

# **BOWLS WAIRARAPA**

**Delegates meeting held at Carrington Bowling & Croquet Club on  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 6:00pm**

## Present:

Roger Smeaton  
Tracey Jacobson  
Stacey Smyth  
Stephen Elliott  
Rozanna Muriwai  
Colin Hutchby  
Nairn MacGibbon

## Apologies:

Warren Fisher

## Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

## Matters Arising:

- Board Candidates

GM spoke about the need for more board members.

- Player of the Year Ranking Points Criteria

The chair advised the work on the Player of the Year Ranking Points criteria is still work in progress.

- Tournament Review

The Tournament Review Form is now online. The Masterton delegate suggested we put the form on Facebook and email clubs to make them fully aware of the facility to provide feedback.

## Agenda:

- Centre Funding – Quiz, Housie Nights

The chair spoke about the ideas that have been generated at the board level to help with the finances of the Centre. The Chair asked if there were any ideas from the clubs to help out.

The Carterton delegate suggested that Monster Raffles could be a good way to generate income for the Centre. Every club could get tasked to supply 5 prizes and pool these for a monster raffle.

- Bowls 35

The Chair advised this is the last year that Bowls 35 will be funded by bowls NZ – and as such no more national finals. Would like to get feedback from delegates clubs if there is still a desire to run the bowls 35 as a Centre event. Do we keep it as an interclub event or open? It might be possible to make it an evening twilight event? Or just not run it at all.

## General Business:

The Lakeside delegate asked whether the clubs get the board meeting minutes. The EO advised that the minutes are posted on the Bowls Wairarapa website.

The Lakeside delegate enquired about the Centre Programme. The EO commented that we have already started work on next year, and at this time don't expect any major changes. The Chair said the 60+ Mixed Triples went well and we are looking to add another 60+ fixture to the calendar.

The Masterton delegate asked whether the Centre is comfortable with the situation around Centre Titles as there was a hiccup at last year's Awards Dinner. The EO advised that the board is comfortable and explained the unforeseen issues behind the hiccups last year (i.e. no documentation of which centre competitions and when they counted towards a gold star which has now been rectified). We will also post the winners of gold stars on Facebook this year in advance of the Awards Dinner so that if there are any mistakes, these can be rectified in advance.

The Masterton delegate also tabled a Men's Masters players report of their recent hexagonal rep fixture to present to the board.

Masterton Bowling Club is currently getting quotes to redo the No. 2 green. If all goes to plan, the green will remain in play for one more season before the work is carried out. They're considering a different type of grass — the same variety currently being trialled at Parklands in Christchurch — which runs at around 15–16 seconds.

- Centre Programmes

The Chair posed the question to delegates of whether the Centre should we go to a 100% electronic format for the Centre Programme in the endeavour to save costs? It would be great to receive feedback from the clubs. There was a suggestion that it could be user pays, e.g. if a member wanted a paper copy then they could pre-order at a cost of \$X.

- Centre Event Entry Fees

The Chair advised that from next season, the Board is proposing to increase the entry fee for Centre events from \$20 to \$25 per person. The additional revenue would help the Centre contribute financially towards umpire and tournament controller costs. Given inflation and rising expenses, the adjustment is considered reasonable, and it is generally believed that it will not significantly impact entry numbers. This initiative was supported by the delegates.

## **Meeting closed:**

Closed 6.48

## **Next Meeting Date**

Confirm after AGM set at Board Meeting next Tuesday.