**BOWLS MANAWATU (INC)**

Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting of Bowls Manawatu (Inc) held at 1pm on Sunday, 18th July 2021 at the Takaro Sports Club.

**Welcome:** President, Steve Toms welcomed 22 Delegates and 16 Observers to the meeting.

**Roll call –** **Delegates:**

Ashhurst 1 Fay Jones

Bulls 1 Mike Ansell

Dannevirke 2 Jim Harding,

Foxton & Beach 2 Chris Avery, Rohan Teaz

Himatangi Beach 1 Michele Welsh

Hokowhitu 1 Heather Dilks

Johnston Park 3 Glen Miller, Helen McNearnie, Lyn Corbett

Kimbolton & District 1

Northern 2 Des Meyer, Colin Cherri

Pahiatua 1 Barry Archibald

Palmerston North 3 Denis Duffy, Beryl England, Janet Morris

Shannon 1 Phil Gausel

Takaro 2 Pat Horgan, Warren Davis

Te Kawau 1 Kerry Doyle

Terrace End 1 Dave Newell,

Woodville 1 Les Webster

**Apologies:** Nil

**Obituaries:** Members stood for a minute’s silence in memory of club members who had passed away during the previous 12 months.

**Minutes:** It was moved Steve Toms/Les Webster that the minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting held on 26 July 2020 be taken as read and adopted. **Carried.**

**Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**President’s Report, Umpires Report, Representative Selectors/Managers’ Report(s):**

It was moved Steve Toms/Rohan Teaz that the President’s Report be taken as read and adopted. **Carried.**

**Financial Reports:**

It was moved Michelle Welsh/Jim Harding that the financial reports be taken as read. It was noted that the date appearing at the top of each of the financial report pages was showing as 30 April 2020 and this should be 30 April 2021. Subject to this amendment the financial records for the year ending 30 April 2021 were approved and accepted.

**Reviewer’s Report:**

It was moved Steve Toms/Jim Harding that the Reviewer’s report be taken as read and adopted. **Carried.**

**Election of Officers and Board Members for the 2021/22 Season:**

President, Steve Toms, advised that Les Webster had resigned from the Committee and the meeting acknowledged the work done by Les over many years. Grant Pratt had indicated a willingness to take on the role of Vice President and it was moved Steve Toms/Pat Horgan that this nomination be accepted.

President Steve Toms **confirmed**

Vice President Grant Pratt **confirmed**

Board – Five members are required. Sharon Sims and Brian Looker would continue as board members for their second year. Lyn Corbett, having completed her second year as a Board member is available for re-election. It was moved Des Meyer/Heather Dilks that Lyn Corbett be re-elected. **Carried.**

Executive Board Lyn Corbett, Sharon Sims, Brian Looker.

Steve Toms advised that under Clause 19.2d (ii) of the Constitution if insufficient nominations had been received, nominations could be called from the floor at the AGM. A nomination for Rohan Teaz was received however Rohan indicated he was fully committed as President of Foxton and Beach Club and regretfully declined the nomination. The incoming board are to seek two further nominations to fill the vacancies on the Board.

**Notices of Motion**

a) Foxton & Beach moved that Manawatu Centre affiliation fees are only charged to one club that a playing member belongs to. Seconded Rohan Teaz. **Carried.**  The incoming Executive were requested to review the Bowls NZ new model regarding affiliation fees and prepare a remit for a special general meeting of the Centre to affect any amendment required.

b) Takaro Bowling Club re movement of players between divisions in the Interclub competition. Following an explanation from Mark Noble that if a competitor plays more than two games in a higher division then they cannot go back down a grade (with the exception of Junior 1-5 players who can play any number of games in any division), this notice of motion was withdrawn.

c) Himatangi Beach Club re Elizabeth Walker and Skoglund Triples that when these tournaments are played they should involve a full green instead of involving only 2-4 rinks. After lengthy discussion the motion was **defeated.**

d) Himatangi Beach Club re Elizabeth Walker and Skoglund Triples start time change to 10am. This notice of motion was **withdrawn** but it was recommended that the Skoglund Triples and Elizabeth Walker tournament co-ordinators should meet prior to the commencement of each season to discuss start times and use of greens. Centre Manager, Mark Noble was requested to amend the Centre Handbook for the 2021/22 season to incorporate Notices of Motion (c) and (d) approved at the 2020 AGM regarding amendments to conditions of play for the Skoglund Triples. **Noted.**

e) Himatangi Beach Club Notice of Motion that interclub should be played for a whole day instead of 9 half days or even over a whole weekend to get it all over freeing up more spaces. Seconded Des Meyer. Lengthy discussion took place on the pros and cons of changing the playing format for interclub. Mark Noble reminded clubs that where the Centre has “booked” dates for interclub, clubs should also note in their own programmes “club champs as required” so that in the event an interclub day was not required, then club members would be aware that club championships could be played instead. Voting was equal and the President exercised his casting vote against the Notice of Motion. **Defeated.**

f) Himatangi Beach Club Notice of Motion to bring back other divisions ie any gender and third division. President Steve Toms reminded delegates that an indication from clubs on the introduction of additional divisions had been sought some weeks prior to the AGM. It was proposed to have Division 1 Men and Women, Division 2 Men and Women, Division 3 any gender and a Junior 1-5 Division interclub sections this coming season. The Notice of Motion was then **withdrawn**.

g) Himatangi Beach club notice of motion that we should go back to previous years where there were restrictions on how many galas a club could hold. Centre Manager Mark Noble advised that clubs had been invited to submit details of their proposed galas/tournaments for inclusion in the centre programme. It was agreed that on receipt of this information from Clubs, the Centre Manager would then liaise between any clubs where there was a perceived clash of tournaments.

**Appointment of Auditor/Reviewer:**

The President advised that David Gibb was no longer able to act as Auditor/Reviewer for the Centre following his relocation to Auckland. Steve Toms thanked David for all his work over the past few years. Bruce Dilks was approached to see if he would again do this work for the Centre however, Bruce advised he does not have the appropriate certificate from the NZ Society of Accountants to undertake this work. Following discussion it was agreed by delegates present that the Board consider removing the requirement for an auditor. This would require an amendment to the Constitution by way of Special General Meeting.

**Adoption of Centre Programme:**

Des Meyer noted that interclub was scheduled to start a week earlier this coming season which might be a problem for clubs with natural greens. Mark Noble confirmed that clubs may enter as many teams in each division of interclub as they choose.

**Affiliation Fees:**

It was moved Steve Toms/Rohan Teaz that Bowls Manawatu capitation fees for the 2021/22 season remain at $27.50 plus GST as recommended by the Board. **Carried.**

**General Business:**

1. Rohan Teaz thanked Mark Noble for the excellent work he had done as Centre Manager during his first year in office and strongly recommended to the incoming Board that they review Mark’s remuneration. Steve Toms confirmed that this was already in hand.
2. Sharon Sims spoke to the proposed Bowls NZ Notice of Motion which would do away with clearance certificates. It was noted however, that Clubs would be required to provide a full list of names and addresses of all playing and social members to their respective centres. If the Notice of Motion is passed at the Bowls NZ AGM a special general meeting will be required to be held by the Centre to make the appropriate change to our Constitution.
3. A suggestion was put to the meeting that there be a Male and Female Player of the Year Award.
4. A number of Centre trophies are still missing and club delegates were asked to check at their respective clubrooms to see if any trophies were tucked away in cabinets.

In closing the meeting Steve again thanked Les Webster for his work on behalf of the Centre.

The meeting concluded at 2.30pm.

Signed as a true and correct record

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President Date