

BOWLS NEW ZEALAND GREENKEEPING ASSOCIATION Inc

MINUTES OF THE 18th BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOWLS NEW ZEALAND GREENKEEPING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Held by Zoom on 26th July 2020 commencing at 11am. Hosted by Secretary and President

PRESENT:

R Gibson (President), M Symes (Secretary/Treasurer) + Executive members Marty Webb, E Allison, H Ivory, J Ferris, G Fisher, B Cheyne, E McIntyre, D Howard & L Robertson (NZSTI), S Beel (BNZ)

Voting rights were registered to the following delegates: J Ferris (East Coast) M Symes (Marlborough), E Allison (Canterbury), R Gibson (Dunedin) H Ivory (Wellington) G Fisher (North Otago) and 2 delegates

Apologies: R Sabin, J Williams, K Rose (Primary ITO)

Moved M Symes

Seconded: R Gibson

Carried

MINUTES:

The minutes of the 17th Biennial General Meeting held Ocean Lodge Nelson on 15th July 2018 commencing at 5pm in conjunction with the South Island Conference were taken as read and confirmed as true and correct record.

Moved R Gibson

Seconded: M Webb

Carried.

Matters Arising:

1. M Symes told the meeting that changes to the constitution had been registered with the Companies office and approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward:

- (a) From Bowls Auckland Greenkeepers a copy of registration form and proposed programme
- (b) From Bowls Canterbury Greenkeepers a copy of registration form.
- (c) From NZ Community Trust notification our application for travel & accommodation costs for BNZGA executive to attend the 2020 North & South Island Conferences has not been approved
- (d) From Companies office requesting information for the annual financial statement and details for the improvement of societies register.
- (e) From Bowls NZ a copy of the use of "Best Greens for Premier Events" document.
- (f) From Kapiti Coast Bowls notifying that they have lost another 3 clubs that will in future not be part of BNZGA and pay affiliation fees.
- (g) From Greenlane Suites Auckland with quotes for accommodation for the North Island Conference. This will be held over until the 2021 conference
- (h) From Bowls NZ regarding any sponsorship pertaining to Prebble Seeds in the future. All advertising in the diary to be at BNZGA cost, conference costs for display area along with dinner costs to be covered by host of conferences.
- (i) From NZSTI training layout of project deliveries for the competency framework. Costs to be 10,000.00 on initiation, 10,000.00 at mid-point and balance at the end of the train the trainer programme. The expectation being that the content and prtal will be a one off

cost, with the resulting resources being suitable for a 5 year minimal time. So the prorate cost over that period is 7,000.00 per annum.

- (j) From Bowls NZ a copy of the “Greenkeeper of the Year Award” application.
- (k) From Nelson Greenkeepers a copy of the trial results carried out at the Maitai Bowling Club.
- (l) From Bowls NZ results between Bowls NZ & Prebbles. 2019-20 return BNZGA is \$43,080.86
- (m) From Bowls NZ a copy of the NZSTI Field Day programme for 2020-21
- (n) From Primary ITO Nigel Philpott with new training strategy. “Targeted Training & Apprenticeship fund”

Outward:

