

MINUTES OF THE 20TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF BOWLS NEW ZEALAND

HELD AT
CARLTON CORNWALL BOWLS,
126 MARKET ROAD, EPSOM, AUCKLAND

ON
SATURDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER 2015
AT
10.00AM

1. **OPENING AND WELCOME**

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming those present to the 20th Annual General Meeting, with a special welcome to Life Members Jean Ashby and Martin Christensen and also to Sport NZ Relationship Manager, Sarah Dunning, Craig Fisher from RSM Hayes Audit and Maria Clarke Lawyer.

2. **OBITUARIES**

Ann Katavich - (Northland), NZ Champion of Champion Singles Bowls Champion 1985.

Colin Brown (Auckland) - NZBA President 1994/95, Inaugural Bowls NZ Board Member.

Gloria Bryant (Taranaki) - Past Bowls NZ Selector, Past President of NZ Women's Bowling Association and Past Councilor of Bowls New Zealand.

Phil Skoglund OBE (Palmerston North) - Cap# 43, NZBA Councilor 1976 – 1984, NZ Representative 1966 – 1991.

Ian Peters Gladstone Roche QSM - NZBA President 1993/94, Bowls Dunedin Patron.

3. **PRESENT**

Delegates:

Northern Region – Peter McKechnie, Greg Johnson, John Morgan, Chris Richter-Visser.

Central Region – John Hanning, Don Christensen, Rangi Johnson, Robin Jefferson.

Southern Region – Phil Cross, Pat Doig, Maurice Symes, Ruth Grant.

Board: Cushla McGillivray (Chair), Ann Muir (President), Mike Spring (Vice President), Matt Benson.

CEO; Kerry Clark, Bowls NZ Staff, Life Members, Centre Representatives and Observers.



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4. APOLOGIES

Northern Region Delegate, Murray Dorreen was unable to attend the meeting due to undergoing heart surgery. It was agreed by the Auckland Board that Peter McKechnie take his place as Delegate.

Retiring Board Members Shane Goldfinch, Andy McLean and Mark Kendrick also sent their apologies.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 19TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BOWLS NZ – HELD IN AUCKLAND ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2014

“That the Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting of Bowls New Zealand, held in Auckland on 13th September 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.”

MOVED: Peter McKechnie SECONDED: Rangī Johnson
CARRIED

6. RECEIVING OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING 30TH JUNE 2015, TOGETHER WITH STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AND AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR BOWLS NZ FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD

The President thanked the bowls community for her two years serving as President and referred to her message in the Annual Report.

The Chair then spoke to her report. “In speaking to my comments in the Annual report I would just like to highlight a few areas.

It is heartening to read of the increased participation in bowls. We need to deliver our sport to meet the market. That market is changing quickly and is challenging.

Our new Strategic Plan runs from 2015 – 2020 and sets out not only

Why do we exist?

What will we do?

How will we do it?

But it reflects the fast changing world that we live in and the need for us to be nimble and energetic to meet the challenges.

Our Values have not changed – your Board is conscious of these when considering each strategic decision – These are (ENJOY GROW SHARE HONOUR SUCCEED) more details are shown in the Report.



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BENZ personnel and our staff are working hard to deliver quality international events on behalf of World Bowls. This is an extra burden on our staff that still has to complete their contracted duties. We thank them for their additional work.

We could not operate without our sponsors and funders, and we especially thank Sarah Dunning, our Relationship Manager with Sport New Zealand for her support and assistance throughout the year.

Bowls NZ is fortunate to have skilled and helpful professional advisers in Maria Clarke, our legal adviser plus Craig Fisher and his team from RSM Hayes Audit in the Audit and Accounting area. Your advice is valued and appreciated.

I am proud that our Board received compliments following the Governance Benchmarking Update 2014 and these comments are recorded in the report.

As I said last year, OUR MISSION has not changed- your Board and Kerry's team are working hard to deliver a sport that is enjoyable, entertaining and accessible to all New Zealanders now and in the future."

The CEO then spoke to his report. "My report to the AGM is outlined on pages 6 to 14 of the Annual Report which you all have a copy of.

As I have highlighted in my report the last financial year has been one of significant change and that momentum won't change over the years ahead.

In the last 12 months the organisation went through the Sport NZ Organisational Development Review process and we received a very satisfactory report indicating we are a sound, well run organisation but more importantly we are on the right track strategically in working with willing partners on our identified participation pathway.

