

Circular 07/2010



17 September 2010

TO: ALL BOARD MEMBERS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS, LIFE MEMBERS, CENTRE SECRETARIES, UMPIRES COMMITTEE, DISTRICT UMPIRES SECRETARIES, SELECTORS, JUDICIAL COMMITTEE, A.G.M. DELEGATES

MINUTES FROM BOWLS NZ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & BOARD MEETING:

Attached are copies of the Minutes from the Bowls New Zealand Annual General Meeting held on 11th September 2010 and the Board Minutes from meetings held on 10th September 2010 and 11th September 2010.

TRANS TASMAN 2011:

It is pleasing to announce that the Trans Tasman Open Event for 2011 will be held for the first time in Invercargill.

Bowls Southland have been successful in obtaining funding support from the Invercargill Licensing Trust, the Southland Community Trust and have made a contribution from their own funds and that, along with the contribution that Bowls New Zealand makes to this event, has enabled the event to be awarded to Southland. This is a great example of partnership.

It is hoped that the bowling community throughout New Zealand will support this event with their attendance.

The Tests will be held over the period 2nd – 4th March inclusive.

EARTHQUAKE CANTERBURY:

I am sure that all Centres and bowlers will join with me in expressing our sincere condolences to the bowling community within Canterbury for the trauma that they continue to experience from the earthquake and the after shocks.

Our community has rallied behind those Clubs who experienced damage in the quake. The Greenkeeping Association in Canterbury and the Centre are keeping a close eye on things and when support is required, in any shape or form, they will be communicating that to the wider community.

We wish all bowlers in Canterbury a safe recovery from this tragic event.

SUSPENSIONS & EXCLUSIONS:

Papakura Bowling Club advise that the expulsion of Shane McGonagle applies to the Papakura Bowling Club only, not from other Clubs throughout New Zealand.

REMINDERS:

Have a Go Day

Have a Go Day is fast approaching and 183 Clubs have already signed up, has your club signed up yet? Have a Go Days are a great opportunity to get new people into clubs to have a go at bowls. A fun free day of bowls in the sun can lead to greater things...like new Mates in Bowls participants or even new members. Those clubs that have already signed up are going to see the benefits, can your club afford to miss out? Have a Go Day will be held on Sunday October 10, and comes with no charge to your club. All you have to do is use the Have a Go Day logo. So sign up today!

When you sign up you will receive:

- One 1200 x 800 sign
- A promotional email template

- An A5 flier template
- A logo
- Handy Hints and Tips for a successful day.

If your club is interested in participating, please register online through the Bowls NZ website www.bowlsnz.co.nz, email info@bowlsnz.co.nz or contact your Bowls NZ Community Development Officer for details.

Mates in Bowls – Changes in Pricing Structure plus prizes to be won!

The bowls season is fast approaching and with it brings social leagues and an opportunity for your club to make an extra buck as well as have some fun. Mates in Bowls offers the opportunity to get new people into clubs.

The series allows non-bowlers the opportunity to ‘pay for play’ at participating clubs, bringing new players and their wallets into your club. Your club gains members, revenue and exposure from a social league. Bowls New Zealand has the systems already set up, and all you need to do is implement it. MIB is also fun to run! It helps to build club spirit and is designed so your volunteers can focus on what they love and are good at, having a laugh, meeting people and showing people how to play.

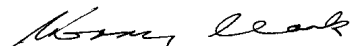
All of this makes getting people onto your greens easier as well as making your club money, helping you to create a stronger club for the future.

This year a change has been made to the programme. If your club signs up to a 3 year contract, the contribution to Bowls NZ for the first year will be only \$1.50 per person per night! In the 2nd year it will be \$1.75, and in the 3rd year the contribution will be \$2—which is still less than the \$2.50 that has been going to Bowls NZ in the past. By participating you will also be able to enter prize draws. If your club runs a second series you could win one of four cash prizes – One each of \$1000, \$750, \$500 and \$250. We will also be rewarding the volunteers that make Mates in Bowls happen. 10 lucky volunteers will have their club membership for the year paid!

To sign up for Mates In Bowls contact your local Community Development Officer (CDO).

PLEASE NOTE:

Bowls New Zealand have a slight change to their postal address. It is now P.O. Box 62 502 Greenlane, Auckland 1546. Please change your records. Any mail sent to the Kalmia Street address will be forwarded onto Greenlane.



