaking by helping support the independent organisation that will take on the study.

8. Other Business

Tawa – asked clubs and Bowls Wellington for feedback on the Ready to Roll promotion. They were ready for a bigger turnout than what they got and were disappointed their efforts were not better received from the local community. A couple of points made by the GM were:

- Weather – The weather was not great on the day
- Bowls Wellington used its modest advertising budget for this promotion, and their scope is with regional councils, radio, and social media.
- Maybe the date is timed wrong - better in warmer months – January – March.
- Sports Club and Clash of the Codes might be a better way to promote.

Whitby – Asked if Bowls Wellington could better organise a way to let clubs know where other clubs had a surplus of players for interclub events. Bowls Wellington are not always sure of numbers at other clubs prior to registration, but point taken and next year the Centre will ask clubs in the future about “spare players” during the entry process.

Rod Leitch – Asked what the Centre’s position was regarding markers for 7’s interclub. The GM replied:

- Clubs in 7’s competition were expected to find markers for their home games
- If clubs were struggling for numbers they could ask opposition prior to the day if they could bring someone
- If still unable to find a marker then to ask BW for their help

The meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.

The next meeting was to be held on Tuesday 16th December 2025 @ 7.30pm

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record:

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Chair

Date