



Bowls Wellington (Inc.)

Delegates Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

At Pelorus Trust House

Present

- Board: Barry Jordan (Chair), Dayle Jackson (President), Sue Way
- Clubs: Eastbourne, Hutt, Island Bay, Khandallah, Lyall Bay, Massey Ave, Miramar, Naenae, Petone Central, Plimmerton, Silverstream, Tawa, Tawa Services, Upper Hutt, Victoria, Wilton.
- In Attendance: Blake Signal (General Manager), Paul Hassall (Wellington Umpires), Sue Way (Board Member), John Plunkett (Tawa Services), Sharman Buckle (Board),

The meeting commenced at 7.31 p.m.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jason Puddick (Board), Rod Leitch (Board) Phil Todd (Vice-President), Brady Amer (Johnsonville), Steve Wilson (Stokes Valley), Kevin Newson (Seatoun), Steve Phelan (Titahi Bay)

3. Obituaries

A minute's silence was observed for Joe Boldarin (Miramar), Vince Matthews (Miramar), Anne Samasoni-Gately (Naenae/Stokes Valley/Victoria), Margaret Macpherson (Miramar), Joe Frost (Tawa Services), John Leitch (Upper Hutt), Mike Fitzgerald (Upper Hutt), Bruce Jenner (Silverstream), Tom Murfitt (Massey Ave), Robin Carey (Plimmerton), John Burrows (Plimmerton), Glen Greco (Island Bay), Bill Jane, Peter McGuinness (Hutt),

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Wilton / Tawa

There were no matters arising.

5. Club Health Check

We have had a better response from clubs now with 16 of 24 clubs submitting their health Check in. The plan was that over the winter months the board would go through the results and do the following:

- Collate all reports, and record results.
- Formulate a plan as an overall group and individual clubs.
- Organise appropriate help and courses they seem necessary.
- Set up an action plan for help from Bowls Wellington where required.

ACTION: GENERAL MANAGER and BOARD

6. Bowls Wellington Database Update

The General Manager will be taking a snapshot of all clubs' figures on the 31st of March 2024 for which he will use to make up the levies for next season. Clubs are reminded to make sure that their database is up to date before the 31st comes around.

Some clubs had members not on their database this season and if they were not added this year and tried to play in an event next season, they would be unable to play.

ACTION: GENERAL MANAGER

7. Change of date for next meeting

Bowls New Zealand will be present at our next delegates meeting and as such we had to change the date for this. It was agreed that the new date be Monday 6th May at 6:30pm. Bowls New Zealand will be talking about the New Incorporated Societies Act and the constitution template they created for this. A general catch up with what they have coming up.

8. General Business

- Open Gender Events

Lou Newman brought up about the Open Gender Events. Points made were:

- These were thrust on to clubs.
- They came as an expense to traditional events.
- People were not happy with them and not playing because of them.

It was discussed that this came about after a tournament review process last season and was voted on almost unanimously by the clubs at the delegates meeting. Bowls Wellington was doing its due diligence in looking at statistics for these events this year and would look at the future of these events after the research.

Clubs were encouraged to make suggestions on this during the tournament review process this season.

- Umpires

Paul Hassall (Umpires Assn President) gave a brief on the state of the Wellington Umpires Assn and explained to clubs delegates that as we were struggling to have umpires at each venue for events could clubs please make sure that their "Umpire Kits" were fully stocked with the appropriate gear so players could find and use them quickly if needed. Clubs were also asked if Health and Safety briefings could be delivered by a club member at the beginning of the day for those clubs that had no official present.

A further discussion was had about **Smoking and Vaping** at clubs and it was expressed that clubs need to clearly identify where smoking areas are for Centre Events. This will be monitored more by Bowls Wellington next season, with a letter going to clubs to clearly identify these areas.

This discussion led to the **Alcohol Policy** for Bowls Wellington events and whether this should be looked at during the review of Bowls Wellington's policies and constitution. The General Manager was to discuss with the board and tournament review Committee.

- Newtown Turns 130

Dayle Jackson had attended this jubilee and said it was a fantastic evening, The green at the club had been renovated and was looking in good condition.

- Don McMurry Retires

Aaron Wall informed the centre that Don McMurry (Life Member) had retired from looking after the greens at Silverstream after looking after them for many years. The General Manager will look at doing an article for this in an upcoming newsletter.

No other Business was brought up.

The meeting finally concluded at 8.38 p.m.

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chair

Date