



Minutes of the 105th Annual General Meeting of Auckland Bowls Inc
Monday 30th July 2018, 7:30 pm at Mt Eden Bowls

Chairman Bruce Anderson (BA) opened the meeting and welcomed Rawhiti Chairman Graeme Bennett, Bowls New Zealand Vice-President Jeanette Sinclair, delegates, observers and Board Members - Jill Fraser (JF), Greame Scott (GS), Michael Feek (MF), Murray Dorreen (MD), Helen Blick (HB) - to the 105th Annual General Meeting.

Club Support Manager, Stephen Clifton (SC) confirmed that a quorum had been reached.

BA informed the meeting that Phil Vyver General Manager of Auckland Bowls was unfortunately unable to attend the AGM as he was not well and had been at the hospital today for tests.

Stephen Clifton Club Support Manager for Auckland Bowls was in attendance as Phil's replacement to take the minutes.

Obituaries – A moments silence was held for those members that have passed away in the last year. Special mention was made of Mary and Leon Idoine and George Alley.

Meeting Conduct – BA Outlined that only delegates can vote / speak (one delegate per club). When speaking or moving / seconding a motion please call out name and club.

A motion was moved that all questions can be decided by a show of hands except where the Chairman or dissenting delegates determines that a ballot is more appropriate (25.12).

Moved: M. Feek

Seconded: M. Doreen

CARRIED

PRESENT:

Board Members: Bruce Anderson, Murray Doreen, Michael Feek, Helen Blick, Greame Scott, Jill Fraser.

Life Member: Graeme Bennett.

Delegates from: Balmoral, Blockhouse Bay, Bridge Park, Carlton Cornwall, Central, Ellerslie, Epsom, Grey Lynn, Howick, Kohimarama, Mangere, Maraetai, Mt Albert, Mt Eden, New Lynn, Onehunga and Districts, Pakuranga, Pt Chevalier, Pringle Park, Remuera, Rocky Nook, Royal Oak, St George, St Heliers, Te Atatu Peninsula and Titirangi RSA Bowling Clubs.

Observers: S Kirwan (Balmoral), P Blick, J Sinclair (Carlton Cornwall), J Ross, G Bennett (St Heliers), D Lees (Titirangi RSA), G Brown, A Leventis, G Ngatai (Royal Oak) R Menzies (Ellerslie), Aiden Takarua, J Stockford (Pt Chevalier), J Pihigia (Grey Lynn), N Watson, L Young (St George), R Barrett (Mt Eden)

Staff: Stephen Clifton

APOLOGIES: Allan Williamson (Blockhouse Bay), Peter Chapman (Henderson), Bernie Connolly (Ponsonby), Phil Vyver (Auckland Bowls), Ian Birch (Life Member and Patron).

Moved: T. Kermode (Carlton Cornwall) Seconded: A. Moyle (Balmoral) **CARRIED**

Notification of any items of General Business

- **Bowls NZ Membership Fee Structure discussion.**

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM

Moved: A Moyle (Balmoral) Seconded: A. Smith (Blockhouse Bay) **CARRIED**

Matters arising from minutes of the AGM and any SGM held since the previous AGM

- Nil

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous SGM

Moved: M. Lander (Remuera) Seconded: G Goodwin (Royal Oak) **CARRIED**

Matters arising from minutes of the SGM

- Nil

Presentation of Annual Report for the financial year ending 30 April:

Moved: M. Feek Seconded: M. Cavanagh (New Lynn) **CARRIED**

BA spoke to the report and thanked the Board for their support and thanked the staff under the management of Phil Vyver.

BA referred to the Kimberley Investment Committee in particular he thanked Graeme Bennett (GB) for his valued contribution to the committee since its inception, his knowledge, experience and guidance has been an important component to the success of the committee. Graeme is standing down from the committee this year and will be replaced by Gavin Brown.

GB thanked the Chairman and made the point that the Kimberley Investment fund was an important backstop for Auckland Bowls.

BA also thanked Gerald Hulst for his work on behalf of the Board on the Avondale Bowling Club intervention.

BA asked the delegates if they had any questions on the Annual Report.

No questions.

Presentation of Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 30 April:

Moved: M Feek Seconded: G Scott **CARRIED**

In the absence of PV (Auckland Bowls GM) BA asked Michael Feek (MF) to comment on the Financial accounts.

MF commented that the accounts have been presented in a different way to better reflect the activity undertaken by Auckland Bowls. For example, the Auckland Bowls Membership fee was about 5% of the total income and the fee was applied to the Events revenue. MF also noted the Statement of Financial Performance showed a small deficit, however once the Kimberley revenue was added the account show a net surplus.

BA referred the delegates to p8 and p9 of the Annual Report. He also commented on the importance of the contribution of the Kimberly Trust Committee, the Rawhiti Trust Committee and the Blue Water Community Trust to the Auckland Bowls Financial Performance.

