



Bowls Wellington (inc.)

Delegate's Meeting Minutes

25/5/21

@ Pelorus Trust Sports House

Present

- Board: Sue Way (Chair), Dayle Jackson (President), Gerry Macgregor (Vice Chair), Sharman Buckle (Board member)
- Life Members: Don McMurray, Gerry Macgregor
- In Attendance: Nigel Dixon (General Manager), Mark O'Connor (Bowls NZ President)
- Clubs Present: Eastbourne, Hutt, Island Bay, Johnsonville, Khandallah, Lyall Bay, Massey Ave, Miramar, Naenae, Newtown, Petone Central, Plimmerton, Silverstream, Tawa, Tawa Services, Upper Hutt, Victoria, Whitby, Wilton.
- Clubs not Present: Karori, Seatoun, Stokes Valley, Titahi Bay, Wainuiomata

Welcome

7:30pm. The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming, noting the attendance of Life Members Don McMurray and Gerry Macgregor.

Apologies

Christine Robson (Petone Central) had informed she may be delayed.

Obituaries

A moments silence was observed for Hillman Campbell (Tawa), Dan Gardner (Island Bay), John Atua (Upper Hutt/Silverstream/ Naenae), Roger Gosling (Miramar), Wayne Henshaw (Upper Hutt), Les Austing (Whitby).

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting March 16th, 2021 were accepted as true and correct pending amendment of Jack Miller to Jock Miller in the obituaries.

Season Review

The Chair confirmed with clubs they had all discussed the review documents and have come with a mandate from their executive. The chair thanked the clubs for their work pre-meeting to ensure the evening's proceeding could run smoothly.

The General Manager spoke to the review and its importance in ensuring tournaments and competitions are fit for purpose and are best serving their needs of the bowling community. He explained that clubs will be voting on the submissions as per provided documents and that some of the submissions would not require voting but are acknowledged and will be taken on board by Bowls Wellington as appropriate.

Bowls3Five One Day Tournament (Bowls Wellington)

There was a brief discussion of the one day qualifying tournament proposal before a vote in favour of introducing such a tournament took place. A question was raised around how an over subscription of teams would be managed. The General Manager clarified that all clubs can enter at least one team with priority for a 2nd/ 3rd team being given to those who had supported in the past by way of team entries. In future seasons, priority for multiple teams will be given to clubs who have shown success in this tournament.

For – 31

Against – 8

Outcome: A one day bowls3Five tournament will be introduced for the 2021-22 season.

Changes to the Twilight competition (Bowls Wellington)

With the introduction of a one-day qualifying tournament, changes to the Twilight competition were proposed, including freedom of movement, the tiebreaker to be replaced with an extra set and games to be scheduled post-Christmas. A question was raised whether the rule of having at least one of each gender in a team would be permitted. The General Manager said it is being considered but needed further deliberation. The General Manager stated that the preference was to remain in hubs (Hutt Valley, Central and Northern), however it would ultimately be decided by how many teams enter.

For – 36

Against – 3

Outcome: Bowls Wellington will run a tweaked twilight Bowls3Five competition for the 2021-22 season

No time limit to apply from the quarter-final stages of Bowls Wellington tournaments (Bowls Wellington)

A vote whether to introduce no time limit was held with the overwhelming majority in favour of having no time limit from the quarterfinal stages of Wellington tournaments. Some discussion was then had around the start time post daylight saving and that it may require an earlier start.

For – 35

Against – 6

Outcome: From 2021-22, quarterfinals of Bowls Wellington tournamentz will have no time limit.

Men's Premier Interclub to be increased to 12 teams (Plimmerton)

The General Manager introduced the Plimmerton submission for changes to the Men's Premier Interclub and a vote was held with strong opposition to the submission.

For – 2

Against – 39

Outcome: Men's Premier Interclub to remain at 10 teams

Veterans start time to change to 9am and 2-hour time limits be introduced (Tawa)

As there were two parts to this submission two votes were held. Clubs were strongly in favour of introducing a time limit but leaving the start time at 10am

Introduction of Time limit

For – 40

Against – 0

Changing start time to 9am

For – 3

Against – 35

Outcome: [The 2021/22 Veterans will start at 10am and games will have a 2-hour time limit.](#)

Champion of Champions to no longer qualify as a Gold Star event (Rod Leitch)

A vote on replacing Gold Stars with Silver Stars for Champion of Champion events was held. A large majority were against the removal of Gold Stars.

