

MANGAWHAI BOWLS INC

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held at The Mangawhai Club
on 16 March 2026 at 3 pm

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

APOLOGIES: Lorraine Davies, Rob Webber

1) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** Minutes previously distributed. Moved correct: L West Seconded:
J Aitchinson Carried

2) MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Pool Noodles – Neil Reid option re adjusting struts still to be fully explored. Suggested solution for most problematic struts may only be required. Those closest to club house.

Coaches session yet to get a response.

Grounds Working Bee was raised at the Charter Club meeting as a bowling club initiative. Sue explained that was not how it was presented at her meeting with Paddy and Kelly. It was about a joint project to raise the aesthetics of the grounds. It was noted that general maintenance of the surrounds and gutters had been carried out. No feedback has been provided from the Club following their meeting.

Centre Certificates – Christine presented photos of how Takapuna Club present their certificates in a book form which is available for viewing at the club. Committee viewed this positively and will be investigated further how it could work for us.

3) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Many of our regular weekly events are coming to a close for the season. Business House Bowls will finish on 24 March, and Twilight Bowls wraps up this Thursday. Both competitions have been well supported again this year, so thank you to everyone who has helped organise things and lend a hand on the nights to keep everything running smoothly.

Even though these are finishing up, the calendar is still busy through March and April. A number of our teams will be representing the club in Champion of Champion events.

The new club jacket design has now been finalised, and we're expecting delivery in early May. Once they arrive, we'll make these available for members to purchase.

I've also started some discussions about making sure the club has representation on the Friends of the Park committee, which will help keep good communication between the club and the wider park community. We can talk more about this during general business.

Finally, thanks everyone for continuing to put in the time and effort to keep things running well at the club. At tonight's meeting we can go over anything still to be done and what we need to focus on over the next couple of months.

Paul Wightman is interested in being a representative of the Friends of Mangawhai Community Park. Committee agreed he would be good option.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

LW had distributed the monthly accounts and accounts payable.

Liz reported that she had been to see the bank about the origins of the 50 account. The bank confirmed it was opened with a Cheque in May 2003. As Housie wasn't taken over by the bowling club from the charter club until 2018 these funds are bowling club funds as advised by Ngare.

Liz to find out what minimum amount ASB will accept for Term Deposits to determine best management of bank balances.

Christine queried low amount for DIA for month of February. Liz to investigate.

Liz advised the New World account includes Business House and Twilight prizes (including raffles) which is why large amount.

Sue raised to the potential cost associated with sending representative players to events in coming months, an allocation from sponsorship income may need to be applied. Committee agreed this would be appropriate.

Moved that accounts correct: V Tapp Seconded: J Johnson Carried

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

5) BOWLS NORTHLAND

Christine advised that Northland Bowls will be making a donation of \$75 per player for the 7s team representing the region at the National event in April.

Centre events are due to be held on 21st and 29th of March at Mangawhai. Jill, Liz and Val all offered to assist with set up and managing kitchen requirements on the day.

Our complaint made to Northland Bowls has been fully resolved.

Val advised that a woolshed meeting has been organised by the Centre for our local bowling clubs at 11am 23 March to discuss next seasons program. Sue and Val to attend

6) CORRESPONDENCE

7) MANGAWHAI CLUB REPORT

Christine advised she had requested an early bar opening for Champ of Champ Triples – 10am on Saturday and 10:30 am for Sunday. Bowls to communicate to bowlers on the day what time the bar is open so that the bar staff are not asked to serve drinks outside of the requested time.

Training on the upgraded Audio at the Club set for Tuesday 19th at 9:30. Keith Eric and Val to attend.

By Laws – Rob has advised that the Bowling Club does not have the right to adopt By laws under its current constitution, so any complaint/dispute resolutions would have to follow rules as per constitution.

Replacement Urn – it was agreed that the Bowling Club and Charter Club share the cost of a replacement Urn expected to be about \$500. This was approved by committee.

