**BOWLS MANAWATU**

Minutes of Board Meeting held at 4pm on Wednesday, 4 November 2020 in the Takaro Bowling Clubrooms

**Present:** Steve Toms (President), Mark Noble (Centre Manager), Lyn Corbett, Brian Looker, Grant Pratt, Sharon Sims (Apology for lateness) (Board Members)

**Apologies:** Les Webster (Vice President)

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2020 had been circulated to Board members. It was moved Grant Pratt/Brian Looker that these be approved. **Carried.** Mark to forward to Clubs.

**Matters Arising:**

1. Steve noted that he had been advised the Hern Cup book does not need replacing at this stage.

**Correspondence:**

Inward:

1. It was noted that the 2019/2020 financial accounts have been amended and a note detailing these changes will be filed with the 2020/21 financial report.
2. It was agreed that Hawkes Bay be included in the Masters teams and Hutt Valley be amalgamated with Wellington. Mark to advise.
3. Bowls Palmerston North have been advised they can enter additional teams in Bowls 3 Five.
4. An email has been sent to all clubs advising that where players have dual membership, a clearance certificate must be obtained.

Outward

1. Mark advised he has formally warned Takaro Club for failing to submit the names of their interclub members. The Board to give consideration as to what penalty should be imposed if any club should fail to submit names after having received one warning.
2. The balance of outward mail as detailed in the agenda was noted.

**Finance:** Detailed financial statements had been provided to Board members prior to the meeting. It was moved Mark Noble/Brian Looker that the financial reports be accepted and accounts for payment as scheduled in the agenda be approved. **Carried.**

Mark advised that the refund to House of Travel resulted from an incorrect advert being placed in the centre handbook.

**General Business:**

1. Singles format 2020/21 – It was agreed that this season’s open singles format should be sections of 4 players, two out of three wins to qualify with players in each section playing three games and marking one. Conditions of play shall include a statement advising that if players don’t take their turn at marking, sanctions will be imposed against them.
2. Mark advised he is presently delivering Centre Handbooks to all sponsors.
3. Fees for club’s next year – to be reviewed in the New Year. It was agreed that once the format has been decided, a special meeting of club delegates will be called to explain the new payment format prior to the AGM.
4. Wimsett Club rescheduled date – Mark to select a new date pre Christmas.
5. Mark advised that he was finding the Skype meetings between all the Centres and Bowls NZ very useful. One major issue facing many centres this year is the funding of Centre Managers’ wages. It was suggested that if Centre Managers were treated as contractors providing a service it may be easier to obtain grants. Mark to raise at the next Skype meeting.
6. Steve to make arrangements for the return of the Centre owned bowls which have been borrowed by bowlers in the Centre.
7. Mark advised that he was in discussion with the Northern and Terrace End clubs regarding the establishment of a covered artificial green. A meeting is to be held on 20 November with Bowls NZ, Sports Manawatu, and the local Council to further discuss this proposal. The Board were advised that Bowls Palmerston North were also working towards the establishment of a covered green.
8. Lyn advised she had been approached by Euan Hubbard regarding the provision of umpires by the Kapiti Centre to assist with Centre and Representative fixtures in the Manawatu. Mark advised that he believed the Manawatu Centre have umpires available for these events, however, he would be liaising with Euan regarding the provision of training for measurers.
9. Grant advised that during recent interclub events, he has received very favourable feedback regarding the work of the Centre this year.
10. Grant also advised he had received a query regarding the standard of greens. It was noted that the Greenkeepers Association no longer carried out a formal review of greens for the Centre.
11. The Tournament Sub-committee have approved a substitute for Sharon Sims in the first round of the Centre Open Fours. Brian Looker to advise Sharon.

**Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday, 1 December 2020 at 4pm in the Takaro Clubrooms.

The meeting closed at 5.25pm.

Signed as a true and correct record:

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Chairman Date