**Kerry Clark OBE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOWLS NEW ZEALAND BOARD

HELD AT PENCARROW ROOM, THE COPTHORNE HOTEL, WELLINGTON

On

Friday 10th September 2010

COMMENCING AT 2.00pm



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PRESENT

John Carter - Chair
Coral Wing - President
Trevor McComish - Vice-President
Lynette Adams
Cushla McGillivray
Jacki Richardson
Jim Lindsay
Kerry Clark OBE - Chief Executive Officer
Paul Cavanagh - (Minute Taker)

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. OBITUARIES

Ralph Gibson, Bowls Nelson Patron.
Alan Pluck, former Bowls NZ Umpires Committee Member and Patron, Bowls Wanganui.
Fred Gates, past Chairman Bowls Nelson, past Bowls NZ RAC Representative.

3. REGISTER OF INTERESTS

John Carter	Director, Bowls Events NZ Limited Life Member, Bowls Wellington Administration Manager, Hutt Bowling Club
Cushla McGillivray	Director, Bowls Events NZ Ltd
Coral Wing	Past President, Bowls Manawatu
Lynette Adams	CEO, Sport Waitakere
Jacki Richardson	Ministerial Trustee Pakuranga Health Camp School General Manager, Northern Auckland Kindergarten Association
Jim Lindsay	Managing Director, Lindsay Consulting
Trevor McComish	Bowls Wellington Club Rationalisation Team

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND RESOLUTIONS

The Board approved the following Minutes and Resolutions:

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1. Board Meeting held on 20th May 2010.

Moved: Coral Wing Seconded: Trevor McComish
Carried

2. Board Meeting held by telephone conference on 28th July 2010.

Moved: Trevor McComish Seconded: Cushla McGillivray
Carried

3. Approval of Regulations circulated by e-mail on 14th July 2010 and 16 August 2010.

Moved: Trevor McComish Seconded: Cushla McGillivray
Carried

4. Judicial Committee appointments of Alex Wilson and Pat O'Dea circulated by e-mail on 6 August 2010.

Moved: Cushla McGillivray Seconded: Jackie Richardson
Carried

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Centenary 2013/14

Trevor McComish said the Board's Centennial Committee had shortlisted two applicants as author of the Bowls NZ Centennial publication, John Carter and Grant Hassall. Both applicants had provided CVs outlining their former and current experience in producing publications of this nature. John Carter left the meeting.

After full discussion it was unanimously agreed that John Carter be appointed author of the Bowls NZ Centennial publication.

Trevor McComish would advise all applicants with details of who was the successful applicant.

Membership Sub- Committee

Trevor McComish spoke to the notes tabled from the meeting of the Membership Committee held in Wellington on August 11. Further research is being undertaken as well as feedback has been sought from the bowls community. No final recommendations would be made by the Committee until after 31 October 2010.



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The CEO was asked to liaise with Region 3 as to a Member for the sub-committee.

Judicial Process Review

The CEO spoke to changes to the Bowls NZ Judicial structure proposed by the Board's legal advisor.

The Board are supportive of the direction being recommended which includes a streamlined process and mediation being a key first step prior to substantive appeal proceedings.

The CEO to discuss further with the legal advisor a timetable for consultation with the bowling community and for implementation.

Counties Manukau Liquidation Update

Moved: Trevor McComish Seconded: Coral Wing
Carried

That the Bowls NZ Board terminate Counties Manukau Bowls Incorporated's membership of Bowls NZ as a centre in accordance with Rules 16.2.2 and 16.2.3 on the basis that it has ceased to function as a Centre and has been put into court-ordered liquidation.

Role of Vice President

It was agreed that the role of Bowls NZ Vice President be aired at meetings of Regional Forums and that a job description and skill set for suitable candidates be developed.

6. STRATEGIC ISSUES

One Bowl One Vision Update

The CEO updated the meeting on progress being made by Wellington and Canterbury. He advised that Wellington would be making a presentation on their progress to date to the AGM.

Canterbury had undertaken a major organisational review, their Board would be meeting with the CEO and Fay Freeman on 20th September 2010 and that they were planning to hold a Regional Forum in early November.

Progress on Auckland becoming an RSC would not occur till after the Annual General Meeting of Bowls NZ. After discussion on the Auckland situation it was agreed the Chairman, Board Member Jackie Richardson and the CEO would meet with the Auckland Chair and GM.



