

Bowls Wellington
Annual General Meeting
30/7/19
Pelorus Trust Sports House

Present

Board	M. O'Connor (Chair), D. Jackson (President), W. Henshaw (Vice President), G. G. Macgregor, S. Way, R. Leitch
Life Members	J. Harvey, D. McMurray
General Manager	N. Dixon
Clubs Present	23
Clubs not present	Wainuiomata, Workingmen's

Welcome

8:06 The Chair opened the 2019 Annual General Meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Apologies

Glenn McTaggart (Naenae), Leigh Griffin (Victoria), John Hanning

Obituaries

The obituaries as acknowledged in the delegates meeting earlier in the evening were David Belz (Tawa), Marlene Bland (Miramar), Milan Klijkaovic (Silverstream), Tiny Corcoran (Titahi Bay), Frank Burrell (Upper Hutt), Lou Waihape (Khandallah, Lyall Bay), John McFarlane (Eastbourne), Tim Goddard (Wilton).

Previous AGM's Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on July 31, 2018 were approved.

Matters arising

None

Annual Report

President Dayle Jackson spoke to her report reiterating the appreciation of and on behalf of the bowling community. She thanked the board for their work and the clubs for their support over the past year.

Chair Mark O'Connor spoke about the small surplus Bowls Wellington made this past financial year. From facing insolvency after three years of losses this was a move in the right direction, yet the centre remains to have sustainability issues. Currently, affiliation fees and tournament entry fees do not cover the costs of running the centre, as should be the case with a regional sports organisation. The reliance on grant funding is an area of concern and although the new General Manager had made good progress with sponsorship, Bowls Wellington needs to increase revenue. He thanked the bowling community for their support and work over the season.

General Manager Nigel Dixon spoke about the future of sport in NZ and commented on how the challenges facing Bowls and bowling clubs were being mirrored across the country throughout traditional codes. He encouraged clubs to be proactive and innovative and that there is no silver bullet to increasing membership and growing success. He was positive that bowls had a bright future and was well placed to survive and thrive going forward providing we are quick to learn and adapt to change. He was looking forward to working closely and building strong relationships with clubs and the community going forward.

Financial Report

The chair went through the financial reports and commented on the small surplus, while positive, was still ultimately lower than hoped for. He called for any questions or comments from the floor of which there were none. The financial report was approved.

Election of Officers

Dayle Jackson was elected as Bowls Wellington President (nominated by Miramar) and Wayne Henshaw as Vice President (nominated by Upper Hutt) unopposed.

Appointment of Board Members

The centre selection panel recommended Sue Way (Naenae) and Sharman Buckle (Victoria) to the two vacant board positions. Motion passed.

Centre membership fees

The board recommended that the membership fees for the year be set at:

Full member - \$36.15 + GST

Student member - \$10.65 + GST

Umpire Levy - \$0.15 + GST

The recommendation was approved.

Appointment of Accounts reviewer

The board recommended that Ken Brown continue as Bowls Wellington Financial Reviewer". Motion passed.

Board Selection Panel

The board moved that John Harvey continue as the delegate's representative on the Board Selection Panel. Motion passed. The Chair thanked John is continuing support of the Centre.

Life Membership

Both Judy Howat and Gerry Macgregor were nominated by the Bowls Wellington Board for life membership. Dayle Jackson spoke about both nominees, the achievements they have had and the work they have done, and continue to do, for the sport of bowls in the region. Both motions were passed and the board and floor congratulated both recipients.

Notices of Motion

None

General Business

The chair mentioned that auditor Ken Brown in his review of the financial statements recommended the AGM be moved later in the year to mid-late August. Currently, the time frame from between the end of the financial year and the AGM is too tight to have the accounts tidied up and presented. This will be discussed by the board and would require a special general meeting to change.

8:39 Meeting Closed