



AGENDA FOR THE 108TH AGM OF AUCKLAND BOWLS INCORPORATED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE 108TH AGM OF AUCKLAND BOWLS INC TO BE HELD AT THE
MT EDEN BOWLING CLUB AT 10.00AM ON

SATURDAY 31ST JULY 2021

AGENDA

- a. Present.
- b. Apologies.
- c. Notification of any items of General Business.
- d. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM.
- e. Matters arising from minutes of the AGM.
- f. Presentation of Annual Report for the financial year ending 30 April 2021.
- g. Presentation of Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 30 April 2021.
- h. The election of a President and Vice-President.
- i. The confirmation of any appointments to the Auckland Bowls Board.
- j. The appointment of a Patron and Honorary Life Members.
- k. The election of a person to the Selection Panel.
- l. Fixing the Membership Fee (for the foreseeable future) payable by Clubs to Auckland Bowls, having regard to the recommendation of the Auckland Bowls Board.
- m. 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.
- n. Considering and determining any notices of motion received which propose alterations to the Constitution.
- o. Considering and making recommendations to the Auckland Bowls Board as a result of any notices of motion received (not related to altering the Constitution).
- p. Items of General Business as notified.

Please note that immediately following the conclusion of the AGM, there will be a presentation by Mark Cameron, CEO Bowls NZ.



minutes

Inc

107th AGM of Auckland Bowls

Saturday 25 July 2020 10.00am
Mt Eden Bowls Club
17 Stokes Road
Mt Eden

PRESENT:

Board Members:

Michael Feek – Chairman
Greame Scott – Vice President
Helen Blick
Esther Eu

Jill Fraser – President
Murray Dorreen
Phil Taylor – Bridge Park

Life Members:

Graeme Bennett

Gary Fleming

Club Delegates:

Nenad Rajic – Auckland
Allan Smith – Blockhouse Bay
Mike Rapson – Ellerslie
Jim Close – Glen Eden
Brian Jago – Howick
Gary Cotton – Mangere
Daniel King – Mt Albert
David Ball – Mt Wellington
Ian McKenna – Pt Chevalier
Rosemary Ellyett – Remuera
John Ross – St Heliers
Dan Lees – Titirangi RSA

Allan Moyle – Balmoral
Gerard Hulst – Carlton Cornwall
Roger Sutton – Epsom
Tony Lumb – Henderson
Marlene Mak – Kohimarama
Derek Mc Keen – Maraetai
Russell Barrett – Mt Eden
Martin McKenzie – Onehunga & Districts
Willis Wichman – Pringle Park
Steve King – Rocky Nook
Taffy Davies – Te Atatu Peninsula

Observers:

Peter Blick – Carlton Cornwall
Gavin Brown – Royal Oak
Mark Cameron – Bowls NZ
John Heimgartner – Remuera
Wendy Brown – Minute Taker

Jeanette Sinclair – Carlton Cornwall
Wayne Gemmell – Maraetai
Colin Marychurch – Rocky Nook
Johnny Pocrnich – Mt Albert

Auckland Bowls Staff:

Steven Yates
Janine Young

Steve Clifton
Kristina Fry

Chairman, Michael Feek (MF) confirmed a quorum had been reached and the AGM could proceed.

Michael Feek opened the meeting and welcomed life members Graham Bennett and Gary Fleming, Bowls New Zealand President, Mark Cameron, delegates, observers and Board Members – Jill Fraser (JF), Greame Scott (GS), Esther Eu (EE), Phil Taylor (PT), Murray Dorreen(MD), Helen Blick (HB) and Steven Yates GM, Auckland Bowls office, to the 107th Auckland Bowls Inc. 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 Hadden Vernon.

Recommendation:

That all motions are passed by a simple majority except those dealing with the changes to the Constitution that require a 66% majority.

