

BOWLS TARANAKI (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE 107TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DELEGATES HELD IN THE STRATFORD-AVON BOWLING CLUB PAVILION ON SATURDAY 20 JUNE 2020, COMMENCING AT 9.30 A.M.

PRESENT: The Chairman, Grant Hassall, presided over an attendance of 33 delegates and 18 observers. The Chairman specifically welcomed the delegates and observers, Patron and Life Member Patty Symes, and Life Members Brien Bennett QSM and past Neville Elliott.

Delegates and observers were reminded to sign the appropriate registers. The Chairman asked if there were any issues as to delegate numbers and registered members for the past season as levies for the coming season will be based off these. No issues were raised.

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Awakino, Patea, Rahotu and Urenui.

BEREAVEMENTS: The Chairman asked those present to stand and observe a moment's silence in memory of the bowlers who had died during the past year. Specific mention was made of past Executive member of the Taranaki Bowling Centre Roy Jessett, Umpires Life Member Bob Linn, Des Griffin and John Lambert.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received and sustained from the Rahotu Club, Robert Wolfe (Board Member), Mike Clegg (past board member), Grayson McEldowney, Martin Jordon, Ross Clark, Don Hodge and Allan Batley. On the motion of Mike Sherning/Faye Hopkins the apologies were accepted. CARRIED.

REFRESHMENTS: The Chairman advised as is usual there will be refreshments after the AGM, and thanked the Stratford-Avon Bowling Club for their hospitality.

RULES OF DEBATE: The Chairman reminded delegates about the voting procedure and the Rules of Debate as had been circulated.

MINUTES: On the Motion of Val McEldowney/Bruce Peacock, the Minutes of the 2019 AGM held on 22nd June 2019, having been circulated were taken as read and approved as a true and correct record. CARRIED.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS:

President's Report and Chairman's Report: Moved Wayne Manning/Graham Reive that the Reports which had been circulated to all Delegates be taken as Read and Approved. CARRIED. There were no matters arising from the reports.

Annual Financial Statements: The Chairman discussed a number of items in financial statements, including Tournaments held during the year. The overall profit was down slightly on the previous year – amongst the reasons for this was a payment to umpires

for officiating at events during the season. The perception is that Bowls Taranaki make a lot of profit from the Men's Open Fours, but in fact the profit for that event was just under \$2,800.00. Although the event does not bring in a great profit, it is however a great advertisement for Taranaki Bowls, revenue generator for the clubs hosting the event, and other regional businesses. Representative costs were down this year due to the cancellation of the Intercentre Event. The surplus of \$2,400 for the year for a non-profit organisation, which Bowls Taranaki is, is a comfortable position. Further the net equity of Bowls Taranaki of approximately \$128,000 is a solid position. The Chairman asked if there were any issues on the accounts – there was no further discussion. Moved Chris Oliver/Mike Sherning that the Annual Financial Statements be adopted was put to the Meeting and was CARRIED.

CLUB LEVIES: The Chairman stated that there would be no increase in the club levy this year from Bowls Taranaki, this remaining at \$20+GST per player for the coming season. Last season Bowls NZ introduced a term called Limited Membership. Limited members are only permitted to play within their own club and are not permitted to play in any event run by Bowls Taranaki, a division of Bowls Taranaki or any other tournament hosted by another club. Those limited members are not levied by Bowls Taranaki. The Chairman called for any questions or discussion on the levy – no further discussion was held.

NOTICES of MOTION and RECOMMENDATIONS: There were no notices of motion of recommendations.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2020/2021 SEASON:

Patron: Mrs Patty Symes (Tower). Moved Cindy Nicoll/Steve Muller. CARRIED.

President: Mr Ian Andrews (Paritutu) was re-elected unopposed. The President spoke briefly, thanking everyone for their support for past year and wishing all well for coming season

Vice President: Mr Frank Pollock (Hawera Park) was re-elected unopposed.

