

Bowls North Harbour

Minutes of Bowls North Harbour Annual General Meeting held at Birkenhead Bowling Club on Sunday 27th June 2021 commencing at 11 am

PRESENT: Delegates from Beach Haven, Birkenhead, Browns Bay, Helensville, Hobsonville, Mairangi Bay, Milford, Omaha, Takapuna, Warkworth, Manly and Orewa

Board of Management - Maureen Taylor (President)(MT), Tony Popplewell (Chairman)(TP), Elaine McClintock, (Vice President), Michael Beretta, Neil Connell, Norma Klaassen, Murray West.
Centre Secretary/Events Manager - Lesley Langer

Life member - Jean Ashby

Minute Taker: Lesley Langer

WELCOME:

At 11.00 am there was not a quorum present, so Tony Popplewell (Chairman) (TP) delayed the start of the meeting for 15 minutes. Representatives were arranged from Orewa and Manly and this meant there was now a quorum, so TP welcomed delegates and invited guests. Tony expressed the Board's thanks to Birkenhead Bowling Club for their hospitality.

As per the Bowls North Harbour constitution, Clauses 23.1, 23.3 and 23.4, advance notice of the date of this meeting and notification of the AGM agenda and notices of motion requirements has been given to all clubs.

1. Welcome by President Maureen Taylor

Maureen thanked all those for attending. She asked all the delegates to take her thanks back to the clubs for the hospitality she and the event directors have received over the year from the clubs. She handed the meeting over to Chairman, Tony.

2. Apologies

Life member and Patron Kevin Holland, life member Michael Foy, life member Margaret Duke, Bowls NZ CEO Mark Cameron, Bowls NZ Clubs Communication Manager Martin Mackenzie and BNH Treasurer Raewyn Thomas all sent apologies.

Move the apologies be accepted -

Moved: Graham Dorreen (Takapuna) **Seconded:** Kathy Brown (Milford) **CARRIED**

TP said Kaushik Patel from Bowls NZ will be attending the awards ceremony.

TP paid special respect to BNH Board Member Gail Dick, who passed away earlier in the year. TP gave the meeting some background on Gail's involvement with bowls over the years. TP asked all to stand and observe a minute's silence in memory of Gail.

3. Confirmation of the minutes from Annual General Meeting held on 21 June 2020

The minutes have been circulated prior to the meeting.

Matters arising from previous AGM minutes

None

Moved: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21 June 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record

Moved: Pete Sheehan (BBBC) **Seconded:** Chub Roberts (Hobsonville) **CARRIED**

4. Receive the Centre Board's report for the year ending 30 April 2021

- a. Impact of Covid-19 in the last 12 months. The Masters was affected and was cancelled as soon as it was opened, due to lockdown. Some other tournaments were affected, and dates rescheduled.
- b. Small increase in playing members this year. Rise of 60. TP referred to the schedule at the back of the report detailing by club number broken down into males/females.
- c. In the last 12 months BNH have introduced the online event entry system. BNH is satisfied how the system has bedded down and saved the secretary a lot of work.
- d. TP congratulated the Takapuna and Browns Bay clubs for results at the national Interclub Sevens and to Takapuna club for their success in the national Bowls3Five.
- e. The Reps team had a mixed season. The women's team did very well. The men not quite so well. BNH are working on a programme with the convenors to try and focus more on the Rep Teams performances in the coming season.
- f. For the last 4 weeks there have been coaching sessions at Orewa. They have been well attended, having about 100 in total attend over the 4 weeks.

TP asked if anyone would like to comment on the annual report. There was no further comment. Move the annual report be received

Proposed: Graham Dorreen (Takapuna) **Seconded:** Chub Roberts (Hobsonville)
CARRIED

5. Receive the Statement of Financial Performance and the Statement of Financial Position for the financial year ending 30 April 2021

- a. BNH made a loss of just under \$12,000, after having budgeted for a loss of \$9,000. The actuals ended up quite a bit more than the actuals the previous year.
- b. NZ Masters cancellation had quite a significant impact on our accounts. BNH did not get the benefit of the entry fees which were all refunded back to the players. This was significant. The sponsorship money was not received but as this is mainly all paid out in prizes had no effect on result.
- c. BNH received the money back for travel and accommodation bookings to the previous year's Inter-centre, which was cancelled due to Covid. That money went towards paying for this year's Inter-centre travel and accommodation.
- d. TP said expenses were much the same apart from the cost of the new Rep uniforms. Pete Sheehan (BBBC) said the money spent on uniforms seemed quite high. TP said we have to carry so many different sizes and the uniforms are for the next few years. Evan Thomas (Birkenhead) asked if we recover uniforms from players no longer on the squads. TP affirmed this and also said the uniforms are on a bond system so if they are not returned the player is charged \$200.
Evan Thomas asked if the Ryman sponsorship for the NZ Masters will continue for the NZ Masters 2021-22 tournament. MT responded that the sponsorship was only confirmed in July last year and feedback is positive for the sponsorship of the next tournament.
- e. TP confirmed the bank accounts are looking healthy but the Board are concerned about the loss and this needs to be addressed.