- (a) Letter sent to Bowls NZ regarding proposed grant due for 2019 along with budget
- (b) Application to NZ Community Trust for 7500.00 to cover for travel & accommodation for BNZGA executive to attend the 2020 North & South Island Conferences
- (c) To Prebbles Turf World – Thanking them for the onward sponsorship agreed with Bowls NZ
- (d) Application to Pub Charity for 7500.00 to cover for travel & accommodation for BNZGA executive to attend the 2020 North & South Island Conferences
- (e) Letter to Auckland, Bay of Plenty and Hawkes Bay association with requests for them to pay their affiliation and Dairy fees paid.
- (f) To Incorporated Societies copies of our 2018-19 Balance sheet.
- (g) To Companies office copy our resolution and changes to constitution and attaching a clean copy of updated
- (h) To NZSTI confirming our acceptance for them to proceed with project deliverables for the “Competency framework. Also confirming that Robert Gibson, Ron Sabin, Marty Webb, Maurice Symes, James Williams, Howard Ivory and Eric Ellison would be the trainers for the Trainer programme.
- (i) To the Arawa Bowling Club replying to their request for funding to Planing their green. BNZGA do not fund refurbishment of greens and that they should apply for funding to cover all costs.
- (j) To Bowls NZ a copy of the updated BNZGA “Strategic Plan 2020-2024”
- (k) To all associations update information regarding Covit-19 after getting relaxation from the government to return to our greens, cut, fertilise and spray greens only.
- (l) To Bowls West Coast a support letter for them to apply for funding for fertilisers and chemicals.
- (m) Letters to Chris Lander (Bowls NZ), D Howard (NZSTI delegate), K Rose (Primary ITO), L Robertson (NZSTI) to attend BGM meeting by Zoom 26th July 2020
- (n) Notices to all Centre’s giving BGM meeting notices, voting papers, diary order forms, requests for database info, Award forms for long service and merit awards and Greenkeeper of the Year nomination form
- (o) Letters to BNZGA Executive regarding the BGM Zoom meeting to be held 26th July 2pm.

Moved that inward be received and outward approved

Moved: M Webb

Seconded: H Ivory

Carried

REPORTS:

Presidents report:

R Gibson presented his Presidents which had been previously circulated to all delegates with BGM Agenda.

Moved R Gibson Seconded: M Symes Carried.
Bowls NZ Report: S Beel (BNZ) presented a report on behalf of Bowls NZ

NZSTI report: D Howard from NZSTI presented his report to the meeting and asked that the summary of activities 1st April – 30 June 2020 be added to the BGM meeting report

Matters arising: Nil

Moved: R Gibson Seconded: J Ferris Carried

BALANCE SHEET and STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS:

M Symes presented the balance sheet for approval

Moved M Symes Seconded: S Beel Carried.

Matters arising:

1. M Symes reported that BNZGA revenue for the year had increased by approx. 40,000.00 on the 2018 year
2. M Symes reported that our assets have been increased to 64,000.00 compared to 40,00 in 2018 year
3. M Symes told the meeting that our income from the Bowls NZ / Prebbles contract had increased our income by 19,465.00

Authorisation of Expense and Honorariums
R Gibson spoke of all the work that M Symes carries out on behalf of BNZGA and his remuneration is minimal. M Symes had asked for support from the meeting to increase his honorarium to \$7500.00 but following discussion it was agreed to lift it to 6500.00.

Moved: R Gibson Seconded: H Ivory Carried

NOTICE OF MOTIONS: Nil

REMITTS: Nil

AFFILIATION FEE:

M Symes suggested to the meeting that the 2020-21 affiliation fee for clubs remains at 20.00
That the affiliation fee for associations with less than 7 clubs remains at \$100.00 per association

Moved M Symes Seconded: M Webb Carried.

It was agreed that the diary for 2020-20 remain at \$20.00 per copy

Moved R Gibson Seconded: M Symes Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018-2020:

PRESIDENT:	Robert Gibson	Dunedin	elected unopposed
VICE PRESIDENT:	Martin Webb	Northland	elected unopposed
SECRETARY:	Maurice Symes	Marlborough	elected unopposed
TREASURER:	Maurice Symes	Marlborough	elected unopposed

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Following were confirmed:

James Williams	Auckland	duly elected
Jamey Ferris	Gisborne/East Coast	duly elected
Eric Allison	Canterbury	duly elected
Ron Sabin	Canterbury	duly elected
Howard Ivory	Wellington	duly elected
Graham Fisher	North Otago	duly elected
Steve Beel	(Bowls NZ delegate)	
David Howard	(NZSTI delegate)	

M Symes told the meeting that we still require someone to look after the Waikato/Bay of Plenty/Thames Valley region. If this happens we would again need to change our constitution as we can only have six regional representatives.

