



# minutes

## 107<sup>th</sup> AGM of Auckland Bowls Inc

Saturday 25 July 2020 10.00am

Mt Eden Bowls Club

17 Stokes Road

Mt Eden

### PRESENT:

#### Board Members:

Michael Feek - Chairman  
Greame Scott – Vice President  
Helen Blick  
Esther Eu

Jill Fraser - President  
Murray Dorreen  
Phil Taylor – Bridge Park

#### Life Members:

Graeme Bennett

Gary Fleming

#### Club Delegates:

Nenad Rajic - Auckland  
Allan Smith – Blockhouse Bay  
Mike Rapson - Ellerslie  
Jim Close – Glen Eden  
Brian Jago – Howick  
Gary Cotton – Mangere  
Daniel King – Mt Albert  
David Ball – Mt Wellington  
Ian McKenna – Pt Chevalier  
Rosemary Ellyett – Remuera  
John Ross – St Heliers  
Dan Lees – Titirangi RSA

Allan Moyle - Balmoral  
Gerard Hulst – Carlton Cornwall  
Roger Sutton - Epsom  
Tony Lumb – Henderson  
Marlene Mak – Kohimarama  
Derek Mc Keen - Maraeteari  
Russell Barrett – Mt Eden  
Martin McKenzie – Onehunga & Districts  
Willis Wichman – Pringle Park  
Steve King – Rocky Nook  
Taffy Davies – Te Atatu Peninsula

#### Observers:

Peter Blick – Carlton Cornwall  
Gavin Brown – Royal Oak  
Mark Cameron – Bowls NZ  
John Heimgartner – Remuera  
Wendy Brown – Minute Taker

Jeanette Sinclair – Carlton Cornwall  
Wayne Gemmell – Maraetai  
Colin Marychurch – Rocky Nook  
Johnny Pocrnich – Mt Albert

#### Auckland Bowls Staff:

Steven Yates  
Janine Young

Steve Clifton  
Kristina Fry

Chairman, Michael Feek (MF) confirmed a quorum had been reached and the AGM could proceed.

Michael Feek opened the meeting and welcomed life members Graham Bennett and Gary Fleming, Bowls New Zealand President, Mark Cameron, delegates, observers and Board Members – Jill Fraser (JF), Greame Scott (GS), Esther Eu (EE), Phil Taylor (PT), Murray Dorreen(MD), Helen Blick (HB) and Steven Yates GM, Auckland Bowls office, to the 107<sup>th</sup> Auckland Bowls Inc. Annual General Meeting.

#### **Obituaries**

A moments silence was held for those members that have passed away in the last year. Special mention was made of Hadden Vernon

#### ***Recommendation:***

*That all motions are passed by a simple majority except those dealing with the changes to the Constitution that require a 66% majority.*

*That all questions be decided by a show of hands except where the Chairman or dissenting delegates determine that a ballot is more appropriate.*

Moved                      Allan Smith – Blockhouse Bay  
Seconded                 Jim Close – Glen Eden

*Motion Carried*

### **1. Apologies**

Kevin Hickland – Life Member  
Ian Birch - Patron  
Sean Hird – New Lynn  
Chris Ryan – Central  
Rima Strickland – Grey Lynn  
Bernie Connolly – Ponsonby  
Mark Cavanagh – New Lynn

Moved                      Rosemary Ellyett – Remuera  
Seconded                 Roger Sutton – Epsom

*Motion Carried*

### **2. Notification of any items of General Business**

Nil

### **3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous AGM**

#### ***Recommendation***

*That the minutes of Auckland Bowls Inc AGM meeting held on 31 July 2019 to be confirmed as a true and correct record,*

Moved: Gary Fleming- Royal Oak  
Seconded: Russell Barrett - Mt Eden

*Motion Carried*

### **3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the AGM**

Nil

## **4 Presentation of Annual Report for the Financial Year Ending 30 April 2020**

Michael Feek spoke to the report and acknowledged and thanked the board for their support. Michael Feek acknowledged the contribution of the Board members retiring, Jill Fraser, Murray Dorreen and Phil Taylor, along with Bruce Anderson the previous Chairman, who retired at the end of 2019.

Michael Feek acknowledged and thanked all the members on various committees i.e. Judiciary, Operations, Rawhiti, Kimberley, Finance and Blue Water Community Trust.

Michael Feek thanked the sponsors and acknowledged the contribution of Steven Yates and the Auckland Bowls management team.

Michael Feek acknowledged and thanked the bowling club volunteers who gave up their valuable time to help run the clubs on a day to day basis.

