**BOWLS MANAWATU**

Minutes of Board Meeting held at 4.30pm on Tuesday, 2 February 2021 in the Takaro Bowling Clubrooms

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

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2021 had been circulated to Board members. It was moved Grant Pratt/Les Webster that these be approved. **Carried.** Mark to forward to Clubs.

**Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**Correspondence:**

Mark tabled the schedule of inwards and outwards correspondence which was self explanatory.

1. In respect to a query from a Club in the Centre, Mark advised he had sought confirmation from Bowls NZ regarding the status of 1-5 and 1-8 year players. Bowls NZ have advised that the 2019/20 season will count as a year’s play.

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

**General Business:**

1. Prize Giving night for the Centre – a sub-committee comprising Steve Toms, Grant Pratt and Mark Noble was established to co-ordinate arrangements for the Centre prize giving night. Steve advised he has had initial discussions with Mark Smith regarding catering. Mark will send invites to the sponsors.
2. Interclub fees for Takaro and Johnston Park Clubs attending the National Interclub finals – it was moved Les Webster/Grant Pratt that the Centre meet the cost of entry fees for the two clubs attending the National Interclub finals and that a grant of $500 be approved for each club in line with what was allocated the previous year. **Carried.**
3. Sponsorship – Mark indicated to Board members that he would like the Centre to advertise for someone to take over the role of obtaining sponsorship for the Centre. This would be a paid position with remuneration being based on the amount raised in each sponsorship deal. As a rough indication, for each $1000 of new sponsorship arran ged 10% of the proceeds would be paid by way of remuneration. For the renewal of existing sponsorship deals, a lesser percentage would apply. The Board agreed in principle and Mark was invited to call for expressions of interest on the Centre website and facebook pages in the first instance.
4. A request has been received from Mere Fryer to defer the final of the Centre Open Singles as she is entered in the National City Clubs bowls tournament. Mark to ascertain if Mere is unavailable for the whole weekend or just one day. If she is unavailable for the whole weekend then it was agreed she needs to choose which event she wants to play in as the National City Clubs tournament is not a Bowls NZ sanctioned event. If she is available on either the Saturday or Sunday, then the Centre will accommodate her request and card the final on the day she is available.
5. Mark advised he has set up a U-tube channel.
6. After some discussion it was agreed that a review of the current allocation of Player of the Year points would be undertaken before next season. It was further agreed that there would be a new category introduced for a 1-8 year bowler of the year.
7. Mark to check with Trevor Butcher and Bev Herbert whether they would like to be the Managers of the respective Men’s and Women 1-8 year teams at the forthcoming hexagonal or whether they would like Managers to be appointed by the Centre.
8. The Board went into committee to discuss a letter received regarding intercentre and octagonal selection. It was agreed that the High Performance Team and Centre Manager would draft a response to the player concerned.
9. Concern was expressed about the names of representative players being “leaked” prior to the official announcement of the team. The High Performance Team undertook to look into this matter. Players selected to represent the Centre are also to be reminded of their obligation to keep selectors fully informed if there was any doubt about their ability to participate in any event.
10. Grant advised that as Manager of the Men’s Quadrangular team at the weekend he had received very favourable comments about the appearance of the Manawatu team in their new shirts.
11. Les advised that the final round of Skogs commenced today with Section 1 down to play eight games and Sections 2 and 3, ten games each. He further advised that Skogs will continue when the Masters team is away. Kimbolton club’s green is now open for play.
12. The Board extended their congratulations to players from the Centre who had successfully competed in the Taranaki Men’s and Women’s open fours recently.
13. A discussion paper has been received from Bowls NZ and circulated to Board Members. It was agreed that:
* We supported Bowls NZ establishing a discussion paper to consider the equalisation of travel to National Intercentre and Interclub events;
* We support the proposal to remove the need for a clearance certificate process from the Bowls NZ constitution but each club must maintain a register of playing members in their region;
* We have not yet adopted the Bowls NZ “Club Affiliation Fee” model, however we expect this to be an agenda item at our AGM in 2021 or 2022;
* Champion of champions – we support the status quo whereby only Club champions may play in a Centre Champ of champions event.

**Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday, 9 March 2021 at 4.30pm in the Takaro Clubrooms.

The meeting closed at 5.30pm.

Signed as a true and correct record:

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Chairman Date