

## **BOWLS TARANAKI (INC.)**

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF BOWLS TARANAKI HELD IN THE PARITUTU BOWLING CLUB ON FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 10.56AM.**

**WELCOME:** The Board Chairman welcomed Board members.

**PRESENT:** G. Hassall (Chairman), Messrs I. Andrews, F. Pollock, R. Wolfe, E. Foreman, K. Gray and P. Scott (Executive Officer).

**APOLOGIES:** M. Clegg. Moved F. Pollock/ R. Wolfe. **CARRIED.**

**MINUTES:** Moved F. Pollock/K. Gray that the minutes of the Board Meeting held on 20 December 2019 having been duplicated and circulated to all Members, be taken as read and confirmed. **CARRIED.**

**MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **Inwards:**

- a) Kristin Stampa: Acknowledging receipt of reply from the December meeting.
- b) Fitzroy Bowling Club: Requesting copies of the greens inspection reports. Mr Andrews will collate these and these will be sent to clubs. The meeting agreed that this was important information, and even though in most instances verbal reports had been provided to clubs, a more detailed written account should be provided next season.
- c) Steve Hoefft: Regarding seeding of post section draw in men's Open fours. Refer to Open fours debrief.
- d) Lion Foundation: Advising grant of \$1,600.

#### **Outwards:**

- a) Kristin Stampa and Cathy Andrews: Regarding final round of women's division one interclub.
- b) Bowls Wanganui: Format change of November representative fixture.
- c) Allan Batley and Russell Hardy: Format change of November representative fixture.
- d) Patty Symes: Appreciation for recording services.

Moved K. Gray/R. Wolfe that the Inwards correspondence be received and Outwards be confirmed. **CARRIED.**

### **FINANCIAL:**

The accounts that have been paid since the last meeting were distributed prior to the meeting along with a cashflow report to the end of January. The Chairman provided an explanation for expenses where necessary. It was moved I. Andrews/E. Foreman that the accounts that have been paid are approved. **CARRIED.**

It was moved F. Pollock/R. Wolfe that an application be made to the Pelorus Trust for \$2,400 for six months of office rental. **CARRIED.**

## **REPORTS:**

### Youth Bowls

The Flamingo Motel Secondary School series ends on February 24 at West End. Food and prizes have been organised. While numbers have fluctuated between 20-24, there have been some positives with the reintroduction of the event. Janice Ropitini will name a Taranaki team which will play Wellington in Wanganui on March 28.

### Towards 2020

Club engagement: There are still some reports outstanding. Board members are asked to engage with their clubs, promoting the first year singles, encouraging more umpires and getting an appreciation of what assistance is required in the clubs.

Media: The increase in newspaper cover, ongoing excellent radio reports and Facebook coverage are all seen as positives.

### Taranaki Open review

Greens: The meeting acknowledged the excellent work that enabled the standard of greens for 2020 to be so high. After discussion it was moved G. Hassall/I. Andrews that the selection of greens for 2021 be the best greens in the area in which the event is being held and where there are insufficient greens, then greens outside the area will be used. **CARRIED.**

Prizes: Resolved to leave these unchanged.

Media/community interaction: The change to the results on Google Docs was well received. The Newsletter and Livestreaming were appreciated. The meeting recorded thanks to Touchline Media for the use of their equipment for the men's Open. A further discussion about Live Streaming will take place in the future.

Format: All agreed that the overwhelming feedback from players was not to change. Regarding the letter from Steve Hoefl, it was noted that seeding of post section would be very difficult, and in fact would need to begin with section play to ensure that all teams commenced on a level playing field. This would be virtually impossible with the numbers involved.

Team composition: It was acknowledged the number of composite sides in the event. The meeting felt however that removing this over-rider would have a significant, negative impact on entries. It will remain subject to approval and is not a right.

Catering: Was well received.

Attracting more entries: More personal approaches are required to potential visitors. A review of the marketing and exposure of the fortnight is required. Mr Andrews said that a potential trip of Taranaki bowlers to the Sunshine Coast to thank them for their on-going involvement in the Open is being planned for 2021.

