



Bowls North Harbour Inc

MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Meeting of the Board
Meeting Location: Bowls Orewa Annex
Meeting Date: Monday 12 October 2026
Meeting Time: 6:30 pm

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

Apologies: Jan Harrison (JH), Neil Connell (NC)

Meeting:

MB opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

Proposed that the minutes from the previous meeting on 15 September 2026 be approved

Moved: SW	Seconded: SR
Carried	

Matters arising from previous minutes:

Others: Included in General Business

none

Incoming Correspondence:

none

Outwards Correspondence:

1. To Barracudas re rescinding the affiliation to Bowls North Harbour based on the Bowls New Zealand decision.

Finance Report:

Raewyn Thomas

P&L and Balance Sheet reports attached.

Financial reports accepted as presented It was resolved to apply for a grant for travel to the Intercentre in Dunedin as per the attached resolution. Moved TP Seconded MB Carried

Presidents Report:

Neil Connell

A fantastic week we all had with the Masters, great weather helped and atmosphere from all bowlers who participated.

Browns Bay yet again contributed with great food for players and visitors alike, Thanks Sue for helping me with the awards presentation and Garth taking photos. A special thanks to the other greens involved and helpers putting the event together. I spoke to a lot of visiting teams and they could only say what a great time they all had and will be back next year. So well done MC and others that helped out in this event.

Report accepted as presented

Centre Manager Report:

Garth Partridge

- **2026 BNH NZ Masters (5–9 October):**
 - Oversaw event administration and operational execution for the 2026 NZ Masters across region-wide greens.
 - Handled registration processing for **700+ individual entries** and total prize allocations exceeding **\$10,000**.
 - Managed late withdrawals and team re-allocations (including emergency field fills for the 70+ and 55–69 Mixed Pairs sections) to ensure draw continuity.
 - Coordinated with the Centre Match Committee to ensure smooth reporting of live results onto BowlsHub.
- **2026/2027 Season Handbook & Pennants:**
 - Completed proofing, publication and distribution of the official 2026/2027 Centre Handbook.
 - Managed club entry deadlines for upcoming Centre Pennant competitions (entries closed 25 September).
- **Representative Programme Launch:**
 - Assisted in organising and facilitating the Representative Launch Day at Manly Bowling Club, supporting convenors, selectors, and squad invitees across Premier, Development, and 1–5 Year ranks.
- **Clubs & Membership Enquiries:** Responded to operational queries from clubs regarding venue availability and tournament entries.

Report accepted as presented

Match Committee Report:

Tony Popplewell

BNH NZ Masters – All attention has been given to this tournament involving 10 separate competitions over the past week. A verbal report will be available at the next Board meeting. Mention should be made of the extra ordinary amount of work for the Centre Manager over this period of time and we can record another successful delivery of this tournament.

Payment of Prize Money – With the current situation for banking and the payments to be made by bank entry rather than cash it is proposed that for the Bowls North Harbour events this coming season we will change to making transfer by bank credit rather than in payment of cash. We already do this for the club entered events and the time and risk in continuing to handle prize money by cash

has reached its end use date. Beginning with the tournaments starting in November we will change to this process of payment to event winners.

Coming Events – The Pennants series is next event up and then follows triples, singles, pairs and fours for the North Harbour titles for the season all being completed by end of November.

General Conditions of Play – These conditions have been re-written, being put into a more logical sequence and also including the best of what Bowls Auckland and Bowls North Harbour had in their previous documents. Subject to approval from the Board they will be adopted and placed on the web site. Attention to this will be drawn to players who are competing in Centre events.

Champ of Champ events – We have received an updated advice from BNZ involving substantial changes to national events this season. All events this year will be held at Pukekohe which will eliminate national travel/accommodation arrangements for our Centre champions who are going on to this competition. It is quite a major overhaul initiated by BNZ and indications are that the program will be moving around the country in future years. There is no impact to the dates we have scheduled for our Centre events.

One point which comes through from this is greater recording of substitution history from the first game of the club championship through the remainder of the club championship games and then the Centre CoC.

Tony Popplewell
Match Committee Chair

It was moved that BNH adopt the process of paying competition prize money by direct deposit.

Moved TP Seconded MB

Carried

Coaching & Development Report:

Greg Yelavich

Bowls Auckland is delivered over two evening sessions
Thursday 15 Oct – Bowls Auckland Offices (Mt Eden)
Thursday 29 Oct- Bowls Auckland Offices (Mt Eden)
5:00 pm til 9:00 pm each evening

Representative Teams:

Greg Yelavich

Had informal meeting with men's premier and development manager
discussed that maybe an extra management/ coach person maybe required for split venues competitions
Requested a schedule of training days times and venue
Brief discussion with men's 1 to 5 rep manager and coach
Both mentioned 2 players were unavailable for this weekend tournament and 1 player filled a position in the development team - not losing squad members

Comment about rep team players involved with their own club tournaments on the rep team lunch day - Subject for planing 2027

Spring Squad tournament 11th and 12th - I was unable to attend
As this competition is after this report there may be verbal comments for the meeting

Masters, positive comments, love it, great, will grow,
Improvements, if not already providing, host clubs should be given catering allowance beside venue hire with a suggested simple menu for morning teas and snacks

Under 26

Had an email from Deane seeking direction on the under 26 bowling group
My reply to her, so far no response, will follow up this week

Under 26 (agenda item please)

Would like to discuss with

Steve Card and maybe formalise him as manager/coach to come under the umbrella of RTD

Report accepted as presented

Resolved to meet with Deanne and with Steve to integrate their activities into the Bowls North Harbour Representative programs

General Business:

1. Code of Conduct – completed.
2. General Conditions of Play – Updated on website and Event Directors and Umpires advised.
3. Champ of Champ event changes – New program dates noted – BNZ to advise clubs directly
4. Bowls North Harbour discussion with BNZ and BA – Mark Cameron to write a discussion paper
5. SR met with Brendon – positive meeting, Brendon produced a booklet on a buddying system, made recommendations re cluster meetings, new members ad integration of new bowlers.
6. BNZ advised that they are to review the current complaints escalation program, giving more direction to clubs to enable the clubs to handle minor discretions.
7. JH sent a report on the progress she is making in recording the centre history.

Meeting closed at 8:00 pm

Next Meeting Dates:

Monday 9 November

Monday 14 December