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 Allan Smith – Blockhouse Bay
Seconded Jim Close – Glen Eden

Motion Carried

1. Apologies

Kevin Hickland – Life Member
Ian Birch - Patron
Sean Hird – New Lynn
Chris Ryan – Central
Rima Strickland – Grey Lynn
Bernie Connolly – Ponsonby
Mark Cavanagh – New Lynn

Moved Rosemary Ellyett – Remuera
Seconded Roger Sutton – Epsom

Motion Carried

2. Notification of any items of General Business

Nil

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous AGM

Recommendation

That the minutes of Auckland Bowls Inc AGM meeting held on 31 July 2019 to be confirmed as a true and correct record,

Moved: Gary Fleming – Royal Oak
Seconded: Russell Barrett – Mt Eden

Motion Carried

3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the AGM

Nil

4 Presentation of Annual Report for the Financial Year Ending 30 April 2020

Michael Feek spoke to the report and acknowledged and thanked the board for their support. Michael Feek acknowledged the contribution of the Board members retiring, Jill Fraser, Murray Dorreen and Phil Taylor, along with Bruce Anderson the previous Chairman, who retired at the end of 2019.

Michael Feek acknowledged and thanked all the members on various committees i.e. Judiciary, Operations, Rawhiti, Kimberley, Finance and Blue Water Community Trust.

Michael Feek thanked the sponsors and acknowledged the contribution of Steven Yates and the Auckland Bowls management team.

Michael Feek acknowledged and thanked the bowling club volunteers who gave up their valuable time to help run the clubs on a day to day basis.

Michael Feek highlighted in his report the renewal of the strategic plan with a key focus on growth. He encouraged the clubs to focus on introducing new members to the game and the value of undertaking an exit interview with any members who do move on.

Steven Yates spoke to his report highlighting two significant achievements by the team in the last 12 months:

The production of live streaming, resulting in strong viewing numbers across the country and globally, such as Australia and Europe. Noted it was an excellent marketing tool and great feedback had been received. Steven Yates advised that Auckland Bowls have committed to live streaming as many centre events as possible

Steven Yates also highlighted the excellent work undertaken on the Auckland Bowls website upgrade throughout the year.

Jill Fraser spoke to the President's Report and her five years on the Auckland Bowls Board. Enjoyed working with a great bunch of Board members and members of the Bowling clubs. Jill Fraser spoke on the biggest highlight of her career, as a member of the Auckland National Inter-centre team that won and acknowledged the great support given by members of the board and in particular the Inter-centre team manager, Helen Blick. Jill Fraser expressed her thoughts that the organisation was in good hands with bright people currently on the Board and two new members whose skill sets will enhance the Board moving forward.

Question: Daniel King – Mt Albert

In the Rawhiti Fund report it states Remuera club were the first covered green and not New Lynn, is this correct?

Answer: Michael Feek – Board Chairman

Yes, Remuera club were the first covered green, receiving a Rawhiti grant. New Lynn provided their own funds for their covered green.

Recommendation:

That the Annual Report for the Financial Year ending 30 April 2020 be received.

Moved: Greame Scott – Board Member

Seconded: Brian Jago – Howick

Motion Carried

5 Presentation of Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 30 April 2020

Question: Allan Smith – Blockhouse Bay

When were the wage subsidy funds received and where do the funds appear in the Accounts and why the substantial increase?

Answer: Steven Yates – Auckland Bowls

The wage subsidy was granted on 26 March 2020 for a 12-week period. The funds appear on Page 13 under Accounts Payable and the increase was highlighted. Auditors were aware and satisfied with the provision. Phil Taylor explained that the wage subsidy was used to defray the costs of salaries up to the 14 June 2020, so was only partially utilised at year end.

Question: Roger Sutton – Epsom

Why is Accounts Receivable showing as a minus figure?

Answer: Steven Yates – Auckland Bowls

Yes, this is correct as a bowling club paid subs to Auckland Bowls instead of direct to Bowls NZ. This was picked up as part of the audit and Auckland Bowls immediately paid it back to the club concerned.

Recommendation:

That the Audited Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year ending 30 April 2020 be received.