## **GENERAL:**

- a) Board uniforms: Everything has been resolved.
- b) Completed events:

- i) Christmas/women's open pairs: After discussion, it was resolved F. Pollock/E. Foreman that section play next season be three games of 21 ends, with two games to qualify. **CARRIED.**
  - ii) Interclub: It was resolved to continue with the requirement of sides needing an eighth player to mark. E. Foreman moved that singles be removed from the second division and be replaced by a 2-4-2 pair instead. The motion lapsed through the lack of a seconder. The meeting agreed a more fulsome review of the interclub competition is required. F. Pollock will circulate thoughts prior to the next meeting.
  - iii) Octagonal: The meeting accepted Vickie Kelly's report on the women's side. The event overall was a great showcase and promotion of Taranaki bowls. The Chairman explained the mood of the manager's meeting, which suggested changing the second single and pair to a triple. This would then require only two greens for each gender, which in turn would permit the event to move location on a rotation basis. This was supported by the board. R. Wolfe suggested a naming rights sponsor for the event. This will be addressed in the central region meeting in May.
  - iv) Under 8s hexagonal: I. Andrews reported that the event still played an important development role.
  - v) Junior 3fives: It was acknowledged the excellent work done by Sandra Zittersteijn in securing teams for this event. The final will be played at Waimea on March 4. The number of defaults, however, is a concern. Following discussion, it was moved R. Wolfe/F. Pollock that a refundable bond of \$200 be imposed on clubs. **CARRIED.**
- c) Upcoming events:
- i) Open triples (February 22-23, finals March 14): F. Pollock will look after the men (Hawera Park) and P. Scott the women (Stratford-Avon).
  - ii) Hugh Moss junior pairs (March 7-9): G. Hassall will supervise at Stratford-Avon.
  - iii) First-year singles (March 21-22): D. Bennett will supervise at Stratford-Avon.
- d) Vic Blance development programme: The Executive Officer continues to liaise with John Murtagh about the programme.
  - e) NZ intercentre: Being held in Wellington on March 20-22. Resolved I. Andrews/F. Pollock that the same arrangements as 2019 be offered to the sponsor. **CARRIED.**
  - f) Board retirements: I. Andrews and F. Pollock both indicated that they intended to seek re-election. R. Wolfe, E. Foreman and K. Gray are on year one of two and will continue next season. M. Clegg is unlikely to seek reappointment. G. Hassall said his intention was to not seek reappointment.
  - g) Notions of motion: It was noted that none had yet been received. These are required by April 30.
  - h) Advertising contract for handbooks: It was agreed to continue on the same arrangements as last year.
  - i) Hosting of women's events: The Chairman spoke about the difficulty of finding clubs to host the women's triples. He believes it is part of a wider

issue that needs attention. It was also noted, despite requests, that there are currently no women on the Board and this matter must be addressed.

- j) Annual returns: With the change from Bowls New Zealand, no annual returns have been completed. Clubs are asked to complete membership returns as at December 31, 2019. These are due by March 31.
- k) Men's Saturday Shield: It was noted the high number of defaults that have taken place. It was resolved to have a meeting with divisional personnel to discuss the matter.
- l) Executive Officer review: It was moved R. Wolfe/I. Andrews that the meeting go into committee at 12.50pm. **CARRIED**. It was moved R. Wolfe/I. Andrews that the Board come out of committee at 12.59pm. **CARRIED**.

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting of the Board of Bowls Taranaki will be on 27 March 2020 at 11am.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record. ....

Board Chairman 27 March 2020

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**CLUB SECRETARIES SPECIAL NOTES:**

1. **Annual returns**: Refer to the attached membership return. These numbers need to reflect your numbers as at December 31, 2019. These are due by March 31.
2. **Remits**: These are due with the Centre Office by April 30.
3. Nominations for President, vice president and applications for the Board all close on May 1 with the Centre Office.