



Bowls North Harbour Inc

MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Board
Meeting Location: ZOOM
Meeting Date: Wednesday 24 November 2021
Meeting Time: 4 pm

Present: Maureen Taylor (MT), Neil Connell (NC), Tony Popplewell (TP), Raewyn Thomas (RT), Michael Beretta (MB), Garth Partridge (GP), Robyne Walker (RW)

Apologies: Nil

Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Proposed that the minutes from the previous meeting on 27 October 2021 be approved.

Moved: GP Seconded: NC Carried

Proposed that the minutes from the special meeting on 1 November 2021 be approved.

Moved: GP Seconded: NC Carried

Proposed that the minutes from the emergency meeting on 9 November 2021 be approved.

Moved: GP Seconded: NC Carried

Matters arising from previous minutes

Nil.

Incoming Correspondence

1. Elaine McClintoch's resignation. TP has acknowledge Elaine's resignation email and allowed a "cool down" period. The Board will email Elaine accepting her resignation and thank her for her contribution to the BNH Board.
2. Bowls NZ Affiliation Fee credit note and Hardship Fund. RW suggested that the BNH Centre look at matching the discount BNZ provided to the clubs in the Auckland, North Harbour and Counties Manukau via the annual BNH Capitation Fees. After some discussion it was agreed that the Board would give a 15% credit note to the 19 clubs in our centre.

Proposed that the BNH Centre offer a credit note of 15% to the BNH Centre clubs effective immediately.

Moved: GP Seconded: NC Carried unanimously

TP will email out to the clubs to advise of the BNH Capitation Fee credit note and acknowledge the extraordinary circumstances we have all been in this season due to the Covid-19 restrictions. As part of this the Treasurer will set up a new account called "CLUB SUPPORT" to capture monies spent this season in support of our clubs.

3. Assistance provided by our Treasurer, Raewyn Thomas, has been recognised and emailed into the centre by Sunnybrae, Warkworth and Beachhaven.
4. Bowls NZ BowlsHub Aotearoa is a new initiative for all bowlers to enter into National competitions on-line using a unique assigned number that they are provided when they register. TP is interested in looking at this further for the BNH Centre when Lesley comes back from leave.
5. Mairangi Bay Bowling Club – Vaccination Status query from Evan Thomas. Evan emailed the Centre asking for our view of the Mairangi Bay Bowling Club's vaccination status in terms of the variation to conditions as follows:

“Non-vaccinated persons, or those who do not declare their vaccination status, will be able to bowl on the carpet green at designated days and times within strict guidelines”.

We referred this to Bowls NZ (Chris Lander and Mark Cameron) for their comment. They concluded that if Mairangi Bay Bowling Club could “control” it then BNZ would use their greens for National Events. RW suggested that we should look at this variation again when the government legislation was released around the “Traffic Light” system. The detail will be important.

6. Bowls NZ Vaccination policy. By Friday 26 November BNZ will be aiming to provide further information in order to effectively open and operate clubs under the new COVID-19 Protection Framework. This will be based on discussions with Sport NZ.

Secretary Report

Nil.

Chairman's report

1. With Elaine McClintock's resignation the Board now has 2 vacancies. The first being from the AGM in June 2021. RW proposed that the Board co-opt Steven Yates (Birkenhead Bowling Club) to join us immediately. Steven has an impressive background in governance, leadership, finance, marketing and promotion and staff management. He has had a number of experiences in sports administration including Chairman of United Soccer 1 and General Manager of Auckland Bowls. The Board agreed unanimously to co-opt Steven Yates. MT had also had a conversation with Steven and thought he would be very beneficial to our governance. TP will contact him and also discuss the vacancy on the Match Committee.

The next issue was whether or not the Board would continue to look for another Board Member. RW believed it was a good idea and thought TP could ask Steven when he called him to see if he knew of any other candidates we could speak to.

2. Men's and Women's Interclub 7s. TP advised he had received follow up correspondence from the Open Men's and Women's Selectors/Mangers/Coaches in regard to the outcome of the Emergency Meeting 9 November. He believes they have now accepted the position of the Board – 1 male and 1 female side per club.
3. AGM and Prize Giving 26 June 2022. It was decided to ask Takapuna Bowling Club to host this as they had been the BNH Club of the Year 2021. TP to contact the club. RW, President of Takapuna Bowling Club, thought the club would be delighted to host.

President's report

Received.

Masters Bowls report

1. An update, as at 24 November, we had received 80 entries for 170 participants. Down on last year but a lot of entries come in late as per MT's advice.

