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**MINUTES OF THE 22ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF BOWLS NEW ZEALAND**

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

**ON
SATURDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER 2017
AT
10.00AM**

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming those present to the 22nd Annual General Meeting, with a special welcome to Life Members Jean Ashby and Martin Christensen and also to Sport NZ Relationship Manager, Sarah Dunning and Craig Fisher from RSM Hayes.

2. OBITUARIES

Mal Morrison (Paeroa), former National Selector, Manager of NZ teams and Councillor.

Alan Boulton (Taranaki), former National Selector and Councillor.

Jean Ryan (Auckland) (Roskill Club and Onehunga Women's Club) - Cap 21 – represented New Zealand at Women's World Bowls 1988 in Auckland. Won 6 National titles.

Danny O'Connor (Auckland) (Okahu Bay Club) - Cap 65 - represented New Zealand at Commonwealth Games 1982 in Brisbane and Trans-Tasman 1982 and 1983. Winner of NZ Gold Star and bar for 10 National Open Titles.

Lynette (Lyn) McLean - Women's cap 25, Northern Bowling Club, Manawatu Centre
Commonwealth Games 1990 - Auckland
Asia/Pacific Championships 1989 – Fiji.

Des Craig (Wellington)
NZWBA Councillor - 78 -80; 81-86; 93-96

Bowls NZ Councillor - 96 -2000
Bowls NZ Executive Member - 97 - 99
Life Member Bowls Wellington

Audrey Fry (Northland)

President NZWBA 1993-1994
Councillor Bowls New Zealand - 1996 to 1999

Bryan Furness (Wairarapa)

Bowls NZ Councillor – 1998 - 2001

3. PRESENT

Delegates:

Region 1 – Jill Fraser, Michael Feek, Graham Dorreen.
Region 2 – Rangi Johnson, Robin Jefferson, Gerry Macgregor, Neville Turnbull.
Region 3 – Graeme Soper, Ruth Grant, Maurice Symes, Jan Tucker.

Board: Cushla McGillivray (Chair), Mike Spring (President), Jeanette Sinclair (Vice President), Craig Bruce, Tony Lepper, Daniel Shore and Allan Smith.

ALSO PRESENT: CEO; Mark Cameron, Bowls NZ Staff, Life Members, and Observers.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Brett O’Riley, new Board Member nominee, and John Hanning from Wellington.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 21ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BOWLS NZ – HELD IN AUCKLAND ON 17TH SEPTEMBER 2016

“That the Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting of Bowls New Zealand, held in Auckland on 19th September 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.”

MOVED: Rangi Johnson
CARRIED

SECONDED: Gerry Macgregor

6. RECEIVING OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING 30TH JUNE 2017, TOGETHER WITH STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AND AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR BOWLS NZ FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD

The Chair advised the meeting of a correction to be noted on page 28 of the Annual Report, Kerry Clark’s title should read CNZM.

President Mike Spring spoke to his report:

“Madame Chair, Board Members, Delegates, ladies and gentlemen, tena kotu tatoa

It has been my great privilege to serve Bowls New Zealand and the Bowlers of New Zealand as President for the past two years. In that time I have travelled many miles, I have

attended many events and many forums, I have visited many clubs, I have met many people; I have experienced many highs, I have experienced a few lows. Right around the country there is great enthusiasm for this sport of ours as well as a sense of concern on the viability of the sport in the face of declining membership – but there is also growing recognition of the increasing reach our sport has in our general population; members are down, but participation is up. And it is for this reason that in all my speaking engagements around the country I have emphasized the need to embrace change, to accept that today’s time poor population still wants to participate but they want to participate on their terms, so if we are to survive we must provide what they want, when they want, where they want. And so I make no apology for continuing to preach change – indeed, in my acceptance speech two years ago I quoted from Belinda Moore who, when talking of change, said “those who don’t adapt face a slow decline into obscurity” and I went on to say that “I don’t intend to allow this organization to achieve obscurity.

As I complete my term our sport will have a new leadership team in place. You will have a new President, a new Chairman, and a new CEO. I wish them all the very best – particularly you Mark as you face the challenges ahead, and you Cushla as you face your next challenges in life after chairing this organization for the past five years. I have enjoyed the professionalism of our Board and our staff.

I must make a couple of special thank you’s. Firstly, I owe a great debt to my wife Fay who has been totally supportive of me throughout the past four years – she has basically put her interests on hold for bowls. And in every speech I have made, in every welcome message I have written, I have provided a greeting and salutation in te reo. I’d like to recognise my cultural adviser, Rauru Kirikiri, who has put aside his many commitments – particularly to the Waitangi Tribunal – to advise me on my Te Reo. If Bowls NZ ever wants to appoint a kaumatua I’d certainly point in Rau’s direction.

Jeanette, I wish you all the very best for your term as President. I am sure that, like me, you will have a blast. And to our new Board and CEO Mark, enjoy the ride and if you need my services in the future I stand ready.

And now, to repeat the salutation in my report:

<p>Tenei te tuohu Tukuna te hoe Oti atu ki tona turanga</p> <p>Which literally translates as:</p>	<p>[I bow before you (as I) Dip my paddle into the water (with the intention of) landing in the promised land/place</p> <p>- meaning I salute you all as I leave now for other places.</p>
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Kati mo naianeī, arohanui.”

The Chair spoke to her report:

“My report this year is quite long so I don’t intend to add much more expect to highlight the very positive results that have been achieved as a sport at the community level, our Blackjacks’ during the World Bowls event, and the recognition of two special people in the Queen’s Birthday Honours, Kerry Clark and Ann Muir for their services to bowls.

I welcome Mark Cameron to his role as our CEO; the Board has every confidence in him and look forward to supporting his initiatives.