Moved: Greame Scott – Board member

Seconded: Alan Smith – Blockhouse Bay

Motion Carried

6 The election of a President and Vice-President

Nominated by Auckland Bowling Club, the Chairperson duly declared Greame Scott the new President of Auckland Bowls.

Nominated by Carlton Cornwall Bowling Club, the Chairperson duly declared Helen Blick the new Vice President of Auckland Bowls.

7 The confirmation of any appointments to the Auckland Bowls Board

Recommendations:

That David Ball be appointed as an independent Board Director for a 2-year term.

Moved: Allan Moyle – Balmoral
Seconded: Phil Taylor – Bridge Park

That John Ross be appointed as an independent Board Director for a 2-year term.

Moved: Michael Feek – Board Chairman
Seconded: Rosemary Ellyett – Remuera

That Michael Feek be appointed as an independent Board Director for a 2-year term.

Moved: Roger Sutton – Epsom
Seconded: Jim Close – Glen Eden

Motions Carried

8 The appointment of a Patron and Honorary Life Members

Recommendation:

That Ian Birch to remain as Patron

Moved: Gary Fleming – Royal Oak
Seconded: Gary Cotton – Mangere

Motion Carried

9 The election of a person to the Selection Panel

Recommendation:

That Gary Fleming be appointed as Club Delegate on the Selection Panel.

Moved: Murray Dorreen – Board member
Seconded: Greame Scott – Board member

Motion Carried

10 Fixing the Membership Fee (for the foreseeable future) payable by Clubs to Auckland Bowls, having regard to the recommendation of the Auckland Bowls Board

No recommendation to change

11 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

No recommendation to change

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

MOTIONS ONE - SEVEN

MOTION ONE:

That the following change be made to **“Non-Playing Member”** in **Rule 2 Interpretation**.

The current clause reads:

“Non-Playing Member” means a person who does not wish to play the Game of Bowls but wishes to enjoy an on-going association with a Club including participating in all social activities including participating in social activities at a club, and includes non-playing life members.

The new clause to read:

“Non-Playing Member” means a person who does not play bowls but wishes to enjoy an on-going association with a club including participating in social activities at the Club and includes non-playing life members.

Reason for the change: To have the Auckland Bowls definition mirror the definition in the Bowls NZ Constitution.

MOTION TWO:

That the following change be made to **“Playing Member”** in **Rule 2 Interpretation**.

The current clause reads:

“Playing Member” means a person who wishes to enjoy the playing and non-playing rights and privileges of being a member of a Club, including life members and students.

The new clause to read:

‘Playing Member’ means a person who wishes to enjoy the full playing and non-playing rights and privileges of being a member of a Club, including playing life members and students. Only playing members are entitled to play at other affiliated Clubs and to enter Club Championships, Centre, Regional and/or National tournaments and events.

Reason for the change: To have the Auckland Bowls definition mirror the definition in the Bowls NZ Constitution. This definition more fully defines the privileges of Playing Members.

MOTION THREE:

That a new Member category definition be included called **“Limited Playing Member”** in **Rule 2 Interpretation**.

The new clause to read:

“Limited Playing Member” means a person who wishes to play bowls at their Club only. The rights and privileges of membership as a Limited Playing Member shall be specified in the Constitution, Regulations and/or Rules of the Club, but cannot be extended beyond specific club tournaments and events. A Limited Playing member can only play in bowls events within the boundary of the physical club and may not participate in Club Championships, Centre, Regional and/or National Events, or at any other bowling club.

Reason for the change: Bowls NZ have added this Membership Category to their Constitution. This new category allows greater flexibility for clubs to establish member sub-categories in their regulations for persons who would like to play bowls but who do not want to be full Playing Members.

MOTION FOUR:

That the following change be made to **“Individual Member”** in **Rule 2 Interpretation**. **“Individual Member”** that the current clause has the words **“Limited Playing Members”** added as a category so *the clause will now read as:*

“Individual Member” means a person who is a member of Auckland Bowls, and/or a Club pursuant to Rule 9 (Individual Members), and includes Playing Members, Limited Playing Members, Non-Playing Members and Casual Members.

