



Bowls North Harbour Inc

MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Board
Meeting Location: Bowls North Harbour offices
At Bowls Orewa
Meeting Date: Thursday 1st February 2018
Meeting Time: 1:00pm
Present: Tony Rickerby (TR), Graham Dorreen (GD), Garry Banks (GB), Gary Stevens (GS), Denise Samuel (DS), Wayne Wrack (WW), John McCormack (JM), Lisa Brown (LB), Sheryl Johnson (SJ), Mark Cameron (Bowls NZ), Martin MacKenzie (Bowls NZ)

1. Apologies

There were no apologies

2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Proposed that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved

Moved: GB

Seconded: GD

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

The BNH rep caps have been delivered

It is proposed that the greenkeepers meeting will be 1st March to coincide with the next board meeting

Office move to Orewa is now complete

Discuss with Bowls NZ the ruling for amalgamating clubs with less than 25 players to play an event. GD

Bowls NZ Disciplinary review – still awaiting reply – email sent again 1st Feb to Mark Cameron

SJ will prepare a survey link on the Tuesday mailout re whether Centre event finals should have a time limit. Once the results are known, this will be incorporated into next seasons programme

GS/SJ to look at tidying up the wording regarding clothing that is worn for Centre events to remove any ambiguity and make it easier for the umpires to interpret

SJ to get list of rep team managers and their bank accounts to LB for payment

4. Board Members Reports (attached)

Resolved that JM,TR,GS will review the Code of Conduct and Centre regulations – need to make this simple so we can send this out to clubs, who then might use these as a template for their own regulations.

Moved: GBD

Seconded: DS

Clubs were canvassed re Junior interclub – 3 clubs preferred weekends, but the majority preferred Monday nights. There is a bye in the Junior interclub twilight competition, despite contacting clubs directly re an additional team. Format will be Top 4, round robin, 1 winner per section (4 sections) Heartland Bank sponsorship has been returned, due to non-delivery of the event. GD will send an email to those who have expressed interest in being part of a group to organise a signature tournament for next season, chaired by GB

An email to all clubs will be sent out regarding the use of Club's greens by the Centre for Centre or National events

Taranaki would like dates for winter tournament vs Bowls NH at Pukekohe. SJ to give dates to GB, late Aug, early September

Pennants 2018 on hold until Bowls NZ confirm, but we have agreed this will be the premier participation event in North Harbour

It was resolved that dispensations for 1-5 and 1-8 year bowlers requesting deferment of a year's bowls, will be granted on a case by case basis by the board of Bowls NH. This resolution cancels and replaces any previous documentation regarding dispensations

Moved: GD

Seconded DS

Dispensation granted to Glenn Smith for 2017/2018 year. GS to draft letter to Member, including advice that he should apply to change from Full Member to Associate in accordance with the Rules of Browns Bay Bowling Club.

Mark Cameron from Bowls NZ addressed the Board

Topics of discussion included Bowls NZ putting tablets into clubs to record casual participation (pilot scheme already underway in the South Island with 7 clubs). Martin McKenzie will contact North Harbour clubs directly regarding their involvement. These tablets will capture the information needed for clubs to have participants complying with health and safety and liquor licencing regulations.

Mark has visited all 509 clubs. NZ has 35,000 members and an additional 78,000 participants. 47% of the membership are over 70years; 77% of the membership is over 60 years. 38% of clubs own their own land (which is approximately 193 clubs). 30-40% of clubs have artificial greens. 15 clubs have paid managers.

Subject to Bowls NZ Board approval, the upcoming programme will focus on 3 competitions:

Nationals

Open Inter-centre

"Bowls 55" which is a short format game similar to BPL format

Meeting with Sky TV re televising short format games

Bowls NZ will create a 'Summer of Bowls' calendar highlighting a number of events that Bowls NZ will endorse. It is proposed that Bowls NZ will send its schedule of events by the end of March

It was agreed that the communication from Bowls NZ has been excellent since Mark's appointment

Proposed that the payments (1-52) to approve as per the Finance Report be accepted

Moved: LB

Seconded: GD

Proposed that Board members reports be accepted

Moved: GD

Seconded: LB

5. Incoming and Outgoing correspondence

Proposed that the Incoming and Outgoing correspondence, as per reports, be accepted

Moved: GD

Seconded: LB

6. Open Business

- a. Health and Safety – no known issues this month.

