



minutes

108th AGM of Auckland Bowls Inc

Saturday 31 July 2021 10.00am

Mt Eden Bowls Club

17 Stokes Road

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PRESENT:

Board Members:

Michael Feek – Chairman (*Mt Albert*)

Helen Blick – Vice President (*Carlton Cornwall*)

Ian Dee (*Carlton Cornwall*)

Greame Scott – President (*Auckland Bowling Club*)

David Ball – (*Carlton Cornwall*)

John Ross – (*St Heliers*)

Life Members:

Graeme Bennett

Gary Fleming

Club Delegates:

Greame Scott – Auckland Bowling Club

Graham Farley – Balmoral

Les Wilson – Blockhouse Bay

Gerard Hulst – Carlton Cornwall

Roger Sutton – Epsom

Tony Lumb – Henderson

Brian Jago – Howick

Marlene Mak – Kohimarama

Michael Feek – Mt Albert

Iain Thomas – Maraetai

Chris Stone - Oratia

Jenny Stockford – Pt Chevalier

Mark Cameron - Ponsonby

Tony Balogh – Pringle Park

Maurice Smith - Remuera

Steve King – Rocky Nook

Gavin Brown – Royal Oak

John Ross – St Heliers

Taff Davies – Te Atatu Peninsula

Gary Cotton - Mangere

Donna Cross – Mt Eden

Observers:

Peter Blick – Carlton Cornwall

James Gavin – Royal Oak

Des Fisher – Royal Oak

Steve Briscoe – Mt Eden

Murray Lander - Remuera

Willis Wichman – Pringle Park

Robyn Fisher – Royal Oak

Wendy Brown – Minute Taker

Auckland Bowls Staff:

David Ball (General Manager)

Lauren Cross (Administration Manager)

Roz Murray (*Marketing Manager*)

Meeting started at 10.20 pm

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 CEO, Mark Cameron, delegates, observers and Board Members – Greame Scott (GS), Helen Blick (GS), John Ross (JR), Ian Dee (ID), and David Ball General Manager, Roz Murray and Lauren Cross, Auckland Bowls office, to the 108^h Auckland Bowls Inc. Annual General Meeting.

Obituaries

A moments silence was held for those members that had passed away in the last year. Special mention was made of Robert Ellery, Brian Gribble, Joan Brown, and Neil Cook.

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 Brian Jago - Howick
Seconded Roger Sutton - Epsom

Motion Carried

1. Apologies

Ian Birch – Patron
Kevin Hickland – Life member
Sean Hird – New Lynn
Allan Smith – Blockhouse Bay
Ian McKenna – Pt Chevalier

Moved Gary Fleming – Life member
Seconded Michael Feek – Mt Albert

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 2020 to be confirmed as a true and correct record,

Moved: Steve King – Rocky Nook

Seconded: Brian Jago - Howick

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 2021

Michael Feek spoke to the report, highlighting the increase of membership by 13%. He spoke about factors contributing to the increase such as COVID-19 and live streaming of events have lifted the Bowling profile.

In response to MF there were no questions.

Greame Scott spoke to his report acknowledging the camaraderie and enthusiasm he was experiencing when visiting clubs across Auckland. The club spirit of members, players, volunteers, and Club Boards were noted, and he viewed the future of Auckland Bowls as positive. GS thanked everyone for their support of the game, from clubs, the Board and Auckland Bowls office team.

David Ball spoke to his report, highlighting how challenging and hectic the last season had been although also exciting with the opportunities ahead.

DB conveyed Auckland Bowls were proud to support Clubs and it was fantastic to see great talent on the green. DB spoke about the commitment of Auckland Bowls and the Board to continue to work on key strategies and sustainable Clubs. The key areas of focus include Health & Safety; in particular COVID-19, code of conduct, enhancing facilities by improving existing and support development across clubs, achieving growth and participation.

DB highlighted specific initiatives – youth development work with Clubs to target age groups and having a cohesive approach, high performance focus with the players, guidance and support, and working towards strong coaching capabilities across the region and supporting clubs with a continuous improvement focus. DB expressed that the mission of Auckland Bowls was to support the Clubs.

Recommendation:

That the Annual Report for the Financial Year ending 30 April 2021 be received.

Moved: Greame Scott – Auckland Bowling Club

Seconded: Gary Fleming – Life Member

Motion Carried

5 Presentation of Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 30 April 2021.

Question: Gerard Hulst – Carlton Cornwall

Page 27 Kimberley Investment Fund, Jarden Limited is it the same as page 17 Kimberley Fund, First NZ Capital Securities Limited?

Answer: David Ball – Auckland Bowls

Yes, it is one and the same.

Question: Gary Cotton – Mangere

Page 11 – Operations costs, the prize money appeared to have a 75% increase on last year.

Answer: David Ball – Auckland Bowls

We identified transactions that related to the prior year when took over as GM part way through the year. Also due to COVID-19 and lockdown restrictions there were prizes paid in the current year as events were rescheduled.

Question – Roger Sutton -Epsom

Page 11, Under - Operating costs in the Profit & Loss – Sundry Costs for 2021 were \$6,000 and 2020 \$22,000. What are sundry costs?