Reason for the change: To have the Auckland Bowls definition mirror the definition in the Bowls NZ Constitution.

MOTION FIVE:

That the following membership category **“Limited Playing Member”**, be added to **Rule 8 Member Clubs, Clause 8.2 Obligations of a Club, Sub-Clause (d)**.

The new sub-clause to read:

8.2 (d) have as its members Playing Members, Limited Playing Members, Non-Playing Members, and Casual Members only, provided that such membership is consistent with the Bowls NZ Constitution, Bowls NZ Regulations, and this Constitution.

Reason for the change: It permits Clubs to accept as Members persons who only want to play bowls according to the restricted conditions of the Limited Playing Member definition.

MOTION SIX:

That the following membership category “**Limited Playing Member**”, be added to **Rule 9 Individual Members, Clause 9.1 Individual Member Defined, Sub-Clause (a)**.

The new sub-clause to now read:

9.1 (a) a person who is a Playing Member, Limited Playing Member, Non-Playing Member, or a Casual Member of a Club in the Auckland Bowls District;

Reason for the change: It permits Auckland Bowls to have Limited Playing Members as members of Auckland Bowls.

MOTION SEVEN:

That the following membership category “**Limited Playing Member**”, be added to **Rule 9 Individual Members, Clause 9.2 New Individual Members, Sub-Clause (a)**.

The New Clause to now read:

9.2 (a) In the case of a Playing Member, Limited Playing Member, Non-Playing Member or an umpire/official (as described in Rule 9.1 (f) i), upon such person satisfying the requirements for membership of a club as specified in the constitution of a Club, or, if no requirements are specified then upon such person paying any membership or other fees due to their Club and completion of the prescribed membership form. In the case of Playing, Limited Playing or Non-Playing Members upon them satisfying the requirements of membership, the Club shall inform the Auckland Bowls Manager, and in turn, Auckland Bowls shall inform Bowls NZ, of such membership. The Auckland Bowls Manager shall then amend the Auckland Bowls Register of members accordingly.

Reason for the change: It permits Auckland Bowls to accept Limited Playing Members as new members.

Question: Brian Jago – Howick

Do the reduced affiliation fees apply to Limited Members?

Answer: Michael Feek – Board Chairman

No, it is only for full paying members.

Recommendations:

That Janine Young and Kristina Fry be appointed scrutineers for the Ballot.

Moved: Michael Feek

Seconded Gary Fleming

Motion Carried

That Motions one to seven are received.

Moved Allan Moyle – Balmoral
Seconded Rosemary Ellyett – Remuera

The Motion was lost with 48 (65.75% for and 25 (34.25%) against as it did not receive the required 66% majority.

MOTIONS EIGHT - TEN

MOTION EIGHT:

That the definition ‘**Regional Judicial Committee**’ be deleted in **Rule 2 Interpretation**.
Reason for the Change: Bowls NZ have removed the Regional Judicial Committees from their Constitution. All appeals now go to the Bowls NZ Judicial Committee.

MOTION NINE:

That the following change be made to **Rule 26 Discipline, Clause 26.3 Jurisdiction of Bowls NZ Judicial Committee, Sub-Clause (c)**.

The current sub-clause reads:

- 26.3 (c) other Disputes and Misconduct involving Bowls NZ Members
- i. that are not within the jurisdiction of a Club, Centre, the Bowls NZ Board and/or Regional Judicial Committee; or

The new sub-clause to read:

- 26.3 (c) other Disputes and Misconduct involving Bowls NZ Members
- i. that are not within the jurisdiction of a Club, Centre, or the Bowls NZ Board; or

Reason for the change: The Regional Judicial Committees have been disestablished.

MOTION TEN:

That the following change be made to **Rule 27 Appeals, Clause 27.1 Appeals Process, Sub-Clause (a) Appeal to a Regional Judicial Committee**.