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Organisational Development Tool Update

The CEO gave the meeting an update following a recent meeting with SPARC representatives. A timetable to work on outstanding items had been agreed.

Strategic Plan and Operational Plan Update

The CEO said work was actively taking place in all areas with the exception on the establishment of a coaching academy which would be looked at after the Delhi 2010 campaign was over and the Commonwealth Games debrief had been held.

The delayed process in getting RSCs up and running had pushed some dates back but it is hopeful that the time lag will be caught up by the end of the financial year.

The Strategic Plan Review process and “blue sky” session would be held in Auckland on 15th December 2010. In addition to the Board, invitees would be the RSC Chairs, SPARC Relationship Manager Sarah Dunning and senior staff. This would not be a major review of the Strategic Plan as the current plan was finalised last year and is for a five year term.

The “blue sky” session however would have two key themes which will be membership and participation issues and the need for the sport to consider how it addresses and promotes values, behavioural and cultural issues. The CEO, Chairman and Board Member Jackie Richardson were appointed to agree on a meeting facilitator.

Risk Management Plan Update

Plan update was tabled and accepted.

Review of Board Policies

The Board confirmed the Internet Policy and Appendix, subject to changes suggested by Jackie Richardson.

Board Work Plan

The Chairman said some work was required on working with Stakeholders and assessing the external environment matters which would be a focus in the second half of the financial year.

SPARC Online Governance Evaluation

The Chairman tabled the recently completed evaluation which showed improvement in all areas over the previous evaluation and advised he would



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prepare a summary of action points.

Bowls NZ Squad and High Performance Selection Policy

The CEO tabled the matrix used by the Selectors to select the Commonwealth Games Side. The matrix is based on the Bowls New Zealand Selection Regulations and is to be issued for selecting all future National Squads and Sides.

The Board noted the process and approved its use.

Hyundai Nationals 2012-2013

It was agreed that Centres be advised that one application had already been received to host the Hyundai Nationals 2012-13. Any further applications are to be submitted by November 30 2010. A final decision on the venue would be made at the December 2010 Board meeting.

World Bowls Council Meetings 2010

The CEO said there were important issues on the agenda for this meeting, and as he was a Board Member he could not act as a NZ Delegate at the meeting.

It was agreed that New Zealand should be represented by a Delegate and the meeting approved that the Chair should attend in that capacity.

SPARC Community Investment

The CEO advised that SPARC would invest a minimum of \$249,000 per annum for Community Investment over the next 3 years. KPIs based on additional statistical information around participation numbers, Coaches, Technical Officials and what we intend to do for Volunteer training, have been agreed.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

The Chief Executive tabled a Report covering all activities since the last Board Meeting.

The following items were discussed and approvals given where appropriate:

Moved: Cushla McGillivray Seconded: Trevor McComish
Carried

On the recommendation of the Umpires Committee the implementation date for the second edition of the Laws of the Sport would be May 1st 2011.

Moved: Jacki Richardson Seconded: Cushla McGillivray

that the Board go into Committee to discuss two items, one relating to a volunteer contribution and the second relating to a commercial transaction.

Carried:



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After discussion an agreed course of action on both topics was approved. The Board moved out of Committee on the Motion of Trevor McComish and seconded Coral Wing.

Mates in Bowls (MIB)

The CEO said there had been an operational review of Mates in Bowls and the need to grow numbers of Clubs and participants. To get more Clubs involved it was proposed that Clubs be approached to sign up to a three-year incentivised contract with additional incentives to volunteers involved. The proposals were approved and will be promoted by the Marketing and Communications Manager and the Community Development Officers.

Charitable Status for Bowls New Zealand

The Board agreed that Bowls New Zealand should proceed with an application to obtain charitable status.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

The meeting received a financial report to 31 August 2010, a schedule of current investments, the 2010/2011 cash flow budget and the minutes of the Risk and Audit Committee relating to the Annual accounts.

All reports were accepted and the CEO was congratulated on the excellent 2009/2010 result.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Grants Corner to Corner

The CEO said Bowls NZ had entered into a sponsorship agreement with Grants regarding the Corner to Corner competition

New Delhi campaign

The CEO said the New Delhi campaign was progressing well and in accord with the plan previously approved.

Venue for Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting in 2011

The date and venue for the 2011 annual general meeting was left to be discussed with Delegates at the Annual General Meeting.

It was noted that dates need to avoid Rugby World Cup games.