Moved: R Gibson Seconded: E Allison Carried

ELECTION OF PATRON

Warwick Graham (Life Member of BNZGA) remains as the Patron of the association.

Moved M Webb Seconded: R Gibson Carried.

AUDITOR:

As D Philpott & Associates of Christchurch no longer act as auditors of the NZBGA. It was suggested we use Tramway Auditors that process Bowls NZ accounts

Moved S Beel Seconded: R Gibson Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Level 3 National Certificate – Incentive 90.00 per qualification be retained.
2. M Symes told the meeting that some 4 advertisers have withdrawn their support for the 2020 diary due to Covid-19 stopping income to support us
3. North Island Conference 2020 to be in Auckland on 26th – 27th June 2020. M Symes told the meeting Auckland had already received a 750.00 allowance to start the conference off. Secretary to apply for funding for executive to attend the North Island conference including for travel, accommodation and registration.
Moved: R Gibson Seconded M Webb Carried
4. South Island Conference 2020 to be held in Christchurch on 28th & 29th July 2020. M Symes told the meeting Auckland had already received a 750.00 allowance to start the conference off. Secretary to apply for funding for executive to attend the South Island conference including for travel, accommodation and registration.

Moved: M Webb

Seconded R Gibson

Carried

5. Four extra field days to be purchased with NZSTI. M Symes to write to NZSTI. D Howard is setting up a diary of dates for all field days for M Symes to add to the diary.
6. Greenkeeping databases are still not being completed and sent through to S Beel for collating
7. Green evaluations need to be carried out in Auckland/North Harbour (National Singles & Pairs), Wellington (National Inter Centre) Central Otago (National Fours & Mixed Pairs) and Canterbury (National Inter-Club)
8. Growsafe & Certified Handler qualifications can be done at reduced cost if NZSTI can have 10 or more do the qualification at same time?

MATTERS ARISING:

1. BNZGA Incentive of \$90.00 to successful trainees to remain in place for the year 2020-21.
2. Diary Orders are down on last year's orders by some 70 in numbers.
3. Green Evaluations need to be carried out by November to allow clubs to carry out minor renovations to get greens up to standard.

REPORTS:

1. Only Auckland and Marlborough/Nelson reports received prior to the BGM meeting.

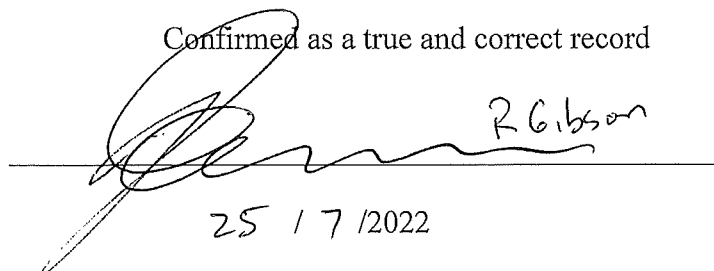
EXECUTIVE AREA/REGIONAL SUPPORT:

ROBERT GIBSON:	Dunedin, Southland, South Otago, Central Otago
MARTY WEBB:	Northland, Far North.
JAMES WILLIAMS:	North Harbour, Auckland, Counties
JAMEY FERRIS:	Gisborne/East Coast, Hawkes Bay
?	Waikato, Thames Valley, Bay of Plenty
HOWARD IVORY:	Taranaki, Wanganui, Manawatu, Kapiti, Wairarapa, Wellington
MAURICE SYMES:	Marlborough, Nelson
RON SABIN:	Canterbury, West Coast, Buller
ERIC ALLISON:	Canterbury, Mid Canterbury, North Canterbury
GRAHAM FISHER:	North Otago, South Canterbury

Please note it is your responsibility to organise field days and attend with the agronomists.
S Beel will act on our behalf in the Waikato / Bay of Plenty region until a suitable person is found.

There being no further business the discussion was closed at 1.30pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record

 R. Gibson
Chairman

25 / 7 / 2022