



Bowls North Harbour Inc

MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Board
Meeting Location: Bowls Orewa
Meeting Date: Tuesday, 16 August 2022
Meeting Time: 5 pm

1. Attendance – Maureen Taylor (President), Neil Connell, (Vice President) Steve Yates (Chairperson), Raewyn Thomas (Treasurer), Mike Beretta, Trish Croot, Garth Partridge, Michelle Kean (Centre Manager).
2. Apologies – Robyne Walker
3. Approval of the last minutes dated 14 July 2022
Proposed: TC Seconded: MT Carried
4. Matters arising from the last Board Meeting.
Nil

5. Incoming Correspondence

- a) Garth Partridge understands that Mairangi Bay have sent a letter about COVID to BNH. Nothing has been received yet via email or post to-date. Apparently Auckland Bowls have extended their 1 – 5 junior players an additional year as juniors, due to COVID. Nobody has heard anything. Alan Daniels, Board Member of Mairangi Bay Bowling Club, has asked if BNH would be doing the same, hence the letter. Until we have receive the communication from Mairangi Bay, we can not look into the matter.
- b) Steven Yates has received a late email application for the position of Open Womens Rep Team Selector – Trish Croot. To-date, there had been no applications, which was concerning as the open ladies representing our Zone is in October. Trish has some conditions, but looking to get Board approval tonight, subject to these conditions. Motion to appoint Trish Croot as open head selector/coach for the womens 2022/2023 season. Steven Yates to move that motion – Garth Partridge seconded Motion is carried.

6. Centre Managers Report

As I have only been in the role for a day, I can only report that upon notice being made public that I had been appointed in the role, I have received positive contact/communications from Clubs and players throughout North Harbour that BNH is taking an interest in them.

7. Chairman's Report

Activity as a Chairman has been more focused on acting as BNH Secretary for the past month, putting handbook together, preparing training for Michelle Kean's start date and dealing with everyday secretarial matters.

Did have a Report written, but the computer crashed. Will try and recover the Report and forward on for circulation.

Believe we now have a strong group of people to lead BNH and drive it forward with the aspirations of being the 'No 1 Centre in New Zealand'.

Currently BNH is in the top three of the country and every opportunity with the right people to take this organisation forward in various different areas; brand, community, technology i.e.

BowlsHub, website, social media.

We will evolve in an exciting an uninterrupted season.

8. President's Report

Chris Lander and Martin McKenzie's evening visit at Birkenhead Bowling Club was excellent.

Incorporated Clubs have until 2026 before they need to make decisions.

Chris was asked a lot of questions, including the fact that the bowling calendar was the fullest it has ever been between centre and national events, there are not a lot of weekends left for clubs to put in their own championships and there is of course the rep fixtures as well.

Steven Yates: Fixtures will be reviewed again before next season with Bowls NZ.

Maureen Taylor: Calendar is so full. This is the worst there has been with only 4/5 free weekends throughout the entire season. Usually there is 7/8 free weekends.

Ian Davis spoke up to Chris Lander about live streaming.

Ian has a lot of experience with live streaming.

Chris did say that the quality of cameras they use is high definition and that Ian would not get the definition required on the equipment he currently has. Couldn't really go any further because of this.

Maureen suggested that Steven speak to Ian Davis directly.

Bowls NZ will stay with Tamara doing the live streaming. It is improving all the time.

Ian Davis is passionate about the live streaming and has been to one of the winter training sessions.

He is an English guy, with a lot of experience and was offering \$1,000 to get it started for Beachhaven Bowling Club, but is also offering this to BNH.

Trish Croot: Could we use this opportunity to promote Barefoot Bowls and put a short clip/advert on social media?

Manly Bowling Club have been running radio advertising and are expecting around 300 new members on Friday nights.

Sunnybrae are also running something similar on Friday and are having a good turnout.

9. Masters Report:

Have tried to call Steph, but the call was forwarded to an answer machine and on to an Area Manager. Did not leave a message.

Steven suggested sending an email to Steph, as an 'out of office' reply would say if she is on holiday or is no longer available.

Need to ascertain if Steph is still employed with Ryman or is she on holiday?

Steven will call Bree who is the National Sponsorship Manager for Ryman's, who is based in Christchurch.

Not just looking at Ryman for the Masters, but as a major sponsor for BNH.

Garry Banks when he handed it over, in his Report said we had the sponsorship for five years, but we don't have anything in writing from Ryman.

Thought that Garry Banks negotiated \$10,000 over five years, which would have been around 2019.

