



## Bowls North Harbour Inc

# MINUTES

**Type of Meeting:** Meeting of the Board  
**Meeting Location:** Bowls Orewa Annex  
**Meeting Date:** Monday 13 April 2026  
**Meeting Time:** 6:30 pm

**Present:** Tony Popplewell (TP), Neil Connell (NC), Mark Batley (MB), Sue Rossiter (SR), Sheryl Wellington (SW), Greg Yelavich (GY), Raewyn Thomas (RT), Garth Partridge (GP)

**Apologies:** Jan Harrison

### **Meeting:**

TP opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

### **Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**

Proposed that the minutes from the previous meeting on 16 March 2026 be approved

Moved:	GY	Seconded:	SR
Carried			

### **Matters arising from previous minutes:**

Others: Included in General Business

### **Incoming Correspondence:**

1. National Intercentre Draw received from Bowls New Zealand
2. ALLTEAMS confirmed the quote for the website upgrade
3. Barracudas Bowling Club Inc
  - a. Constitution
  - b. Minutes of SGM
  - c. Application for affiliation
  - d. Certificate of Incorporation

It was proposed that BNH accept the affiliation of the Barracuda Bowling Club Inc. Proposed NC Seconded GY. Agreed in accordance with cl. 7.4 of the BNH Constitution that this application be forwarded to BNZ for their approval. Carried
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4. Various correspondence regarding Bowls 3/5 event.

It was noted that a letter had been sent to a club and we are awaiting a response.
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5. Various correspondence regarding website reporting of the Inter-centre performances

### **Outwards Correspondence:**

1. Proposal to Bowls Orewa regarding the use of one covered green for each of the Sundays in May – CoC Finals
2. Email to Bowls Orewa regarding the logistics and responsibilities for the NZ Open Bowling Arm Tournament that they are hosting and response from Orewa.

Response received from Bowls Orewa that the event was sanctioned by Bowls New Zealand and therefore BNH had no responsibilities nor liabilities.

### **Finance Report:**

**Raewyn Thomas**

1. P&L and Balance Sheet reports attached.
2. Budget for 2026/2027
3. Entry fees for BNH events 2026/2027

The reports were accepted as presented.

It was arranged that GP, RT and TP meet to work through the 2026 2027 budget.

it was also noted that the event entry fees for next season would need to be reviewed

### **Presidents Report:**

**Neil Connell**

I haven't been active last month but looking forward to watching interclub on tv in Wellington.

Will be active when the CoC start, glad if we get Orewa under cover.

Report accepted as presented

### **Centre Manager Report:**

Garth Partridge

- **Upcoming Fixtures:** Commenced preliminary planning for end-of-season events, focusing on official appointments and green availability.
- **Communications:** Managed the distribution of regional newsletters and updated the Bowls North Harbour website with the latest competition results.
- Draft the 2026/27 Representative Season calendar for Board approval.
- Oversee the final stages of the NZ Masters tournament delivery.
- BNZ bi-monthly Conference Call
- Ongoing communication with clubs through website and Facebook updates and the weekly Reminder

Report accepted as presented

### **Match Committee Report:**

Tony Popplewell

**RECENT EVENTS** – The Cadness Cup events for both men and women have been held with Hobsonville being ideal to have both events together at the one venue. The results –

Men – winner - Orewa (Wayne Harris, Kerry Greenhalgh, Gary Wallace, Alan McQuoid)

Runner-up – Orewa (Bruce Tatnell, Greg Yelavich, John Evertse, Raymond Brown)

Women – winner – Birkenhead (Wendy Jensen, Jamie Chen, Judy Smith, Jeni Hart)

Runner-up – Takapuna (Keiko Kurohara, Megan Ratcliffe, Margaret Hooker, Glenis Ryan)

The Bowls 3/5 weekend at Browns Bay was a very good weekend of bowls involving 42 teams from clubs in the Centre over both days. It was unfortunate that the intention of the conditions of play in respect to the way qualifying would work through to the second day was more difficult to implement than it seemed and the Event Directors had to resort to sorting out the groups for the second day based on overall teams rather than each section as had been forecasted. There was a lesson learnt in the process. As a result of this change there was an unfortunate verbal abuse case and this has been referred to the club where the member belongs.

Winner – Birkenhead (David Eades, Wendy Jensen, Jeni Hart)

Runner-up – Milford (Charlie McDonald, Stacey McDonald, Greg Hurn)

**CLUSTER MEETING** – This was held at the Sunnybrae Bowling Club in mid-March with a good representation from clubs. The evening was devoted to exchanging information more than coming to any decisions on the future.

**EVENTS CALENDAR 2026-2027** – With representatives from Takapuna, Birkenhead, Hobsonville and Mairangi Bay clubs a meeting was held to discuss the calendar of events for the next season. This has been progressed through to the point of waiting now for the representative fixtures to be confirmed (which should be on 15 April) and will then be circulated to clubs for their information.

**NEXT EVENTS** – We now move into the 1-5 year events and the Champ of Champ events to round out the 2025-2026 season.

**The report was accepted as presented**

### **Marketing & Sponsorship Report:**

1. Ongoing negotiations with our Masters Sponsor – no decision has been reached regarding 2026 sponsorship.
2. Ray White proposal elevated to Franchise Owners – awaiting a response.

Report was accepted as presented

### **Coaching & Development Report:**

1. BNH skill coaching sessions in July 2026
2. Pathways Development Programme – progress

The Skills Coaching and the Development Coach Training sessions are to be promoted on the Bowls North Harbour website and on Facebook

### **Representative Teams:**

1. Report from debrief of past season
2. Decision on future organisation of representative teams (RTD?)
3. Report from sub-committee (GP/SW/MB) on future representative teams

The new structure for representative management and the representative results were generally positive.

It was proposed that the Representative Team Director (RTD) position be advertised as the start of a process to interview and select a RTD in early May 2026. The selection panel to be TP, GY, SR, NC & GP.

Moved SR Seconded NC

Passed

### General Business:

1. Report from cluster meeting on 17 March – generally a positive meeting
2. Annual General Meeting and Awards logistics - Browns Bay Sunday 28 June 2026

The format for the AGM and Awards ceremony was discussed and it was decided to start the AGM at 3:00 pm and run the awards ceremony straight after the AGM. No trophies to be presented, only certificates to be sorted and presented to the club representative. Special awards to be presented and steps to be taken to have the winners present.

SR, GY, MB to be judges of the awards.

3. Question from BNZ re Bowls3Five – are we running it? Should it go through to a national event?

BNH would support a National Bowls3Five competition only if there was a zone 1 final with the zone 1 winner to be the team to travel to the national event

4. 15 Minutes late

It was discussed that players should be ready to play at the advertised start time of events and that there should be no 15 minute allowance for lateness.

It was proposed that from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026, the BNH General Conditions of Play are altered to remove the 15 minutes grace for late arrivals to events.

There is to be no tolerance for late arrivals, with the Event Director or the Controlling Boby able to allow an extension only under extenuating circumstances

Moved SR Seconded NC

passed

5. Parajacks in InterClub – to be decided by BNZ
6. ALLTEAMS website proposal – proposal to be accepted.

**Meeting closed at 8:30 pm**

### Next Meeting Dates:

Monday 11 May

Monday 8 June

Annual Meeting Sunday 28 June