8) PORTFOLIO REPORTS - UPDATE FROM EACH PORTFOLIO

- a) **Apparel** (CL / VT / W Catchpole) – Shirts for Juniors team and a small number of jackets have been ordered.
- b) **Bowls+** (CL / LD) LD has now received a guide to enable entry of data so will be implementing that as soon as has time (possibly this coming week)
- c) **Bowls History** (JA) – Kris Wintle looking to old photos. Eric to approach Allan Stebben for any photos he may have.
- d) **Business House Bowls** (CL) All going well – increased to five meat packs for raffles.
- e) **C Green** (CL / SB) – Sue updated committee on separate meetings with Alan McIntyre and Civil Engineer. Clear understanding needed on cost allocations and maintenance responsibilities going forward on any improvements/alterations carried out.
- f) **Coaching / Selector Rep** (BB) Meeting scheduled Wednesday 20th 3:30 with Selectors and Committee re selection of club 7s team and other concerns they may have.
- g) **Compliance / Risk** (CL / SB / RW) – this includes the constitution, lease, sublease, risk assessment and other items such as affiliation fees No update

- h) **Financial (Budget)** (LW / SB) – Sue advised that with next month being End of financial Year, there would be final quarter budget actual comparison presented, also review of asset register to be undertaken prior to final accounts. Budget for next year also to be worked on.
- i) **Health & Safety** (JA) Nothing to report
- j) **Housie** (JA) Jill advised computer playing up. Need to upskill more people on how to use for troubleshooting.
- k) **Kitchen/supplies** (JA) All going well
- l) **Long Term Plan** (SB / CL) No update
- m) **Match Committee** (VT / EB) Val advised of Casual membership to start for new bowlers who will start their first season later in the year.

Val also presented concept of scrounges rules to trial on a Sunday. She requested permission to send \$150 to get cards printed. Approved

Eric presented Match Committee report – Last month's tournaments include:

- Gran Wintle Pairs (Women only)
- Sponsored Triples (thanks to an anonymous club member's sponsorship plus sponsorship from Mangawhai Club) – 57 entries - \$613 profit
- Placemakers Open Triples – 36 entries - \$438 profit

Club Champ Junior Singles – 10 men and 6 women competed. The qualifying rounds were completed successfully on the Saturday. The finals for both men and women have been postponed (as requested by players and Bowls Northland to allow for our junior rep players to attend a rep coaching session on the Sunday) until Friday 20th March.

Club Champ 1st year Singles – have been postponed (as requested by players) until Monday 27th April.

New World Charity AC Triples scheduled for 18th March has been postponed until Wednesday 22nd April (charity to be confirmed)

Battle of the Causeway scheduled for 22nd March has been postponed until Sunday 19th April to make way for a fundraiser for our champion 7's team.

The final night of Twilight bowls was cancelled due to weather and so the final will now be next Thursday (19th March)

Sue updated committee on fundraiser. New World and Bunnings are providing prizes for raffles. Limited interest from Business House but members supporting.

Christine advised members had requested greens be "match ready" so practice conditions same as game day. Christine to discuss with Colin Neal. Also the mowing of the surrounds to be raised.

- n) **Member Liaison (JA)** Jill still trying to catch up with Karl for his induction.
- o) **Membership Growth / Publicity / Marketing** (CL / FC)
- p) **Property** (RW / KLineham / BB) – final painting remains outstanding (time issue)
- q) **Sponsorship** (CL / FC)
- r) **Website & Newsletter** (JJ / EB) Jo Progressing with Newsletter and expect to have ready on schedule.

Christine reported that she has contacted a local website developer, Mathew (who completed the Remuera Racquets Club website). The process will involve the committee providing content (text, images, branding) via a shared folder and guided document. Once content is approved, the developer will design and build the website, followed by a review period with one week for revisions. After approval, the site will be launched on the club's domain, and training materials will be provided to support ongoing updates.

The quoted cost is \$1,500 + GST. The committee approved Christine to proceed

9) GENERAL BUSINESS – no further business

10) NEXT MEETING (Third Monday per usual)

MEETING CLOSED AT 5:25 pm

Prepared by Sue Belin