# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF BOWLS NZ GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION INC

Meeting of the Bowls New Zealand Green keeping Association Incorporated held on 14th July 2024 at the Recreation Hotel Greymouth 4pm.

PRESENT: Robert Gibson (President), Maurice Symes (Secretary/Treasurer), Marty Webb,

Howard Ivory, Jamey Ferris, Tony Rickerby, Dave Stevenson, Ron Sabin, Graham

Fisher, Dave Stevenson, David Howard (NZSTI), Lindsay Robertson (NZSTI)

**APOLOGIES**: Steve Beel (BNZ Delegate) Lindsay Robertson (NZSTI)

Moved: D Stevenson Seconded: M Webb Carried

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were approved as a true and correct record of

the meeting.

Moved: R Gibson Seconded: J Ferris Carried

# **MATTERS ARISING:**

1, M Symes told the meeting we need to ask L Robertsson if we can train more trainers for the "My Trainer Programme" as we are now down to 6 Trainers throughout the country.

- 2. M Symes reported on funding received from Aotearoa Trust to send executive to the South Island conference. We received 7,000 of the 17,000 applied for so had to reduce all costs to attend the conference. M Symes told the meeting it know cost a total of 10,500.00 for everyone to attend Greymouth conference.
- 3. M Symes told the meeting that he and R Gibson had met with Tara McLeod from NZSTI where we agreed in principle for our association to cover costs to update and reprint the Greenkeepers Manual. The meeting discussed the proposal presented and agreed to go ahead on the basis that our association get a copy of the update and check contents of change before going to print.

  Moved R Gibson Seconded: R Sabin Carried
- 4. M Symes to go ahead with preparing a newsletter No.2 once he receives area reports and other interesting information.

# **CORRESPONDENCE:**

# Inward

- 1. NZSTI Report from David Howard.
- 2. Report from Bowls New Zealand regarding Prebbles payments for 2023-24
- 3. Constitution changes received from M McKenzie
- 4. From Pelorus Trust funding application turned down for North Island conference
- 5. From Waikato Greenkeepers a copy of the March 2024 field day correspondence.
- 6. From both Canterbury teamwear notifying us that our present clothing designs are no longer available.
- 7. From Matheson Rae Accountants a copy of the annual accounts for signing off.
- 8. From BNZ a copy of Nomination form for the annual Greenkeeper of the Year award.
- 9. Letter of Resignation from BNZGA executive from Howard Ivory.

#### **Outward:**

- 1. To all Diary advertisers thanking them for their ongoing support.
- 2. To Prebble Turf World thanking them for their kind sponsorship
- 3. To Pelorus Trust funding application to send executive to the 2024 North Island conference.
- 4. Send copy of BNZGA accounts to Company's office
- 5. To Baber Turf & Equipment thanking them for their kind sponsorship of \$500.00 for My Trainer Programme, 5 trainees to receive \$100.00 refund for training.
- 6. To Bowls Wellington results from green evaluations and recommending them to Bowls NZ as hosts

for the 2024-25 national pairs and singles.

7. Application for funding to Aotearoa Trust for funding to send executive to South Island Conference.

Moved: H Ivory

Seconded: J Ferris

Carried

**MATTERS ARISING: Nil** 

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# TREASURERS REPORT:

M Symes presented the statement of accounts on the financial position of the association at end of April 2024.showing a current balance of \$24,841.36

The current balance of investments is \$45,830.65 Savings A/C 01 Conference balance 589.96.

Moved: M Symes Seconded: T Rickerby Carried

# **MATTERS ARISING:**

1. M Symes advised the meeting that unpaid affiliation fees and diary costs at time of meeting along with three Diary advertisers have since been paid.

# **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- 1. R Sabin and J Ferris spoke to the meeting regarding the training package being sponsored by Bowls Canterbury Greenkeepers using Ron Sabin as their trainer throughout the greater Canterbury region. To date Ron has trained 83 trainees for some of the modules. He has 40 more trainees booked to have training. J Ferris reported that he is more than happy with the progress being made in Canterbury and hopes it can be extended further afield.
- 2. David Howard reported to the meeting that there has been an increase this year in attendance at field days with some 311 in attendance. H Ivory asked David if there is a chemical that follows on from Dalapon as a spray to eradicate Toad Rush. Howard told David that Dalapon can be imported into country. There is no alternative, so it was left for M Symes to write to Bruce Lowe (Prebbles) to see if this is possible. Howard then asked David if there is a chance, we could employ NZSTI to research and trial products to cover eradicating Toad Rush.
- 3. It was unanimously agreed that Dave Stevenson, Brendon Gibson, Robert Gibson and Maurice Symes be the subcommittee to form the updated constitution and present to the 2025 AGM meeting to be held at the North Island Conference 2025.

4. Moved: R Gibson Seconded: M Webb Carried

- 5. R Gibson & M Symes to organise job descriptions for executive members of the board of BNZGA.
- 6. M Symes to seek information regarding Insurance needed by BNZGA such as Public Liability.
- 7. R Gibson gave a brief of the 51 years and the work done during that time by Ron Sabin and recommended Ron for life Membership of BNZGA which was met with total support of the executive present.

Moved: R Gibson	Seconded: M Symes	Carried	
There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.25pm.			
The next Executive and BGM meeting to be held online on Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024.			

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

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President	Date