



Bowls North Harbour Inc

Minutes

Type of Meeting: Meeting of the Board
Meeting Location: Bowls Orewa Annex
Meeting Date: Monday 11 May 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 13 April 2026 be approved

Moved:	NC	Seconded:	MB
Carried			

Matters arising from previous minutes:

Others: Included in General Business

Incoming Correspondence:

1. Case Study – Orewa Roof project – circulated

To be added to the website

2. BNZ providing scenarios for future management of BNH – discussion document
3. Awards Catering Quote received \$12pp
4. Minutes from the Zone 1 & 2 Representative Planning meeting

Outwards Correspondence:

1. Advice to BNZ re BNH position of Parajack and the Bowls3Five having a National playoff (BNH preference is for no National event, however if there is to be a National event, there should be regional finals)

Finance Report:

Raewyn Thomas

1. P&L and Balance Sheet reports to follow
2. Budget for 2026/2027
3. Entry fees for BNH events 2026/2027
4. Confirmed support for NZ Open Arm bowling tournament of up to \$1,300 for live streaming of finals day.

Resolved to apply to Four Winds Foundation for a grant to cover wages for the treasurer
Proposed TP Seconded MB
Carried

Proposed to apply to Akarana Trust for a grant to cover Centre Manager wages
Proposed TP Seconded MB
Carried

Proposed TP Seconded NC
That the table of competition entry fees as presented be implemented and that the entry fees are reviewed regularly in the future (possible every second year)
Carried

Presidents Report:

Neil Connell

The 1-5 Year singles is now over with both men and women from last season winning it again this season a great achievement from both players, I presented both with the cup.

Was at Orewa for 3 day's watching the Trans-Tasman one arm competition, on the last day was a test between N Z and Aust, gladly N Z won.

This tournament was a great success, and I would hope that the centre get behind and help Orewa to make this stay in harbour.

Report accepted as presented

Centre Manager Report:

Garth Partridge

Tournaments & Player Communication

- **Champion of Champions:** The Singles event on April 26 went well. I'm currently focused on the upcoming Pairs (May 10), Triples (May 17), and Fours (May 24).
- **Player Conduct:** Updated Codes of Conduct have been created and sent to subcommittee
- **Green Bookings:** I've been in regular contact with BNH clubs to confirm we have the greens required for our events.
- **Season Calendar:** The draft calendar is now out to the clubs so they can start planning their own schedules.

BowlsHub Support

- **Competition Entry:** I have been providing hands-on support to clubs and players to ensure tournament entries for the Champion of Champion series are processed correctly through the platform.
- **Member Management:** I am assisting club administrators with adding new members and updating existing profiles to keep our regional database accurate and aligned with national records.

Report accepted as presented

Match Committee Report:

Tony Popplewell

GENERAL: The season has moved on to the hosting of the 1-5 year events and the Champ of Champ events for all the disciplines.

As the Champ of Champ events have to be completed in time for the winners to consider their entry to the national Champ of Champ events, the inevitable interruption we get with the weather and onset

of winter days reducing daylight hours, and the fact that the Champ of Champ national finals are all played indoor on carpet greens, we made the decision to approach Orewa club for the use of one covered green for the second day of all the Champ of Champ events for the season. Orewa were very obliging and able to respond positively to our request, albeit at a cost above which we would normally pay clubs for green hire during the season. The benefit from this has enabled us to maximise the competitions to run 3 rounds - quarterfinal, semifinal and final for both men and women on the second day of the events. The competitions on the first day were now limited to one or two rounds of play. With the co-operation from Orewa club we can hopefully plan for this pattern of play for the Champ of Champ events to follow in future seasons.