For – 2

Against – 39

Outcome: [Both Open events and Champion of Champion events are Gold Star eligible events](#)

Champion of Champion Day 1 to be on Saturdays only (Newtown)

Newtown spoke to their submission and that playing only on Saturdays would give clubs more chance to complete their club champs. A vote was held with the large majority against the submission.

For – 1

Against – 40

Outcome: [Day 1 of Champ of Champ qualifying will remain on Saturdays and Sundays.](#)

Multiple teams to be permitted in the same grade of Men's Pennants (John Sigsworth)

There was some confusion around the submission and whether this was to be applicable across all divisions or for divisions below the top grade. The General Manager stated that two votes would be cast. Firstly, a vote on whether 'in principal' multiple club teams in a grade should be permitted, and if so, a second vote would decide whether this would be applied to all grades or just those below Division 1. Voting was tied on the first vote indicating insufficient support to change from the status quo for the coming season meaning the second vote was not required. The General Manager encouraged clubs to revisit this again next year, possibly rewording the submission and engaging with other clubs while creating the submission.

For – 19

Against – 19

Outcome: [Men's Pennants to remain as one club team per division \(except the lowest division\) for season 2021-22.](#)

Development Pairs to revert to 1-8 years (Bowls Wellington)

A vote was held to decide whether eligibility of the Development Pairs should change to 1-8 years from the current 1-10 years. Remaining as a 1-10 year tournament was narrowly favoured by clubs.

For – 19

Against – 22

Outcome: The 2021/22 Development Pairs remain as a 1-10 tournament.

Open Tournament Draws to be full randomised (Bowls Wellington)

The General Manager explained that currently Open tournaments are drawn randomly on the proviso that multiple players from the same club are not in the same section. If someone from the same club is drawn in a section they are then randomly placed in a different section. Post section draws are then made randomly with players from the same club possible to be drawn against each other at any stage. The vote indicated strong opposition to fully randomised section draws meaning the status quo remains.

For – 3

Against – 38

Outcome: Section draws of Open tournaments be randomised to the extent that not more than one person from a single club be drawn in a section.

Bowls3Five to be played over a single weekend (Hutt) and Bowls3Five one-day tournament (Bowls Wellington)

This was covered earlier in the meeting with a one-day tournament having been supported by clubs.

Outcome: See above

Hutt Valley exclusive tournaments to be run by Hutt Valley clubs

There was a brief discussion around how these would be run and the General Manager informed that should Hutt Valley clubs wish to take on the administration of these events, Bowls Wellington would be happy to support throughout the transition. Only Hutt Valley clubs were entitled to vote with all clubs unanimous in having Bowls Wellington continue the current administration of these pre-tournament at a cost of \$20 per team. The General Manager asked for Hutt Valley club's support in making sure these tournaments run successfully by ensuring timely communication and entry forms are returned as requested.

For – 0

Against – 13

Outcome: Bowls Wellington will continue to organise entries, create draws and set Conditions of Play with the host clubs to take responsibility on the day.

Other business

There was a question from the floor about the what impact Bowls Wellington believes may come about due to the introduction of qualifying tournament on the Bowls3Five twilight league. The General Manager expected see a small decline in numbers this coming season but then rebounding in the future. He thanked clubs for their support in making these competitions successful and reiterated that without clubs engaging in their communities and organising teams for these competitions, they could not go ahead. He also reminded clubs to not lose sight of the purpose of Bowls3Five and how it can be used to provide opportunities for those with work/family commitments and those on the fringes of their club, particularly now as clubs have much greater freedom with membership categories and charges.

There was a conversation around the new Incorporated Societies act and how that may potentially impact clubs. Bowls Wellington will continue to monitor this and provide information as it comes to hand.

Mark O'Connor, Bowls NZ President, spoke about the increase in membership around the country and informed the meeting the Summer of Bowls calendar was now available on the Bowls NZ website.

Miramar thanked Bowls Wellington for being progressive and improving the bowling experience and opportunities in the region and that it was positive to see entry numbers up. Wilton said it was a good news story about the number of 1-3 juniors taking advantage of the free entry and would be interested in knowing what those numbers were. The General Manager will be doing an analysis and include in the annual report.

Aaron Wall of Silverstream informed clubs that the Upper Hutt Cossie Club is hosting the NZ Chartered Clubs fours next year and that this is a great opportunity for Wellington bowlers to take part in a massive event on their doorstep.

With no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8:36pm.