

MANGAWHAI BOWLS INC

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held at The Club on 16 February 2026 at 3:10 pm

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

- **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 19 January 2026**

Minutes previously distributed. Moved correct: L Davies Seconded: V Tapp Carried

- **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Pool noodles for shelter arms – this again discussed and agreed that not a satisfactory solution as micro plastics are released as the noodles disintegrate and end up in waterways and bowling greens. Discussed painting the struts and discussed must be added to H&S points when holding competitions. Agreed that CL will discuss with Neil Reid a possible solution.
- Pull Up Screen – arrived and looks great.
- Cell tower in car park – removed early due to being vandalised/damaged a few times. Only there 6 weeks – payment is \$1,500 + gst of which half goes to The Mangawhai Club.
- Sue Rossiter course - deferred

- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Firstly, thank you to everyone for your support while I was away in Taranaki. It was wonderful to be able to take the week away knowing everything was running smoothly and in capable hands.

Winter Bowls is something we need to discuss further under Match Committee, particularly in relation to a possible survey and direction moving forward.

The Bowls NZ Census return and updated membership list for Bowls Northland have now been completed and dealt with.

There has been a request for this weekend's Junior singles event to be split, which the match committee have discussed and can give us an update on.

- **TREASURER'S REPORT**

LW had distributed the monthly accounts and accounts payable. Overall the result is looking very promising. There are a few adjustments to be made including additions to the circulated accounts payable list - \$550 for Champ of Champ entry fees, refund of a business house bowls, keys cut JA \$18. Uniforms stock adjustments at end of year and to include other stock items such as markers etc.

Moved that accounts correct: Liz West Seconded: C Lineham Carried

- **BOWLS NORTHLAND**

• EF = Email from ET = Email to FC = Full Committee

- 10 February 2026 - EF re: Complaint and notice of Judicial Hearing 17 February 2026 regarding IC men's 7's held at Mangawhai
- 9 Feb 2026 - EF re: RSO info for schools / youth programs
- 5 February 2026 - EF re: entries for Champ of Champs – CL completed NOTE: if winner cannot attend then player(s) is required to pay back entry fee
- 4 Feb 2026 - EF & ET re: annual club membership lists
- 4 February 2026 – EF & ET re: 2026 Club winter program
- 30 January 2026 – EF re: invoice for Inter club 7's entry \$450

- 25 January 2026 – EF re: 1-5 Sixes competition, apology and correction of the winners which were the Mangawhai Stingers.
- 27 January 2026 – EF re: congratulations on winning Junior Sixes and information on Mercedes Cup competition.
- 22 January 2026 – EF re: recent weather bomb and if any damage they may be able to assist.

- **INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

N/A

- **MANGAWHAI CLUB**

CL reported one member was on the green drinking – Jodie told the person they not allowed to drink whilst on the green. Reminder to all that there is no drinking on the greens. Can be managed by having a drink at each end.

SB & CL had a meeting with President & Vice President about working together, with possible by-laws, put in place by both committees. Question whether BC can have by-laws? Confirmed that The Mangawhai Club cannot suspend a member from bowling, they can suspend from the Club and refer to the Bowling Club for possible further action. Any by-laws to consider Centre COP.

In committee discussion.

- **PORTFOLIO REPORTS - UPDATE FROM EACH PORTFOLIO**

- Apparel** (CL / VT / W Catchpole) – CL has taken on a lot at one time. Decided one task at a time going forward. Shirts now received from China. Looking to change texture of shirt material and get new shirts for Stingers these can be done and received by 16 April 2026. Discussed the jackets and settled on a rain jacket but will look at other attire such as a warm jacket, vests etc.
- Bowls+** (CL / LD) – LD been in touch with Bowls NZ regarding entry of our club champs data – awaiting on instructions should be available mid March.
- Business House Bowls** (CL) – been going for 2 weeks, 46 teams, need to chase KDC for payment, going well, Denise and Stella selling raffles which is wonderful.
- C Green** (CL / SB)
- Coaching / Selector Rep** (BB) – looking to sort bowls for learners in shed. Awaiting report on what type of newer bowls would work for new bowlers.
- Compliance / Risk** (CL / SB / RW) – this includes the constitution, lease, sublease, risk assessment and other items such as affiliation fees
- Financial (Budget)** (LW / SB) – next quarterly report due end of March.
- Health & Safety** (JA) – VT suggested a fold up bed for someone not well – LW has offered a bed – thank you Liz.
- Housie** (JA) - all good.
- Kitchen/supplies** (JA) – all ok.
- Long Term Plan** (SB / CL) – carried forward.
- Match Committee** (VT / EB) – VT
 - This month was focused on singles tournaments, including the **Club Championship Women's Singles, Leads and Twos, Skips and Threes, and 100 Up**.
 - All tournaments were run successfully; however, entry numbers for some events were disappointing.
 - Our **Ray White Tournament** was very successful, attracting 64 entries. We received \$500 in sponsorship, sold three raffles, and made a profit of \$574.
 - The **Four Square Tournament** had 60 entries, with \$300 sponsorship in Four Square vouchers. Three raffles were sold, resulting in a profit of \$594.
 - We will be sending out a flyer to other clubs to promote the upcoming **Triples Tournament** at the end of the month.
 - For the **Club Championship Junior Singles** on 21st and 22nd February, we received a request to not hold the post-event day on the Sunday, as three of our juniors will be attending a representative practice in Whangārei. We have agreed to this request and will send out an email advising all competitors.

- I am starting to think about the winter season, I will not be running the Junior Saturday Tournament, but Lynette White and Liz West have agreed to take over, and hopefully we will get a few more volunteers to help. Christine has sent out an email to other clubs to see what they all run in the winter, so we are working on ideas to promote our winter bowls a bit more. I was talking to a friend over the weekend and he has joined Orewa Club this year and on a Sunday they run Scroungers Sunday, Funday, which sounds a lot of fun and I have got all the information to run that.
- Eric and I continue to work well together, with our expertise in different areas complementing each other effectively. We have also really appreciated Jill's support and assistance throughout the month.
 - a) **Member Liaison** (JA) - all good just need to catch up with Karl Mulder
 - b) **Membership Growth / Publicity / Marketing** (CL / FC) – CL Business House Bowls are good feeds for joining the bowling club. Look to set up a contact list for offering winter membership etc.
 - c) **Property** (RW / KLineham / BB) - RW all ok, still waiting to paint last lot of seats but been a lot of tournaments and rain. Cleaning of building required.
 - d) **Sponsorship** (CL / FC) - New World outstanding. Follow up.
 - e) **Website & Newsletter** (JJ / EB) – website on hold. Newsletter should be going out this week.

- **GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - a) Junior InterClub Sixes – finesse instructions to selectors regarding finding a marker for singles player(s).
 - b) Fundraiser for IC Sevens Women's team and funding request from the Seven. SB spoke regarding proposed fundraiser agreed date 22 March 2026 and approved funding contribution of \$2,000 towards costs of \$6,654.72. Funds from fundraiser to be allocated to the Seven.
 - c) Need to encourage first year bowlers to come to club days.
 - d) Battle of causeway moved to 19 April, New World fundraiser moved to 22 April.
 - e) Discussion regarding ongoing situation of afternoon teas. It is too onerous. To look at caterer being paid, reduce number of options to eat. Increase entry fee from \$12 to \$15 to cover extra cost (which matches other clubs).
 - f) Ask coaches to run a coaching session at Mangawhai. Noticed that a number of other clubs have been having sessions.

- **NEXT MEETING – Monday 16 March 2026.**

MEETING CLOSED AT 6:00 pm