



## Bowls North Harbour Inc

# MINUTES OF MEETING

**Type of Meeting:** Board  
**Meeting Location:** Bowls Orewa  
**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 13 December 2023  
**Meeting Time:** 6pm

1. Attending – Neil Connell (President), Mike Beretta (Vice President) Robyne Walker (Chair), Trish Croot, Garth Partridge, Tony Popplewell and guest Fay Freeman
2. Apologies - Laurie Kean - SICK, Raewyn Thomas - in hospital
3. Fay Freeman to present the updated Needs Assessment: Fay presented plan for discussion and recommendations. Needs Assessment will need to be done for funding rounds with Akld Council and Facilities Priority Plan. BNH to discuss further.
4. Conflicts of interest - Garth - Acting Centre Manager
5. Approval of the last minutes dated 15 November 2023 - Change in minutes: Greens inspection is 6 monthly. Greens are due to be inspected in March - Tony Rickerby and BNZ. Proposed: Robyne Second: Mike
6. Matters arising from the last board meeting: Nothing
7. Correspondence - Inward / Outward
  - RW correspondence with Sunnybrae re office space
  - Emails with RW and Fay Freeman re Needs Assessment for Covered Greens and Indoor Stadium
  - Email from GP to Bowls Orewa re office space
  - Email from GP to Mairangi Bay re office space and their response
  - AKTIVE email re Follow up to RSO leaders forum
  - AKTIVE email re LTP Advocacy - Mayor Brown's Long Term Plan Proposal
  - Bowls Auckland Rep meeting for 13 December
  - Bowls NZ Centre Managers bi-monthly meeting reminder
  - Waimauku Bowling Club – 2 x members ban from the clubs premises
  - Email in from Dynasty for links to shop
8. Centre Managers Report - As read. Key Points: Events have gone well.
9. Chairman's Report - As read. Office Space at Sunnybrae 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Trish has offered to paint. Proposed: Neil Connell. Seconded: Tony Popplewell. Carried. Robyne to liaise with Sunnybrae.  
Board to discuss and authorise Fay to carry out the Feasibility study and strategic plan. Trish to send out email on the proposal. Centre Manager discussion in Committee.
10. President's Report: as read
11. Finance Report: as read. Robyne to send with minutes.

12. Match Committee and Greens Report - as read. Struggle with the clubs, recorders and markers when holding an event. BowlsHub - AllTeams and BNZ slow progress.
13. Representatives' (Open Men & Women and 1-5 Years) Report - as read 1-5, Senior - as read. Next outing for reps is Feb for Open. Send thank you letter to BBay and Sunnybrae from Centre.
14. Coaching and Development Report - Laurie is away.
15. Marketing and Sponsorship Report - supporters link is on website. Robyne and Trish to provide a proposal.
16. Governance Report - nothing
17. General Business.

**Board Meeting Dates Tentative for the Year:**

13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

## **Centre Managers Report**

**Garth Partridge**

Events completed:

25-26 Nov Women's Centre Singles - 22 entries  
25-26 Nov Men's The Grove Centre Pairs – 60 entries.  
3 Dec Battle of the Bridge  
9-10 Dec The Grove Men's Centre Singles – 60 entries  
9-10 Dec The Grove Women's Centre Pairs – 24 entries

The project to take entries through BowlsHub via the BNH website, with ALLTeams, (our website developer) has progressed slowly as Mike from ALLTeams has had COVID. At time of writing (Friday 6:00 pm) I have not had an update for two days, however, there will be more information to present to the board on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.

With the slow progress of the website / BowlsHub integration, the first two events in 2024, the Women's Fours and the Men's Fours have been added to our website to enable entries to be made.

Colin Williams has asked that the BNH Centre Manager continue to add the competitions and the entrants into BowlsHub and also to do the draws. BNZ then produces a card file for printing by BNH. The card file is not a feature of BowlsHub and relies on Colin Williams to produce it using an application written by him in Word and Excel. The card file must be checked prior to the cards being printed as there are often errors (like competitors in different sections being matched up.) In the Men's Singles, all 23 pages of the card file were incorrect. The card file is printed on A4 with 4 cards per sheet. The A4 sheet is then manually cut to create the four cards.

There is a lot of sickness around and competitors have been pulling out of competitions. So far, Facebook posts, emails and phone calls have managed to find late entries and there have been no byes in competitions.

Rep uniforms checked in and out.

Weekly Reminder issued.

Various Facebook posts and website news items.

Emails and phone calls handled.

### **Chair Report**

**Robyne Walker**

Over the last month I can report the following:

Bowls NZ – BNH Administration

Progressing with Colin Williams as our main contact at Bowls NZ until Mark Noble comes on board.

Office Space

Sunnybrae continue to make their space available including an additional locked room that we can use. Photos of this space have been emailed to the Board.