BA asked the delegates if there were any questions on the Audited Statement of Accounts
No questions.

The election of a President and Vice President

President: Jill Fraser (Carlton Cornwall)

ELECTED UNOPPOSED

Vice President: Graeme Scott (Auckland)

ELECTED UNOPPOSED

The confirmation of any appointments to the Auckland Bowls Board

Recommended that Michael Feek and Bruce Anderson be appointed to the Board for a further term of 2 years.

Moved: G. Scott

Seconded: A. Moyle (Balmoral)

CARRIED

Note that we have one vacancy, but we have received two applications after the closing date. The Board will consider an appointment for the remainder of the year through to the next AGM.

The appointment of a Patron

Ian Birch to remain as Patron.

Moved: B. Anderson

Seconded: J Crummey (Epsom) that Ian Birch be appointed for another year.

CARRIED

The election of a person to the Selection Panel (Board appointments)

Grant Goodwin to remain on Selection Panel

Moved: B. Anderson

Seconded: B. Menzies (Ellerslie)

CARRIED

Fixing the Membership Fee(s) payable by Clubs to Auckland Bowls:

Proposed fee to remain at \$18 plus GST per Playing Member.

Moved: G. Scott

Seconded: T. Brunton (Pakuranga)

CARRIED

Fixing the maximum annual Honoraria payable by Auckland Bowls to the Auckland Bowls Board Members in accordance with 20.9 (Honoraria)

The Chairman advised that no change was being recorded so no vote was required.

Motions to alter the Constitution of Auckland Bowls Incorporated for consideration at the Annual General Meeting:

Motion 1: Change to Clause 25.2h.

Moved and opened for discussion. MF spoke to the motion.

Reason for the change:

The proposed amendment to Rule 14.1 Membership fees was not adopted at the SGM of 11 April 2018 and therefore the proposed change to Rule 25.2 AGM Business should not have been adopted. The change returns the clause to how it read in the previous Constitution.

The motion was put to the vote.

Moved: M. Feek

Seconded: M. Doreen

CARRIED

Motion 2: Clause 25.13a

Moved: M. Feek and Seconded: D. McKeen (Maraetai) and open for discussion.
MF spoke to the motion.

Reason for the change:

The two most recent SGM's have had to be rescheduled as a quorum has not been achieved on the scheduled date, Therefore, it is felt that to reduce the inconvenience of Delegates having to come out twice to address the business at hand the quorum for all General Meetings should be reduced to a smaller number. The current rule determines the quorum based on the number of Clubs represented by their Delegate. Under the Constitution adopted on the 11 April 2018 votes can now be cast both by clubs represented by their Delegate and by each Auckland Bowls Board member present at the meeting. Therefore, a quorum based on the number of potential votes eligible to be cast is more appropriate.

A discussion was held on this motion and BA asked for a show of hands for and against.
For the motion 18 for and 15 against.

BA decided as the result was close we would conduct a ballot. BA asked Graeme Bennett to be the scrutineer and count the votes. SC collected the voting papers from the Delegates and handed them to Graeme Bennett the scrutineer.

Graeme Bennett advised the Chairman the result of the Ballot was 16 yes 15 No and 1 abstention.

NOTE: *On review of the Constitution after the meeting was closed, it was confirmed that a two thirds majority is required to pass a notice of motion that changes the Constitution. **The motion was therefore defeated.** The current clause 25.13a will not be changed. The matter will be referred to the Board of Auckland Bowls.*

G. Scott moved that the ballot papers be destroyed. Seconded M Feek

CARRIED

Motions 3,4,5,6

Moved as a block and opened for discussion. MF explained to the meeting that these changes were required as Auckland Bowls was applying to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue for Charitable Status which means we will no longer be liable for Fringe Benefit Tax.

With this change agreed the block of motions was put to the vote.

Moved: M. Feek

Seconded: G. Hulst (Carlton Cornwall)

CARRIED

Items of General Business as notified.

1. Bowls NZ Membership Fees Proposal discussion-

BA asked the Delegates to express their Clubs views to the Board, so they could have an indication on how the Auckland Bowls Delegate would vote on this issue at the Bowls NZ AGM in September. A robust discussion was held.

The Chairman ruled that a vote on the Bowls NZ proposal as an item of General Business was out of order. But an informal vote of members present lead by G Hulst (Carlton Cornwall) from the floor produced a unanimous but informal vote by delegates to not support the Bowls NZ suggestion.

The Chairman thanked Mt Eden for hosting the AGM and all the clubs for attending and their contributions. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.23pm.

BA asked the attendee’s present at the meeting to stay behind for a presentation on the “Funding Our Future Rawhiti Fund “which is a follow on and update of the “Creating a Successful and Sustainable Club Network” presentations from last year.

The presentation was led by SC with a question and answer session afterwards.

Signed Chairman.....

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Minutes Provisionally Confirmed

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