The current sub-clause reads:

27.1 (a) **Appeal to a Regional Judicial Committee:** Where there is a Dispute or Misconduct at Auckland Bowls Level which is decided by the Auckland Bowls Board (or committee on its behalf), any party affected by that decision may only appeal such decision to the Regional Judicial Committee in the Region in accordance with the Bowls NZ Regulations.

The new sub-clause to read:

27.1 (a) **Appeal to the Bowls NZ Judicial Committee:** Where there is a Dispute or Misconduct at Auckland Bowls Level which is decided by the Auckland Bowls Board (or committee on its behalf), any party affected by that decision may only appeal such decision to the Bowls NZ Judicial Committee in accordance with the Bowls NZ Regulations.

Reason for the change: The Regional Judicial Committees have been disestablished.

Recommendation:

That Motions eight to ten are received.

Moved Phil Taylor – Bridge Park
Seconded Allan Smith – Blockhouse Bay

Motion carried unanimously

MOTION ELEVEN:

That in Rule 5 Powers the following be added to Rule 5.1 (e) “**the sale of goods and services**”.

The new clause to read:

To determine, raise and receive money by subscription, donation, fees, levies, the sale of goods and services, gate charges, sponsorship, government funding, local authority funding, or otherwise

Reason for the change: It adds an extra activity by which the Centre can generate revenue.

Recommendation:

That Motion eleven is received.

Moved Allan Moyle – Balmoral
Seconded Brian Jago – Howick

Motion carried unanimously

MOTION TWELVE:

That in Rule 6 Obligations of Auckland Bowls the following obligation be added.

6.1 (h) Collect the Bowls NZ Affiliation Fee from Clubs in accord with the Bowls NZ Constitution;

Reason for the change: This clause was added to the Bowls NZ Constitution as a new obligation for Centres.

Recommendation:

That Motion twelve is received.

Moved Roger Sutton – Epsom
Seconded Steve King – Rocky Nook

Motion carried unanimously

MOTION THIRTEEN:

That the following change be made to Rule 9.4 Clearance Certificates.

The current clause reads:

Clearance Certificates: Any Individual Member Leaving a Club in the Auckland Bowls District shall be given by such Club a clearance certificate in the form prescribed by Bowls NZ confirming that he is financial upon clearing all outstanding financial obligations to the Club. No Club shall admit to membership any person who still is or has been a Member of another Club unless such a clearance certificate is produced.

The new clause to now read:

Clearance Certificates: Any Individual Member who resigns, or has their membership terminated from a Club or who is a member of a Club or Clubs ("First Club/s") in the Auckland Bowls District and wishes to join another Club ("Second Club"), upon clearing all outstanding financial obligations to the First Club/s, shall be given by such First Club/s, as applicable, a clearance certificate in the form prescribed by Bowls NZ confirming that he is financial. No Club shall admit to membership and person who is or has been a member of another Club unless such a clearance certificate is produced.

Reason for the change: To clarify that a Member must have a clearance certificate from all clubs they are members of, not only when they resign or leave the Club to join another, but also when they are seeking dual membership of two or more clubs.

Question: Daniel King – Mt Albert

Can you give clarification as it appears to include social members are also required to have a clearance certificate? Should it be just for a full playing member?

Answer: Michael Feek - Board Chairman

After looking at the current constitution yes, it does apply to all members, including non-playing.

After discussion was held it was agreed the wording would be amended to read:

Clearance Certificates: Any playing member who resigns, or has their membership terminated from a Club or who is a playing member of a Club or Clubs ("First Club/s") in the Auckland Bowls District and wishes to join another Club ("Second Club"), upon clearing all outstanding financial obligations to the First Club/s, shall be given by such First Club/s, as applicable, a clearance certificate in the form prescribed by Bowls NZ confirming that he is financial. No Club shall admit to membership any person who is or has been a playing member of another Club unless such a clearance certificate is produced.