It has been a personal thrill for me to work with our dedicated staff who are polite, respectful and hardworking, and nothing is ever a problem.

To the Board, thank you for allowing me to be your Chair, that has been a great honour. The sport is in good heart and will meet the changes and challenges that are needed to take it to the next level of engagement.”

The CEO then addressed the meeting by speaking to the financials;

- a. The audited accounts (contained within the annual report) reflect a consolidated position of both Bowls NZ and BENZ (2016 World Champs.)
- b. Bowls NZ reports a deficit of \$180K for the 2016/2017 financial year. This compares with a budgeted deficit of \$120K.
- c. There are reasons for the variance including;
 - i. BENZ (2016 World Champs) reported a loss of \$53,000 due primarily to less than expected commission and ticket sales.
 - ii. Membership continues to decline, a reflection of our declining club membership numbers.
 - iii. Other revenues were up, reflecting the additional revenues earned from the 2016 World Bowls event.
 - iv. Other expenditure was also up, reflecting again the activity from World Bowls event.
 - v. Bowls NZ reserves continues to maintain a healthy net equity position of \$1.3 million.

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

“That the Annual Report and the Statement of Income and Expenditure for Bowls NZ as at 30th June 2017, be received, approved and adopted.”

“That the Audited Statement of Accounts of Bowls NZ as at 30th June 2017, be received, approved and adopted.”

MOVED: Cushla McGillivray SECONDED: Craig Bruce
CARRIED

8. THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

The Chair thanked the President for his work on the Board over the last four years.

“Mike has been a Board member since 2014 firstly as Vice President and then for the last two years as President. Mike, you can be proud of your contribution not only in your social role attending events but also your contribution to Board matters. You have a very good eye for detail with written documents and have delivered your speeches well and thoughtfully. We know how much you have enhanced the presentation of Awards to recipients around the country. It is especially pleasing to note your record of appreciation of the good work by all the staff especially when attending events. They come under unfair criticism from time to time. Thank you Mike.”

The Chair also acknowledged the contribution and hard work of retired Board Members, Matt Benson and Hayley Jones.

There being only one nomination for the position of President, Jeanette Sinclair was appointed as the President of Bowls NZ by acclamation. The incoming President addressed the meeting and expressed her thanks to Cushla McGillivray and Mike Spring. There being only one nomination for the position of Vice President, Robin Jefferson was appointed as the Vice President of Bowls NZ by acclamation who also 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 nomination by the Board Selection Panel for the reappointment of three sitting members Craig Bruce, Tony Lepper and Allan Smith for full two year terms was approved. The appointment of new member Brett O'Riley for one year being the balance of the term of Cushla McGillivray was also approved. Brett O'Riley had sent his apologies. The board members then addressed the meeting expressing their thanks to the retiring Chair and outgoing President.

MOVED: Graham Doreen
CARRIED

SECONDED: Michael Feek

9. **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 \$32.33 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 \$15.65 plus G.S.T.

MOVED: Maurice Symes
CARRIED

SECONDED: Ruth Grant

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

"That RSM Hayes be appointed as the Auditors for Bowls New Zealand for the 2017/2018 financial year."

MOVED: Jan Tucker
CARRIED

SECONDED: Rangi Johnson

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

"That John Hanning be re-appointed to the Board Selection Panel and Gerry Macgregor appointed as Deputy."

MOVED: Maurice Symes
CARRIED

SECONDED: Rangi Johnson

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

No notices of motion were put forward for consideration at the meeting.

13. 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 to the Board for consideration.

14. TRANSACTING OTHER BUSINESS AS THE GENERAL MEETING DEEMS APPROPRIATE

Alteration in Centre District Boundaries

The Board wished to report that under Clause 7.4(iii) it had approved the Alteration in Centre Boundaries with the Papatoetoe Hunters Corner Bowling Club to leave Counties Manukau Centre and join Auckland Bowls with agreement of all parties.

NOTED

Michael Feek, Region 1 Delegate, spoke to the meeting and asked the Board to look at categories of membership, in particular a limited membership that would allow playing rights.

Graham Dorreen, Region 1 Delegate, also put a question to the Board, to look at a longer term for national events to provide some certainty.

Thanks to Retiring Chair

The President addressed the meeting:

“In speaking to my report I noted Cushla’s departure without elaboration. It is now time for that.

Cushla has an enviable record of service to sport. Almost 30 years ago she was Secretary of the Organising Committee for the inaugural NZ Women’s Masters Golf tournament. As a player she has been a national title holder, a national representative, a Board member and a national selector.

Life after golf became bowls. Cushla quickly gained Canterbury representative honours as a junior then turned her hand to coaching, being accredited as a Bowls NZ Coach and a Coach Development trainer, and selecting.

In 2001 Cushla was appointed to the Board of Bowls Events NZ and remained a Director until this year with BENZ being wound up. In 2008 Cushla joined the Board of Bowls NZ and became Chairman in 2012.

Cushla, you’ve served Bowls New Zealand extremely well. Our sport has come a long way under your chairmanship, and much of that is attributable to your drive and leadership. I know from personal experience that your guiding principle has been “Is this in the best interests of our sport?”

Cushla, I have enjoyed working with you over the past four years, but it is now time for you to follow other paths. On behalf of Bowls New Zealand, thank you for all that you have done for our game. Enjoy the years ahead.”

Life Member, Jean Ashby also acknowledged her thanks and appreciation to Cushla.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.40am and thanked the President of Carlton Cornwall Bowls and the Delegates for their participation.

Chair

Date

Following the conclusion of the meeting, CEO Mark Cameron announced the Bowls NZ National Awards winners 2016/2017.