Executive Officer: The New Executive Officer Tina Atkinson-Watt introduced by Chairman. Peter Scott, the retiring Executive Officer, was thanked by the Chairman for his efforts over the past season, and was sure that he will continue to have an involvement with Bowls Taranaki going forward.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE CENTRE BOARD:

The Chairman advised the meeting that there is a requirement for a minimum of two Board members to stand down on a two yearly cycle. This year they the two standing down by rotation were Grant Hassall and Michael Clegg. Mr Clegg did not seek re-election. The Chairman acknowledged the efforts and contribution of Mr Clegg during his time on the Board. Members present showed appreciation. An appointment panel had chosen the two new board members: Chris Commane (Opunake) and Grant Hassall (West End). The Chairman welcomed Mrs Commane to the Board and pointed out to the meeting that she had been both the Coach and Administrator of the Year for the past season.

Mrs Commane was presented with a Bowls Taranaki insignia from the President, and briefly addressed the meeting.

FINANCIAL REVIEWER: On the motion of Elaine Hodge/Bruce Peacock it was resolved that the financial reviewer be retained as VanBurWray Chartered

Accountants for the coming season. CARRIED.

CENTRE TOURNAMENTS and FIXTURES - 2020-2021 PROGRAMME:

The Chairman led a discussion on the circulated draft programme for 2020-21. The Board had decided to include in the programme the three events which were postponed through the March/April period due to Covid-19. These are the Men's Saturday Shield finals, the Paul and Sharon Spiers First Year singles and the TCM Champion-of-champions series. The latter is planned for October, in order to give clubs an opportunity to complete championships in September. Singles and Pairs are included on the Saturdays, to have a minimal effect on other events being held. The Open singles, after feedback, has been changed to January, rather than Labour Weekend.

On a show of hands, all clubs present indicated that they would compete in champion-of-champions.

It was then moved Wayne Manning/Mike Sherning that the Programme with the changes be adopted. CARRIED.

Steve Muller queried the change in format to Interclub this coming season. The Chairman replied that Bowls NZ now only have national playoffs for first division. The previous Board had resolved that all clubs should be entitled to compete for that title annually. Therefore, all clubs are required to enter each season. It was also pointed out that clubs are limited to only one team in division one and that the conditions of play will be determined by the entry numbers.

REPORTS:

Women's selector: Vickie Kelly's report was read by the Executive Officer.

(Attached as appendix A)

Men's selector: Allan Batley's report was read by the Executive Officer. (Attached as appendix B)

In relation to the report from the women's selector, the Chairman noted that the clash of the Hexagonal and the Octagonal events had been discussed at regional level. At this stage Wanganui, who host the Hexagonal, are not prepared to change the date.

Coaches: Moe Kelly read a report. (Attached as appendix C).

Umpires: David Brunton read a report. (Attached as appendix D).

Greenkeepers: A report had previously been received from Gary Lilley and this was read to the meeting by the Executive Officer. (Attached as appendix E).

In relation to the Greenkeepers' report, Paddy Deegan asked about apprenticeship schemes for greenkeepers. The Chairman advised that there had been some recent announcements in this space from the Government.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a) Sponsorship: Neville Elliott advised that most sponsors had been secured for the coming season. He noted that Radius Healthcare will be doing a weekly prize presentation for the Men's Saturday Shield. The meeting showed their appreciation for Mr Elliott's efforts.
- b) Club engagement: The Chairman reminded the meeting that all Clubs have Board representatives. Their job is to assist clubs wherever there is a need and

- he encouraged clubs to make full use of the wider skill set of Bowls Taranaki.
- c) Southern division: Allan Hunt, the southern division supervisor, advised the meeting that he was standing down at this year’s southern division AGM, as is the secretary, Patty Symes. The Chairman thanked both individuals for the length and quality of their service and this was received with acclamation.
- d) Events committee: The Chairman advised that the Board still has a strong desire to have an Events committee for the coming season. The role of the committee is to run centre events. Clubs were asked again to come forward with suitable names.

The Chairman thanked the Delegates for their attendance and also thanked Stratford-Avon for the refreshments and the use of their facilities.

There being no further business, the Meeting terminated at 10.31am

Read and Confirmed as a True and Correct Record

Chairman28/06/2020

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Women’s selector report
- B. Men’s selector report
- C. Coaches report
- D. Umpires report
- E. Greenkeepers report