Michael Feek highlighted in his report the renewal of the strategic plan with a key focus on growth. He encouraged the clubs to focus on introducing new members to the game and the value of undertaking an exit interview with any members who do move on.

Steven Yates spoke to his report highlighting two significant achievements by the team in the last 12 months:

The production of live streaming, resulting in strong viewing numbers across the country and globally, such as Australia and Europe. Noted it was an excellent marketing tool and great feedback had been received. Steven Yates advised that Auckland Bowls have committed to live streaming as many centre events as possible

Steven Yates also highlighted the excellent work undertaken on the Auckland Bowls website upgrade throughout the year.

Jill Fraser spoke to the President's Report and her five years on the Auckland Bowls Board. Enjoyed working with a great bunch of Board members and members of the Bowling clubs. Jill Fraser spoke on the biggest highlight of her career, as a member of the Auckland National Inter-centre team that won and acknowledged the great support given by members of the board and in particular the Inter-centre team manager, Helen Blick. Jill Fraser expressed her thoughts that the organisation was in good hands with bright people currently on the Board and two new members whose skill sets will enhance the Board moving forward.

**Question – Daniel King – Mt Albert**

In the Rawhiti Fund report it states Remuera club were the first covered green and not New Lynn, is this correct?

**Answer: Michael Feek – Board Chairman**

Yes, Remuera club were the first covered green, receiving a Rawhiti grant. New Lynn provided their own funds for their covered green.

***Recommendation:***

***That the Annual Report for the Financial Year ending 30 April 2020 be received.***

Moved: Greame Scott – Board Member

Seconded: Brian Jago - Howick

*Motion Carried*

**5 Presentation of Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 30 April 2020.**

**Question – Allan Smith – Blockhouse Bay**

When were the wage subsidy funds received and where do the funds appear in the Accounts and why the substantial increase?

**Answer: Steven Yates – Auckland Bowls**

The wage subsidy was granted on 26 March 2020 for a 12-week period. The funds appear on Page 13 under Accounts Payable and the increase was highlighted. Auditors were aware and satisfied with the provision. Phil Taylor explained that the wage subsidy was used to defray the costs of salaries up to the 14 June 2020, so was only partially utilised at year end.

**Question: Roger Sutton - Epsom**

Why is Accounts Receivable showing as a minus figure?

**Answer: Steven Yates – Auckland Bowls**

Yes, this is correct as a bowling club paid subs to Auckland Bowls instead of direct to Bowls NZ. This was picked up as part of the audit and Auckland Bowls immediately paid it back to the club concerned.

***Recommendation:***

***That the Audited Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year ending 30 April 2020 be received.***

Moved: Greame Scott – Board member

Seconded: Alan Smith - Blockhouse Bay

*Motion Carried*

## **6 The election of a President and Vice-President.**

Nominated by Auckland Bowling Club, the Chairperson duly declared Greame Scott the new President of Auckland bowls

Nominated by Carlton Cornwall Bowling Club, the Chairperson duly declared Helen Blick the new Vice President of Auckland Bowls.

## **7 The confirmation of any appointments to the Auckland Bowls Board**

### ***Recommendations:***

***That David Ball be appointed as an independent Board Director for a 2-year term.***

Moved: Allan Moyle - Balmoral  
Seconded Phil Taylor - Bridge Park

***That John Ross be appointed as an independent Board Director for a 2-year term.***

Moved: Michael Feek – Board Chairman  
Seconded Rosemary Ellyett - Remuera

***That Michael Feek be appointed as an independent Board Director for a 2-year term.***

Moved: Roger Sutton - Epsom  
Seconded Jim Close – Glen Eden

*Motions Carried*

## **8 The appointment of a Patron and Honorary Life Members**

### ***Recommendations:***

***That Ian Birch to remain as Patron***

Moved: Gary Fleming – Royal Oak  
Seconded: Gary Cotton - Mangere

*Motion Carried*

## **9 The election of a person to the Selection Panel**

**Recommendation:**

***That Gary Fleming be appointed as Club Delegate on the Selection Panel.***

Moved: Murray Dorreen – Board member

Seconded: Greame Scott – Board member

*Motion Carried*

**10 Fixing the Membership Fee (for the foreseeable future) payable by Clubs to Auckland Bowls, having regard to the recommendation of the Auckland Bowls Board**

No recommendation to change

**11 Fixing the maximum annual Honoraria payable by Auckland Bowls to the Auckland Bowls Board Members in accordance with 20.9 (Honoraria), only if a change to the current amount is being recommended by the Auckland Bowls Board**

No recommendation to change

**12 Considering and determining any notices of motion received which propose alterations to the Constitution.**

**MOTIONS ONE - SEVEN**

**MOTION ONE:**

That the following change be made to “Non-Playing Member” in **Rule 2 Interpretation**.

