



Bowls North Harbour Inc

MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Board
Meeting Location: Orewa Bowls Club
Meeting Date: Wednesday 22 March 2023
Meeting Time: 5 pm

1. Attendance – Maureen Taylor (President), Neil Connell, (Vice President) Robyne Walker (Chairperson), Mike Beretta, Trish Croot, Garth Partridge, Raewyn Thomas (Treasurer), Sandra Sweetman (Centre Manager), Fay Freeman (guest)
2. Apologies – Nil
3. Conflicts of interest – Nil
4. Fay Freeman spoke to the Board on the Draft Proposal for Bowls North Harbour Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for the Indoor Bowls Centre.

Fay has spoken with several interested parties including Auckland City Council, Sunnybrae Bowling Club, other indoor facilities around NZ eg. Naenae, Dunedin, Hastings, Wanaka, Alexandra etc and the Archery Club. The Sunnybrae has the first right of renewal on the land which lease expires in 8 years.

The primary driver is to demonstrate to the Auckland City Council is that if you provide the right facilities this will in turn grow the sport. This will be covered in the Needs Assessment currently well underway. Based on the outcome of this report we will decide on whether we will progress to a Feasibility Study.

5. Approval of the last minutes dated 1 March 2023.

Proposed: RW Seconded: MT Carried

6. Matters arising from the last board meeting.
 1. Report from Match Convenor on Bowlshub workings, especially for the Bowls3Five event.
All agreed that RW to send to Bowls NZ.
7. Correspondence
 1. 2 March – email from a Browns Bay BC member regarding their website NWS items.

2. 6 March – RW email to the Browns Bay BC member re website NEWS tab.
3. 7 March – Chris Lander – practice greens for the National Intercentre, Christchurch.
4. 7 March – email resignation of Centre Manager.
5. 7 March – email from Treasurer re contract.
6. 7-8 March – Chris Lander – lots of emails re National Intercentre
7. 8 March – email from RW to SS accepting her resignation.
8. 8 March – email to RT regarding position description.
9. 8 March – Martin Mackenzie – Regular Centre Manager & Secretary meetings.
10. 10 March – Kelly Clark Helensville Club – CoC Pairs last year Ricky received a woman's badge. Gave to Neil who passed to Trish Croot to sort out. Nothing has been done.
11. 10 March – Dean Bartlett Auckland – CoP Octangular 18/19 March competition.
12. 10 March – Chris Lander BNZ – Update on Intercentre 7s.

8. Centre Managers Report – as read
9. Chairman's Report – as read
10. President's Report – as read
11. Match Committee and Greens Report
12. Representatives' (Open Men & Women and 1-5 Years) Report – as read
13. Coaching and Development Report - Nil
14. Marketing and Sponsorship Report – Nil
15. Governance Report - Nil
16. Finance Report – as read
17. General Business
 1. Cluster Meeting update-
 So far there are only 15 responses plus Board Members. A follow up will be done with those clubs that had not yet responded that they were coming. Also, a follow up with the survey responses.
 TC will order pizzas for the evening.
 MB will meet with Tony P on the weekend and go through the final arrangements.
 Board went through the points on the Agenda and agreed on the format.
2. In committee.

Board Meeting Dates Tentative for the Year:

18 April 16 May 20 June

REPORTS:

Centre Managers Report

Report by Sandra Sweetman

My resignation was accepted and my last day will be the 7th April. Issues with Birkenhead Bowling Club. Working with Match Committee on tournament CoP and draws.

Chairperson Report

Report by Robyne Walker

Following on from the last Board meeting on 1 March 2023 I did follow up emails to Raewyn Thomas (Treasurer) and Sandra Sweetman (Centre Manager). These contained a commitment to review the work load, phone calls, office hours, position description and BowlsHub administration.

Emails were sent out to ALLTEAMS to change the office hours on the website. Confirmation received.

Phone call with Rose Nola, Senior Trust, re the proposed new dates for the NZ Masters 4 to 8 September 2023. Follow up email to Rose and John Jackson.

