

**MINUTES OF THE 28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF BOWLS NEW ZEALAND**

**HELD AT
Bowls New Zealand offices (Ponsonby)
and via Teams video link**

**ON SATURDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER 2023
AT 10.00AM**



1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming those present to the 28th Annual General Meeting, with a special welcome to Life Members and Patron.

2. OBITUARIES

The Chair asked the meeting to stand for a moments silence to mark the passing of Helen Stallard a long servicing member of the bowls community and a staff member of Bowls NZ, along with those at bowls regional and club level that we have lost over the past 12 months.

3. IN ATTENDANCE

Tony Lepper ONZM, Chair
Ann Wright, President
Phillip Huwyler, Vice President
Mark O'Connor, Board Member
Nicola Simpson, Board Member
Sharon Sims MNZM, Patron
Jean Ashby ONZM, Life Member
Mark Cameron, CEO

Centre Delegates (eligible votes)

Tom Henderson, Bowls Kapiti Coast (2)
Brett O'Riley, Bowls North Harbour (4)
David Gillingham, Thames Valley Bowls (2)
Lorraine McLeod, Bowls Canterbury (7)
Bill Murphy, Bowls Bay of Plenty (3)
Dave Porteous, Bowls Hawkes Bay (3)
John Knapp, Central Otago Bowls (2)
Kelvin Francis, Bowls Wanganui (1)
Dave Parry, Bowls Buller (1)
Garry Muriwai, Wairarapa (1)

Blake Signal, Bowls Wellington (4)
Ian Dee, Auckland Bowls (6)
Dave Edwards, Bowls Nelson (2)
Murray Patterson, Bowls Sth Otago (1)
Graham Stoddart, Bowls Sth Canterbury (2)
Sharon Sims MNZM, Bowls Manawatu (2)
Robert Wolfe, Bowls Taranaki (3)
Paul McEntyre, Bowls Southland (3)
Dot Mowat, Dunedin (4)
Helen McIsaac, Marlborough (1)

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Kibblewhite, Sarah Dunning Sport NZ, and Martin Mackenzie Bowls New Zealand.

4. APOLOGIES

Bowls Counties Manukau, Bowls Gisborne East Coast, Bowls Waikato, Bowls West Coast, Martin Christensen, Peter Belliss MBE, John Carter, Ann Muir QSM, Craig Bruce, Sharon Rimmer, & Wayne Tukiri of RSM Hayes.

MOVED: Lorraine McLeod (Canterbury)

SECONDED: Dot Mowat (Dunedin)

CARRIED

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BOWLS NZ – HELD IN DUNEDIN ON THE 10TH SEPTEMBER 2022

“That the Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting of Bowls New Zealand, held in Dunedin on the 10th September 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.”

MOVED: Lorraine McLeod (Canterbury) SECONDED: Dot Mowat (Dunedin) CARRIED

6. RECEIVING OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING 30TH JUNE 2023, TOGETHER WITH STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AND AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR BOWLS NZ FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD

Chair Tony Lepper spoke to his report and as part of his report Tony acknowledged retiring Board member Sharon Rimmer for her contribution to Bowls New Zealand.

President Ann Wright spoke to her report and thanked the bowls community for her time as President of Bowls New Zealand.

The CEO Mark Cameron then addressed the meeting by speaking to the financials.

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

“That the Annual Report including the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Audited Statement of Accounts for Bowls New Zealand for the Financial year, together with the Auditor’s Report on the Accounts of Bowls New Zealand for the preceding Financial year be received, approved and adopted.”

MOVED: Brett O’Riley (North Harbour) SECONDED: Blake Signal (Wellington) CARRIED

7. THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND DELEGATES ELECTED MEMBER

Only one nomination was received for each position of President & Delegates Elected Member, so the Chair declared that both candidates be duly elected:

President: Phillip Huwyler (Wanganui)
Delegates Elected Member: Chris Kibblewhite (Canterbury)

The Chair then presented executive badges to the new President, Delegates Elected Member, and the Immediate Past President.