2. RW is posting on 6 different Facebook pages each week that cover most of New Zealand. A number of them are liked or viewed each time.
3. Posters have been received by MT from Ryman Healthcare and MT and GP will distribute these to the different Retirement and Lifestyle Villages.
4. MT to organise another ZOOM call in the next 2 weeks.

Match Committee report

Received.

Representatives' report

1. The head to head with BOP at Katikati will be transport via bus again. This time the teams will only play 2 rounds to shorten the day.
2. The 1-5 Year Men and Women's teams for Battle of the Bridge is at Milford. MT asked RW if Takapuna Bowling Club could provide markers as well as GP at Mairangi Bay Bowling Club.
3. All trainings are going well with only a few players affected by Auckland border closures.
4. RW is finalising uniforms. Only the Women's 1-5 team to confirm some new members covering for unwell players.

Coaching and Development report

Nil.

1-5-year bowlers report

1. Teams are practicing at Milford Bowling Club Sunday 28 November 2021, 5pm.
2. Need 16 Markers for the BOB from 2.30 pm. Advise MT of the markers.

Finance report

1. Only 7 clubs to pay their BNH Capitation Fees.
2. RT spent 4.5 hours helping clubs with their Resurgence Payments. RT will claim this time and this will be coded to the new Club Support account.

Meeting closed at 5:00 pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 15 December 2021, at 4.00 pm via ZOOM

Chairman's Report:

1 Board Resignation/Vacancy – As you know Elaine has decided to resign from the Board. I accepted her decision but left the door open if she re-considered but this would be unlikely. Effectively that is now two members less than what the Constitution allows so we should try to fill with at least one co-option in the meantime. We should discuss our options at the meeting?

2 Activity Dates while Lesley is on leave – This list has been modified a few times. Board members should ensure they have the most recent version as attached to this report and then to follow up on any activities which they have been listed to do

3 Email from Evan Thomas, Birkenhead Bowling Club – Following the special Board meeting, Lesley had discussions with Bowls NZ and Mairangi Bay Bowling club. Mairangi Bay also had discussions with BNZ and the situation has been resolved that so long as only vaccinated players and public will be at the club at the time of any Centre or National event being held there, and the club can manage that situation, then it will be acceptable to BNZ to hold events at that club. BNH should also follow this lead.

4 Vaccination Policy for Bowls North Harbour – Following the Board meeting on 1 November we issued a circular outlining the policy of Bowls North Harbour in relation to the events which we hold and the club venues which we use. This is obviously a hot subject and hopefully will settle down later in the season. Clubs who we are aware of in adopting a blanket full vaccination policy include – Beach Haven, Birkenhead, Orewa, Browns Bay, Sunnybrae, Mairangi Bay, Takapuna, Warkworth, and Belmont. We will need to check the position at other clubs who are destined to host Centre events during the season.

5 Interclub 7's – Following several exchanges of emails on this subject the Board held a special meeting and confirmed the decision of the Match Committee to have only 1 side per club. Appears BNZ may be amending their COP for next year to read "...all clubs within their Centre to enter one (or more at the Centre's discretion) sides..." Further correspondence emanated following my advice to the people concerned following this special meeting, and while reluctant to accept the decision of the board we are now in a position to move on.

6 Constitution Review – This has been left on report for follow up in due course.

7 BowlsHub Aotearoa – From initial discussions with BNZ and with our secretary Lesley, it appears there may be benefit in BNH considering using this system for its events from next season. Further investigation will be carried out after Lesley returns from leave.

8 Centre Managers Meeting – I attended the Centre Managers meeting on 1 November by zoom along with secretary, Lesley. The forum provides a good platform to hear from BNZ and what is happening at other Centres as well. These meetings are held irregularly. Items covered included vaccinated certificates, review of BNZ Judicial process with a paper to come shortly, BowlsHub Aotearoa, High performance update, inclusivity of disabled and youth players over next few years, and update on national events and Broadcast plans.

9 Chris Lander visit to Centre – Chris will now be coming in December/January to look at clubs for the hosting of the National InterCentre in March.

10 AGM & Awards – The annual meeting has been set at Sunday 26 June. We need to decide on the venue and also consider the awards function as it normally follows. Will there be any legends awards made this time?

Tony Popplewell

Chair

19 November 2021

President's Report:

Very quickly after our last Board Meeting we had to convene an Emergency Board Meeting on 1st November to discuss BNZ Vaccination Policy.

Attended Extra Match Committee meeting on 2nd November re changes to programme.

Yet again Emergency Board Meeting called for 9th November to discuss Interclub 7's.