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Next meeting dates

Board meeting to be held on 15th and 16th December, 2010, in Auckland.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.30pm.

10th September 2010

Chairman



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Minutes of a Meeting of the Bowls NZ Board

Held at the

Hutt Bowling Club, 12.05pm, September 11, 2010



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In Attendance:

John Carter - Chairman
Coral Wing - President
Trevor McComish – Vice-President
Lynette Adams
Cushla McGillivray
Jacki Richardson

Apologies

Jim Lindsay

That John Carter be appointed Chairman of the Board.

MOVED: Cushla McGillivray **SECONDED:** Jackie Richardson

CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.08pm.

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MINUTES OF THE 15TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF BOWLS NEW ZEALAND

HELD AT

HUTT BOWLING CLUB, 6 MYRTLE STREET, LOWER HUTT

ON

SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2010

AT

10.00AM



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1. **OPENING AND WELCOME**

The Chairman introduced Peter Barlow, President of the Hutt Bowling Club, who welcomed those present to the club

President Coral Wing thanked Bowls NZ for the support given her during the year and welcomed all Delegates and Observers to the Annual General Meeting

2. **OBITUARIES**

Edna Higgins (Nelson), President Bowls New Zealand 1998/1999
Arch Murray (Canterbury) President New Zealand Bowling Association 1989-90 and Councillor New Zealand Bowling Association 1978 to 1990
Margaret McKinnel (South Otago) Bowls New Zealand Board Member 1996-2000 and Councillor/Delegate to Bowls NZ 1996 – 2002
Vera Bindon (Auckland) – Past New Zealand Representative
Pearl Dymond (Taranaki) – Past New Zealand Representative
Bill Cousins (Dunedin) – Past New Zealand Representative
Warren Towers (Hamilton), long serving Executive Director, Bowls Waikato
Ralph Gibson (Nelson) – Bowls Nelson Patron
Fred Gates (Nelson) – Past Chairman Bowls Nelson, Past Bowls NZ RAC Representative
Allan Pluck (Wanganui) – former Bowls NZ Umpires' Committee Member and Bowls Wanganui Patron

3. **PRESENT**

Delegates:

Region 1 – Marion Skinner, Ian Coombe, Laurie McLeay, Anne Taylor
Region 2 – Robin Jefferson, Paul Warren, Sean Johnson, Michael Leggott
Region 3 – Grant Evans, Elaine Hemi, Ruth Grant, Brian Barker

Board: John Carter (Chairman), Coral Wing (President), Trevor McComish (Vice-President), Lynette Adams, Cushla McGillivray, Jacki Richardson

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9. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS

The nomination by the board selection panel of Lynette Adams and Cushla McGillivray was approved.

MOVED: Grant Evans SECONDED: Brian Barker
CARRIED

10. APPROVING THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 13.1 OF THE BOWLS NEW ZEALAND CONSTITUTION.

“That:

1. *Membership Fee for Full Members to be \$27.54 plus GST.*
2. *Membership Fee for Non-Playing Life Member, Associated Member, Honorary, Social and Casual Member to be Nil.*
3. *Membership Fee for Students up to the age of 19 years who are in fulltime course of education to be \$10.00 plus GST.*

MOVED: Paul Warren SECONDED: Sean Johnson
CARRIED

11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

“That Ross Melville PKF be appointed as the Auditors for Bowls New Zealand for the 2010/2011 financial year”.

MOVED: Sean Johnson SECONDED: Anne Taylor
CARRIED

12. THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO THE BOARD SELECTION PANEL & A DEPUTY

The Chairman said Alex Wilson and Martin Christensen were available for reappointment.

Ian Coombe (Region 1) said it would be helpful if Delegates received more information from the Board Selection Panel before being asked to vote on recommended Board appointments.



Paul Warren suggested that the Board could consider regional representation on the Selection Panel.