That report also recommended some changes to the governance process which have been implemented by the Board. The final comment from those who conducted the governance review was "Bowls NZ has the potential to be an exemplar for good governance in the NZ Sport Setting". High praise indeed to the Board.

We have a sound platform to move forward from.

Sport NZ who are a major partner have produced a new Strategic Plan and their focus has required all sports in NZ to review their community sport plans. We have done that and have submitted our reviewed process to Sport NZ but as a consequence of this process and the governance review we have also reviewed our strategic Plan. This has been a major exercise but the end result is a one page document which is easily understood with a focus on 2 key outcomes (increased participation and respected champions) with published targets in both areas that provide some stretch over the life of the plan.



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It is absolutely clear that for any sports organisation to survive in today's world we must understand who our customers are and what they want. That's the key to increasing participation and survival. Our organisation at every level must embrace this ethos and must be flexible and prepared to change direction quickly if the customer feedback points to change.

As well as strategic and governance changes, 2014/2015 has been a busy year on the operational front. I include in my comments here the achievements in Christchurch of our subsidiary company, BENZ. Reports against our key focus areas are included in the annual report but some key facts are worth mentioning -

- Over 28,000 people entered and played in National Events
- We have reviewed all Events going forward and a summary of the changes will be outlined in the Forum following the AGM
- We successfully hosted two major international events at Christchurch in November and March
- We have SKY TV covering major events without direct cost to Bowls NZ
- Our relationship with the Inside Bowls magazine continues to grow. Readership is over 130,000 and over 9,000 of those are in NZ.
- We have grown our commercial partners which is heartening but this will only escalate once we have grown our database to include all of those playing in MIB and events at every level
- Much has been happening on the Coaching front and no better example of the value of Coaching and how it improves performance was demonstrated at the Commonwealth Youth Games in Samoa earlier this month through the success of Ashleigh Jeffcoat and Seamus Curtin guided by their Coach Evan Roberts.

The challenges going forward are many in the participation area but with an approach to engagement agreed and supported at all levels of the sport (Club, Centre and Bowls NZ) they present great opportunities for growth.

Other key changes on the horizon being worked through for all levels of the sport are -

- New Health and Safety guidelines
- A new financial reporting regime which comes into force in the 2015/2016 financial year. We have changed our accounting package to Xero to assist this process.
- The Incorporated Societies Act is being re-written and the first draft of that will be available this year.
- We are hosting major International events in Christchurch in 2015/2016 which need your support
- We will host a major conference in Christchurch prior to World Bowls 2016 (25th and 26th November 2016 on the changing



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landscape of participation in sport) – It will be promoted to all World Bowls Countries as well as Clubs, Centres and individuals in NZ. We have already pencilled in some outstanding keynote speakers –this is to be a “not to be missed” event.

- We must grow our database of those involved in our sport. Over 114,000 participants yet we have an e-mail address for just over 5,000 –we must do better! We are updating our IT systems but need your support to grow the database.

Finally thank you to the Board for your Leadership and Vision and to all of our staff for their dedication and hard work.

These are challenging but exciting times but if we all work together the future has exciting prospects.”

MOVED: Cushla McGillivray SECONDED: Ann Muir
CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING THE AUDITORS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF BOWLS NZ FOR THE PRECEDING FINANCIAL YEAR**

In introducing the accounts the Chair reported the following-
You have received the Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Audited Statement of Accounts.

In speaking to the Accounts I want to give you some background on how our finances have been managed during this financial year. The Board has been kept fully informed.

Revenue targets have not been met for 2014/2015 but the organisation is in a sound equity position. Expenditure control continues to be very well done but going forward there must be greater attention paid to increasing revenue. In addition there is no contingency fund to fall back on for extraordinary expenditure. Without a change to the membership model and a commitment to supplying database information this will continue to be a problem. Under the Sport NZ funding model there is no guarantee of continued funding at current levels. You will also be aware that Grant income is year to year and is also not guaranteed.

Revenue was \$198403 below budget with the major contributor being sponsorship income not being achieved. New contracts were signed during the year with Heartland and Ryman’s but the full effect of these will not come into play until the 2015/2016 financial year. In addition we are showing a net return to Bowls NZ for the Grants and Tiger Turf contracts which, if the gross amount of the contract negotiated was shown would be an additional \$110,000 in the revenue line.

On the other side of the ledger we made savings of \$256,703 against the expenditure budget which resulted in a net deficit for the year of \$64,390 before depreciation and NZST amortisation.

Some great work has been done during the year in the Grants area.