7. New Business

- a. Grant Applications – resolutions attached

8. Clearance Certificates

The Board went in-committee from 3:05pm to 3:15pm.

The Board then resolved that:

1. An amnesty be granted to all Member Clubs of Bowls North Harbour which prior to 31 August 2016 breached the relevant Clause 9.4 in the Bowls North Harbour Constitution requiring a Clearance Certificate to be provided before any player is admitted to membership. The consequence will be that the players concerned will be treated as having been properly admitted as members of those clubs.
2. All member clubs be required to obtain Clearance Certificates by 31 May 2018 for all players (whether they resigned from, or retained their then existing memberships) who applied to join them between 1 September 2016 and 27 November 2017, the date of Sheryl's advice to clubs about this requirement. Those clubs and players to be granted a temporary amnesty until 31 May 2018
3. The requirement for a club to require a clearance certificate before a player who is, or who has been, a member of another club is admitted to its membership be strictly enforced for membership applications received after 27 November 2017.
4. A recommendation be sent to clubs suggesting that their membership application forms be amended to include the following clause:

“An applicant for membership who is, or who has been, a member of another club is required to include a Clearance Certificate from that club with this Application Form. An application for membership will not be considered if a Clearance Certificate is not attached.”

Moved: GS

Seconded: JM

It was also resolved that documents regarding the requirement for clearance certificates be sent to all clubs

Moved: GS

Seconded: TR

Meeting closed at 4:00pm

Next Meeting Thursday 1st March, 1pm Orewa

Presidents Report February 2018

Half of the year has gone and what a great job everybody is doing. It's been a busy time getting around all the centre events I think I managed to get to all of the finals and yes we do need to have something in place for our juniors.

Wayne and I would like to have a meeting with all the centre green keepers in March for looking at a plan for the upcoming season.

Tony

Board Report for 1 February 2018

From: Gary Stevens

1. Prepared recommendations to address issues surrounding clubs not obtaining clearance certificates after seeking input from Bowls NZ and Keith Berman. Met with Jan Harrison (President) and Lyn East (Board Member) from Browns Bay (affected club) to discuss draft recommendations and seek input. Positive response.
Recommendations to be tabled for consideration "in committee".
2. With Graham Doreen met with Mark Cameron (CEO of Bowls NZ) to discuss proposed changes to Bowls NZ playing programme. Report circulated to Board Members.
3. Provided copy of complaints form for completion – re Pennants.
4. I am unable to find a copy of Centre Regulation/ Centre Disciplinary Regulations. In addition, I question whether or not the current Code of Conduct meets requirements.
5. Refer recent emails re the scheduling of Junior Interclub Finals.
6. Mark Cameron (CEO of Bowls NZ) is scheduled to attend our Board Meeting. We should take the opportunity to clarify intentions re our request to review the Disciplinary Regulations.

Player Points Charts

Apologies, there were some omissions for rep selections against Auckland in December that did not get entered in to the latest charts. These have now been sorted and perhaps can be updated in the next newsletter.

We also need to update for the following

- Awaiting Men's Singles Final completion, however the 3rd place getters have been inserted.
- The zone 7's final (Mairangi Bay) – just waiting on confirmation of the result but we agreed at the start of the season that only the zone winner would get points. Attached is the final allocation chart.

Other items.

Reviewed complaints and Clearance certificate issues with Gary, Tony and Graham – these are ongoing.

Cheers

John

Garry Banks BNH Board Report;

Bowls Taranaki

While in Taranaki in January I met with Neville Elliott & Grant Hassall members of the Taranaki Bowls Board;

Points that were of interest were;

- Taranaki Bowls would like to repeat the inter Centre competition our two Centre's played at Pukekohoe Stadium in 2017 and would like the dates confirmed as soon as possible.
- They want a development Nation Side included in the BNZ Nationals playing at the same time as the Open side. They will be lobbying BNZ on this point.

