



Bowls North Harbour Inc

MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Meeting of the Board
Meeting Location: The Annex, Bowls Orewa
Meeting Date: Monday 7 April 2025
Meeting Time: 6:30 pm
Present: Tony Popplewell (TP), Neil Connell (NC), Greg Yelavich (GY), Sue Rossiter (SR), Garth Partridge (GP), Raewyn Thomas (RT)

Apologies: Hanaan Shahwan (HS)

Meeting:

TP opened the meeting at 6:34 pm

Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

Proposed that the minutes from the previous meeting on 17 March 2025 be approved

Moved: NC	Seconded: GY
Carried	

Matters arising from previous minutes:

Others: Included in General Business

Incoming Correspondence:

1. Congrats from Dean Bartlett re the running of the OCTAGONALS - **noted**
2. New Police Vetting rules - **to be circulated to the Board Members and Clubs**
3. Aero Curve bowls offer – sent to all clubs by BNZ
4. Complaint from Browns Bay regarding player behaviour at Cadness Cup – **matter addressed with assistance from BNZ**
5. Request from Birkenhead re Rebecca Ashton membership on hold (year 2). **Hold of year two membership approved. Birkenhead to be advised**
6. Representative report Grant Goodwin - **noted**
7. Representative report Neil Connell- **noted**
8. Concern regarding clash of events 3rd & 4th May. **Board decided to keep this Competition on the published dates 3rd & 4th May 2025**
9. Umpires update from Lorna Donald – **noted, to be circulated to the board**
10. Bowls Orewa Lease – **to be negotiated by SR**
11. Bowls stickers - **WIP**
12. Notification from Ian McKenzie that after five years he is retiring from the position of Manger Coach for the Mens 1 – 5 Year representative squad. – **Letter of acknowledgement and thanks to be sent.**

Outwards Correspondence:

1. Response from BNZ re disciplinary hearing sent to Browns Bay and Beach Haven
2. BNH Nomination forms sent to clubs:
 - a. Club of the Year
 - b. Coach of the Year
 - c. Volunteer of the Year
 - d. Official of the Year
3. Letter to Beach Haven re breach of conditions of entry

Moved NC, Seconded SR that all correspondence be accepted and approved
Carried

Finance Report:

Raewyn Thomas

P&L and Balance Sheet reports attached

Moved GY, Seconded NC that Financial reports be accepted as presented
Carried

Presidents Report:

Neil Connell

Neil reported that the results from the Women's Representative team at the National Interclub was disappointing considering the excellent results that had been achieved in the Quad, Battle of the Bridge and the Octagonal. It was noted that the greens were heavy and that the team was not able to adapt to the conditions. Although the overall results were disappointing there were some individual wins and some very close results that would have made a big difference if they had gone our way.

Watched the women's centre 4's at Birkenhead both Saturday and Sunday, presented the prize money and cup. This was the last of the centre open events and again numbers are down.

Neil Connell.

Centre Manager Report:

Garth Partridge

Competitions completed:

Cadness Cup

The Grove Orewa Women's Centre Fours

The Grove Orewa 1-5 Year Interclub

1 – 5 Year Octagonal at Mairangi Bay

Upcoming competitions:

The Grove Orewa Men's & Women's 1-5 Year Singles 12 & 13 April 2025

Champ of Champ Singles 26 & 27 April 2025

The Grove Orewa A/C 1-5 year Centre Pairs 26 & 27 April 2025

Champ of Champ Pairs 3 & 4 May 2025

Logistics for the AGM and for the Cluster Meeting held 25 March

Assisting with BowlsHub entries

Uniform storage at Bowls Orewa

Website and social media updates.

Responding to email and phone enquiries.

Bi-monthly BNZ video conference call – 9 April 2025 at 10:00 am

The Centre Manager's report was accepted as presented

Match Committee Report:

CADNESS CUP: Entries were down on previous years and this event was concluded in two playing days although three had been allocated as in previous years. Mairangi Bay made a clean sweep by winning both the men and the women event with Birkenhead being runner-up in the men and Takapuna runner up in the women.

Men – Mairangi Bay Sharks – David Payne, Kevin Cameron, Gordon Jenkins, Allan Langley; and Birkenhead Stingers – John Hindmarch, Mike Turner, Evan Thomas, Mike Haggart.