That Alex Wilson be appointed to the Board Selection Panel

MOVED: Marion Skinner SECONDED: Paul Warren
CARRIED

That Martin Christensen be appointed Mr Wilson's deputy

MOVED: Laurie McLeay SECONDED: Paul Warren
CARRIED

13. CONSIDERING AND DETERMINING ANY NOTICES OF MOTION WHICH PROPOSE ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF WHICH DUE AND PROPER NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

PART A: MOTIONS FROM THE BOWLS NZ BOARD

That Motions 1 to 8 be taken as a block and approved

MOVED: Grant Evans SECONDED: Elaine Hemi
CARRIED

Motion 1

THAT Rule 7.1.1 be amended by deleting the words "Counties Manukau Bowls Incorporated" and inserting the words "Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Incorporated" so that it reads as follows:

7.1.1 *The following Centres which are located within the Centre Districts identified below shall, subject to this Constitution, be Members of Bowls NZ and have jurisdiction and authority in their respective Centre Districts:*

<i>Centre District</i>	<i>Centre</i>
<i>Auckland</i>	<i>Auckland Bowls Incorporated</i>
<i>Bay of Plenty,</i>	<i>Bowls Bay of Plenty Incorporated</i>
<i>Northland</i>	<i>Bowls Northland Incorporated</i>
<i>Counties-Manukau</i>	<i>Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Incorporated</i>
<i>Far North</i>	<i>Bowls Far North Incorporated</i>
<i>North Harbour</i>	<i>Bowls North Harbour</i>
<i>Thames Valley</i>	<i>Thames Valley Bowls Incorporated</i>
<i>Waikato</i>	<i>Bowls Waikato Incorporated</i>
<i>Gisborne – East Coast</i>	<i>Bowls Gisborne-East Coast Incorporated</i>
<i>Hawkes Bay</i>	<i>Bowls Hawkes Bay 2000 Incorporated</i>

<i>Kapiti Coast</i>	<i>Kapiti Coast Bowling Centre Incorporated</i>
<i>Manawatu</i>	<i>Bowls Manawatu Incorporated</i>
<i>Taranaki</i>	<i>Bowls Taranaki Incorporated</i>
<i>Wairarapa</i>	<i>Bowls Wairarapa Incorporated</i>
<i>Wanganui</i>	<i>Bowls Wanganui Incorporated</i>
<i>Wellington</i>	<i>Bowls Wellington Incorporated</i>
<i>Buller</i>	<i>Bowls Buller Incorporated</i>
<i>Canterbury</i>	<i>Bowls Canterbury Incorporated</i>
<i>Central Otago</i>	<i>Central Otago Bowls Incorporated</i>
<i>Dunedin</i>	<i>Bowls Dunedin Incorporated</i>
<i>Marlborough</i>	<i>Bowls Marlborough Incorporated</i>
<i>Nelson</i>	<i>Bowls Nelson Incorporated</i>
<i>North Otago</i>	<i>Bowls North Otago Incorporated</i>
<i>South Canterbury</i>	<i>Bowls South Canterbury Incorporated</i>
<i>South Otago</i>	<i>Bowls South Otago Incorporated</i>
<i>Southland</i>	<i>Bowls Southland Incorporated</i>
<i>West Coast</i>	<i>Bowls West Coast Incorporated</i>



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Motion 2

THAT Rule 15.2 be amended by replacing the word “30th” with the word “31st” so that it reads as follows:

15.2 **Filing Annual Return**

The Club’s annual return for the year ending 31 December shall be sent to the Centre Secretary by the 31st day of January in each year. The Centre’s annual return shall be complied upon receipt of the annual return of its member clubs and sent to the Chief Executive of Bowls NZ and received by the 15th day of February in each year.

Motion 3

THAT Rule 17.5.3 be amended by deleting the number “17” and inserting the number “18” so that it reads as follows:

18.5.3 *Each year such number of the existing Board Members shall retire at the conclusion of each Annual General Meeting to ensure there is a rotation of Board Members with at least two Board Members being elected or re-elected each year. Where there are insufficient retirements (whether voluntarily or by expiry of term of office) or vacancies on the Board to give effect to this rule in any given year, the Board shall determine by lot which of its number shall retire.*

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Motion 4

THAT Rule 19.2.1 be amended by replacing the reference to the number “19.2.1” with the number “20.6.1” and the word “five (5)” with the word “four (4)” so that it reads as follows:

20.6.1 *The quorum for meetings of the Board shall be **four (4)** Board Members.*

Motion 5

THAT Rule 19.2.2 be amended by replacing the reference to number “19.2.2” with the number “20.6.2” so that it reads as follows:

20.6.2 *No business shall be transacted at any Board meeting unless a quorum shall be present, except that those present may fix a date and venue for the reconvening of the meeting. Notice of such date and venue of any reconvened meeting shall be given forthwith to each Board Member.*