Shanghai Singles

There is interest from our Bowlers in having BNH running a Shanghai Singles competition.

Over 70 National Fours Competition

I would like to discuss within the BNH Board the possibility of Bowls North Harbour running for BNZ an Annual National Competition for Men's & Women's Bowlers 70 years plus. Teams need to be members of the same Club. This would replace the Heartland and give our Centre an Annual Premium Tournament.

Sponsorship for this event would be attractive to many companies.

We need to recognise that group has the highest percentages of bowlers numbers, but there is nothing in the Bowling calendar for them.

Centre Secretary/Events Manager Report 30 January 2018

Greens - the Centre determines what events are to be played on the green not the Club. If there is 2 greens used at a club, the greens are tossed for, to determine whether ladies or men play on which green for day 1, if required 2 greens second day, players are swapped over. This is to be fair, and not to be told by the green keeper who plays where, so they can watch the men from the bar.

Junior Interclub - the finals day was not scheduled into the program. An email has gone to all clubs participating advising them of this & asking their preference (weekend v night). There are 3 rounds required for the final. This needs to be completed by early May as the regional event is on 12th May.

Centre Pathways - if any events played at centre lead on to regional or national finals, the players must represent the Centre. The information is in the COP, It reflects badly on the Centre that the women's singles winner is NOT representing BNH at Regional playoffs (due to Bowling elsewhere) causing a bye in the one days play.

Regional & National Entries have been submitted to BNZ

Membership Participation - most clubs have completed the information, finalising Centre information for BNZ.

Centre Prestigious event – there should be no discrimination shown for this event, ie limiting the entrants, the sponsor (Heartland) doesn't limit their applicants.

To: Board of Bowls North Harbour

From: Denise West

Date: 1st February, 2018

Subject: BNH Coaching Report (December 2017/ January 2018)

Coaching Overview: *'A Great Team is the sum of all its moving parts'*

Successes to date:

- 1. Nationals (Dunedin):** Harbour only managed to have 1 female representative in this event young Paris Baker who qualified with straight wins and progressed to the 2nd round of post section (32) before getting schooled by Jo Edwards. She also qualified in the pairs progressing to the (16) before getting edged out 12/14 by Natasha Grimshaw (Papakura).

Our male representatives in Dunedin Tony Grantham, Rory Soden and Bart Robertson also did us proud with Tony Grantham progressing through to the Quarter finals of the singles in a very large and strong team, and both he and Rory progressing to the semi finals in the 4's.

- 2. Other Events**

Over December/ January period North Harbour Reps/ players featured in many invitation events around the North Island generally sitting in the top 4 teams at each event.

Women's Representatives Squads: - Open / Development 1-8 / Colts 1-5

- One on One Mental Skills session with the Open & 1-8 Singles players went very well. Both players have been provided with a mentor for additional on the green games and sessions. Both girls have taken it on well and commenced sessions with their mentor.
- One on One Mental Skills with Skips & 3's completed on Tuesday 30/01 again went well with positive feedback and sharing from those involved.

Next Rep Fixtures:

Open - Sunday, 11th March, 2018 (Men and Women, Howick)
Development 1-8 - Sunday, 11th March, 2018 (Men and Women, Howick)

Issues/Concerns:

1. Rep players burning out before peak performance required in March. The need to schedule game play for those who are keen to progress.

"Inspire To Achieve" - Coaching at Bowls North Harbour

Report for Board Meeting Feb 1

From Graham Dorreen

A big welcome to you all for our first meeting of the year, in our new Centre office at Orewa Bowls Club. The transition was smooth and the office environment is very nice. A big thankyou to Leon Wech, Tony Rickerby and Sheryl who managed the move efficiently.

Sponsorship/Grants

Lisa has completed four applications, and lodged them late last year (NZCT, NZ Racing Board, Four Winds, Foundation North)

Our current priority is to obtain external funding assistance for our Open rep teams travel and accommodation to Christchurch in March.

We have updated our "Super Six" sponsors by individual letters, bringing them up to speed with what we have been doing, and what our short and long-term goals are for the season.

