

MANGAWHAI BOWLS INC

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held at The Club on 15 December 2025 at 3 pm

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

APOLOGIES:

1) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 17 November 2025

Tabled and Moved correct: Lorraine Davies Seconded: Val Tapp Carried

2) MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- The Club and Bowls Club get together – postponed
- Rolling Gate – great news – contract in place to build it
- Allan Stebben – life member badge – order placed and is being made
- Certificate hanging system – discussed with AM – carried forward

3) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our Business House Bowls season successfully concluded, with excellent participation and very positive feedback from players. The change from including dinner to running a BBQ generated additional revenue for the Club compared to previous years. We already have 31 entries confirmed for the February/March season.

I want to acknowledge that there have been concerns regarding the decision not to enter an Interclub 7's men's team. We will discuss this in more detail later in the meeting.

It has been an extremely busy few weeks, with Business House Bowls concluding last night with the BBQ, the Ladies Classic, Centre events being held at our club, the Hams and Lambs, and also this week, the Ho Ho Tournament. Everyone has worked very hard, and all these events have been successful—thank you.

That said, this busy period has placed a lot of strain on everyone at a time when people are also planning for Christmas, so a big thank you to all for your dedication and support.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

New and improved reporting differentiating between Bowls and Housie accounts as well as the consolidated report. Accounts to be paid tabled – noted that New World account is large, meat packs expensive.

Moved that the accounts are correct: Liz West Seconded: Val Tapp Carried

5) BOWLS NORTHLAND

Bowls NZ affiliation fees reduced by approximately one third and that reduction carried forward for future years. Excellent result.

Bowls+ loading of data – Northland Bowls confirm they are not entering centre events. LD attempting to load our own club championship data.

6) INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence regarding Jill Brierly travel scooter confirming this grant from The Club and purchase had not proceeded. Jill has been advised of the process of re-applying in the future should she wish to proceed.

Correspondence from Fran Waterhouse regarding data privacy information on the internet. Bowls has endeavoured to remove all cached information and corresponded with google and Fran regarding suggested steps to remove data no longer held by us but cached elsewhere.

Further correspondence from Geoff Wheeler. Committee responded.

7) OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

A number of emails received regarding social hireage of the artificial green. LD referred them to the Club. Also in future noted that these types of communications are not required to be reported to the full committee. Also in future a new heading to replace inwards and outwards correspondence to Correspondence.

8) MANGAWHAI CLUB

New Bachcare signage is excellent and they included Bowls in their sign.

Business House Bowls monitoring of drink and food on the greens – CL to further discuss with the Club.

Complaints regarding the Club Manager and her partner discussed. Many other complaints are in process regarding the behaviour and circumstances, including a Police complaint.

CL to ask for key to trophy cabinet so that we do not have to keep asking for access.

9) PORTFOLIO REPORTS - UPDATE FROM EACH PORTFOLIO

- a) **Apparel** (CL / VT / W Catchpole) – carried over
- b) **Bowls+** (CL / LD) – LD to enter scorecards
- c) **Business House Bowls** (CL) – 46 teams entered for Feb & Mar, BBQ a lot of work but was good
- d) **C Green** (CL / SB) – discussions to be progressed – SB, CL, RW
- e) **Coaching / Selector Rep** (BB) – need to give direction to selectors regarding team numbers to be selected. In Committee discussion regarding this.
- f) **Compliance / Risk** (CL / SB / RW) – this includes the constitution, lease, sublease, risk assessment and other items such as affiliation fees – RW still require per lease and sub-lease insurance details
- g) **Financial (Budget)** (LW / SB) – nothing further to update
- h) **Health & Safety** (JA) – all ok was concern with Classic comp regarding fork lightening etc
- i) **Housie** (JA) – all ok – could still use more help
- j) **Kitchen/supplies** (JA) – all ok
- k) **Long Term Plan** (SB / CL) – carried forward
- l) **Match Committee** (VT / EB) – this month prepared by VT

Nov 19th - Presidents Invitation Fours Tournament - Very disappointed we had to cancel this tournament. 18 teams entered with 5 outside teams. Christine thought it would be nice to get together for afternoon tea which was really well supported.

