



Bowls North Harbour Inc

Minutes

Type of Meeting: Board in person at Sunnybrae Bowling Club
Meeting Date: Tuesday 9 April 2024
Meeting Time: 6:30 pm

- 1) Attending – Neil Connell (President), Mike Beretta (Vice President) Robyne Walker (Chair), Tony Popplewell, Garth Partridge (Centre Manager)
- 2) Apologies – Trish Croot, Raewyn Thomas (Treasurer)
- 3) Conflicts of interest – Nil
- 4) Approval of the last minutes dated 9 April 2024

Proposed: MB, Seconded: LK, Carried
- 5) Matters arising from the last board meeting: Nil
- 6) Correspondence
 - a) Inwards
 - i) AKTIVE Climate Action
 - ii) CLM Community Sport
 - iii) Bowls Wellington re Under 26 Five a side
 - iv) Burton Bowling Arm Tournament
 - v) Harbour Sport Game Plan
 - vi) Umpires Invoice March 2024
 - vii) Umpires Newsletter
 - viii) Birkenhead – season deferred Bev Rolfe
 - ix) GF Manly re fixtures on weekends
 - x) HAVE YOUR SAY responses collated
 - b) Outwards
 - i) RW to Ian re Regional Facilities Plan
 - ii) RW re Senior Trust sponsorship
 - iii) Email to BNZ confirming Bowls3Five Rep Team
 - iv) HAVE YOUR SAY emailed to all clubs

All correspondence reviewed and replies sent where needed.

7) Centre Managers Report - As read see below.

In addition, Sunnybrae has confirmed that the clubrooms are available for the next BNZ update scheduled for 20 June 2024. GP to send invite to Clubs in May.

8) Chairs Report - as read see below. Also the following was discussed:

NZ Masters was discussed and how to manage the event. RW to ask Pete Sheehan if we can have Browns Bay as the HQ for 7 to 11 Oct 2024. Also consider Event Manager as TP does not want to do it this year. The MC will still put the event together and TP has said he will rewrite the CoP. RW to discuss marketing of the event with TC. Still need to find a sponsor.

AGM and Awards were discussed. Events at Hobsonville BC with Nigel Rattray as MC. RW to phone Paul (President) and discuss catering and set up. RW to discuss marketing with TC. Call for Board Members, President, Vice President and Special Awards emailed by GP. GP to produce the Annual Report as per last year. Possible Board Members discussed.

RW discussed the production and presentation of badges for Centre and Champ of Champ winners and runners up. Most of which are not worn, as happened in past years, so the Board agreed to dispense with these. Gold stars and bars would continue to be presented.

Motion: To dispense with winner and runner up badges from 2024 Awards. Badges could be provided on demand after the Awards.

Proposed: RW, Seconded: TP, Carried

9) President's Report: as read see below.

10) Finance Report: as read see below.

RT is concerned that we only receive monthly payments from Bowls NZ through STRIPE for our tournaments. This is delaying reporting. When asked for more frequent reports and payment Bowls NZ advised that this is not currently possible.

11) Match Committee and Greens Report - as read see below.

There was an incident during the 1-5 Year Singles at Takapuna BC. No official complaint received so take it that this has been resolved.

The Player Points system is being completed by Colin Rogan. Once the Champ of Champs have been completed we will receive the completed excel table.

The IK will be played on carpet with a cut off of entries set at 128. Prize money will be reviewed and advertised prior to the tournament.

12) Representatives' (Open Men & Women and 1-5 Years) Report - as read see below.

RW and LK to attend the Zone 1 and 2 rep meeting at Bowls Auckland on 24 April. The Board agrees in principal with 3 Octagonals and will like to keep it at this number for the first two years at least.

In regard to the 1-5 Year rep squads and the players eligibility. The Board still feels that the 1-5 Year players should complete these years and not be called into the Prem and Prem Development unless there are exceptional circumstances. The depth of the Prem and Prem Development is such that there are a multitude of players that would easily slot into the more experienced teams. As with previous advice, if an Open Rep Convenor wants a 1-5 Year player they must show the courtesy of speaking to the 1-5 Year Convenor.

13) Governance Report – as read see below.