The new Delegates Elected Member Chris Kibblewhite spoke to the meeting.

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

“The Bowls New Zealand Board Selection Panel recommended that Nicola Simpson and Ann Wright be appointed to the Board of Bowls New Zealand for a full term of three years.

MOVED: Kelvin Francis (Wanganui) SECONDED: Ian Dee (Auckland) CARRIED

The Chair presented a Board Members badge to Nicola Simpson and invited Nicola to speak to the meeting.

9. BOWLS NEW ZEALAND CLUB AFFILIATION FEE FOR 2023/2024

The Chair confirmed that the November 2023 Club Affiliation fee will increase by (4.7%) which is a reduction on the annual published CPI (6.7%).

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 2023/2024 financial year.”

MOVED Kelvin Francis (Wanganui)

SECONDED: Dot Mowat (Dunedin)

CARRIED

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

The Chair then confirmed that as there was only the one nomination that Ian Dee (Bowls Auckland) be duly elected as the Delegates appointed member to the Board Selection panel for the 2023/24. The Chair did speak to the fact that a deputy could be elected, but as no further nominations had been received the meeting would not elect a deputy at this time.

MOVED Dave Porteous (Hawkes Bay)

SECONDED: Tom Henderson (Kapiti)

CARRIED

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

There were no Notices of Motion for consideration at the Annual General Meeting, as submitted by the Board of Bowls New Zealand, pursuant to Rule 21.1.2(x) of the Bowls NZ Constitution.

These notices of motion refer to alterations to the Bowls NZ constitution.

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

There was one (1) Notice of Motion for consideration at the Annual General Meeting, received by a centre. This Notice of Motion was dealt with pursuant to Rule 21.2(xi) of the Bowls NZ Constitution.

Bowls Canterbury proposed the following motion:

“16.1.2 The positions of President and Delegates Elected Member shall at any time comprise one female and one male and will alternate between a female and a male”.

Bowls Canterbury move that Clause 16.1.2 be changed to read that ‘the best person regardless of their gender be elected to the positions of President and Delegates Elected Member’.

The Canterbury Delegate Lorraine McLeod spoke to the remit and delegates were invited to discuss before a vote was taken.

MOVED: Lorraine McLeod (Canterbury)

SECONDED: Dave Edwards (Nelson)

CARRIED

This motion will now be considered by the Bowls NZ Board.

It was noted that Bowls Counties Manukau had submitted three motions but withdrew all three motions prior to the AGM.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

Under other business the Chair invited the new President Phillip Huwyler to announce the Bowls New Zealand Summerset Award winners for 2023.

Club of the Year:	Hobsonville Bowling Club
Club Person of the Year	Gary Hooson (Russell Bowling Club)
Club Person of the Year:	Joyce Speedy (Riccarton Bowling Club)
Coach of the Year:	Gayle Melrose (Bowls Bay of Plenty)
Greenkeeper of the Year:	Brendon Gibson (Bowls Wellington)
Umpire of the Year:	Margaret Eames (Bowls Nelson)
Open Disability Player of the Year:	Darron Wolland (Bowls Dunedin)
Emerging Player of the Year:	Briar Atkinson (Bowls Taranaki)
Male Player of the Year:	Sheldon Bagrie-Howley (Bowls Southland)
Female Player of the Year:	Tayla Bruce (Bowls Canterbury)

The Chair then asked if there was any other business, where World Bowls Oceania Director Brett O'Riley provided an update on World Bowls matters.

Before closing the meeting, the Chair congratulated the Summerset award winners and recognised the achievements of the Blackjacks at the recent World Championships on the Gold Coast including Gold medallists Tayla Bruce, Teri Blackbourne & Julie O'Connell.

Meeting Closed at 10.42am, with thanks to all delegates and observers for their attendance.