The Current Clause reads:

“Non-Playing Member” means a person who does not wish to play the Game of Bowls but wishes to enjoy an on-going association with a Club including participating in all social activities including participating in social activities at a club, and includes non-playing life members.

The New Clause to read:

“Non-Playing Member” means a person who does not play bowls but wishes to enjoy an on-going association with a club including participating in social activities at the Club and includes non-playing life members.

**Reason for the change:** To have the Auckland Bowls definition mirror the definition in the Bowls NZ Constitution.

**MOTION TWO:**

That the following change be made to “Playing Member” in **Rule 2 Interpretation**.

The Current Clause reads:

“Playing Member” means a person who wishes to enjoy the playing and non-playing rights and privileges of being a member of a Club, including life members and students.

The New Clause to read:

**‘Playing Member’** means a person who wishes to enjoy the full playing and non-playing rights and privileges of being a member of a Club, 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.

**Reason for the change:** To have the Auckland Bowls definition mirror the definition in the Bowls NZ Constitution. This definition more fully defines the privileges of Playing Members.

#### **MOTION THREE:**

That a new Member category definition be included called **“Limited Playing Member”** in **Rule 2 Interpretation.**

The New Clause to read:

**“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, Regulations and/or Rules of the Club, but cannot be extended 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, Regional and/or National Events, or at any other bowling club.

**Reason for the change:** Bowls NZ have added this Membership Category to their Constitution. This new category allows greater flexibility for clubs to establish member sub-categories in their regulations for persons who would like to play bowls but who do not want to be full Playing Members.

#### **MOTION FOUR:**

That the following change be made to **“Individual Member”** in **Rule 2 Interpretation.**

**“Individual Member”** that the current clause has the words **“Limited Playing Members”** added as a category so the clause will now read as:

**“Individual Member”** means a person who is a member of Auckland Bowls, and/or a Club pursuant to Rule 9 (Individual Members), and includes Playing Members, Limited Playing Members, Non-Playing Members and Casual Members.

**Reason for the change:** To have the Auckland Bowls definition mirror the definition in the Bowls NZ Constitution.

#### **MOTION FIVE:**

That the following membership category **“Limited Playing Member”**, be added to **Rule 8 Member Clubs, Clause 8.2 Obligations of a Club, Sub-Clause (d).**

The New Sub-Clause to now read:

8.2 (d) have as its members Playing Members, Limited Playing Members, Non-Playing Members, and Casual Members only, provided that such membership is consistent with the Bowls NZ Constitution, Bowls NZ Regulations, and this Constitution.

**Reason for the change:** It permits Clubs to accept as Members persons who only want to play bowls according to the restricted conditions of the Limited Playing Member definition.

#### **MOTION SIX:**

That the following membership category “**Limited Playing Member**”, be added to **Rule 9 Individual Members, Clause 9.1 Individual Member Defined, Sub-Clause (a)**.

The New Sub-Clause to now read:

9.1 (a) a person who is a Playing Member, Limited Playing Member, Non-Playing Member, or a Casual Member of a Club in the Auckland Bowls District;

**Reason for the change:** It permits Auckland Bowls to have Limited Playing Members as members of Auckland Bowls.

#### **MOTION SEVEN:**

That the following membership category “**Limited Playing Member**”, be added to **Rule 9 Individual Members, Clause 9.2 New Individual Members, Sub-Clause (a)**.

The New Clause to now read:

9.2 (a) In the case of a Playing Member, Limited Playing Member, Non-Playing Member or an umpire/official (as described in Rule 9.1 (f) i), upon such person satisfying the requirements for membership of a club as specified in the constitution of a Club, or, if no requirements are specified then upon such person paying any membership or other fees due to their Club and completion of the prescribed membership form. In the case of Playing, Limited Playing or Non-Playing Members upon them satisfying the requirements of membership, the Club shall inform the Auckland Bowls Manager, and in turn, Auckland Bowls shall inform Bowls NZ, of such membership. The Auckland Bowls Manager shall then amend the Auckland Bowls Register of members accordingly.

**Reason for the change:** It permits Auckland Bowls to accept Limited Playing Members as new members.

**Question – Brian Jago - Howick**

Do the reduced affiliation fees apply to Limited Members?

