



Bowls Wellington

Board Meeting Minutes

12th February 2023 at 5.45 p.m.

At Pelorus Trust Sports House, Seaview

Present

Members Barry Jordan (Chair), Dayle Jackson (President), Sharman Buckle, Rod Leitch, Jason Puddick, Phil Todd, and Sue Way.

In Attendance Blake Signal (General Manager).

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

No apologies recorded.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Board meeting held on 12th December 2023 had been circulated and were taken as read.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Jason Puddick/Sue Way

Matters Arising

Bowls Auckland Development Hexagonal – The General manager had secured new monies through a foundation grant and two private sponsors which would cover most of the costs of the event. There was a small shortfall that the board approved to cover. We will be sending 14 players and 2 Managers for the event.

Letters to teams and players from Open Events

Reponses were received about those issues. The Board carefully considered each response, have accepted the reasoning and no further action is to be taken. It was discussed that communication between players and umpires needs to be stepped up which would alleviate many of those issues. We will look at wording this in conditions for the future.

4. General Managers Report

The report was taken as read.

Grants – A resolution was then made for the following applications for grants were then approved.

- Lion Foundation – Brady’s Role
- One Foundation – Under 26 5 a side
- Four Winds – Salaries
- WCC – Nationals Singles and Pairs (meeting with them Friday)
- Aotea Trust – Operating Expenses

Rod Leitch/Phil Todd

5. Financial Statements

Barry and Blake went through the financial reports to 31 Dec. Some expenditure items in the reports need to be re-coded to align with how we budgeted.

General Manager will go through these in the next month. Blake will also liaise with finance team to better understand some of the account’s allocations on Xero, as well as more description.

Action: General Manager

6. Club Levies Payment

We have one club that has yet to pay their Affiliation Levies which were due on 31st December 2023. We had contact with the club prior to Christmas but no response to our last email.

After a discussion about the situation the board resolved that a letter will be sent to the club, with a follow up phone call, explaining to them that they had 7 days to pay the full amount of the invoice or there could be serious consequences.

Dayle Jackson/Phil Todd

Action: General Manager

7. Wainuiomata Bowling Club Update

Bowls Wellington has been approached again by Wainuiomata President asking for help with a club situation. After talking with all people involved, Bowls Wellington has offered to chair a meeting and mediate with the parties. This offer was accepted, and the meeting will take place over the next week or so at the Bowls Wellington offices as a neutral venue.

8. Wellington Interclub Play-Off Format

A discussion was had about the current Division 1 Interclub Playoff system of Semi-Final and Final or whether it should be taken back to a round-robin scattered draw. A vote was taken which, by a majority, was decided that the current format would remain in place for the next year.

This could be looked at in a future tournament review.

9. Other Business

Umpires

There is a serious lack in the number of umpires at present in Bowls Wellington and there was also a lack in response to the current course that is due to take place soon. Bowls Wellington will continue to look at ways to ask clubs for members to join the umpires Assn and take the course.

Over 60 Fours

The date for the over 60's fours is at the same time as our National Open Championships Fours. This was a mistake by the General Manager at time of scheduling. It cannot be changed this year but would be looked at more closely for next season.

Junior Champ of Champ Singles

As the original date was scheduled on a National Event date, we had to move this event to allow players to play in the National Event. We rushed a change of date to April 1 which was a mistake. We are now scheduling this event on the Finals weekend as all players had to be available for that weekend already. Bowls Wellington will schedule games as possible over that weekend.

Octagonal/Hexagonal

Wanted to state a big congratulations to our High-Performance program on a successful weekend winning all four of the events. Key notes from the managers meeting to discuss were: Potential of separate events next year (men, women separated), this was to make it easier for smaller centres to host.

Open Gender Events

Plenty of feedback regarding the "Open Gender" aspect of events. These were changed at Tournament review time and were voted in heavily in favour of the change. Some feedback is negative about this, while there is also plenty of positive feedback about it. This can be looked at Tournament review time.

Dual Membership Enquiry

There has been some confusion about the impact of dual membership on eligibility to play in the same discipline at 2 clubs. The Bowls NZ guidelines differ from The Bowls Wellington Champion of Champions conditions of play.

The Bowls Wellington decision is that the Bowls Wellington conditions of play apply.

Bowls Wellington Champion of Champions Conditions of play are in the link below.

https://www.bowlswellington.com/files/ugd/1b7202_8b1de8a9a998406db646be5fab9c662d.pdf

The clause below is copied from the above document available on the Bowls Wellington Website

"Please note: A club member who has dual membership may only play in one club's championship discipline during a season, including but not limited to regular or substitute players. If a club member is found to have ignored this condition, then that player (and team) will be disqualified from the Bowls Wellington Champion of Champions event as no substitute player will be permitted."

The meeting concluded at 7.25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be a strategic planning meeting held on 25th March 2024.

Minutes confirmed as a true and correct record:

Chair

Date