Motion 6

THAT Rule 20.7 be amended by replacing the reference to the number “19.2.3” with the number “20.7.1”, the reference to the number “19.2.4” with the number “20.7.2”, and the reference to number “19.2.5” with the number “20.7.3” so that it reads as follows:

20.7 *Attendance*

20.7.1 *Any Board Member who fails to attend two (2) consecutive meetings of the Board without leave of absence shall forfeit his/her seat on the Board.*

20.7.2 *The expenses of all Board Members attending meetings of the Board shall be paid by Bowls NZ.*

20.7.3 *The Chief Executive shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Board and speak at such meetings but she/he shall have no voting rights.*

Motion 7

THAT Rule 22.5.1 be amended by deleting the first sentence and replacing it with the following sentence “There shall be four (4) Delegates from each Region to represent each Region at General Meetings” so that it reads as follows:

22.5.1 ***There shall be four (4) Delegates from each Region to represent each Region at General Meetings. The process for appointment of these representatives shall be in accordance with the Regulations.***



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Motion 8

THAT Rule 27.2 be amended by replacing the word “Appeal” with the word “appeal” so that it reads as follows:

27.2 **Decisions**

*A decision in relation to an **appeal** which is determined by the judicial committee of a Club, or by the judicial committee of a Centre, or by the Judicial Committee of Bowls New Zealand, or by the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand, shall be final and binding and there is no second or further right of appeal.*

PART B: MOTIONS FROM AUCKLAND BOWLS

Motion 9

THAT Rule 8.3.1(g) be deleted in its entirety.

Marion Skinner (Region 1) said Auckland’s view was that financing should not be enshrined in the Constitution.

Grant Evans (Region 3) said it was his view that every avenue of financing should be explored.

Ian Coombe (Region 1) said he was against the motion because he believed Regional Centres should adopt financing as their own responsibility once they were up and running.

MOVED: Marion Skinner SECONDED: Anne Taylor
LOST: (35 votes to 15)

Motion 10

THAT Rule 18.1 be deleted in its entirety and a new Rule 18.1 be inserted so that it reads as follows:

18.1 *Composition of the Board*

18.1.1 The Board of Bowls NZ shall comprise the President and Vice-President and five (5) members comprising:

- (a) one (1) person who shall be elected by Auckland Bowls Incorporated – Region One in accordance with the Regulations;*



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Motion 2 FROM AUCKLAND BOWLS

That the Bowls NZ Board amend the Regulations in consultation and agreement with the Regional Centres to provide a process for election of a Board Member by each of the Regional Centres.

LAPSED

Motion 3 FROM AUCKLAND BOWLS

THAT the Bowls NZ Board undertakes a full and independent review of the governance, operation, and financial management structure of Bowls NZ.

MOVED: Marion Skinner SECONDED: Grant Evans
LOST (45 votes to 5)

Motion 4 FROM BOWLS WANGANUI

That the Division 2 Men's and Women's Interclub event be disestablished and the development Intercentre be permanently reinstated at both regional and national finals

After some discussion surrounding the wisdom of combining two separate competitions in the motion, Region 2 Delegate Sean Johnson asked that the motion be withdrawn on the understanding the issue of Development Interclub teams being included at Intercentre level would be looked at again by working with RSCs and by discussion at Regional Forums.

15. TRANSACTING SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS THE GENERAL MEETING DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

The CEO introduced Gordon Crombie, Executive Officer, Bowls Southland, who said Bowls Southland has been seeking to attract an international event to Southland. He was pleased to advise funding had been obtained from the Invercargill Licensing Trust and the Southland Community Trust plus a contribution from Bowls Southland and Bowls New Zealand which would enable the Trans-Tasman Open event to be held in Invercargill in February/March next year.

Region 1 Delegate Ian Coombe said he understood from early One Bowls One Vision undertakings that the role of Centres would not be undermined and that their continuation as strong and sustainable Centres would be encouraged. He said he believed the Bowls NZ Strategic Plan should reflect encouragement of Centres who demonstrated a capacity to meet their objectives. The Chairman said the comments would be taken on board and that there certainly were no plans to undermine Centres. He said there was awareness, however, that there would be some Centres that needed assistance.



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16. DATE OF NEXT AGM:

The date, venue and location of the 2011 AGM was discussed, including the possibility of holding the meeting mid-week. The meeting date would be confirmed taking the Rugby World Cup into consideration.

The meeting closed at 12 noon.

Chairman

Date