14) General Business

Alpine Print to produce the BNH Handbook again. GP wants 500 copies.

Board members asked to continue to consider new Board members for BNH.
Applications close 14 May.

Board Meeting Dates Tentative for the Year:

14 May, 11 June

REPORTS:

Centre Manager Report:

Garth Partridge

Events completed:

1, 8, 22 Feb Cadness Cup
2, 3, 9, Mar Interclub 7's
23-24 Mar Bowls3Five
6-7 April Women's and Men's 1-5 Centre Singles

Upcoming Events:

1-5 Year AC Pairs	13 & 14 April
1-5 Interclub	20 & 21 April
Champ of Champ Singles	27 & 28 April
Champ of Champ Singles 1-5	4 & 5 May
Champ of Champ Pairs	11 & 12 May
Champ of Champ Triples	18 & 19 May
Champ of Champ Fours	25 & 26 May
Open A/C Combination Pairs	8 & 9 June
Champ of Champ Mixed Pairs	15 & 16 June

BowlsHub

All competitions are now entered through BowlsHub. Colin Williams has asked that the BNH Centre Manager continue to add the competitions and the entrants into BowlsHub and to do the draws.

Many support calls from clubs attempting to enter the Champ of Champ events and struggling with the process.

Match Committee

Attended the Match Committee meeting to allocate the greens, event directors and headquarters for the second half of the 2023 2024 season. Clubs were contacted and asked for their commitment to host events. A summary was produced and distributed to the Match Committee. This is updated as greens availability and entrant numbers are confirmed. Waiting to hear about the dates for BNZ National Events.

Weekly Reminders issued.

Various fb posts and website news items.

New tab added to web page – CoP, Draws & BowlsHub Results Links

Emails and phone calls handled.

Chair Report:

Robyne Walker

Chairperson

The following has been actioned:

1. Final finishing touches to the BNH Bowls Facilities Plan with Fay Freeman. Mairangi Bay emailed with our response to their email.
2. Clubs and key club personnel emailed the final document and encouraged to use this for their future planning.
3. Emailed AKTIVE, Bowls NZ and Bowls Auckland with our final BNH Bowls Facilities Plan 2024.

4. Emailed out reminders to the clubs and their members to complete the Auckland Long Term Plan.
5. Completed the Auckland Long Term Plan on behalf of the Centre due 28 March 2024.
6. Emailed ALLTEAMS to put the BNH updated Constitution (June 2023 AGM update), Needs Assessment 2023 and Bowls Facilities Plan 2024 under the Governance tab on the Website which has been completed.
7. With the assistance of GP we put away Rep Uniforms in the SBC locked storage room and had a general tidy up.
8. Along with Bowls Auckland have put in an expression of interest for co-hosting the BNZ National Singles and Pairs 2025.
9. Attended a bi-monthly BNZ video conference call.
10. Various postings for Facebook.

Presidents Report:

Neil Connell

Had an email from John Walker telling me that he now has more centre titles than Brent Turner, I replied back saying this will be changed in the centre booklet.
Attended the bowls 3/5 at Browns Bay, well done to Birkenhead on winning and carried on to win against Balmoral to go now to Wellington.
Marked 3 games for the 1-5 at Takapuna including both finals won by Hobsonville.

Match Committee Report:

Tony Popplewell

MEETING 27 March – The MC met on this day and considered a number of matters as this current season is winding down and the provisional programme for next season. Good progress was made in addressing issues which came from the cluster meeting as well the effects of the recent Centre tournaments. At this point we have put a number of ideas out to clubs and players seeking their feedback before finalising the programme for next season. We are currently being asked by clubs for our calendar for next season, as clubs look to build their dates and we sense the urgency to finalise this. Bowls NZ and the rep fixtures dates would be appreciated as soon as they are available although we are working around these dates being similar timing to this last season.

CADNESS CUP – this event was completed in late March with Mairangi Bay winning both the men and women sections. There is no doubt the backing up of this event against the Interclub 7's and the Bowls 3/5 was testing for both clubs and the Centre so next season we will be considering moving this event to an earlier date.