Answer: David Ball – Auckland Bowls

Sundry costs are made up of all the smaller account code costs that do not require a major heading - I do not have a specific breakdown of those.

In response – Roger Sutton – Epsom

Maybe Live Streaming was in there last year and not this year?

Answer: David Ball – Auckland Bowls

I do not have the specific breakdown for those costs.

Recommendation:

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

Moved: Michael Feek – Mt Albert

Seconded: Greame Scott - Auckland Bowling Club

Motion Carried

6 The election of a President and Vice-President.

Greame Scott is the current President of Auckland Bowls.

Helen Blick is the current Vice President of Auckland Bowls.

It was noted the President and Vice President were elected in 2020 for a two-year term so no election necessary.

7 The confirmation of any appointments to the Auckland Bowls Board

Recommendation:

That Ian Dee be appointed as an Independent Board Director for a two-year term.

Moved: Graham Farley - Balmoral

Seconded: Roger Sutton - Epsom

Motion Carried

Auckland Bowls Board for 2020 – 2022:

President – Greame Scott, **Vice President** – Helen Blick, **Independent Board Members** – Michael Feek, John Ross, and Ian Dee.

David Ball advised he would be resigning from Auckland Bowls Board to focus on his role as Auckland Bowls General Manager.

It was noted there were two current vacancies on Auckland Bowls Board and the Board would co-opt members deemed to be suitable based on the criteria stated in the constitution.

8 The appointment of a Patron and Honorary Life Members

Recommendation:

That Auckland Bowls recommend Ian Birch to remain as Patron

Moved: Gary Cotton - Mangere

Seconded: Gary Fleming – Life Member

Motion Carried

9 The election of a person to the Selection Panel

Nominations:

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

Moved: Gavin Brown - Royal Oak

Seconded: Graham Farley - Balmoral

That Graeme Bennett be appointed as Club Delegate on the Selection Panel.

Moved Gerard Hulst – Carlton Cornwall

Seconded John Ross – St Heliers

Voting:

The Chair asked for a show of hands for Gary Fleming.

The Chair asked for a show of hands for Graeme Bennett.

Close result, moved to a ballot.

Recommendation:

That Roz Murray and Lauren Cross be appointed scrutineers for the Ballot.

Moved Brian Jago – Howick
Seconded Greame Scott – Auckland Bowling Club

Motion Carried

Gary Fleming withdrew.

The Chair declared Graeme Bennett elected as Club Delegate on the Selection Panel.

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 to Five deal solely with Limited Playing Members and will be passed as a block.

MOTION ONE:

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: To bring the Auckland Bowls Constitution in line with the Bowls NZ Constitution. This new category allows greater flexibility for clubs, only if the wish to, 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 TWO:

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 THREE:

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 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 FOUR:

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 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 FIVE:

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 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.

Recommendation:

That Motions one to five are received.

Moved Michael Feek – Mt Albert
Seconded Greame Scott – Auckland Bowling Club

Motion carried

Gerard Hulst opposed the motion stating it was put forward last year. He asked the members to support him and defeat the motion. He alleged that it was forced onto clubs without consultation. He stated policing of the policy would be extremely difficult and that clubs should not have to deal with these issues. He expressed there was no place in the clubs, centres or the national constitution for the motion and encouraged members to vote against it.

Roger Sutton agreed and supported Gerard Hulst, noting the policing element was the hardest part. The scenario of standing at the door and asking everyone for membership identification is not feasible.

Discussion was held between Roger Sutton and Michael Feek to determine non-playing members rights to play in tournaments.

Jenny Stockford supported the idea of limited membership, highlighting how old the constitution was. She believed it had potential to increase participation and gave the example of the local

retirement village who would only want to play at the club and wouldn't get the value as a full paying member.

Show of hands was inconclusive and went to ballot.

The motion was lost with 35 (50.75) for and 34 (49.25) against as it did not receive the required 66% majority.

MOTION SIX:

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 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 SEVEN:

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.

At last year's AGM the Auckland Bowls Constitution was amended to remove reference to Regional Judicial Committees that had been disestablished by Bowls NZ. In making the changes one sub-clause was overlooked and needs to be amended.

Recommendation:

That Motions six and seven are received.

Moved Michael Feek – Mt Albert
Seconded Steven King – Rocky Nook

Motions carried unanimously

MOTION EIGHT:

That the following change be made to **Rule 27 Appeals, Clause 27.3 Stay of Execution**

The current clause reads:

27.3 Stay of Execution: Pending the determination of an appeal before it, the Regional Judicial Committee or the Sports Tribunal may grant a stay of execution of the decision which is being appealed.

The new clause to read:

27.3 Stay of Execution: Pending the determination of an appeal before it, the Bowls NZ Judicial Committee or the Sports Tribunal may grant a stay of execution of the decision which is being appealed.

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

Recommendation:

That Motion eight is received.

Moved Michael Feek – Mt Albert
Seconded Brian Jago - Howick

Motions Nine and Ten are procedural and will be passed as a block.

MOTION NINE:

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

MOTION TEN:

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

Recommendation:

That Motion nine and ten are received

Moved: Michael Feek – Mt Albert

Seconded Steve King – Rocky Nook

Motions 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

With no further business, the meeting closed at 10.54am

Chairperson.....

Date.....30/7/22.....