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Bowls NZ staff are also doing all the commercial and grants work for BENZ and the combined work load is putting pressure on our commercial and financial teams.

To enable growth to occur in the sponsorship/commercial space we need to grow the database considerably. While the database has grown during the year there remains considerable space for improvement but convincing our community is a hard sell.

The Board is confident that taking our finances over a four year term (i.e. through to 30 June 2017) and following the result from the WB Internationals being run through BENZ that the losses incurred over the period to that time will be recovered.

Craig Fisher of RSM Hayes Audit then addressed the meeting.

“That the Annual Report and the Statement of Income and Expenditure for Bowls NZ as at 30th June 2015, be received, approved and adopted.”

“That the Audited Statement of Accounts of Bowls NZ as at 30th June 2015, be received, approved and adopted.”

MOVED: Cushla McGillivray **SECONDED:** Ann Muir
CARRIED

8. THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

There being only one nomination for the position of President, Mike Spring was appointed as the President of Bowls NZ by acclamation. There being only one nomination for the position of Vice-President, Jeanette Sinclair was appointed as the Vice President of Bowls NZ by acclamation. Both the President and Vice President addressed the meeting.

The Past President, President and Vice President badges were then presented.

9. THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF BOWLS NZ

The Chair thanked retiring President Ann Muir and Board Members Andy McLean, Shane Goldfinch and Mark Kendrick for their contribution to the Board and the Bowls community.

The nomination by the Board Selection Panel of Hayley Jones, Tony Lepper and Craig Bruce was approved.

MOVED: John Hanning **SECONDED:** Peter McKechnie
CARRIED

Each new member then addressed the meeting.



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10. **ADVISING THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 13.1(c) OF THE BOWLS NZ CONSTITUTION**

1. Membership fee for Playing Members to be \$31.50 plus G.S.T. with no fee for Non-Playing Life, Associate, Honorary and Social Members.
2. Membership fee for students up to the age of 25 years who are in a full time course of education to be \$15.25 plus G.S.T.

MOVED: Phil Cross
CARRIED

SECONDED: Don Christensen

11. **THE APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITOR FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR**

“That RSM Hayes be appointed as the Auditors for Bowls New Zealand for the 2015/2016 financial year.”

MOVED: John Morgan
CARRIED

SECONDED: Ruth Grant

12. **THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO THE BOARD SELECTION PANEL AND A DEPUTY**

“That John Hanning be appointed to the Board Selection Panel and Robin Jefferson appointed as Deputy.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. **CONSIDERING AND DETERMINING ANY NOTICES OF MOTION WHICH PROPOSE ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF WHICH DUE AND PROPER NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

The following motions were proposed by the Bowls NZ Board under Rule 22.2.1 of the Constitution of Bowls New Zealand Incorporated (“Bowls NZ”) for consideration by the Members at the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

Moved that Life Members, Martin Christensen and Jean Ashby be appointed as scrutineers.

Delegates agreed that the motions be dealt with in blocks.

MOVED: Chris Richter-Visser
CARRIED:

SECONDED: Maurice Symes

REGIONAL SERVICE CENTRES (MOTIONS 1 – 17)

Explanation for Proposed Motions 1 -17

Motions 1 to 17 all relate to the Board’s proposal to remove Regional Service Centres (RSC) from being part of the Bowls NZ structure. The Board



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has reviewed the operations of the Regional Service Centres and due to variability in delivery, considers that it will be more efficient and effective for Bowls NZ to contract with a Centre or Centres in a Region on an “as needed” basis to undertake services, programmes and activities across the Region. In other words, while it is proposed that the RSC as a formalised entity within the Bowls NZ structure cease, the practical application of it may continue as required by Bowls NZ.

1. **Motion 1 – Rule 2¹: Interpretation “Delegate”**

THAT the definition of “Delegate” be deleted and replaced with the following:

“Delegate” means a person elected to represent the Centres in a Region at General Meetings in accordance with Rule 22.5.

2. **Motion 2 – Rule 2: Interpretation “Regional Centre”**

THAT the definitions of “Regional Centre” and “Regional Obligations” be deleted.

3. **Motion 3 – Rule 8: Regional Centres**

THAT the heading of “Regional Centres” be deleted and replaced with “Regions”.

4. **Motion 4 – Rule 8: Regional Centres**

THAT rule 8.1 (Number and Allocation of Regional Centres) be deleted in its entirety.

5. **Motion 5 – Rule 8: Regional Centres**

THAT rule 8.2.2 be amended by deleting the words “Regional Centre/s and” so as to read as follows:

“The Board may change the allocation of Centres to each Region after consultation with the affected Centres”.