BOWLS 3/5 – This event was concluded on the two days allocated with some slight problems with the rain on day 1. Fortunately, it did not come too heavy to cause a big delay. The Centre final was won by Birkenhead defeating Mairangi Bay in a tie break finish. Birkenhead then went on to meet Balmoral in the “near neighbour” play off and were successful in this and will now be going on to the national finals being held in Wellington in early May.



Tony Popplewell, Convenor

5 April 2024

Coaching & Development Report

Michael Baretta

June coaching dates confirmed.

Representative Report

Robyne Walker

The Representative Calendar

The Working Party, made up of Zone 1 & 2 (8 Centres) has continued to look at introducing more Octagonal fixtures to the calendar rather than a series of Quads. The purpose is for quality and not quantity. This has been led by Bowls Auckland and based on a discussion paper by BOP. Please see the attached.

There is a Zone 1 & 2 Meeting on 24 April which will be attended by RW. At this meeting I need to be able to speak on behalf of the BNH Board to confirm our wishes.

One of the main recommendations is that the Octagonal events are increased from one to three starting in the 2024/25 season. The one we have now is for the Prem Development is on the same weekend as the Intercentre.

The events could include:

- Premier Men and Women – February 15 and 16 2025.
- Premier Development Men and Women - February 15 and 16 2025.
- 1 to 5 Year – March 15 and 16 2025.

Open Reps

The following has been actioned:

1. Request to Open Rep Convenors for the return of Rep Uniforms.
2. Request for end of year debriefs from Open, Prem Development and 1-5 Year Rep Convenors.
3. Debriefs have been completed for the Mens and Womens Open and Prem Development.
4. The Mens and Women's Convenors have signalled that they will continue for a second term except for MB.

Governance Report

Robyne Walker

As per the Chair Report the BNH Bowls Facilities Plan 2024 has been completed, added to the website and emailed to interested parties. It was also attached to the submission RW made to the Auckland Long Term Plan on behalf of the BNH Centre.

The next piece of work to turn our attention to is the BNH Strategic Plan.

I would recommend we look at the BNH Constitution after the Bowls NZ roadshow regarding this.

Financial Report

Raewyn Thomas

ACCOUNTS:

Attached to this report is the Profit & Loss (P & L) and Balance Sheet (B/S) as at the 31ST March 2024.

GRANTS:

Grant application for Centre Manager and Treasurer Wages for June, July and August to be lodged with Four Winds Foundation.

Capitation Fees

Browns Bay is the only club still to pay their Capitation Fees. I have phoned and the Treasurer is in Vietnam. I have requested payment before the end of our financial year 30th April 2024.

The Grove Sponsorship

The Grove has now paid the second instalment of their sponsorship.

Bowls Hub

I have not received any entry fee money from Bowls New Zealand for any of the current tournaments. I have requested a more frequent payment but to date this has not occurred.

Raewyn Thomas

Treasurer

8th April 2024

General Business

a) BNH NZ MASTERS

Discussion regarding the Masters and how to manage the logistics

BNH NZ MASTERS dates confirmed as 7 to 11 October

RW to contact Pete Sheehan re management of the Masters

TP to rewrite CoP for The BNH NZ MASTERS

3. AGM & Prize Giving Function logistics and event management discussed. Robyne & Trish to take the lead in organising.
4. Vacancy on Board - secondment suggestions
5. Player Points – Champ of Champ points and Centre Champ Points – Colin Rogan is updating the Player Points
6. 1-5 Behaviour at Takapuna – no official complaint received.
7. Payments from BNZ are monthly as STRIPE pays BNZ monthly
8. Badges to be provided to award winners only on demand Moved RW Seconded TP
9. There is to be an Annual Report Booklet produced
10. There is to be a BN Handbook produced – 500 copies needed
11. IK to be played on carpet, cut off for entries to be 128, prize money to be reviewed
12. Prize Money review discussion
13. RW & LK to attend Octagonal planning meeting 24 April
14. Discussion regarding 1-5 Reps – some confusion over past advice to rep convenors. Board recommendation is that 1-5 year bowlers should complete their 1-5 years and not be called into Prem Dev or Prem squads unless there are exceptional circumstances and only after discussion with 1-5 rep convenors.

Meeting ended at 8:45 pm

Next meeting 14 May 2024 via ZOOM



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