During the month Garth reached out to Mairangi Bay regarding office space there. When I spoke to Ian Coombe he asked me to progress the space at Sunnybrae in the first instance. I agreed.

At this Board Meeting I would like to confirm our office space for 2024.

#### Regional Facilities Indoor Stadium – Feasibility Study

During the month I have had email and sit down meetings with Fay Freeman regarding the Feasibility Study which has been updated and emailed out to the Board. There is an opportunity to advance this and Fay is coming to the meeting to present on this.

#### Centre Manager

Garth has responded to our initial offer and we will discuss our options “in committee”.

#### Facebook

Posts and updates have been provided for Centre Champs and our Facebook profile changed to Xmas.

#### **President’s Report**

##### **Neil Connell**

Attended the women's centre singles won by Elaine McClintock, Mairangi Bay over Selina Goddard, Takapuna.

Men's centre pairs won by Simon Poppleton Takapuna over Jerry Belcher, Takapuna.

Marked the Men's centre singles final won by David Payne, Mairangi over Colin Rogen, Browns Bay.

Same time watched the women's pairs final won by Elaine McClintock Mairangi Bay over Lisa Dickson, Takapuna.

#### **Finance Report**

##### **Raewyn Thomas**

**TBA**

#### **Match Committee Report**

##### **Tony Popplewell**

**MATCH COMMITTEE:** There has been no formal meeting of the MC in the last month but there has been considerable activity online as the last four Centre events being run in 2023 were being consolidated and played out. Details of finalising greens/clubs to host the events and finalising the conditions of play all takes time, in addition to the activity of trying to find additional players and teams to take the positions of byes in the draw. This has mostly been a successful exercise which provides playing opportunities for all in the sections.

The major concern that the Centre faces with clubs is the support given to Centre events. We are really struggling with a number of clubs who are not supporting the local clubs when their green is being used for play and this is escalated by the non-provision of markers with singles play where these are required. The Board needs to do more in encouraging clubs to support the local use of clubs’ greens otherwise Centre events will need to be suspended.

The recent events which have been played are –

Women’s singles – winner Elaine McClintock; runner-up Selina Goddard.

Men’s pairs – winners Simon Poppleton and Jason Parker;

Runner-up Jerry Belcher and Ian Hardy.  
Men's singles – winner David Payne; runner-up Colin Rogan  
Women's pairs – winners Eliane McClintock and Kerin Roberts  
Runner-up Lisa Dickson and Lauren Mills

This concludes the Centre events for 2023 with our next event being the Women's fours in early February.

**BOWLSHUB:** The Acting Centre Manager will report on progress with the taking of entries through the BNH website directly into BowlsHub.

## **Representative Report**

### **Open Representatives Robyne Walker**

**Battle of the Bridge** - 3 December 2023  
Prem and Prem Development at Howick Bowling Club  
1-5 Year Men and Women at Sunnybrae Bowling Club

Unfortunately, this event was played in deteriorating weather. The 1-5 Year event was completed at Sunnybrae Bowling Club with BNH winning the battle. The Prem and Prem Development was unfortunately unable to be completed as the greens over there flooded a lot quicker. The first round (Fours) was completed then round 2 Prem (Pairs) and Prem Dev (Singles) we partially completed by some and not others. The third round was abandoned. This was a very unsatisfactory conclusion and although Bowls Auckland claimed the win it was really difficult to get a true result with play abandoned.

### **1-5 Year Representatives Garth Partridge**

Attended multiple training sessions at Browns Bay and Sunnybrae with the combined women's and men's squads.

Liaised with Brendon at Bowls Auckland to establish one CoP to cover both Auckland (Howick) and North Harbour (Sunnybrae) events.

The Battle of the Bridge for the 1 to 5 year bowlers was held at Sunnybrae on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in unfavourable, wet conditions. The women's squad and the men's squad have been running joint training sessions and the spirit in the team was plain to see right from the start of the day when they shared a common table and the two teams intermingled. The result from Sunnybrae was a win to North Harbour by 25 points to 23, which is a great result.

A note of thanks was sent to Sunnybrae who did a great job of hosting the event. Despite the constant light rain, the greens both drained well and all the matches were able to be completed.

The next 1-5 event is the Quadrangular in February 2024, hosted by Auckland.

BNH 1-5 bowlers are active and keen participants in the BNH competitions and also in other competitions around the centre and across Auckland.

**Sponsorship and Marketing Report**  
**Trish Croot and Robyne Walker**

Dynasty have come back to us with a supporters package for the website that expires on 19 December for delivery in February 2024. The shop is LIVE now (11 December) with the assistance of ALLTEAMS who did this within a day.

There is a discussion to be had at the Board meeting in regards to rep uniform costs.