



Bowls Wellington

## Special General Meeting Minutes

17/3/20

Pelorus Trust Sports House, Seaview

### Present

Board	S. Way (Chair), D. Jackson (President), G. Macgregor, S. Buckle, R. Leitch, W. Henshaw
Life Members	J. Harvey, D. McMurray, G. Macgregor,
General Manager	N. Dixon
Clubs Present	16
Clubs not present	Hutt, Karori, Khandallah, Naenae, Newtown, Seatoun, Whitby, Workingmens.

### Welcome

6:32 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the purpose of the Special General Meeting.

### Apologies

Lorraine Brennan (Newtown), Bruce Beveridge (Khandallah), Edna Collingwood (Karori)

### Introduction of Motions

The Chair introduced the Motions of Notice, including the motions to change the affiliation fee model (Motions 1 & 2) and the introduction of a 'Limited Playing Member' (Motions 3-6) to align with recent changes in the Bowls NZ constitution. Motion 7 refers to a change in the date by which the AGM is to be held by upon recommendation from Bowls Wellington's financial reviewer.

## Affiliation fee

### Motion 1

That rule 14.1 be deleted in its entirety and be replaced with the following rule 14.1.

14.1 Affiliation fee

(a) Each year, each club shall pay to Bowls Wellington an Affiliation fee calculated on the number of playing members of that club as at 31 December, 2018.

b) The Affiliation fee for each club for each financial year shall be fixed and is calculated as follows;

the number of Playing Members of the club as at December 31, 2018 as reported to Bowls Wellington in the annual return.

Multiplied by

\$36.30 + GST per Playing Member and \$10.65 + GST per Student Member up to 25 years of age and in a full-time course of education.

c) the amount of the Affiliation fee is fixed and will not be altered for any reason, including where the number of individual membership numbers at a club increase or decrease, except in circumstances described in Rule 14.1 (d).

d) The Affiliation Fee for each club may only be altered by the Board, with effect from the following Financial Year, in the following circumstances:

i) payable by all clubs shall be increased by the same percentage as the CPI increase; or

ii) where the Board deems, in its sole opinion, that a significant change in a club's operations justify a change in Affiliation fee; or

iii) where a club joins or merges with one or more other clubs. In such a case the affiliation fees of all merged clubs shall be totalled.

iv) where a new club is formed, the Affiliation fee of the new club will be calculated on the number of playing Members as at 31 December of the first full financial year as reported to Bowls NZ and is to be paid retrospectively. A new club is one deemed to be a new entity in the sole opinion of the Board. A name change does not constitute a 'new club'.

e) for purposes of Rule 14.1 (d)ii the definition of significant shall be by no more than 50% and shall consider movement in all club operations and membership.

f) nothing in Rule 14 prevents or limits the centre from imposing additional fees or membership charges.

**Moved: Miramar**

**Seconded: Victoria**

Discussion around what this means was had. Some concerns from clubs included that those with decreasing membership would be at a disadvantage and that the Board retains the right to increase the fee at their sole discretion. The General Manager said that, other than CPI, no increase would be done in the foreseeable future and the Board would not use the clause unless in absolute necessity and would be done only in consultation with clubs.

**Vote: 30-7 in favour.**

**Motion Carried.**

## **Motion 2**

That the following definition be added in Rule 2

“Affiliation fee” means a fee payable by each club the Bowls Wellington as specified in Rule 14.

**Moved: Island Bay**

**Seconded: Petone Central**

**No vote required. Motion Carried.**

## **Membership types/definition**

### **Motion 3**

That the following change be made to the definition of ‘Playing Member’ in Rule 2 to read;

‘Playing Member’ means a person who wishes to enjoy the full playing and non-playing rights and privileges of being a club member, including playing life members, and students. Only playing members are entitled to play at other affiliated clubs and to enter Club Championships, Centre, Regional and/or National tournaments and events.

**Moved: Victoria**

**Seconded: Tawa**

**Little discussion was required and the motion was carried 37-0**

### **Motion 4**

That a new Member definition be included called ‘Limited Playing Member’ in Rule 2.

‘Limited Playing Member’ means a person who wishes to play bowls at their club only. The rights and privileges of membership as a Limited Playing Member shall be specified in the constitution, regulation and/or rules of the club, but cannot extend beyond specific club tournaments and events. A Limited playing member can only play in bowls events within the boundary of the physical club and may not participate in club championships, centre or national events, or at any events at another bowling club.

**Moved: Titahi Bay**

**Seconded: Massey Ave**

Lyall Bay and Massey Ave raised the concern about the wording of this definition and that by restricting players to playing within the confines of their own club, many of their casual but hopefully future full members wouldn’t be able to participate in galas and competitions at other clubs, lessening their ability to retain such members. Petone Central commented this was the purpose of the definition and asked why a Limited Playing Member be able to play in competitions at other clubs. Silverstream spoke to the fact that clubs are members of Bowls NZ and have a responsibility to follow their guidelines. The General Manager and Chair reiterated this was a Bowls NZ membership definition and clubs would still be welcome to create their own membership types within the Bowls NZ framework and enforce their own club restrictions and charge what they wish to as it has no bearing on the new affiliation model.

**Vote: 28-9 in favour**

## **Motion Carried**

### **Motion 5**

That the following change be made to 'Individual Member' in Rule 2:

Individual member - the words 'Limited Playing Member' be added so that clause reads;

'Individual Member' means a person who is a member of Bowls NZ and/or a centre and/or a club pursuant to Rule 9 of this constitution and includes Playing Members, Limited Playing Members, Non-Playing Members and Casual Members.

**Moved: Upper Hutt**

**Carried: Island Bay**

Little discussion was required as a change in wording only.

**Vote: 34-0 in favour**

**Motion Carried**

### **Motion 6**

'Limited Playing Members' to be added to Rule 8 and 9 in the constitution when reference to different types of membership is identified.

**Moved: Victoria**

**Seconded: Eastbourne**

Little discussion required as change to working only.

**Vote: 31-0 in Favour**

**Motion Carried**

## **Change of AGM Date**

### **Motion 7**

That the date of the AGM is changed in Rule 23.1 to read:

'An Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Bowls Wellington shall be held no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August each year.'

**Moved: Tawa**

**Seconded: Massey Ave**

There was discussion around the ramifications of this and whether there was a deadline by which the Companies Office needed to have the financial accounts submitted by. This was not believed to be a

problem as Eastbourne had recently made some updates to their constitution. UPDATE: The General Manger has since spoken to the Companies Office and Financial Accounts are expected to be submitted by the end of the month following the AGM, regardless of when the AGM is held.

**Vote: 36-0 in favour**

**Motion Carried**

Meeting closed at 7:40pm

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