We are getting great support for Club days with Wednesday morning and afternoon session working well. Charging \$5 and 4 square vouchers or cash for one prize. We appreciate other members standing in and running Sundays for us, just to give us a break.

29th Nov Club Cham Fours

With low numbers entering we decided to run this a little different, promoting highest two life winner forward so we didn't have a bye on second day. In theory, we thought it would work well, but it was not well received, which caused a lot of stress for Eric and I, and unfortunately Christine wasn't there which she was very apologetic about. A debrief and further discussion needs to be had.

3rd and 4th Dec - Women's Classic Fours

30 teams entered This tournament was very successful apart from the weather. Everything ran smoothly, many thanks to committee members for all the work they did doing the draw and making sure the day ran smoothly. A special thanks to Eric, for his excellent job, setting up the computer screen on the TV, it was all done very efficiently and professionally. Hopefully once all the costings have been done we will have made a profit.

I found having to run Club Champs and then the Women's Classic straight after very busy and overwhelming, and hopefully next year we will spread them out a bit.

10th Dec - You Travel - Hams and Lambs

Sue and Jill did a great job liaising with Michelle and staff from You Travel, and it was great having three of her staff joining us for the tournament. Unfortunately I had a funeral to go, but it was left in very capable hands with Eric and Sue. We gave out very good prizes for this tournament and we still made healthy profit \$360. Thank you for all the committee members who stepped up and made the tournament run smoothly.

17th Dec - Ho HO HO Xmas Tournament

Drawn Triples. Once again looking like a great tournament to come with great xmas

spirit. We are lucky to have 3 hams over for our 1st prize winners and I have made up xmas bags for 2nd and 3rd prize. We will make up a punch one alcoholic and on fruit punch. It will be bring a plate and come dressed in your Christmas outfit.

27th Dec - Junior Classic Tournament

We have limited this tournament to 20 teams of four, so they don't have to play on the top artificial green.

We are delighted to have teams from Orewa, Warkworth, Mahurangi East, One Tree Point, Maungakaramera, Hobsonville, Browns Bay, Mt Wellington, Mairangi Bay and Kamo enter so it's going to be a great day.

Once again a huge thanks to Eric, doing the draw, score cards etc, it's a huge job.

If any of the committee are not playing but can help on the day with raffles and setting up, would be greatly appreciated.

Ally and Mona are doing the afternoon tea again for us.

We have \$1000 sponsorship again so will have the same prizes as last year.

I would just like to finish with, over the last month I have found it extremely busy organising the tournaments and the kitchen and would appreciate someone taking over the organising of the kitchen. I found myself making mistakes, like ordering the hams for the wrong date, thank you Jill for picking up this mistake!!! Missing peoples names of the list to play etc. If not a committee member perhaps a club member next year. I know I have the girls coming to do the serving, but I am still buying and organising the food, which I am finding too much, so I will leave the committee to think of a solution for next year.

m) **Member Liaison** (JA) – all ok

n) **Membership Growth / Publicity / Marketing** (CL / FC) – carried forward

o) **Property** (RW / K Lineham / BB) – noodles required for shelters – VT to ask DSE

p) **Sponsorship** (CL / FC) – Ray White invoice and Ray White person to play

q) **Website & Newsletter** (JJ / EB) – all ok

10) GENERAL BUSINESS

Club shirt company in liquidation. LD contacted by company in China to provide shirts direct as they have been made but the China company has not been paid. Agreed to spend additional \$300 to obtain shirts already ordered, paid for, completed but China not received the payment from the now liquated company. Correspondence received from members regarding the non-selection of Men's Inter-Club sevens team. BB responded direct to those members. Committee agreed that in future directions will be given to selectors to advise the number of teams required to be entered. The decision not to enter a team was not well received by our members, and this is something we will avoid in the future. In line with this policy an email will be provided to the selectors for the process for the next selected team(s) for Junior 1-5 Inter-club process.

11) NEXT MEETING – 19 JANUARY 2026 3pm

MEETING CLOSED AT 6:20 pm