Recommendation:

That Motion thirteen amendment is received

Moved: Daniel King – Mt Albert
Seconded: Roger Sutton – Epsom

Motion Carried unanimously

MOTION FOURTEEN:

That the following change be made to **Rule 19.9 Schedule of Rotation**.

The current clause reads:

Schedule of Rotation: To ensure rotation on the Auckland Bowls Board, there must be at least two vacancies (whether by expiry of term of office, retirement or otherwise) on the Auckland Bowls Board at every AGM. If there are insufficient vacancies to give effect to this requirement Auckland Bowls Board shall, prior to the AGM, determine by lot which of its number shall retire and notify the clubs of this decision not later than the 1st day of April prior to the AGM.

The new clause to read:

Schedule of Rotation: To ensure rotation on Auckland Bowls Board, there must be at least two vacancies among the appointed Board Members (whether by expiry of term of office, retirement or otherwise) on the Auckland Bowls Board at every AGM. To ensure continuity on the Auckland Bowls Board, the year that the terms of office of the President and Vice-Presidents expire, should be the same year that only two vacancies occur, by rotation, among the appointed Auckland Bowls Board Members. This provision however does not preclude other vacancies occurring in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19.12 (Vacancies) and Rule 19.15 (Co-Option if a Vacancy Arises). If there are insufficient vacancies to give effect to this requirement, the Auckland Bowls Board shall, prior to the AGM, determine by lot which of its number shall retire and notify the Clubs of this decision not later than the 1st day of April prior to the AGM.

Reason for the change: to ensure whenever possible that only ever three, of the terms of office of the seven members of the Auckland Bowls Board, include the elected and appointed members, are up for election. This also assumes that in the year that the office of the President expires that the Vice-President will be nominated for the position of President.

Recommendation:

That Motion fourteen is received.

Moved Steve King – Rocky Nook
Seconded Tony Lumb – Henderson

Motion carried unanimously

MOTIONS FIFTEEN – SIXTEEN

MOTION FIFTEEN:

That the front page, and all numbering in the constitution be updated to reflect the above changes.

MOTION SIXTEEN:

That the alterations to the Auckland Bowls Constitution, take effect from the registration of the alterations with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

Recommendation:

That Motions fifteen and sixteen are received.

Moved Roger Sutton – Epsom
Seconded Tony Lumb – Henderson

Motion carried unanimously

13 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

14 Items of General Business as notified

Nil

Michael Feek asked attendees if the new timing of the AGM meeting i.e. a Saturday morning as opposed to a weeknight was preferred. It was unanimously agreed moving forward the new meeting time suited members.

Michael Feek asked the attendees to stay behind at the end of the meeting to hear a presentation by Mark Cameron, Bowls NZ and Steve Clifton who would present an update to clubs on various matters relating to development and growth.

Michael Feek ended the meeting, thanking all the clubs for attending and their support.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 11.02am

Chairperson.....

Date.....



BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board Member is not up for re-appointment and is continuing on the Board:

Independent Board Members – John Ross

The following nomination received for position of:

President of Auckland Bowls – Greame Scott, Auckland Bowling Club
Greame is the current President of Auckland Bowls.

The following nomination received for position of:

Vice President of Auckland Bowls – Helen Blick, Carlton Cornwall Bowls Club
Helen is the current Vice President of Auckland Bowls.

The following applications have been received for positions on the Board of Auckland Bowls and recommended for approval at the AGM:

Independent Board Members – Ian Dee, Carlton Cornwall Bowls Club

Auckland Bowls Selection Panel Report - 4 June 2021

The Selection Panel has considered the application received for position available on the Auckland Bowls Board in the 21/22 year taking into account the specified relevant factors.

The Panel recommends that Ian Dee being a suitable candidate be appointed to the Board for a two-year term.

Ian Dee has a background in management and leadership skills and retired from Josco Pty (NZ) Limited after 25 years, he was the CEO. Ian has also been actively involved for Cornwall Cricket Club he has been the Chairman of the Board for 18 years and is a member of Carlton Cornwall Bowls Club.