Meetings with Sandra and Raewyn following up my email and commitment to review the areas they highlighted on 7 March 2023.

Phone call with Lauren, Auckland Bowls re BowlsHub and their experiences to date. They have had the usual settling in problems but are confident to continue with BowlsHub.

Email to Gene Murphy, Canon, confirming the termination of the photocopier contract.

Email received from Sandra to the Board announcing her resignation from BNH Centre Manager position 7 March 2023. Response emailed on 8 March 2023.

Email received from Raewyn to the Board confirming she will work her 10 hours per week as per her position description 7 March 2023. Response emailed 8 March 2023.

Attended the BNH Umpires monthly meeting 8 March 2023.

Presidents Report

Report by Maureen Taylor

I attended the Bowls3Five Finals at Brown's Bay on 5th March. It was well attended by spectators and produced some excellent bowling. Behind the scenes has been documented by the Match Convenor and both Tony and Garth had to contend with far more work than should have been necessary over the weekend.

Attended the Men's Pairs Finals at Manly which had been postponed due to the Cyclone in February. The games were played in good spirits, the green was playing well and it was good to see some new names going on the Trophy.

I have worked as Event Director at the Cadness Cup over two days on 3rd and 10th March with Final games to be played on 24th March.

I was asked by Andy Dorrance of Manly Bowling Club to pass on to the Match Committee that if we are using 1 carpet green only at Manly it has to be "C" Green. This has been stipulated by their Board.

Match Committee

Report by Tony Popplewell

CHROME BOOKS – Whilst the MC endeavoured to steer this project through it seems it is taken out of our hands and the Board can monitor this progress going forward. We do believe that the BNH chrome books should not be used under personal names while they are recording BNH events.

BOWLSHUB – The MC understand the board has decided that the fuller use of BowlsHub will commence from 1 July and, that being the case, then education opportunities need to be set up for clubs to understand the significance of the change. This needs to be driven by BNH board and staff and not the Match Committee.

EVENT PROGRAMME 2023/2024 – Work is progressing on this and will be forwarded shortly for the Board to approve and distribute.

GREENS ALLOCATION – The MC has received advice from some clubs that are no longer able to host Centre events. Alternatives are being sought but the Board need to understand the difficulty in Centre organising events and yet there are a shortage of venues available to host these. This should be major topic for the Cluster meeting to discuss.

MEN'S PAIRS: Following the rain delay this event was completed on 11 March at the original venue – Manly. The winners were Charlie McDonald and Robbie McGrane from Milford who defeated Brent Catton and Duncan Whittaker (Riverhead) in the final.

MEN'S SINGLES – This event was completed with David Payne (Mairangi Bay) the winner over Brian Wilson (Browns Bay).

WOMEN'S TRIPLES – This event was completed with the winning team from Mairangi Bay of Gaye Horne, Joy Watkinson and Theresa Rogers who defeated the team from Orewa in the final of Elizabeth Ring, Trish Higginson and Tira Campbell.

CADNESS CUP – This competition is in progress with the women playing at Manly and the men at Hobsonville. The final day for this event is 24 March.

BOWLS3FIVE – Forty-seven entries lined up at the start of this event after there being a late withdrawal. BowlsHub was sadly very lacking in that many playing cards were incorrect and in many cases the games on BowlsHub did not match the draw on paper. The Event Director with assistant had a torrid time to unscramble this and it subsequently was discovered that two teams were excluded from the post section through the manual error of calculating the count back and the recording of the results. Both teams have been given an apology. A separate report has been filed by the Event Director and forwarded to BNH office.

Representatives' Report (Open Men & Women and 1-5 Years)

Open Report:

Report by Robyne Walker

Leading up to the BNZ Intercentre, Christchurch 15 to 19 March, all flights, accommodation, and rental vans were confirmed and liaison with Trish Croot and Gary Stevens was done to ensure all the players were up to speed with the arrangements.

