

## Bowls Wellington

### Delegates 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

7:32 The Chair welcomed everyone back and thanked them for staying on after the Special General Meeting.

#### Apologies

Lorraine Brennan (Newtown), Brent Slater (Khandallah), Edna Collingwood (Karori)

#### Obituaries

A moments silence was observed for Lorraine Kryuff, Brian Young (Stokes Valley), Margaret Amey (Tawa), Tony Ford (Island Bay).

#### Previous Meeting's Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held November 5, 2019 were approved.

#### Matters arising

There was nothing specifically noted from the minutes. The Chair said any general discussion could be raised during General Business.

### **Pennants and Bowls3Five Charges.**

The General Manager spoke to why the Pennants and Bowls3Five charge was being introduced, specifically mentioning that affiliation fees cover only about 25% of the Centre's operating costs and with no green or bar, revenue streams are limited otherwise to entry fees, sponsorship and grant funding. There was discussion around this. Stokes Valley asked if this money would be specifically used for the administration of the Pennants competition. The General Manager said it is not ring-fenced as such, but the revenue would go into the general Bowls Wellington fund to be used for a wide range of operating costs. The Chair expressed that the revenue from these charges would still not cover the full costs associated in running these competitions.

### **Prizegiving**

The Chair discussed the results of the survey regarding Prizegiving and noted there remains no strong desire to hold one citing the lack of interest. The General Manager asked how clubs would feel if all clubs were required to buy a table as part of their affiliation fee, ensuring that all clubs were represented and that the club could then allocate tickets to prize winners and/or executive members. He suggested this could be quite a 'glitzy' event, with entertainment and a sit down meal, rather than an afternoon tea. Gerry Macgregor commented how well received the Board were last season when he and Dayle attended club prizegivings to present the Centre awards and that acknowledgement in front of their own membership was a highlight. It was agreed that, for this season, the status quo remains, and clubs were to consider how a centre prizegiving may look going forward. Clubs are also required to get their prizegiving dates to the centre as soon as they know so that a board member can be in attendance.

### **Pennants Structure**

Tawa asked the other clubs how they would feel about moving Women's Pennants to one game per citing the difficulty in playing two games due to length and cold weather. It was noted that the travel involved for the women is more significant than the mens competition due to a different format and the mens competitions split into Hutt and Wellington zones. The Chair encouraged Tawa to canvass other clubs for support and make a proposal to the Tournament Review Committee.

### **Interclub Double Headers**

Tawa spoke to the fact that Interclub Double Headers have resulted in club bowlers missing out on roll ups and fear they may lose members in the future. They suggested Premier and Division 1 grades playing 2 games per day and the other divisions play one game per day. The point was made that Interclub season would be twice as long with a greater impact on players and clubs. Tawa suggested Bowls Wellington survey clubs to get their feelings. The Chair reiterated that the process would be for Tawa to canvass other clubs and put forward a written proposal for the Tournament Review Committee who would look at it.

## **Other Business**

### Tournament Review Committee

There was discussion around when the Tournament Review Committee would convene. This has not been decided but information will go out to clubs shortly. Clubs need to do their due diligence when making submissions and these need to be the views of the club, not the individual, and be well researched.

The process for submissions is for clubs to make a proposal to the Tournament Review Committee in writing, who convene and make a suggestion to the Delegates (either via email or through a delegate's meeting). The Delegates are then responsible for taking the suggestion to their club to discuss. At the next appropriate time (usually the following Delegates Meeting) this is discussed and voted upon. The results of this go to the Bowls Wellington Board to be approved or not. The process ensures that decisions are made with the required thought and care. *Where possible* changes will be made for inclusion in the 2020-2021 season.

### Covid-19

The Chair expressed the Bowls Wellington Board's view on Covid-19 that for the time being Bowls Wellington events will continue as scheduled. This decision was made after advice and recommendations from the Ministry of Health and Bowls NZ. The Chair stressed this could change at any moment.

**Closed 9:00pm**