**Answer – Michael Feek – Board Chairman**

No, it is only for full paying members.

#### ***Recommendations:***

***That Janine Young and Kristina Fry be appointed scrutineers for the Ballot.***

Moved: Michael Feek

Seconded Gary Fleming

*Motion Carried*

***That Motions one to seven are received.***

Moved Allan Moyle - Balmoral

Seconded Rosemary Ellyett- Remuera

***The Motion was lost with 48 (65.75% for and 25 (34.25%) against as it did not receive the required 66% majority.***

#### **MOTIONS EIGHT - TEN**



**MOTION EIGHT:**

That the definition ‘**Regional Judicial Committee**’ be deleted in **Rule 2 Interpretation**.  
Reason for the Change: Bowls NZ have removed the Regional Judicial Committees from their Constitution. All appeals now go to the Bowls NZ Judicial Committee.

**MOTION NINE:**

That the following change be made to **Rule 26 Discipline, Clause 26.3 Jurisdiction of Bowls NZ Judicial Committee, Sub-Clause (c)**.

The Current Sub-Clause reads:

26.3 (c) other Disputes and Misconduct involving Bowls NZ Members

i. that are not within the jurisdiction of a Club, Centre, the Bowls NZ Board and/or Regional Judicial Committee; or

The New Sub-Clause to now read:

26.3 (c) other Disputes and Misconduct involving Bowls NZ Members

i. that are not within the jurisdiction of a Club, Centre, or the Bowls NZ Board; or

**Reason for the change:** The Regional Judicial Committees have been disestablished.

**MOTION TEN:**

That the following change be made to **Rule 27 Appeals, Clause 27.1 Appeals Process, Sub-Clause (a) Appeal to a Regional Judicial Committee**.

The current Sub-Clause Reads

27.1 (a) **Appeal to a Regional Judicial Committee:** Where there is a Dispute or Misconduct at Auckland Bowls Level which is decided by the Auckland Bowls Board (or committee on its behalf), any party affected by that decision may only appeal such decision to the Regional Judicial Committee in the Region in accordance with the Bowls NZ Regulations.

The New Sub-Clause to now read:

27.1 (a) **Appeal to the Bowls NZ Judicial Committee:** Where there is a Dispute or Misconduct at Auckland Bowls Level which is decided by the Auckland Bowls Board (or committee on its behalf), any party affected by that decision may only appeal such decision to the Bowls NZ Judicial Committee in accordance with the Bowls NZ Regulations.

**Reason for the change:** The Regional Judicial Committees have been disestablished.

***Recommendation:***

***That Motions eight to ten are received.***

Moved                      Phil Taylor – Bridge Park  
Seconded                 Allan Smith – Blockhouse Bay

*Motion carried unanimously*

**MOTION ELEVEN:**

That in Rule 5 Powers the following be added to Rule 5.1 (e) “**the sale of goods and services**”.  
The New Clause to read:

To determine, raise and receive money by subscription, donation, fees, levies, the sale of goods and services, gate charges, sponsorship, government funding, local authority funding, or otherwise;

**Reason for the change:** It adds an extra activity by which the Centre can generate revenue.

***Recommendation:***

***That Motion eleven is received.***

Moved                      Allan Moyle – Balmoral  
Seconded                 Brian Jago - Howick

*Motion carried unanimously*

**MOTION TWELVE:**

That in Rule 6 Obligations of Auckland Bowls the following obligation be added.

6.1 (h) Collect the Bowls NZ Affiliation Fee from Clubs in accord with the Bowls NZ Constitution;

**Reason for the change:** This clause was added to the Bowls NZ Constitution as a new obligation for Centres.

***Recommendation:***

***That Motion twelve is received.***

Moved                      Roger Sutton - Epsom  
Seconded                 Steve King – Rocky Nook

*Motion carried unanimously*

**MOTION THIRTEEN:**

That the following change be made to Rule 9.4 Clearance Certificates.

The Current Clause reads:

**Clearance Certificates:** Any Individual Member Leaving a Club in the Auckland Bowls District shall be given by such Club a clearance certificate in the form prescribed by Bowls NZ confirming that he is financial upon clearing all outstanding financial obligations to the Club. No Club shall admit to membership any person who still is or has been a Member of another Club unless such a clearance certificate is produced.

