

**BOWLS NEW ZEALAND GREENKEEPING ASSOCIATION Inc**

**MINUTES OF THE 19th BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOWLS NEW ZEALAND GREENKEEPING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

**Held at New Plymouth on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 commencing at 4.30pm. Hosted by West End Bowling Club**

**PRESENT:**

R Gibson (President), M Symes (Secretary/Treasurer) + Executive members M Webb, H Ivory, J Ferris, G Fisher, R Sabin, Delegates D Stevenson (Hawkes Bay) T Rickerby (North Harbour), S Sinclair-Paton (Kapiti Coast), G Lilley (Taranaki) T Gray/ G Slattery (Waikato) A Mitchell (NZSTI), S Beel (BNZ)

Voting rights were registered to the following delegates: J Ferris (Canterbury) M Symes (Taranaki), R Sabin (Canterbury), R Gibson (Dunedin) H Ivory (Wellington) G Fisher (North Otago) and 7 delegates

**Apologies:** J Williams, B Hannon (NZSTI), C Lander (BNZ)

Moved R Sabin

Seconded: R Gibson

Carried

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the 18th Biennial General Meeting held online (Zoom), 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020 commencing at 11am 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 James Williams his resignation from the board of BNZGA stating that due to his change in career and circumstances and as he no longer being involved as a greenkeeper. He remains available to help in greenkeeper training and available to assist when required  
R Gibson stated that due to this resignation we now be able to fill the vacancy James has left in Auckland, Nth Harbour and Counties. He went on to say James will be missed and wishes him well for his new career
- (b) Nominations for executive for the board of BNZGA were received from R Gibson (President), J Ferris (V President), M Symes (Secretary/Treasurer), R Sabin, M Webb, G Fisher, H Ivory (Executive) Further nominations received from D Stevenson (Hawkes Bay) and T Rickerby (Nth Harbour)

**Outward:**

- (a) Application to Pelorus Trust for 7500.00 to cover for travel & accommodation for BNZGA executive to attend the 2022 North Island Conference
- (b) To Incorporated Societies copies of our 2021-22 Balance sheet.
- (c) To Companies office copy our resolution and changes to constitution and attaching a clean copy of updated

- (d) To S Beel delegate Bowls NZ a copy of the updated BNZGA “Strategic Plan 2022-2026”
- (e) Letters to Chris Lander (Bowls NZ), D Howard (NZSTI delegate), K Rose (Primary ITO), L Robertson (NZSTI) to attend BGM meeting July 2022
- (f) 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
- (g) Letters to BNZGA Executive regarding the BGM meeting to be held 25<sup>th</sup> July 4.30pm.

Moved: M Symes

Seconded: R Gibson

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:** A Mitchell from NZSTI presented his report to the meeting and asked that the summary of activities 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30 June 2022 be added to the BGM meeting report

*Matters arising:* Nil

Moved: R Gibson

Seconded: R Sabin

Carried

## **BALANCE SHEET and STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS:**

M Symes presented the 2022 annual financial statements and balance sheet for approval

Moved M Symes

Seconded: H Ivory

Carried.

*Matters arising:*

1. M Symes reported that BNZGA revenue for the year had increased by approx. 40,000.00 on the 2020 year
2. M Symes reported that our assets stand at 62,075.00 compared to 64,000.00 in 2020 year
3. M Symes told the meeting that our income from the Bowls NZ / Prebbles contract had increased our income by 23,125.00

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 \$9,000.00

Moved: R Gibson

Seconded: H Ivory

Carried

**REMITTS:** Nil

**NOTICE OF MOTION:** Life Membership be bestowed on Norman Cowie.

Nomination read out by Robert Gibson and was received with acclamation from those present.

Moved: R Gibson                                      Seconded: G Fisher                                      Carried

In his absence a special visitation will be held in Timaru in honour of Norman to present him with his life membership.

#### **AFFILIATION FEE:**

M Symes suggested to the meeting that the 2022-23 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: R Sabin                                      Carried.

It was agreed that the diary for 2022-23 remain at \$20.00 per copy

Moved M Symes                                      Seconded: R Sabin                                      Carried.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018-2020:**

**PRESIDENT:**                      Robert Gibson      Dunedin                      elected unopposed

**VICE PRESIDENT:**                  Jamie Ferris          Canterbury                      elected unopposed

**SECRETARY:**                      Maurice Symes      Taranaki                      elected unopposed

**TREASURER:**                      Maurice Symes      Taranaki                      elected unopposed

#### **ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Following were confirmed:

Tony Rickerby	Auckland/Nth Harbour	duly elected
Dave Stevenson	Gisborne/East Coast	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 he will look after the Taranaki/Waikato/Bay of Plenty/Thames Valley region. M Webb to look after Far North/Northland, Dave Stevenson to look after East Coast/Hawkes Bay, H Ivory to look after Wanganui/Manawatu/Kapiti/Wairarapa/Wellington, R Sabin to look after Marlborough/Nelson, J Ferris to look after Canterbury/Mid Canterbury/Nelson, G Fisher to look after Sth Canterbury/Nth Otago, R Gibson to look after Dunedin/Sth Otago/Central Otago/Southland.

Moved: M Symes                                      Seconded: R Gibson                                      Carried

#### **ELECTION OF PATRON**

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

Moved R Gibson                                      Seconded: R Sabin                                      Carried.

**AUDITOR:**

As D Philpott & Associates of Christchurch no longer act as auditors of the NZBGA.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Level 3 National Certificate – Incentive 90.00 qualification no longer available from BNZGA.
2. M Symes told the meeting that only 1 advertiser has withdrawn their support for the 2022-23 diary due to Covid-19 stopping income to support us
3. North Island Conference 2023 to be in Rotorua on 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023. M Symes told the meeting the Arawa BC has shown interest in being the host club. A venue is still to be named  
Moved: M Symes    Seconded M Webb    Carried
4. South Island Conference 2023 is to be held by the Dunedin Centre on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023. A venue is still to be named by Dunedin
5. Secretary to apply for funding for executive to attend the North Island conference 2023 including for travel, accommodation and registration.  
Moved: R Gibson    Seconded R Sabin    Carried
6. It was agreed that 20 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.
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). Green Evaluations need to be carried out by November to allow clubs to carry out minor renovations to get greens up to standard.
8. Growsafe & Certified Handler qualifications can be done at reduced cost if NZSTI can have 10 or more do the qualification at same time?

**EXECUTIVE AREA/REGIONAL SUPPORT:**

<b>ROBERT GIBSON:</b>	Dunedin, Southland, South Otago, Central Otago
<b>MARTY WEBB:</b>	Northland, Far North.
<b>TONY RICKERBY :</b>	North Harbour, Auckland, Counties
<b>DAVE STEVENSON:</b>	Gisborne/East Coast, Hawkes Bay
<b>MAURICE SYMES:</b>	Waikato, Thames Valley, Bay of Plenty, Taranaki
<b>HOWARD IVORY:</b>	Wanganui, Manawatu, Kapiti, Wairarapa, Wellington
<b>RON SABIN:</b>	Marlborough, Nelson
<b>JAMEY FERIS:</b>	Canterbury, Mid Canterbury, West Coast, Buller
<b>GRAHAM FISHER:</b>	North Otago, South Canterbury

There being no further business the discussion was closed at 5.00pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record

\_\_\_\_\_Chairman

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