6. **Motion 6 – Rule 8: Regional Centres**

THAT rule 8.2.3 be deleted in its entirety.

7. **Motion 7 – Rule 8: Regional Centres**

THAT the following rules be deleted in their entirety:

¹ The rule numbers referred to are those in the existing Bowls NZ constitution (September 2013).



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- Rule 8.3 (Role and Function of Regional Centres)
- Rule 8.4 (Obligations of Regional Centres)
- Rule 8.5 (Authority of Regional Centres)
- Rule 8.6 (Revocation as Regional Centre).

8. **Motion 8 – New Rule: Regions**

THAT the following new rules be added to rule 8 as follows:

- 8.2 *The Centres in each Region shall appoint Delegates for General Meetings in accordance with Rule 22.5.*
- 8.3 *A Centre or Centres in a Region may, at the request of, and in agreement with, Bowls NZ, act to further the interests of bowls in its Region by delivering services, programmes and/or activities in the Region. If such agreement is entered into, the Centre or Centres shall be authorised to act outside of their Centre area in the Region solely for the purposes of, and to the extent authorised by, that agreement.*
- 8.4 *Except to the extent specified in this Constitution, no Centre is authorised to act for or on behalf of a Region.*
- 8.5 *Where a Centre or Centres in a Region have entered into an agreement with Bowls NZ as specified in Rule 8.3, all Centres, Clubs and Member in the Region shall accept and recognise the authority of that Centre or Centres that are party to that agreement, to deliver the services, programme and activities in the Region which are specified in that agreement.*

9. **Motion 9- Rule 15.1(d): Membership Return**

THAT rule 15.1(d) be amended by deleting the words “Regional Centre” and replacing them with “Region” so as to read as follows:

*“Determining the voting entitlement for each **Region** at a General Meeting”*

10. **Motion 10 – Rule 22.5: Delegates and Observers**

THAT rule 22.5.1 be deleted and replaced with the following:

“There shall be a minimum of two (2) and up to four (4) Delegates from each Region to represent the Centres in each Region at General Meetings. The process for electing, and notifying Bowls NZ of, these representatives (including any substitute delegates) shall be in accordance with the Regulations. ”



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11. **Motion 11 – Rule 22.5.2: Notifying Delegate**

THAT rule 22.5.2 be deleted in its entirety, as it will be covered in the Regulations.

12. **Motion 12 – Rule 22.5.4: Acting as Delegate**

THAT rule 22.5.4 be amended by deleting the words “Regional Centre” and replacing them with “Region” so as to read as follows:

*“No individual shall act as a Delegate for more than one (1) **Region** at the same General Meeting”.*

13. **Motion 13 – Rule 22.5.5: Representation**

THAT rule 22.5.5 be amended by deleting the words “their Regional Centre” and replacing them with “the Centres in their Region” so as to read as follows:

*“Each Delegate shall represent and vote on behalf of **the Centres in their Region** in accordance with Rule 22.6”*

14. **Motion 14 – Rule 22.5.6: Substitute Delegate**

THAT rule 22.5.6 be deleted in its entirety as it will be covered in the Regulations.

15. **Motion 15 – Rule 22.6.1: Voting**

THAT rule 22.6.1 be amended by:

- deleting the words “from the Regional Centres,” and
- inserting the words “(regardless of the number of Delegates from each Region)” so as to read as follows:

*“Each Region represented at a General Meeting by its Delegates (**regardless of the number of Delegates from each Region**) shall be entitled to one vote for each one thousand (1000) or fraction of each one thousand (1000) Playing Members of the Clubs within the Region”*

16. **Motion 16 – Rule 22.6.2: Voting on behalf of Centres**

THAT rule 22.6.2 be amending by adding the following sentence to the rule:

“Delegates must exercise their vote in accordance with any directions given by the Centres in their Region, and if necessary, split their votes accordingly”



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so as to read as follows:

“Each Delegate may in any given situation exercise his/her vote either to the maximum entitlement or in fractions of the maximum. Delegates must exercise their vote in accordance with any directions given by the Centres in their Region, and if necessary, split their votes accordingly.”

