

Bowls Wellington

Delegates Meeting Minutes

30/7/19

Pelorus Trust Sports House, Seaview

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

7:34 The Chair welcomed life members John Harvey, Don McMurray, Delegates, board members and observers to the meeting.

Apologies

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

Obituaries

A moments silenced was observed for David Belz (Tawa), Marlene Bland (Miramar), Milan Kljakovic (Silverstream), Tiny Corcoran (Titahi Bay), Frank Burrell (Upper Hutt), Lou Waihape (Khandallah/Lyall Bay), John McFarlane (Eastbourne), Tim Goddard (Wilton).

Previous Meeting's Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held May 14, 2019 were approved.

Matters arising

Don McMurray raised the issue of clubs not being compensated for hosting centre tournaments. The chair acknowledged this concern and that it was on the board's radar but currently the centre's financial situation limits the ability to do so.

The Chair discussed Mark Cameron's (Bowls NZ) visit to Wellington. Feeling from attendees was positive. Minutes had not been sent out in the understanding this was a Bowls NZ meeting.

Chris Carter (Petone Central) asked how the divisions for Interclub would be formed. The chair explained this would be done based off last years' results. A registration form will be sent out in the near future and include how many teams a club would like to enter and whether or not they would like a Premier team if eligible. Gerry Macgregor, Chair of Operations Committee, explained final positions would be decided by the committee and the fairest way would likely be the top teams from each of the sections from last year's Premier Reserve grade. Graham Williams (Tawa) asked about whether this would give the fairest and truest reflection of club strength and that it may be better to go on overall points. This was countered with the fact the relative strength between last years' divisions is as impossible to judge as the strength of teams that make up a division. There will undoubtedly be a team(s) who feel hard done by but this would be the case no matter which criteria used.

[Outcome: A registration form will be sent out from Bowls Wellington in the near future for interclub, Bowls 3-5 and Pennants registrations, and based off these entries and last years results, the Operations Committee will form the divisions.](#)

Cancer Society Wellington

Nigel Dixon announced a new partnership with Cancer Society Wellington who have come onboard as Wellington's official Charity Partner. He spoke of the synergies between the two organisations and the opportunities for clubs to tap into the Cancer Society's extensive fundraising expertise.

Heather Newell from the Cancer Society Wellington addressed the room and spoke of the exciting partnership ahead. She spoke about the work they do in providing education and support to those with a diagnosis and their families. She mentioned that they will be running a fundraising workshop for clubs during the season to share some ideas. She would like clubs to consider how they can get involved in showing their support, possibly through hosting a charity breakfast or event. Nigel Dixon will be in touch to clubs to seek permission to pass on club/secretary details.

Bowls NZ Notices of Motions

The Bowls NZ notices of motions have been distributed to clubs and the chair asked for any comments or questions from the floor regarding these. Discussion took place around the 'flat fee' Bowls NZ were proposing. Sue Way (Naenae) believed this to be positive giving assurances about how much they were to pay each year so they can plan effectively. The Chair explained that this method doesn't penalise clubs for being proactive and growing membership and gives clubs flexibility in how they structure their membership and fund the fee.

It was raised that clubs with dwindling membership would be at a disadvantage. The Chair indicated that while Bowls Wellington didn't have a capacity for a 'hardship fund', Bowls NZ have proposed one, although the initial criteria appears harsh.

Dennis Davidson (Eastbourne) asked why fees were based off the previous year's membership data rather than the most current set of data. The consensus was that this is simply a case of it's always been done that way rather than being 'best practice'.

Graham Williams (Tawa) praised the proposed wording around Limited Member and that clubs had varying interpretations of this type of membership.

Geoff Fox (Stokes Valley) stated that Stokes Valley, were not happy, with the motion that Bowls New Zealand could step in and take control of a club. The Chair advised that this was to protect the assets and rights of club members and the sport should a Club get into difficulty. It would not be done without consultation with the Club and Centre. This Motion is a result of the issues surrounding the Avondale Club in Auckland, where the land was sold a markedly undervalued price to an associate of the Club.

Other business

None

Closed 8:06