Women – Mairangi Bay Pearls – Sheryl Wellington, Geraldine Wight, Hanaan Shahwan, Loran Donald; and Takapuna – Megan Ratcliffe, Margaret Hooker, Lyn Calver, Jan Calcott.

WOMEN'S FOURS: The Women's fours were held at Birkenhead last weekend and while the first day's play was interrupted by a sudden downpour the remaining round of qualifying was transferred to the Sunday and a reduced number of ends played to complete the event. The final was held over 15 ends as scheduled.

While some discussion has been made about the carry over of the qualifying play, the fact there was a bye in one section would have meant one team only playing one qualifying game before the qualifiers were found for the post section.

Birkenhead – Lauren Mills, Milika Nathan, Lisa Dickson, Connie Mathieson;

Manly – Margaret Eames, Trish Croot, Judy Smith, Kathy Stevens.

COMING EVENTS: The 1-5 year events and the Champ of Champ events now follow to complete the season. With the clash of qualifiers for the national Bowls 3/5 finals and the Champ of Champ women's pairs, Birkenhead have found themselves as qualifying for both these events. A solution is trying to be found to accommodate the player involved but this is proving troublesome.

EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING: A meeting was held in late March and the programme for the Centre events was worked on. This largely follows the events being held in similar time places as the past season and is ready to be circulated to clubs. The representative fixtures are yet to be confirmed with the Zone 1 & 2 meeting scheduled for early April.

Tony Popplewell
For Match Committee

The Match Committee report was accepted as presented.

Representative Management Report:

Report regarding the inter- centre in Wellington, will discuss at meeting.

The reports from the Representative managers were discussed. The Board decided to implement a new representative management system and to advertise the position of BNH Representative Teams Director.

Coaching & Development Report:

Greg Yelavich

GY reports that registrations for the sponsored coaching courses is slow and requested that further promotion of these courses was implemented.

Comments of support received from Tony Eames.

General Business:

1. Orewa storage facility and lease – SR to discuss the lease details with Orewa
2. Review of Cluster meeting – the cluster meeting was positively reviewed and the board members were thanks for their contributions.
3. BIAS Fund management – The new BNH Constitution requires that the BIAS Fund is managed by 2 Board Members, an Independent Party and 2 BNH Bowlers.
It was proposed by NC and seconded by SR that the following be appointed as the Bias Fund Trustees: Graham Dorreen, Greg Yelavich, Tony Popplewell, Raewyn Thomas and Garth Partridge (as the recorder)
4. Champ Of Champ Womens Pairs / BNZ Bowls3Five, dates to be resolved – it was agreed that the CoC Pairs needed to be held on the dates as published in the BNH handbook and the annual calendar.
5. 2025/2026 Pennants structure – the Match Committee are to decide on the structure and report to the Board at the May meeting.
6. BNH Constitution – Appoint BNH contacts for Registrar
New Constitution to be registered
Approval of the Centre Regulations
Proposed TP, Seconded NC
that the contacts are to be Tony Popplewell and Garth Partridge.
Carried
All documents were signed and the Centre Regulations were approved.
The new constitution is to be presented for approval.
7. BNH Awards – appoint selection committee for the awards nominations
The makeup of the selection committee for the awards is to be Sue Rossiter, Hanaan Shahwan and Grey Yelavich with the Centre Manager collating and presenting the nominations.
Special awards to other persons.
Proposed NC, seconded SR
that a player be recommended for a special award
Carried
8. Annual meeting preparations.
Preparations are under way. SR and GY are able to assist with the logistics
9. Legends Committee – membership appointments?
The makeup of the current Legends Committee was reviewed and some past members are to be retired from the committee.
NC to thanks the retired Legend committee members.
10. Representative Programme going forward.
The Board decided to call for interested parties to apply for the position of BNH Representative Teams Director (RTD)who is to report directly to the board.
The position is for a two-year term and the RTD it to be actively involved with the appointment and management of the Squad Managers/Coaches. The role of the RTD does not include team selection.
A questionnaire, organisational chart and job description were tabled and are to circulated.

Meeting closed at 08:25pm

Next Meetings: 12 May, 9 June 2025

Mondays - 6:30pm – The ANNEX Bowls Orewa