The New Clause to now read:

**Clearance Certificates:** Any Individual Member who resigns, or has their membership terminated from a Club or who is a member of a Club or Clubs ("First Club/s") in the Auckland Bowls District and wishes to join another Club ("Second Club"), upon clearing all outstanding financial

obligations to the First Club/s, shall be given by such First Club/s, as applicable, a clearance certificate in the form prescribed by Bowls NZ confirming that he is financial. No Club shall admit to membership and person who is or has been a member of another Club unless such a clearance certificate is produced.

**Reason for the change:** To clarify that a Member must have a clearance certificate from all clubs they are members of, not only when they resign or leave the Club to join another, but also when they are seeking dual membership of two or more clubs.

**Question: Daniel King – Mt Albert**

Can you give clarification as it appears to include social members are also required to have a clearance certificate? Should it be just for a full playing member?

**Answer: Michael Feek - Board Chairman**

After looking at the current constitution yes, it does apply to all members, including non-playing.

After discussion was held it was agreed the wording would be amended to read:

***Clearance Certificates:** Any playing member who resigns, or has their membership terminated from a Club or who is a playing member of a Club or Clubs ("First Club/s") in the Auckland Bowls District and wishes to join another Club ("Second Club"), upon clearing all outstanding financial obligations to the First Club/s, shall be given by such First Club/s, as applicable, a clearance certificate in the form prescribed by Bowls NZ confirming that he is financial. No Club shall admit to membership any person who is or has been a playing member of another Club unless such a clearance certificate is produced.*

**Recommendation:**

***That Motion thirteen amendment is received***

Moved: Daniel King – Mt Albert  
Seconded Roger Sutton - Epsom

Motion Carried unanimously

**MOTION FOURTEEN:**

That the following change be made to **Rule 19.9 Schedule of Rotation.**

The Current Clause reads:

**Schedule of Rotation:** To ensure rotation on the Auckland Bowls Board, there must be at least two vacancies (whether by expiry of term of office, retirement or otherwise) on the Auckland Bowls Board at every AGM. If there are insufficient vacancies to give effect to this requirement Auckland Bowls Board shall, prior to the AGM, determine by lot which of its number shall retire and notify the clubs of this decision not later than the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April prior to the AGM.

The New Clause to now read:

**Schedule of Rotation:** To ensure rotation on Auckland Bowls Board, there must be at least two vacancies among the appointed Board Members (whether by expiry of term of office, retirement or otherwise) on the Auckland Bowls Board at every AGM. To ensure continuity on the Auckland Bowls Board, the year that the terms of office of the President and Vice-Presidents expire, should be the same year that only two vacancies occur, by rotation, among the appointed Auckland Bowls Board Members. This provision however does not preclude other vacancies occurring in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19.12 (Vacancies) and Rule 19.15 (Co-Option if a Vacancy Arises). If there are insufficient vacancies to give effect to this requirement, the Auckland Bowls Board shall, prior to the AGM, determine by lot which of its number shall retire and notify the Clubs of this decision not later than the 1st day of April prior to the AGM.

**Reason for the change:** to ensure whenever possible that only ever three, of the terms of office of the seven members of the Auckland Bowls Board, include the elected and appointed members, are up for election. This also assumes that in the year that the office of the President expires that the Vice-President will be nominated for the position of President.

***Recommendation:***

***That Motion fourteen is received.***

Moved	Steve King -Rocky Nook
Seconded	Tony Lumb - Henderson

*Motion carried unanimously*

**MOTIONS FIFTEEN – SIXTEEN**

**MOTION FIFTEEN:**

That the front page, and all numbering in the constitution be updated to reflect the above changes.

**MOTION SIXTEEN:**

That the alterations to the Auckland Bowls Constitution, take effect from the registration of the alterations with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

***Recommendation:***

***That Motions fifteen and sixteen are received.***

Moved	Roger Sutton - Epsom
Seconded	Tony Lumb - Henderson

*Motion carried unanimously*

**13 Considering and making recommendations to the Auckland Bowls Board as a result of any notices of motion received (not related to altering the Constitution)**

Nil

**14 Items of General Business as notified**

Nil

Michael Feek asked attendees if the new timing of the AGM meeting i.e. a Saturday morning as opposed to a weeknight was preferred. It was unanimously agreed moving forward the new meeting time suited members.

Michael Feek asked the attendees to stay behind at the end of the meeting to hear a presentation by Mark Cameron, Bowls NZ and Steve Clifton who would present an update to clubs on various matters relating to development and growth.

Michael Feek ended the meeting, thanking all the clubs for attending and their support.

*With no further business, the meeting closed at 11.02am*

Chairperson.....

Date.....31-July-2021