RECENT EVENTS: The events completed in the past month are –

- 1-5 singles Men – Winner - Hayden Wilkinson (Milford)
Runner-up – Shane Don (Hobsonville)
- 1-5 singles Women – Winner - Deanne Bronlund (Hobsonville)
Runner-up – Carol Voshaar (Hobsonville)
- 1-5 A/C pairs - Winners - Grant Beach & Stephen Thom (Hobsonville)
Runner-up – Richard Coles & Shaun Goldsbury (Manly)
- Champ of Champ singles Men – Winner - Colin Rogan (Browns Bay)
Runner-up – Nick Thompson (Birkenhead)
- Champ of Champ singles Women – Winner - Lisa Dickson (Takapuna)
Runner-up – Wendy Jensen (Birkenhead)

EVENTS CALENDAR 2026-2027 –This has now basically been completed for the next season with the exception of allocating the specific Champ of Champ events to the global days we have added to the calendar. A request from Auckland Centre to move the Battle of the Bridge event forward one week is presently being considered.

Report accepted as presented

Marketing & Sponsorship Report:

Masters Sponsor: Metlifecare won't be the naming rights Masters sponsor this year. A counter proposal has been sent now that BNZ confirmed that they will be live streaming the finals.

Report accepted as presented

Coaching & Development Report:

Have asked a few of the previous years coaches to our winter skills coaching. All have said yes, and will reply once officially asked.

Laurie Kean, John Paladin and myself attended the Development course, once we have had a practical assessment, completed 20 hours we will be approved as development coaches-watch this space.

Have had positive comments on the Pathways Development Program and will follow this up with further discussion.

Report accepted as presented.

GP to contact coaches, GY to confirm arrangements with Bowls Orewa. Coaching program to be marketed to the clubs

Representative Teams:

SR to contact rep team managers who have not arranged for the uniforms to be returned

General Business:

1. RTD & Rep program

With no application for the role of Representative Team Director, the structure for the 2026/2027 season was discussed and is to be communicated to the current rep team managers.

2. Budget 2026 2027 season

The budget for the 2026/2027 season was presented. With rep travel to Dunedin included the budget shows a loss for the 2026/2027 season of \$26,500

3. AGM & Award – logistics – subcommittee SR, SW, JH

The logistics for the AGM and the Awards were discussed. GP to contact the host club to discuss the room layout and details.

MB to check the certificates for accuracy prior to them being printed. Player names are to be in white not black.

4. Sponsorship

GP to approach a contact to determine if we are able to employ them to seek sponsorship for the 2026/2027 season events. A commission structure to be presented at the next board meeting.

5. Masters

- a. sub group – Mark Batley & Neil Connell to assist with planning for the 2026 BNH Masters
- b. sponsor – a sponsorship light proposal has been presented. The proposal is for a sponsor to have naming rights to the finals day, to participate in a commentary for the live stream and to have a sponsors lounge to host their guests.
- c. entry fee – the entry fee is to be decided. A budget is to be prepared for the next Board Meeting

6. Message from BNZ – BNZ presented 3 scenarios for the future of bowls in BNH. TP to invite Mark Cameron to the 8 June Board Meeting to further discuss options.

7. BNZ call for expression of interest to host National events. - BNH is to respond stating that BNH is willing to host any and all events in the National program.

8. MB

- a. Rep Code of Conduct – the wording of the General Condition of Play were discussed in particular around alcohol consumption and the consequences should players abuse this condition.
- b. presentation of an updated score card for BNH events – noted GP to contact BNZ re implementation

- c. would like another discussion regarding Board attire – SR to seek options for shirts and jacket so that Board members are identifiable at Centre events.
 - d. Alcohol policy: difference between event COP and the Umpires instructions - the wording of the General Condition of Play were discussed in particular around alcohol consumption and the consequences should players abuse this condition.
 - e. Singles events - Markers – MB Complemented Mahurangi East in the way they sorted out a shortage of markers in the recent singles competition. GP to write and thank Mahurangi East
9. International representatives are to be acknowledged and congratulated.
Selina Goddard – representing NZ
Millika Nathan and Chand Nathan representing Tonga
at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.
10. It was noted that the Battle of the Bridge date is now 13 December 2026 with 4 greens at Browns Bay confirmed.

Meeting closed at 9:15 pm

Next Meeting Dates:

Monday 8 June – 6:30pm Bowls Orewa ANNEX
Annual Meeting Sunday 28 June 2.00pm