After making these appointments there will be two vacancies which the Board is able to fill when appropriate by co-opting other suitable people.

If approved at the AGM, the full Auckland Bowls Board for 2020 - 2022 will be:

President – Greame Scott; **Vice President** – Helen Blick; **Independent Board Members** – Michael Feek, John Ross and Ian Dee.

There will be two positions left vacant for the new Board of Auckland Bowls to co-opt members deemed to be suitable based on the criteria stated in the constitution.

The Board will elect a Chairperson at a meeting immediately following the AGM.

David Ball has advised he will be resigning from the Auckland Bowls Board to focus on his role as General Manager for Auckland Bowls.

Esther Eu had also resigned earlier this year as an Auckland Board member.



PROPOSED CHANGES TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF AUCKLAND BOWLS INCORPORATED
FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON
SATURDAY 31st JULY 2021

Background information for Motions One to Five

Bowls NZ two years ago amended their Constitution to allow for a new member category called **“LIMITED PLAYING MEMBER”**. Bowls NZ had previously amended the Affiliation Fees calculation from a per member to a per club model.

This meant they no longer relied on the number of Playing Members to calculate the affiliation fee. The rationale for adding Limited Playing Members to the membership categories was that it allowed clubs to establish new categories of playing members and fee structures that best suited the needs of their members.

The Annual Return each Club must file each year has a Limited Playing Category in it. Some Auckland clubs have included Limited Player numbers in their latest returns. The following rule changes dealing with Limited Playing Members were put to the AGM last year and lost by a very small margin. The Bowls NZ Constitution provides for this category, it appears clubs have determined they have Limited Playing Members based on their returns, it is necessary the Auckland Bowls adds this provision to its Constitution.

It will give those clubs who wish to use it and alter their Constitutions accordingly the opportunity to do so. The provision of the Limited Playing category does not enforce clubs to adopt it if they do not believe it is appropriate for their club and members.

Motions One to Five deal solely with Limited Playing Members and will be passed as a block.

MOTION ONE:

That a new Member category definition be included called **“Limited Playing Member”** in **Rule 2 Interpretation**.

The new clause to read:

“Limited Playing Member” means a person who wishes to play bowls at their Club only. The rights and privileges of membership as a Limited Playing Member shall be specified in the Constitution, Regulations and/or Rules of the Club, but cannot be extended beyond specific club tournaments and events. A Limited Playing member can only play in bowls events within the boundary of the physical club and may not participate in Club Championships, Centre, Regional and/or National Events, or at any other bowling club.

Reason for the change: To bring the Auckland Bowls Constitution in line with the Bowls NZ one. This new category allows greater flexibility for clubs, only if they wish to, to establish member sub-categories in their regulations for persons who would like to play bowls but who do not want to be full Playing Members.

MOTION TWO:

That the following change be made to **“Individual Member”** in **Rule 2 Interpretation**.

“Individual Member” that the current clause has the words **“Limited Playing Members”** added as a category so the *clause will now read as:*

“Individual Member” means a person who is a member of Auckland Bowls, and/or a Club pursuant to Rule 9 (Individual Members), and includes Playing Members, Limited Playing Members, Non-Playing Members and Casual Members.

Reason for the change: To have the Auckland Bowls definition mirror the definition in the Bowls NZ Constitution.

MOTION THREE:

That the following membership category **“Limited Playing Member”**, be added to **Rule 8 Member Clubs, Clause 8.2 Obligations of a Club, Sub-Clause (d)**.

The new sub-clause to read:

8.2 (d) have as its members Playing Members, Limited Playing Members, Non-Playing Members, and Casual Members only, provided that such membership is consistent with the Bowls NZ Constitution, Bowls NZ Regulations, and this Constitution.

Reason for the change: It permits Clubs to accept as members persons who only want to play bowls according to the restricted conditions of the Limited Playing Member definition.

