Bowls Wellington

Board Meeting Minutes

26th May 2025 at 5.58 p.m.

@ Pelorus Trust Sports House, Seaview.

Present

Members	Barry Jordan (Chair), Rod Leitch, Jason Puddick, Sue Way, Sharman Buckle, Dayle Jackson (President).
In Attendance	Blake Signal (General Manager), Jordan Todd

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Phil Todd (Vice President).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Board meeting held on 14th April 2025 had been circulated.

It was resolved that the minutes of all meetings held on 14th April 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meetings.

Jason Puddick/Sharman Buckle

No other matters arising.

4. General Managers Report

The report from the General Manager was taken as read.

Grants – A report of successful grants was given and further grants to apply for were resolved on the night. These included:

1. Pub Charity - $12,000 for U26 5-a-side expenses (successful $8,000)
2. TAB – Indoor Facility Hire costs $2,000 (successful $1,600)

To Apply/Applied:

1. One Foundation U26 Streaming expenses $4,060 (awaiting reply)
2. Aotearoa Gaming Engraving Costs $2,069 (awaiting reply)

3. Lion Foundation Operating Expenses $6000 (to apply)
4. Pelorus Trust IT Expenses $10,000 (to apply)
5. Four Winds Wages for Admin Position $15,000 (to apply)

Health and Safety – Nothing to report.

Club Check – Titahi Bay – General Manager visited club and discussed issues they are still having. A weekly check in with club has started and will be monitored. Matthew Ruscoe has also been introduced to the Titahi Bay Club Board and will work with them around governance training.

Sponsorship Update – This remains an important income stream for Bowls Wellington. Team is working hard with our commercial partners on how to mutually support each other at the current levels and working some new ideas around how to structure other commercial sponsorship for the new season.

Presentation Night – on July 6th at Naenae Bowling Club. Early numbers are promising.

5. Finance

The financial statements for the last two months were provided. Overall tracking slightly better than plan. Will be surplus reported this year principally due to the accounting treatment of when we purchased greenkeeping equipment (asset) funded by a grant (revenue).

Grants have been tracking well above budgeted target this year (a mixture of active presentation and targeting requests for specific activities). The general manager is preparing the new budget for FY26 and will present this to the next meeting. Levies levels for next season were discussed and with expected lower numbers overall could have an impact. GM to look at levies and propose funding options for next meeting to again look to a break-even position.

6. Special Awards Selection

The board discussed the awards for the 2024-25 season and ratified these selections. These will be awarded on our presentation afternoon on 6 July 2025.

7. Regulations and Rules Update

The GM will go through the operational parts of this document and give recommendations for the board for next meeting. Once these have been made we will then make sure that it lines up with our new constitution.

8. Interclub Conditions

Player Movement Condition was discussed by the board taking regard the intent of the rule. A proposal was to be written up by the GM with help from Jordan Todd and will be circulated to the board for approval in coming days. This addresses one of the recommendations made by the Judicial Committee. The GM will also ensure the rules around promotion / relegation are highlighted again (no rule change was required).

Division 5 Competition is to continue to be a mixed competition for the next season. Mixed teams are still unavailable for promotion to Division 4.

Naenae Complaints The Board discussed next steps in light of the Judicial Committee decision. Chair has talked with Naenae Chair around agreed communications to all clubs on the outcome, probably at the next Delegates meeting.

Naenae Remit This was received and relates to suggested pathways to Bowls NZ interclub**.** The board carefully considered this and decided that as this this was not a constitutional matter and therefore did not fit the criteria for a remit at the AGM and should instead be included at the next tournament review. In the meantime Bowls NZ have already given ongoing approval for the current format to continue. This will be re-circulated to Naenae (and all clubs via the delegates communications).

9. AGM setup and reports

Financial reviewer is to be re-engaged for this season and Blake is to talk with him for the financial review for this year to lock in specific dates. Reports will be needed by Barry, Dayle and GM. AGM is scheduled for 19th August 2025.

10. Wellington Sport Awards Nomination

The GM suggested nominations for the Wellington Sports Awards which are due mid-June. The Board ratified these nominations and the GM will now put these nominations in.

11. Selectors Appointment

- Women (Teresa Crowhurst) only Nomination
- Men (Rod Leitch) only Nomination

The board ratified these nominations, and both were approved for the next two-year term.

12. Bowls Hub

Sue Way had entered in one event and found a number of time consuming difficulties and issues with the system. She will continue to work with Bowls New Zealand to help make this system more user friendly and will continue to work through the results for this last season. The Board made it clear that Bowls Wellington support the move to the new technology platform, but these current inputting problems still make it impractical for us to use as a tournament management system. We will re-look at thing again when these have been rectified. In the meantime we will resource a way to ensure data in our tournaments gets captured in Bowls Plus. Clubs still encouraged to get all players to have their own Bowls Hub ID login.

13. Bowls New Zealand Census

The GM tabled the latest Bowls New Zealand Census and noted some inconsistencies from the player numbers compared to date recorded in the Bowls Wellington database. This was helpful to see and Blake was to discuss this with those clubs. Once this data is checked we will summarise for delegates.

14. Regional Meeting Report

The regional meeting took place during May and those minutes were relayed back to the board. The decision by Bowls NZ to drop Bowls 3 Five was a key topic of discussion.

15. Other Business

Dayle Jackson – wanted to congratulate the Bowls Wellington team on another successful Champion of Champion finals weekend. Everything ran smoothly and was well organised by the team.

The meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 4th August 2025 at 6pm.

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record:

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Chair Date