Graham Doreen complimented the Board on the excellent presentation of the accounts.

Move that we receive the financial report

Proposed: Evan Thomas **Seconded:** Richard Ponting (Beach Haven) **CARRIED**

6. The BIAS Fund

TP said the BIAS fund is not part of the BNH Accounts. Grants paid out this last year were approximately \$11,500. Little income was received this last year as interest rates have fallen away. \$86,000 on hand. \$12,000 of that belongs to BNH. Emmie Swart has been chairing the fund for the last few years. She wished to retire from that position

and John McCormack has accepted the position to chair the BIAS fund committee for this season.

7. Election of President

One nomination from Birkenhead for Maureen Taylor to continue as President. Declared Maureen as President for the next year.

Election of Vice-President

One nomination from Helensville for Neil Connell. Thank you to Elaine McClintock who has filled the role for the last 2 years. Declared Neil Connell as Vice President for the next year.

Election of Board members

There are 5 positions available. BNH had 5 applications, but Walter Howden has decided to withdraw his nomination.

TP introduced the four remaining applicants, Michael Beretta (Warkworth), Elaine McClintock (Orewa), Garth Partridge (Mairangi Bay) and Robyne Walker (Takapuna). TP declared the four applicants to fill the Board Member positions for the next two year term.

There is one vacancy on the Board. The constitution allows the Board to co-opt a person to fill the vacancy. The Board would appreciate any names being put forward by clubs. Pass names through to the Secretary.

TP commented on the position of Patron. The position is filled on a recommendation from the Board. Kevin Holland has indicated he would be happy to stand down and another person be appointed. A question for the Board to consider for next year. If any clubs have a suggestion of who could fill this role to let the Board know.

8. Budget

TP referred to the budget report. Budget indicating possible deficit of \$11,000. After the budget prepared BNH was awarded the Inter-centre competition for 2021-22. \$25,000 had been budgeted for our representative expenses to include this event based on it being elsewhere in the country. The event will now be in BNH area and therefore may not be as much as budgeted.

In the last few months Bowls NZ has been working with centres on an equalisation scheme for covering expenses of all centre teams going to the Inter-centre tournament. BNZ is expected to release a paper in October/November this year on the process. Centres will need to vote on any proposal so will probably not affect the next Inter-centre tournament. Grants have been received and hopefully will continue to be received for paid staff. The income budget also includes the return of \$6,000 from the BIAS fund should it be required later in the year.

9. Confirming the membership fee payable to the Centre for the 2021/22 season

- a. For the membership fee this year, BNH has not given notice of an increase in fees for the coming season. It is likely there will be an increase in the next year. The paper presented to the AGM last year is still valid showing different options.
- b. Limited playing membership is being introduced in the clubs, where full playing members are changing to limited playing members due to their restricted participation in the clubs. This will influence the number of full playing members in clubs, thereby affecting the number of members paying membership fees. This year the Board recommends the membership fee stays at \$23 per full playing member.

Moved: Chub Roberts

Seconded: Graham Dorreen

CARRIED

10. General Business

- a. No meeting of delegates held this last season, mainly due to Covid. BNH plan to have one this year around mid-season.
- b. Mark Cameron CEO BNZ will be visiting the Centre on 14th September. TP asked the clubs to encourage their members to attend.
- c. Weekly Reminders - TP expressed the thought that many clubs are not taking much notice of the email. Seems to go into the Secretary's office and not getting out. TP asked delegates to take back to the clubs to get the message out.
- d. Posting of entries on time is a lot better with the online system. BNH will only look for late entries if there are byes to fill. BNH will not accept late entries for any other reason.
- e. Details of club data for the handbook has been requested from the clubs. Delegates are asked to follow up.
- f. Limited playing members cannot play in any centre events, or any other events hosted by the centre, like coaching.
- g. National Inter-centre being played in BNH Centre area in March. Headquarters not yet confirmed.
- h. Kathy Brown (Milford) asked about clubs being in the same section when draws come out. They have to play each other in the first round. Can this be changed when the draws are done?
TP said the draw is a random draw. We will take the point back to the Match Committee.
- i. Graham Dorreen said thanks from Takapuna on the communication support and also from the Rep teams, thanks for the support.
- j. Jean Ashby said on behalf of the umpires that there were over 1400 players in the centre and only 20 umpires. Desperate for clubs to encourage members to come to study to be an umpire. Please take this message back to the clubs. BNH will push from their side.
- k. Evan Thomas said, regarding Kathy Brown's comment about teams from the same club playing in the first round, it made sense to do it the way it is currently being done and should not jeopardise the teams from winning the next rounds and the section.

11. Closure of meeting

TP closed the meeting at 12.15pm and invited all the attendees to enjoy the lunch provided.