MOTION FOUR:

That the following membership category **“Limited Playing Member”**, be added to **Rule 9 Individual Members, Clause 9.1 Individual Member Defined, Sub-Clause (a)**.

The new sub-clause to read:

9.1 (a) a person who is a Playing Member, Limited Playing Member, Non-Playing Member, or a Casual Member of a Club in the Auckland Bowls District.

Reason for the change: It permits Auckland Bowls to have Limited Playing Members as members of Auckland Bowls.

MOTION FIVE:

That the following membership category “**Limited Playing Member**”, be added to **Rule 9 Individual Members, Clause 9.2 New Individual Members, Sub-Clause (a)**.

The new clause to read:

9.2 (a) In the case of a Playing Member, Limited Playing Member, Non-Playing Member or an umpire/official (as described in Rule 9.1 (f) i), upon such person satisfying the requirements for membership of a club as specified in the constitution of a Club, or, if no requirements are specified then upon such person paying any membership or other fees due to their Club and completion of the prescribed membership form. In the case of Playing, Limited Playing or Non-Playing Members upon them satisfying the requirements of membership, the Club shall inform the Auckland Bowls Manager, and in turn, Auckland Bowls shall inform Bowls NZ, of such membership. The Auckland Bowls Manager shall then amend the Auckland Bowls Register of members accordingly.

Reason for the change: It permits Auckland Bowls to accept Limited Playing Members as new members.

Motions Six and Seven deal with updating the definitions of what is a Non-Playing Member and Playing Member. These new definitions mirror the definitions in the Bowls NZ Constitution. They will be passed as a block.

MOTION SIX:

That the following change be made to “**Non-Playing Member**” in **Rule 2 Interpretation**.

The current clause reads:

“**Non-Playing Member**” means a person who does not wish to play the Game of Bowls but wishes to enjoy an on-going association with a Club including participating in all social activities including participating in social activities at a club and includes non-playing life members.

The new clause to read:

“**Non-Playing Member**” means a person who does not play bowls but wishes to enjoy an on-going association with a club including participating in social activities at the Club and includes non-playing life members.

Reason for the change: To have the Auckland Bowls definition mirror the definition in the Bowls NZ Constitution.

MOTION SEVEN:

That the following change be made to **“Playing Member”** in **Rule 2 Interpretation**.

The current clause reads:

“Playing Member” means a person who wishes to enjoy the playing and non-playing rights and privileges of being a member of a Club, including life members and students.

The new clause to read:

“Playing Member” means a person who wishes to enjoy the full playing and non-playing rights and privileges of being a member of a Club, including playing life members and students. Only playing members are entitled to play at other affiliated Clubs and to enter Club Championships, Centre, Regional and/or National tournaments and events.

Reason for the change: To have the Auckland Bowls definition mirror the definition in the Bowls NZ Constitution. This definition more fully defines the privileges of Playing Members.

At last year’s AGM the Auckland Bowls Constitution was amended to remove reference to Regional Judicial Committees the had been disestablished by Bowls NZ. In making the changes one sub-clause was overlooked and needs to be amended.

MOTION EIGHT:

That the following change be made to **Rule 27 Appeals, Clause 27.3 Stay of Execution**

The current clause reads:

27.3 Stay of Execution: Pending the determination of an appeal before it, the Regional Judicial Committee or the Sports Tribunal may grant a stay of execution of the decision which is being appealed.

The new clause to read:

27.3 Stay of Execution: Pending the determination of an appeal before it, the Bowls NZ Judicial Committee or the Sports Tribunal may grant a stay of execution of the decision which is being appealed.

Reason for the change: The Regional Judicial Committees have been disestablished.

Motions Nine and Ten are procedural and will be passed as a block.

MOTION NINE:

That the front page, and all numbering in the constitution be updated to reflect the above changes.

MOTION TEN:

That the alterations to the Auckland Bowls Constitution, take effect from the registration of the alterations with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.