**BOWLS MANAWATU**

Minutes of Board Meeting held at 4.30pm on Tuesday, 1 June 2021 in the Takaro Bowling Clubrooms

**Present:** Steve Toms (President), Mark Noble (Centre Manager), Les Webster (Vice President), Lyn Corbett, Brian Looker, Grant Pratt (Board Members)

**Apologies:** Sharon Sims (Board Member)

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2021 had been circulated to Board members. It was moved Lyn Corbett/Steve Toms that these be approved. **Carried.** Mark to forward to Clubs.

**Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**Correspondence:**

Mark had circulated the schedule of inwards and outwards correspondence.

Inward

1. Email re Hibiscus cup – Steve Toms to reply.
2. Himatangi Beach email attaching remits for the AGM.

Outward

1. Mark Noble re certificates for prize giving
2. Letter to all sponsors inviting them to the Centre Prize Giving

**Finance:** The financial statements had been circulated to Board members prior to the meeting. It was moved (Les Webster/Lyn Corbett) that the accounts for payment be approved and the financial position noted. **Carried.**

**General Business:**

1. PO Box – Mark advised that he has recently discovered the account for the PO Box was not paid under the previous administration. The Centre had had the use of the PO Box for the past six months but it was then closed. He is in the process of getting the number reallocated to the centre.
2. Mark Cameron from Bowls NZ will be visiting the Centre on 26 August. Clubs will be invited to meet with him, probably at Takaro Club.
3. The email from Bowls NZ nominating John Carter from Wellington Centre for Life Membership was noted and endorsed.
4. Grant Pratt and Les Webster both extended their apologies to the Board for their absences from Board Meetings due to personal/family reasons over the past couple of months.
5. Brian Looker asked for an explanation on how the interclub entry fee money was disbursed. It was noted that in Division I the entry fee for the two clubs representing the Centre at the Bowls NZ playoffs was paid ($500) and a grant of $500 per team was given to the two clubs. In Division II the sponsorship money was paid out in prizes. In addition funds were required to cover the cost of green fees, certificates etc.
6. Steve Toms advised that Takaro Club were still processing the complaint regarding one of its club members. It was likely that Sports Manawatu would be invited to arbitrate between the two bowlers involved.
7. In response to a query, it was confirmed that a person who has an Associate membership with a second club, cannot play club championships or represent that club at Centre or National level.
8. The Board noted with thanks the contribution made by Tania Pearson and her sons in preparing and serving the food for the presentation night. Reimbursement of the cost of food was approved along with a payment of $100 to her three sons by way of thank you for their work.
9. Mark reported at length on the meeting he had recently attended of the centres in our region. Dates for various representative fixtures were approved. The main issue to be decided from the meeting was the eligibility of players to compete in the Masters. It was agreed that Option 3 was the preferred option from the Manawatu Centre which allowed players over 65 to represent the Centre at all fixtures excluding the Octagonal and Inter-Centre and still be eligible for the Masters Team.
10. Mark advised he and Brian Looker were working on the draft programme for the 2021/22 season. It was agreed that Bowls 3 Five would follow the same format as last year with play taking place on a Friday evening. The dates for the 1-5 singles would be moved to December to allow more time for the selectors to observe prospective rep players in action. In addition to the finals weekend for Centre Open Events, there will also be a finals weekend for CC events.
11. Mark and Lyn to meet and finalise the AGM arrangements.

**Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday, 6 July 2021 at 4.30pm at Takaro Bowling Club.

The meeting closed at 5.35pm.

Signed as a true and correct record:

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Chairman Date