17. **Motion 17 – Rule 22.6.3: Voting Declaration**

THAT rule 22.6.3 be amended by:

- deleting the words “Regional Centre” and replacing them with “Region”;
- deleting the words “Individual Members” and replacing them with “Playing Members”,

so as to read as follows:

*“The Chief Executive shall declare the voting entitlement for each Region at a General Meeting, based on the most up to date records held at the offices of Bowls NZ as to the number of **Playing Members**”.*

MOVED: Maurice Symes SECONDED: John Morgan
CARRIED by ballot 28 votes for 0 against

TERM OF OFFICE OF BOARD MEMBERS (MOTIONS 16 – 21)

Explanation

Motions 18 to 21 propose that the term of office of all Board Members (including President and Vice-President) be changed to three years (currently two years). This change was recommended to the Board, following a governance review undertaken by independent governance experts, Board Works International, in 2015. It recommended the increase to a three year term of office as it is current best practice.

18. **Motion 18 – Rule 18.5.2: Term of Office**

THAT rule 18.5.2 be amended by:

- a. deleting the words “two (2)” and replacing them with “three(3)” ; and
- b. adding the following sentence: “Board Members, who are in office at the conclusion of the AGM held in 2015, shall



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complete their term of office for the period for which they were elected or appointed under the previous rule in this Constitution, being two years”.

so as to read as follows:

*“Subject to the provisions of this Rule, Board appointments shall be for a period of **three (3)** years. **Board Members, who are in office at the conclusion of the AGM held in 2015, shall complete their term of office for the period for which they were elected or appointed under the previous rule in this Constitution, being two years.***

19. **Motion 19 – Rule 18.5.3: Rotation of Board Members**

THAT rule 18.5.3 be deleted in its entirety.

With the 3 year term of office there will be some years where there are no elections. If a vacancy arises this can be dealt with by appointing a person under Rule 18 for the balance of the term (see also Motion 21).

20. **Motion 20 – Rule 17.3: President and Vice-President Term of Office**

THAT rule 17.3 be amended by:

- a. deleting the words “two (2)” and replacing them with “three (3)”;
- b. adding the words “Subject to Rule 18.5.2,” at the start of the rule”; and
- c. deleting the word “second” on the second line, and replacing it with “third”

so as to read as follows:

*“**Subject to Rule 18.5.2**, the term of office of the President and Vice-President shall be for **three (3)** years, commencing at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected, and expiring at the close of the **third** Annual General Meeting following their appointment. A President and Vice-President is eligible for re-election”.*

21. **Motion 21 – Rule 18.7.1: Vacancies**

This motion adds a new sub-rule (g) to the existing rule 18.7.1 (with consequential grammar changes) so that if a position on the Board



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is vacant due to it not being filled at the AGM (eg insufficient candidates), this also constitutes a vacancy that can be filled by the Board.

THAT rule 18.7.1 be deleted and replaced with the following:

The office of a Board Member shall become vacant if:

- (a) *the Board Member dies; or*
- (b) *the Board Member becomes ineligible to continue to hold office by reason of disqualification or suspension; or*
- (c) *the Board Member becomes bankrupt; or*
- (d) *the Board Member commits a criminal offence punishable by a term of imprisonment or;*
- (e) *the Board Member resigns in writing; or*
- (f) *the Board Member is absent, unless leave of absence is granted by the Board, from more than two successive meetings; or*
- (g) *the position is not filled by appointment or election under Rule 17.2 or Rule 18.4 .*

MOVED: John Morgan SECONDED: John Hanning
MOTIONS LOST by ballot 0 votes for and 28 against

MATCH FIXING (MOTIONS 22 – 24)

Explanation

Sport NZ requires all national sports organisation receiving funding from it to have rules relating to match fixing in place. It published a template policy which it recommends all NSOs adopt. The Board has prepared a Regulation based on that policy which sets out the process for handling any allegations of match fixing. This Regulation provides a specific process for dealing with match fixing including an Integrity Officer and a separate Integrity Tribunal. As the Constitution already has a process for misconduct, we need to exclude match fixing from that process as it has its own process, as set out in the proposed motions 22 to 24.

22. Motion 22 – Rule 2: Interpretation “Match Fixing”

THAT a new definition be added for “Match Fixing” as follows:



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“Match Fixing means conduct defined as prohibited conduct in the Bowls NZ Anti-Match Fixing Regulation including corruption, betting, misusing inside information, and other offences.