NZ Masters Report:

I was sent a photograph by Sue Rossiter of the new Umpires Shirt which is being issued to Bowls New Zealand Umpires. She asked if it would be possible for Umpires to wear it while umpiring the Masters Competition. I circulated this to the Committee and the answer straight away from Steph Cawte was a resounding NO. We are concentrating on promoting Ryman and having Summerset on the back would not be a good look.

I have also never received back the "returned mail" which was sent out to all Bowling Club in New Zealand by Ryman to promote the Masters. I have given Steph a couple of reminders but nothing arrived so far.

Warkworth have sent a reply offering to host games during the week which now gives us a total of six Clubs available. I feel we might still have more replies now that Clubs are able to have Board Meetings face to face.

Entries are up slightly and hopefully the news of the Border reopening might help that along.

I have prepared an updated version of Total entries received last year and what has been received to date. Find attached to my Report.

Maureen Taylor
18th November 2021

Number of Entries		2021	2021		
Event	EventID	# of Entries	# of players	Entries	Players
Single	7916	9			
60-74 Mens Fours	7962	2	8	19	76
60-74 Womens Fours	7930	4	16	12	48
75+ Mens Fours	7960	2	8	12	48
75+ Womens Fours	7961	0	0	7	27

60-74 Mens Pairs	7925	10	20	44	88
75+ Mens Pairs	7963	4	8	24	48
60-74 Womens Pairs	7937	7	14	24	48
75+ Womens Pairs	7964	1	2	8	16
75+ Mixed Pairs	7966	2	4	16	32
60-74 Mixed Pairs	7965	16	32	52	104
Total		57	112	218	535

Match Committee Report:

Special zoom meeting to go over MC decision to limit 1 men and women per club for interclub, a vote was taken and result was carried.

Responded to Colin Rogen's email asking about date changes and the cancellation of the centre 4's.

Greens

A photo sent to me and Chris Lander from BBBC showing 1 & 2 greens progress, "looking very good". All other greens are ready for play.

Neil Connell

Chairman MC and Greens Liaison.

Representatives' report:

General – Both the open and 1-5 year rep teams are scheduling practice sessions these weekends ahead of the Battle of the Bridge rep games on 5 December.

The Open men team are scheduling a session with the mental skills coach on the weekend before the BOB to be held around their practice session.

Rep uniforms are being received and allocated for all teams as required following selections taking place.

Battle of the Bridge - Conditions of play for both series have been confirmed and distributed to the team managers.

The games will take place –

1-5 years men & women at Milford

Open women at Blockhouse Bay

Open men at Hunters Corner, Papatoetoe

Head to Head v. Bay of Plenty - This head to head event for the open men and women against Bay of Plenty comes up in January and it would appear that the teams will be able to travel to BOP and

back with the recent announcement of the border crossing for Aucklanders. This fixture was listed in our BNH programme for the season as being on the Sunday but in actual fact is on Saturday 15 January. I have contacted BOP Centre to request the venue for the event so we can look at arrangements for the teams.

Tony Popplewell, Robyne Walker, Garth Partridge

Reps Liaison.

18 November 2021

Coaching and Development Report:

Nil

1–5-year Bowlers Report:

1 – 5 Report – November 2021

- Communications with Ian McKenzie and Walter Howden re their development squads.
- Emails sent to the Women 1 to 5 Representative Squad on behalf of Walter Howden
- Practice session for the 1 to 5 Women vs. Men squad held at Orewa on Sunday 14 November. Limited to 25 people.
- Battle of the Bridge to be played at Milford Bowling Club on Sunday 5th December 2021

Finance Report:

REPORT TO BOARD FOR NOVEMBER 2021 MEETING

Accounts:

Attached to this report is the Profit & Loss (P & L) and Balance Sheet (B/S) as at the 31ST October 2021.

The Term Deposit at Westpac for \$50,000 matured on the 27th October 2021 and has now been reinvested for 1 year with an interest rate 1.50%.

Grants

Application was made to IRD for the 4th payment of the Resurgence fund and \$2,300.00 has been approved. We have now received four rounds of these payments totalling \$9,200.00.

Application for the latest wage subsidy has also been lodged. Total payments of the Wage Subsidy to date are \$7,672.00.

Application to NZ Community Trust for \$8,000 has been submitted to fund Mental and Technical skills training for Representative teams. We have not received a decision on this grant yet.

Application to Blue Sky Community Trust Ltd for Medals for the NZ Masters is also still awaiting a decision.

The Insurance Invoice for the 2021-2022 year has been paid.

Assistance has been given to Sunnybrae and Beachhaven for the Resurgence Fund and both have received their subsidies. I am currently assisting Milford to set up their MY IR account and the Resurgence Fund.

Raewyn Thomas

Treasurer

8th November 2021