10. Coaching and Development Report:

The trailer was stolen whilst in responsibility of Auckland Bowls.

Garry Banks had raised the question of where it is.

2018/2019 a meeting with Chris Lander that a grant had been applied for in/around June 2019 for, but there is nothing signed off in the financial records that grant had been received for bowls.

There is a 'thank you' noted to Henselite for bowls and trailer.

The (12 sets?) bowls were sold to Auckland.

Mike Beretta has the remaining bowls in his garage. He will check this and as to how many bowls he has. Once Mike has confirmed this, we can then let Clubs know what we have available and will drop them off to the BNH office .

The bowls should be added to the Asset list.

11. Match Committee/Green Report:

Bowls Orewa took out winter tournaments in both the mens and womens, which is a great achievement and possibly first time for one club.

Looking to be into grass greens in September.

We have put up the Mixed 2-4-2 and Ivan Kostanich and 2-4-2 on the website and are already receiving entries.

Greens (Neil Connell):

Orewa, Browns Bay, Takapuna are good.

Hamish has been in hospital. Found him very aggressive when dealing with him.

Milford first green is terrible – it's a cow paddock. The 2nd one close to the road, doesn't look good either.

Hamish has been a problem at Mairangi Bay. He won't come in and do the grounds for an 8.30am start!

Tony and I were very impressed with Dion. Sunnybrae is fantastic.

Northcote is terrible. Greenkeeper was sick and the President mowed it and didn't realise the blades were down, so the green is all scuffed.

Birkenhead; working on it.

Beachhaven – Brendan has done a good job.

Riverhead – carpark was closed as there are works going on, so couldn't access the green, hence couldn't see it to make a comment.

Helensville – is coming on nicely. Probably ready after Xmas.

Sandra Coombes said we are staying in mufti until October. As they won't be opening the grass until then.

What is letting a lot of the greens/greenkeepers down, is the fact we have had the wettest July.

When will the match committee confirm green allocations/request green allocations?

Neil said should be able to do that in the next week or so but depends on work commitments.

The rest of the match committee members can meet during the day and they will confer with Neil, and will make the final decision once everyone has been included.

They will meet, discuss with Neil and will communicate via email.

Went out with Wayne Wrack and he received payment for his time.

Putting a motion forward for Neil and Tony to receive a \$100 each for their time to visit the greens.

Motion seconded by Steven Yates.

Tony Rickerby and Neil to give their bank details to Raewyn Thomas for reimbursement.

12. Representatives' (Open Men & Women and -5 Years) Reports:

1 – 5

Garth mentioned that he is coming up to being a year 8 bowler.

He thought standard of play was very good. A lot of bowlers that he hasn't seen. There is a lot of enthusiasm. Thanks to Trish for helping out the 1 – 5 squad. Have conditions of play for 28th August. Men's squad to be announced. Feels the 1 – 5 juniors are in very good health moving forward.

Rep Lunches

Maureen: Has phoned Andy Dorrance to see if their (Manly Bowling Club) caterers can do the catering. Allocate \$10/head. Waiting for confirmation back from Andy.

Rep Uniforms:

Trish: Senior girls have tossed away the rep pants as hot, sweaty and uncomfortable.

This will be the third change in five years for rep uniforms.

The uniforms from Onu were the best; fabric, shape etc.

Steven announced commercial arrangement with Dynasty (who provide uniforms for Bowls New Zealand).

New Zealand's uniform from Dynasty was voted the smartest uniform at Commonwealth Games.

Dynasty have contra deal for us to open doors to sign up clubs to their brand.

At Auckland Bowls it was worth \$30,000.

They are currently making Michelle Kean some gear, as well as Steven for when he goes to the Bowls New Zealand AGM in Dunedin, in September.

Awaiting the commercial offering at which time will be brought to the Board for discussion and approval.

Mike Berretta;

Not a lot happening from me. Was at Birkenhead and listening about college, schools.

Howard Sandler has hired out Sunnybrae for the month of August, for his own coaching.

Steven said that as long as he is Chairman, Howard Sandler will not be involved with North Harbour.

Mike offered his assistance to Trish.

13. Marketing/Sponsorship:

Website development – has had a discussion with Mike Hargreaves , AllTeams about pricing.

Waiting for us to providing branding and waiting for Robyne to get back.

We can exist with the current website by making it look better cosmetically i.e. price to 'skin it'.

By taking away the pages and adding in functions like Auckland Bowls website i.e. in social bowls, community bowls – competitive bowls.