23. **Motion 23 – Rule 2: Interpretation “Misconduct”**

THAT the definition of “Misconduct” be amended by inserting in (b) the words “unless it is Match Fixing, as specified in the Bowls NZ Anti-Match Fixing Regulation, in which case that Regulation shall apply” so as to read as follows:

*“(b) deliberately loses or attempts to lose a Games of Bowls or plays unfairly, **unless it is Match Fixing in which case the Bowls NZ Anti-Match Fixing Regulation shall apply**”*

24. **Motion 24 – Rule 2: Interpretation “Misconduct”**

THAT the definition of “Misconduct” in (f)(ii) be deleted and replaced it with the following:

*“(f)(ii) **any Regulation** (other than the Bowls NZ Anti-Doping Regulation or the **Bowls NZ Anti-Match Fixing Regulation**), or the regulations, by-laws or other rules (however described) of any Centre or Club”*

MOVED: Greg Johnson

SECONDED: John Morgan

Agreed that the Delegates will vote on these by a show of hands.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER MOTIONS (MOTIONS 25 – 29)

25. **Motion 25 – Rule 16.2.5: Notification of Suspension or Termination**

This motion is proposed to make it expressly clear that Bowls NZ must notify all Clubs and Centres in the event a member is suspended or terminated by their Club or Centre.

THAT rule 16.2.5 be amended by adding the words “and notify all Clubs and Centres accordingly” so as to read as follows:

Notification of a Decision: *Upon the decision by the Club to suspend or terminate a Member under its constitution, the Club shall within seven (7) days of the decision inform the Centre of the decision, which in turn shall (within a further seven (7) days) inform Bowls NZ, of such decision. If the decision to suspend or terminate membership under its constitution is made by the Centre, it shall within seven (7) days of the decision inform all the Clubs which are*



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*Members of the Centre and Bowls NZ, of such decision. In either case, Bowls NZ shall then amend the Register of Members **and notify all Clubs and Centres accordingly.***

26. **Motion 26 – Rule 30: Liquidation and Dissolution**

Motions 26 and 27 are proposed to make it expressly clear that Bowls NZ can either be liquidated or dissolved, as provided for in the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. Dissolution is more efficient and cost effective than liquidation.

THAT the heading of rule 30 “Liquidation”, be deleted and replaced with “*Liquidation and Dissolution*”.

27. **Motion 27 – Rule 30.1: Liquidation and Dissolution**

THAT rule 30.1 be amended by:

- a. Adding the words “or request the Registrar of Incorporated Societies to dissolve it”, following the words at the start of the rule “Members may resolve to put Bowls NZ into liquidation”; and,
- b. Adding the words “or a resolution requesting the Registrar of Incorporated Societies to dissolve it”, after the words “passes a resolution appointing a liquidator”.

So as to read as follows:

*“Members may resolve to put Bowls NZ into liquidation **or request the Registrar of Incorporated Societies to dissolve it**, if Bowls NZ at a General Meeting of its Members passes a resolution appointing a liquidator **or a resolution requesting the Registrar of Incorporated Societies to dissolve it**, and the resolution is confirmed at a subsequent General Meeting called together for that purpose and held not earlier than thirty (30) days after the date on which the resolution to be confirmed was passed. The term “**resolution**” in this context means the resolution carried by a majority of the valid votes cast by Delegates voting at the General Meeting in person, and the resolution shall be taken to be confirmed at the subsequent General Meeting if the confirmation is carried by such a majority.”*

28. **Motion 28 – Contents and Numbering**



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THAT the contents and all numbering in the Constitution be updated so that the numbering throughout the Constitution is consecutive and consistent and any references to those numbers are updated accordingly.

29. **Motion 29 – Amendments to take effect on registration**

THAT the alterations made to the Constitution at this meeting, come into force upon the registration of them by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies. For avoidance of doubt, the amendments to rules 17 and 18 shall become operative from the elections and appointments of Board Members at the AGM held in 2016.

MOVED: Greg Johnson

SECONDED: Peter McKechnie

The delegates agreed to vote on Motions 25-29 by show of hands.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. **CONSIDERING AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD AS A RESULT OF ANY OTHER NOTICES OF MOTION WHICH DUE AND PROPER NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

No recommendations were put forward.

15. **TRANSACTING OTHER BUSINESS AS THE GENERAL MEETING DEEMS APPROPRIATE**

John Hanning, Central Region Delegate – The time is right for Bowls NZ to consider that there be change to alternating President and Vice President by gender, He recommended that the best person for the role is selected.

To be discussed by the Board at the May 2016 Board Meeting.

In conclusion the Chair thanked everyone for their contribution. And asked everybody to take notice of the upcoming presentations and noted the importance of change.

Permission was given to the scrutineers to destroy the voting papers.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.25am and thanked Delegates for their participation and wished everyone enjoyment and success in the new season.

Chair

Date



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