BOWLS NEW ZEALAND GREENKEEPING ASSOCIATION Inc

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

Held at Greymouth on 15th July 2024 commencing at 4.30pm. Hosted by Sth Island Conference

PRESENT:

R Gibson (President), M Symes (Secretary/Treasurer) + M Webb, J Ferris, G Fisher, R Sabin, T Rickerby, D Stevenson, W Graham (Patron/Life Member) Delegates: David Howard (NZSTI), Chris Gribben (NZSTI), Graeme Hill (South Otago), John Knapp (Central Otago),

Voting rights were registered to the following delegates: J Ferris (Canterbury) M Symes (Taranaki), R Sabin (Canterbury), R Gibson (Dunedin) Brendon Gibson (Wellington) G Fisher (North Otago) and 7 delegates (David Howard NZSTI), Graeme Hill, John Knapp

Moved R Sabin Seconded: R Gibson Carried

MINUTES:

The minutes of the 19th Biennial General Meeting held on 25th July 2020 commencing at 4.30pm in conjunction with the North Island Conference New Plymouth, were taken as read and confirmed as true and correct record.

Moved D Stevenson Seconded: M Webb Carried.

Matters Arising:

M Symes told the meeting that funding applications made with respect to conferences in both North and Sout Island had been turned down, except the South Island 2024 event.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward:

(a) As per Appendix 1 were received and passed

Outward:

(b) As per Appendix 2 were approved by those present.

Moved: R Gibson Seconded: M Symes 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: There was no report on behalf of Bowls NZ

NZSTI report: David Howard from NZSTI presented his report to the meeting and asked that the summary of activities 1st April – 30 June 2024 be added to the BGM meeting report

Matters arising: Nil

Moved: R Gibson Seconded: R Sabin Carried

Presentation of Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts (M Symes)

The approval of balance sheet and signing off for the Incorporated Societies.

Moved: M Symes Seconded: W Graham Carried

Matters arising:

- 1. M Symes reported that BNZGA revenue for the year had increased by approx. 30,000.00 on the 2022 year
- 2. M Symes reported that our Accumulated funds stand at 53,612.17 compared to 34,000.00 in 2022Sq ! year
- 3. M Symes told the meeting that our income from the Bowls NZ / Prebbles contract had increased our income by \$27,675.00

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. R Gibson moved to increase his honorarium to \$20,000.00 for the following 2 years.

Moved: R Gibson Seconded: D Stevenson Carried

REMITS: Nil

NOTICE OF MOTION: Life Membership be bestowed on Ronald Sabin. Nomination read out by Robert Gibson and was received with acclamation from those present. W Graham to present the Life membership to Ron at the conference dinner.

Moved: R Gibson Seconded: J Ferris Carried

AFFILIATION FEE:

M Symes suggested to the meeting that the 2024-25 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 R Gibson Seconded: J Ferris Carried.

It was agreed that the diary for 2024-25 remain at \$20.00 per copy

Moved J Ferris Seconded: R Gibson Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024-2026:

PRESIDENT: Robert Gibson Dunedin elected unopposed VICE PRESIDENT: Jamie Ferris Canterbury elected unopposed **SECRETARY:** Maurice Symes Taranaki elected unopposed Maurice Symes elected unopposed TREASURER: Taranaki

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Following was confirmed:

Marty WebbNorthland/Far Northduly electedTony RickerbyAuckland/Nth Harbourduly electedDave StevensonGisborne/East Coastduly electedRon SabinCanterburyduly 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 & Whanganui region. M Webb to look after Far North/Northland, Dave Stevenson to look after East Coast/Hawkes Bay, Brendon Gibson to look after Manawatu/Kapiti/Wairarapa/Wellington, R Sabin to look after Marlborough/Nelson, J Ferris to look after Canterbury/Mid Canterbury/South Canterbury, R Gibson to look after Nth Otago, 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.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

As per our 2022 BGM only at the request of a BGM meeting. Accounts to be reviewed instead by the association accountant, unless the delegates of a BGM request the accounts to audited.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1. M Symes told the meeting that our front cover advertiser Power Turf has withdrawn their support for the 2024-25 diary due to financial problems and that the cover will be taken over by Baber Turf & Equipment.
- 2. North Island Conference 2025 to be in Mt Maunganui Club on the 23rd and 24th June 2025. Further information to follow.

Moved: M Symes Seconded M Webb Carried

- 3. South Island Conference 2025 is to be held by the Central Otago (Venue to be confirmed). Further information to follow.
- 4. Secretary to apply for funding for executive to attend the North Island conference 2025 for the AGM meeting and signing off of the updated constitution. Funding to include for travel, accommodation and registration.

Moved: R Gibson Seconded R Sabin Carried

- 5. It was agreed that 23 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. Green evaluations need to be carried out in Auckland/North Harbour (National Singles & Pairs), Wellington (National Inter Centre and Inter-club), Canterbury (National Fours & Mixed Pairs). Green Evaluations need to be carried out by end of November to allow clubs to carry out minor renovations to get greens up to standard.
- 7. 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:

ROBERT GIBSON: Dunedin, Southland, South Otago, Central Otago, North Otago

MARTY WEBB: Northland, Far North.

TONY RICKERBY: North Harbour, Auckland, Counties **DAVE STEVENSON:** Gisborne/East Coast, Hawkes Bay

MAURICE SYMES: Waikato, Thames Valley, Bay of Plenty, Taranaki, Whanganui

BRENDON GIBSON: Manawatu, Kapiti, Wairarapa, Wellington Marlborough, Nelson, West Coast, Buller JAMEY FERIS: Canterbury, Mid Canterbury, South Canterbury

There being no further business the discussion was closed at 5.25pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record

_____Chairman

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