The Men's and Women's teams performed well. The best result was with the Women's team of Selina Goddard, Milika Nathan, Elaine McClintock, Wendy Jensen, Lauren Mills, Robyne Walker and Ling Qu who won a bronze medal (3rd equal). They were coached by Trish Croot and Manager John Hindmarch. Outstanding result for the Centre which we can build on.

It was disappointing for the Women's team that the Men's team and management, except for Jeremy Brosnan, chose to leave before the Women played their Semi-Final on Sunday.

Prior to leaving I phoned Lauren Cross, Bowls Auckland, who advised they had decided to give the players and management a "per diem" amount of \$65 per day which she paid out before they left. This way it avoided all the additional administration. I think this is something we should consider.

The Men's and Women's Coaching and Management will be reviewed, and all positions will be open to prospective applicants after 1 April 2023. Succession planning is essential in this area.

On 18-19 March 2023 the Prem 2/Development representative squad played an inaugural Octagonal Series at Howick, Auckland. As the host Bowls Auckland was very generous in supplying the trophy and lunches for all the participants. Each Centre (Far North, Northland, BNH, Auckland, Counties Manukau, Waikato, BOP and Thames Valley) had squads of 8 women and 8 men. The Men got second in their competition and we came 4th overall.

1 to 5 Year Report:

Report by Garth Partridge

The 1-to-5-year bowlers have had involvement and some success in inter-centre events.

The Quadrangular, hosted by BNH at Sunnybrae saw Auckland, Northland Waikato and North Harbour competing with the combined game score of the Men's and the Women's division being totalled to establish the winning centre. The BNH Women lost just the one match (the fours by 1 shot to Auckland) and they were the clear leaders in their competition. The BNH Men did not do as well and the combined score saw Auckland take the title by just 3 game points. One more win to Harbour and the result would have come our way.

The 1 to 5 teams have benefitted by combining the Men and the Women for the coaching sessions. Team commitment, comradeship and support has been outstanding. There will be quite a number who will not be part of the 1 – 5's next season and so we will need to go out to the clubs to recruit new bowlers.

On the weekend of 17th & 19th March the Octagonal was held at Howick between, Auckland, Northland, Far North, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Counties Manukau, Thames Valley and North Harbour. There were 8 in the teams playing fours, pairs and singles. The Women's squad was picked as a development squad with a number of the 1-to-5-year Women taking part. The Men's squad was basically the Prem 2 squad and therefore an opportunity was missed to give some of the Men 1 – 5 players a taste on the next level of competition.

The Centre calendar has a number of 1 – 5 year events coming up, including the 1-5 Men's & Women's Singles, 1-5 Any Combination Pairs and the Champ of Champ 1 – 5 year singles.

Participation is expected to be strong and 1 – 5 year bowlers will also be taking part in our other events as the 2022 / 2023 season winds up.

Finance Report

Report by Raewyn Thomas

ACCOUNTS:

Attached to this report is the Profit & Loss (P & L) and Balance Sheet (B/S) as at the 28TH February 2023.

GRANTS:

Rep Travel to Christchurch – Accommodation - We have been given \$6,000 towards the Accommodation costs from the Racing Industry.

The Bias Fund has approved a total of \$5,000 towards the air fares for the Rep Travel to Christchurch.

Credit Card Payments for Tournament Entries

The E Way credit card system is in the final stages of being set up. All Teams have all of the information from both E Way and Westpac Bank. This should be up and running next week.

Masters Entries

The Masters refunds - 75% of the refunds have been made. A reminder email has gone out to everyone to send their bank account number to me for a refund. There have been 4 entry fee donations to date.

General Business:

1. Cluster Meeting: Discussion points to be added to agenda
 - a. Expenses on a daily basis for Rep teams. Auckland provide \$65 a day. Is this something we could be doing.
 - b. Invite to be sent to Bowls NZ by RW.
 - c. Rep expenses, no alcohol is included.
 - d. Conduct of players. Everyone representing BNH to follow the code of conduct and behave in the appropriate manner.
 - e. Payment of events via credit card or debit card.
 - f. Green fees for clubs \$50 and includes tea and coffee.
 - g. Player Points. Are we still doing this