

MANGAWHAI BOWLS INC

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held at The Club on 20 October 2025 at 3 pm

PRESENT: Christine Lineham (Chair), Lorraine Davies, Liz West, Val Tapp, Jill Aitchison, Rob Webber, Jo Johnson, Eric Backhouse

APOLOGIES: Sue Belin

1) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 15 SEPTEMBER 2025

Minutes tabled Moved correct: Val Tapp Seconded: Jill Aitchison Carried

2) MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Bowls + Northland & Bowls NZ updating of database conflict

No further update – Bowls NZ said Centre is updating, Centre confirms not updating

3) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's been another busy and positive month.

First off, a big thank-you to everyone for your work around the SGM — it ran really well, and it's great to have those motions passed so we can now move ahead with updating and filing our new constitution. Membership interest has been good with a few new people joining. It's great to see the energy around the club growing.

Twilight, tournaments and roll-ups are already off to a good start. Thanks to the Match Committee for keeping everything running smoothly.

We've also welcomed Eric Backhouse to the committee as Men's Match Convenor — thank you, Eric, for stepping up into the role.

The "C" Green and club jacket discussions are both continuing, and there's been good work happening around sponsorship and communications, too.

Overall, it's been a really good month — lots of teamwork, lots of momentum, and it's great to see everything coming together.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Liz provided the latest set of accounts and accounts payable.

Moved that the accounts are correct: Liz West Seconded: Jill Aitchison Carried

A list of members and unpaid members provided to committee. Unpaid members discussed and follow ups put in place.

5) BOWLS NORTHLAND

2 greens are required this weekend for the Centre men's singles competition. Peter Joyce is the umpire for one green and the controller for the day. Another umpire is being provided for the second green. Markers required for Saturday.

Note that Bowls NZ payment platform is to change for all entries now costs an additional 4.4% card management fee.

6) INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Bowls NZ re: Voice of Participation Survey – very interesting results showing what is happening re: social bowls, the way to increase membership and difficulties with people working in that can't play all day on weekend and taking children to other sports events etc.

7) OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

- Email to Bachcare re: potential signage
- Email to Lee Warburton re: Facebook comments
- Email to Chris Gore re: Facebook comments
- Email to Kristine Warburton re: clarification of student membership fee
- Email to JA re: membership declined

8) MANGAWHAI CLUB

Meetings going well. New road signs up and looking at lighting. Bowling club has paid half the fee. Card section on Thursday nights going well.

Application by Jill Brierley for a travel scooter for para bowls – The Club / Bowling Club to apply for grant for \$2,000 with Jill contributing \$1,500. The Bowling Club has to apply on behalf of Jill as The Club cannot give grants to individuals. Resolved to to this C Lineham, seconded Val Tapp carried.

Renovations at The Club nearly completed. Looks very good.

Club and Bowling Club get together to be arranged.

Rolling gate discussion continues.

Member suspension discussed – TD.

9) PORTFOLIO REPORTS - UPDATE FROM EACH PORTFOLIO

- Apparel** (CL / VT / W Catchpole)
Sample rain jackets provided by Dynasty. Also looking at warm non-rain jackets, and vests. Sponsorship being looked at. Pricing to be provided and minimum numbers for purchase.
- Bowls+** (CL / LD)
Data to yet to be entered for Club Champs mixed pairs and triples.
- Business House Bowls** (CL)
48 teams entered – will have to use artificial green as well as the 2 grass greens. Assistance required with raffles etc.
- C Green** (CL / SB)
Sue B away so no meeting held.
- Coaching / Selector Report**
Coaching going well. Some confusion as to status of social/limited membership. To be changed to limited membership and by approval of committee only – not available for 1st/new bowlers.
- Compliance / Risk** (CL / SB / RW) – this includes the constitution, lease, sublease, risk assessment and other items such as affiliation fees
Constitution – changes now approved by SGM and to be included in the Constitution and uploaded to the Incorporated Societies register.
RW says whole of Constitution needs a full review – Bowls NZ have a template available so at some stage this needs to be reviewed.
Lease & Sub-lease provided by law firm – meeting to be arranged with CL, SB & RW.
Our sub-lease with the Club requires us to have a copy of their insurance schedule / policy each year. CL to obtain.
- Financial (Budget)** (LW / SB)
No further update.
- Health & Safety** (JA)
JA had H & S checklist laminated so can be read out each tournament etc.
- Housie** (JA)
All OK – still need people to help.
- Kitchen/supplies** (JA)
All going OK.
- Long Term Plan** (SB / CL)
No further update.
- Match Committee** (VT / EB)
Report from Val this month – from Eric next month
A big welcome to Eric – his enthusiasm and expertise is fabulous. Eric has been busy with the shared drive, folders for results, COP, sheets for the board, entries for upcoming tournaments, event budgets etc.

The inaugural Yovich tournament a great success. 24 teams with 5 from outside clubs. Held the Alice Cameron in the Placemakers room and want to use this room more often. Club Champs – mixed pairs 20 teams, Triples – 8 x women's teams and 10 x men's teams. New format going well. Eric to email everyone results and letting everyone know to come along on Sunday finals. We need more help with tournaments and club days. Jane, Womble and Lynette have offered to help on club days but need committee members to help on tournaments. Upcoming is Artesian Waters triples – 18 teams entered.

Additionally men's fours tournament – next year need to have a men's committee to arrange, there is a lack of support of teams entering, and may not be financial unless a lot more support.

Consideration that all final games be held on A green as noise and conflict with Cue club on a Sunday afternoon etc.

The following needs attention - scoreboards need fixing, noodles on shelters, golf balls for marking kitty, buzzer not working on A green.

Sponsorship – New World charity tournament – probably need to chose charity.

You Travel sent a letter unhappy with other travel company signage around bowling greens. CL & SB to make contact.

m) **Member Liaison** (JA)

All OK.

n) **Membership Growth / Publicity / Marketing** (CL / FC)

Brainstorming chart distributed and discussed.

o) **Property** (RW / KL / BB)

Painting of seats etc continuing. Another session required.

p) **Sponsorship** (CL / FC)

Discussion on having a sponsor and volunteer evening – a couple hours in New Year.

q) **Website & Newsletter** (JJ / EB)

Logo - Eric & CL to meet to plan freelancer competition for high resolution logo etc.

Newsletter – to include our items for sale such as grippo and toucher spray. Last newsletter for year to be in December, none in January, back again in February.

10) GENERAL BUSINESS

- New member applications discussed – David Blincoe, Lee McAllister, Darren McAllister, Denyse Martin, Hino Hinov – approved.
- Pull up banner for Mangawhai Bowls x 2 approved.
- Life membership – Lorraine to approach new life member Allan Stebben re: membership fee paid and refund.
- Dress standards discussed – check The Club dress standard as need to align.
- Jill Brierly – entering Para Bowls – contribution to expenses discussed and approved at \$200.
- Facebook to have administrators approving posts.
- “In Committee” discussion.

11) NEXT MEETING – 17 November 2025 at The Club

MEETING CLOSED AT 6:15 pm