Believe we are aiming somewhere in the middle.

The Auckland Bowls website cost \$17,500. Wasn't a complete overhaul.

Don't believe we need to spend that sort of money.

Have \$3,000 in budget. Feels we can be as close to that as possible.

Barefoot Bowls Media; the clubs are actively doing this themselves (Manly and Sunnybrae).

We need to start talking about this ourselves.

Need to speak to Andy Dorrence at Manly as to whether we can discuss this publicly.

14. Governance Report;

As Robyne is away overseas, Raewyn stepped in.

Raewyn would like a motion that is in my report to juggle the money around.

Raewyn would like a motion to pass for wages/salary.

15. General Business

A couple of meetings ago Steven provided a 'draft' delegation paper, as did Robyne (Steven was unaware of this).

Levels of authority for expenditure that is not budgeted and how much someone can commit the organisation to, without Board approval i.e. they go and do something and then going to the Board for approval.

Designed by Steven when he was at Auckland Bowls, but has been severely changed to reflect BNH.

Has been sitting there, but would like to ask comments/questions? Do we adopt?

Trish asked if we could push it out for another month.

Feels it involves the whole Committee and would rather wait till Robyne gets back.

Please include in September Board Meeting Agenda.

Maureen:

New Zealand Masters Venue – this was left on from last time. Please leave on for next month.

Birkenhead has put their hand up.

The infrastructure at Birkenhead is up there – one of the best in New Zealand. The main issue with Birkenhead is parking during the week.

Browns Bay is an option.

Sunnybrae is centrally located, with great parking. Main concern would be the catering facilities.

Could work round that. They have a new President – who is a bit of a go-getter. Dion Tasker(?) very enthusiastic, greenkeeper.

Bowls Orewa - have deliberately not been used them for anything.

We have the Mixed 2-4-2 Pairs and Ivan Kostanich coming up.

Have we sorted out the charges with use of greens?

We had junior rep training on the 8th of August from 8.30am – 10.30am and were charged \$90 and we didn't even use the clubrooms!

Historically clubs never charge for the use of greens for rep training.

They charge us this and in the next breath are wanting BNH endorsement with a grant for 2nd roof.!

Steven is going to speak to David Batchelor about charges.

The future of bowls is going to carpet greens.

The cost of maintenance, greenkeepers.

Steven:

Bowls New Zealand AGM

Bowls NZ AGM is next month which I have been invited to and is attending in Dunedin.

Will be sending an email out to all clubs to ask the question if there is anything they would like raised with Bowls NZ at this time.

Will there for Awards Function and the North/South game. Planning to fly down on Wednesday the 7th of September and returning Monday, 12th.

Maureen:

BNH Opening Day Executive Fours is on Sunday, 4th September;

Venue – would like to suggest Manly Bowling Club as they have a caterer to provide afternoon tea.

3 games of 10 ends; try and get handbooks delivered before opening day.

9am/9.30 start

BNH usually buys some prizes.

We don't want a repeat of the last opening day where a team received one box of chocolates between four people.

It is on-line to enter; have 5 – 6 entries so far.

Will put online entry up on website.

Cluster Groups:

We need to decide first of all, should the Board that is associated with their club be involved with their cluster group? Or should there be independent people?

Say Warkworth, Mahurangi and Omaha be allocated to Mike Berretta.

16 clubs for 5 Board Members; say three clubs each.

Trish – Belmont Park, Takapuna, Stanley.

Have independent Board Members be the representative for clubs they are not involved in.
i.e. Robyne shouldn't do Takapuna.

Steven will put a proposed Cluster List together and will circulate.

BowlsHub:

Colin will be conducting training on Wednesday, 17th August at 10am for the Match Committee.

Garth would like to attend the training on Wednesday and this was agreed.

BNH is going to promote this to the clubs.

Should we have dedicated nights at the Clubs and players bring their device and we run a workshop?

Trish suggested we do this at the PPL this weekend. Thought it was a good idea.

BowlsHub is a cloud based app. Website that you login to.

Garth is at Mairangi Bay on Saturday on bar duty and has offered to help people.

Tributes to Bowlers/Funeral Attendances

Neil:

John Tobin passed away recently and no one from BNH Board went to his funeral.

It was notice and hence, mentioned by a number of people at the funeral.

In future, a BNH board member/delegate should attend the funeral.

Meeting Closed at 6.50pm.

Note:

Search anywhere within BNH laptop around 2018 for any correspondence relating to Ryman Sponsorship. Is there anything contractually on file?

