

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

Meeting of the Bowls New Zealand Green keeping Association Incorporated held on **Tuesday 5th December
2023 at 11am online (Teams)**

PRESENT: Robert Gibson (President), Maurice Symes (Secretary/Treasurer), Marty Webb, Howard Ivory, Jamey Ferris, Tony Rickerby, Dave Stevenson, Ron Sabin, Graham Fisher, Steve Beel (BNZ Delegate), David Howard (NZSTI), Lindsay Robertson (NZSTI)

APOLOGIES: Dave Stevenson

Moved: R Gibson

Seconded: M Webb

Carried

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held 25th June 2023 were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: H Ivory

Seconded: M Webb

Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

- 1, M Symes told the meeting he will ask L Robertsson if the “My Trainer Programme” completing the resource sheets can be done online rather than printing them all off at a high cost. It will also allow us to store completed forms in a online folder.
2. M Symes reported on problems he faced in getting the 2023-24 Greenkeepers diary printed and delivered to centres.
4. M Symes to go ahead with preparing a newsletter once he receives area reports.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward

1. NZSTI Report from David Howard.
2. Report from Steve Beel (BNZ) regarding Prebbles payments for 2022-23
3. Constitution changes signed off by President and V/President
4. Strategic Plan Update 2022 -2026 sent to Bowls NZ for adding to Website.
5. From Pelorus Trust funding application turned down for North Island conference
6. From Auckland Greenkeepers a copy of the proposed MOU between Auckland Bowls and the AGA
7. From Waikato Greenkeepers a copy of the August field day correspondence.
8. From NZSTI Lindsay Robinson with introduction to a potential role on a sports turf advisory group.
9. From both Canterbury teamwear and Dynasty clothing offer of clothing designs available.

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 2023 North Island conference.
4. Letter of invitation to trades people asking them to attend the conference.
5. To Matheson Rae Accountants agreeing to have them act on our behalf and send them our end of year financials for processing.
6. Send copy of BNZGA accounts to Company’s office
7. Updated Constitution changes signed off sent to company’s office.
8. To NZSTI offering our full support to joining a potential sport turf advisory group.

Moved: H Ivory

Seconded: J Ferris

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

TREASURERS REPORT:

M Symes presented the statement of accounts on the financial position of the association at end of November 2023. showing a current balance of \$14,681.49

The current balance of investments is \$45,037.66 Savings A/C 01 Conference balance 589.96.

Moved: M Symes

Seconded: D Stevenson

Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

1. M Symes advised the meeting that four centres have not paid their affiliation fees and diary costs at time of meeting along with three Diary advertisers. There is a total of \$10,765.00 outstanding. M Symes advised it is his intention to send out payment requests to all outstanding accounts.

Moved: R Gibson

Seconded: H Ivory

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Lindsay Robertson addressed the meeting to tell them that he is trying hard to get the "Sport Turf Advisory Group" setup and being accepted by the national body. Lindsay said that with an Industry of six including Bowls, Racing Sports Fields, Golf, and Council Grounds which includes for some 3000 greenkeepers or staff. He has a meeting in January and is hoping he can gather further support. Lindsay thanked BNZGA for their ongoing support and will keep us informed of progress.
2. 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 16 trainees for the "Prepare a Bowling Green" He has also trained 2 for "Mowing a Bowling Green". He has 9 further 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 to Nelson and Marlborough.
3. Tony Rickerby reported on the progress being made with Bowls Auckland and support given to Bowls Auckland/North Harbour Greenkeepers regarding green evaluations and green grading. Dean Bartlett CEO of Bowls Auckland is being very supportive.
4. 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.
5. It was unanimously agreed that on 1st March 2024, M Symes on behalf of Bowls New Zealand Greenkeeping Assn commence an application to Aotearoa Trust for funding to cover costs to attend the BGM / South Island Conference to be held in Greymouth. R Gibson to contact funders.

Moved: R Gibson

Seconded: M Webb

Carried

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.25pm.

The next Executive and BGM meeting to be held at Greymouth on Tuesday 16th July 2024.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

President