



MINUTES FOR THE 106TH AGM OF AUCKLAND BOWLS INCORPORATED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE 106TH AGM OF AUCKLAND BOWLS INC TO BE HELD AT
THE MT EDEN BOWLING CLUB AT 7.30PM ON

WEDNESDAY 31ST July 2019

Motion by Graeme Bennett (Life Member) to proceed with the AGM despite the quorum not being reached. Seconded by Bruce Anderson. Carried by a show of hands.

Chairman Bruce Anderson (BA) opened the meeting and welcomed Patron: Ian Birch OBE, Life Member Graeme Bennett, Bowls New Zealand President Jeanette Sinclair, delegates, observers and Board Members - Jill Fraser (JF), Murray Dorreen (MD), Helen Blick (HB), Esther Eu (EU) - to the 106th Annual General Meeting.

Obituaries – A moments silence was held for those members that have passed away in the last year. Special mention was made of Bill Day, Clary Gillies, Bob Menzies and Peter Vodanovich.

A motion was moved that all questions be decided by a show of hands except where the Chairman or dissenting delegates determine that a ballot is more appropriate.

Moved: Bruce Anderson

Seconded: Murray Doreen

CARRIED

PRESENT:

Board Members: Murray Dorreen, Bruce Anderson, Jill Fraser, Helen Blick, Esther Eu.

Life Members: Graeme Bennett, Ian Birch (Patron)

Club Delegates: Allan Moyle – Balmoral, Allan Smith – Blockhouse Bay, Hawkeye – Bridge Park, Gerard Hulst – Carlton Cornwall, Mike Rapson – Eilerslie, Dean Mullins – Glen Eden, Ron Taylor – Kohimarama, Gary Cotton – Mangere, Russell Barrett – Mt Eden, Mark Cavanagh – New Lynn, Tere Brunton – Pakuranga, Jenny Stockford – Pt Chevalier, Murray Lander – Remuera, Gary Flemming – Royal Oak, John Ross – St Heliers, Taffy Davies – Te Atatu Peninsula.

Observers: Jeanette Sinclair – Carlton Cornwall, Peter Blick – Carlton Cornwall, Pam Taylor – Kohimarama.

Auckland Bowls Staff: Steven Yates, Steve Clifton, Janine Young, Kristina Fry, Paul Tuckley.

APOLOGIES:

Michael Feek, Greame Scott, Roger Sutton

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM

Moved: Allan Moyle - Balmoral

Seconded: John Ross – St Heliers

CARRIED

Matters arising from minutes of the AGM.

- Nil

Presentation of Annual Report for the financial year ending 30 April 2019

Moved: Jill Fraser - President

Seconded: Mark Cavanagh – New Lynn **CARRIED**

Bruce Anderson spoke to the report and thanked the Board for their support. Bruce Anderson acknowledged the resignation of General Manager Phil Vyver, his contribution and long service to Auckland Bowls.

Bruce Anderson welcomed new General Manager Steven Yates

Bruce Anderson spoke of the growth of the casual participant, and the move by clubs to diversify into other areas, proving a positive step forward. Bruce Anderson spoke of the need for clubs to become more commercial in their operation and less reliant upon funding.

Bruce Anderson acknowledged the work of Gerard Hulst with the closure of Avondale Bowling Club.

Bruce Anderson thanked the Staff of Auckland Bowls and Steve Clifton for his work as interim GM.

Jill Fraser spoke to the President's Report. Jill Fraser spoke of our changing society, the effect of these changes on clubs and the need to adapt to new challenges.

The great success of the Auckland Women's Representative side and the continued work and commitment to maintain the momentum for the coming season.

Jill Fraser welcomed Steven Yates and thanked the Auckland Bowls staff for their work. Jill Fraser welcomed Janine Young to the staff and acknowledged the work of Steve Clifton as interim GM.

Presentation of Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 30 April 2019

Moved: Bruce Anderson

Seconded: Jill Fraser - President

CARRIED

Question: Ian Birch – Patron.

Why is the Kimberley/Rawhiti money not used to help clubs in financial distress?

Answer: Bruce Anderson – Chairman

Auckland Bowls is at present reliant upon Blue Waters Community Trust for funding operating costs. This funding is not assured for the future. BA called upon Allan Smith, BWCT trustee for further comment. Allan Smith reiterated, that future funding was not assured, with BWCT going from five venues down to one.

Bruce Anderson advised, the constitution states that the Kimberley Fund is a major capital asset of Auckland Bowls and should be kept intact as far as possible in order to meet the future needs of Auckland Bowls and its members. This comment was supported by Graeme Bennett former member of the Kimberley Committee. The Rawhiti Fund was established at the closure of Rawhiti Bowling Club to be used for future investment in the growth of the sport. Ian Birch was happy with this explanation and thanked Bruce Anderson for his response.

The election of a President and Vice-President.

No election required.

The appointment of a Patron and Honorary Life Members.

The appointment of a Patron

Ian Birch to remain as Patron.

Moved: Gary Cotton – Mangere **Seconded:** Allan Moyle - Balmoral **CARRIED**

The Auckland Bowls Board recommends the following be appointed as Honorary Life Members

Hadden Vernon

Moved: Bruce Anderson **Seconded:** Jill Fraser

Gary Flemming

Moved: Ian Birch – Patron **Seconded:** Murray Dorreen – Board Member

BOTH CARRIED WITH ACCLAMATION

The election of a person to the Selection Panel (Board appointments)

Grant Goodwin to remain on Selection Panel

Moved: Bruce Anderson **Seconded:** Ron Taylor - Kohimarama **CARRIED**

Motion to increase the Membership Fee charged on all Full Members of Clubs affiliated to Auckland Bowls Inc. from \$18.00 + GST to \$19.00 + GST, an increase of \$1.00 per full member.

Question: Gerard Hulst – Carlton Cornwall. Will this increase be fixed?

Answer: Bruce Anderson – We will be waiting to see what happens with Bowls New Zealand at this time the answer is imponderable.

Moved: Bruce Anderson **Seconded:** Murray Dorreen – Board Member **CARRIED**

Fixing the maximum annual Honoraria payable by Auckland Bowls to the Auckland Bowls Board Members in accordance with 20.9 (Honoraria), only if a change to the current amount is being recommended by the Auckland Bowls Board

The Chairman advised that no change was being recorded so no vote was required.

Considering and determining any notices of motion received which propose alterations to the Constitution

- Nil

Considering and making recommendations to the Auckland Bowls Board as a result of any notices of motion received (not related to altering the Constitution)

- Nil

Items of General Business as notified.

Bowls NZ Membership Fees Proposal

A short discussion was held. With membership categories and the flexibility around this, of interest. Further discussion would be needed.

The Chairman thanked Mt Eden for hosting the AGM and all the clubs for attending and their contributions. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Bruce Anderson asked the attendee's present at the meeting, stay behind for a presentation by new GM Steven Yates, followed by a second presentation by Steve Clifton to update clubs on the various matters relating to the development and growth of the sport.