Meeting with Mark Cameron CEO Bowls NZ.

Gary Stevens and I met with Mark, 19th January over breakfast, to listen to his views on the changing landscape of bowls, and importantly, his views on where we will be heading. Mark is attending our meeting Feb 1st and I have suggested to him we open the floor to Mark prior to our meeting commencing.

Mark clearly favours a relaxed semi-formal type discussion format, and I assured him that this works well for us.

Gary and I have copied you all on the focus points from our breakfast meeting, and I would ask you all to give thought to any questions you might like to table.

HBH 20,000

Given the cancellation of this event, and our priority to always have a signature event in North Harbour I would like to propose we invite a group of bowlers, (mainly outside the Board), to start from a blank canvas and come up with an event that is sustainable, prestigious, and supported by players.

David Eades has offered to be involved, as has Murray Mathieson, Wayne Wrack, Joe Whitelaw and Garry Banks. I believe there are other people who are very interested to be part of this group as well, which is awesome. This group can make written suggestions to the Board on the type of event, timing, format, sponsorship needs and promotion etc that will be required.

We have everything to gain from this approach, and I would like us to consider this on Thursday.

Channel Magazine

Big thanks to Benefitz a "Super Six" sponsor for giving us one page per month in the Channel magazine.

Lindsay Knight of "Knights Crusader" fame writes the articles and they are fantastic

To date we have highlighted our National reps in one article, The Takapuna and Birkenhead clubs in another, and Mairangi Bay and Sunnybrae in the third contribution. This month's article is on Orewa and Browns Bay clubs.

All this at no cost!!

Great promotion of our game and brilliant for the respective clubs who benefit from a monthly circulation of over 20,000 copies.

PPL

We need to ensure the entries go out to clubs early February, with the COP.

As it is a zonal event, it would be fantastic if we had a Board member at each venue on each of the four playing nights.

Bowls NZ see this type of event as a “major” event on their new bowling calendar.

Meetings with Club Chairpersons

This was a successful approach.

The feedback, we received from the respective Chairpersons has been summarised and sent to ALL club Boards/Match committees to take another look at.

Unless there are more suggestions that come to light, we will be using the consensus of this for input into next seasons program.

A couple of things worth highlighting from these meetings

Pennants is working well (some amendments to be considered) but a finals day at one venue is a “must” if possible.

PPL is being supported very enthusiastically. (Twilight, and fast format, with good prizemoney)

A “Wool Sale” needs to be promoted to clubs who run events on the same days. Currently works very well between Glenfield, Sunnybrae, Northcote and Birkenhead.

Finally, a big thankyou to a person who makes a major contribution but is always in the background....

Lindsay Knight, for the handling of the publicity role for BNH.

Publishes results in the Herald

Previews on our website all the upcoming Centre events

Monthly contributions for Channel magazine

Writes great follow up articles on our rep fixtures.

Always willing, no matter how little time he has to prepare an article.

Just a great guy!! Thanks Lindsay

Bowls North Harbour Inc.

Finance Report

For meeting Thursday 1st February 2018

Account Balances (as at 30th January 2018)

Cash Accounts:

Westpac Cheque Account 00: \$ 1,910
Heartland Bank on call: \$ 52,060 2.5% (interest paid monthly)

Investments:

Westpac \$ 12,043 3.10% maturity date 23 April 18
\$ 20,351 3.10% maturity date 24 April 18
\$ 50,877 3.10% maturity date 24 April 18
\$ 10,137 3.00% maturity date 19 February 18
\$ 10,138 3.00% maturity date 19 February 18

Heartland Bank \$ 70,000 3.70% maturity date 22 December 17

Total Cash & Investments: \$227,516

BIAS Fund (Heartland Bank)

Cheque account \$ 24,607 (includes 2018 sponsorship)
Term Deposit \$ 74,415 3.70% maturity 6 April 18
TOTAL BIAS Fund \$ 99,022 Fund value (nb all 2018 entries refunded)

BNH Coaches Association Fund (Westpac)

Cheque account \$ 6,830

Other

Invoices to approve and Payments this month:

Payments 1 - 54 need to be approved