

CENTRAL OTAGO BOWLS INC.

MINUTES OF COMBINED BOARD & OPERATIONS MEETING – Alexandra Community House & Online

Monday 9 December 2024

PRESENT: President: Trevor Cowan **Board:** John Knapp, Peter Dunne, Margaret O'Connor, Ric Hunt.
Operations: Ian Clouston (Men Tourn Secretary), Angela Wilson (Women's Tourn Secretary), Carl Street (Women's Convenor Selectors/Coaches), Barbara Wilson (Publicity), Pauline Seaton (Centre Administrator and Umpires),

APOLOGIES: John Lochhead, Alister Watson

Moved C Street

Seconded R Hunt

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 11 November 2024

Moved J Knapp

Seconded M O'Connor

ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- Rep Jackets – ordered and should arrive before Xmas
- Bowls Hub – Being used successfully for all Tournaments, Rep Games, Womens Interclub, Wednesday and Saturday Pennants. Important that the names of players are recorded correctly. Team names are now not able to be edited.
- Peter Dunne discussion paper has been approved and will be implemented for the General Meeting 2025.
- Aotearoa Gaming Trust – Intercentre Grant Application still being considered. Very large number of applications in the system.
- Process of selecting Convenor of Selectors – Candidates to be interviewed by selection committee where possible.
- Centre Constitution – to be finalised in 2025.
- Dumping of Bowls – Correspondence received from Bowls NZ. Guideline to be sent to Clubs.
- General Meeting Notice sent out – to be held 14 April, Clyde Bowling Club @ 6.00pm

CORRESPONDENCE: Inwards: Bowls NZ: Protection of Greens Policy. **Other:** Secondary School Pairs 2025, Players Meeting Notice (Premier & Division 1).

Outwards: Clubs: Clyde Club re: Interclub 7's, Letter to Cromwell Club, Players Letter re: CO vs SO vs Sthland.

Moved J Knapp

Seconded R Hunt

FINANCIAL:

Bank Accounts: BNZ Current A/c: \$31,561.70; **Umpires A/c:** \$528.94; **Coaches A/c:** \$881.92; **Greenkeepers A/c:** \$475.70; **BNZ TD:** \$25,000; **Greenkeepers TD:** \$4,229.21; **Umpires TD:** \$5,000; **Coaches TD:** \$2,000.

TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS: \$69,677.47 **Financial Report:** (Attached). **Accounts Payable:** (Attached).

Accounts Receivable: (Attached).

Moved P Seaton

Seconded T Cowan

That Bills be Paid:

Moved J Knapp

Seconded A Wilson

REPORTS:

Mens Tournament Secretary: This has been a very busy month with four events held since the last report. The Mike Pero triples were held on 16th November at Queenstown, the post section at Clyde, 24 teams entered. The Arrowtown team of A Brash, K Jackson, J McCandless winning the final from R Paulin, R Harvey, N Stirling, of Clyde. The Arvida 1-5yrs pairs at ADC on 24th November with 16 teams competing, this turned out to be a battle between two Clyde teams, D Chisholm, & N Louw-Young; triumphing over K Green, & S Paulin. 30th November the interclub 7's, held on the Clyde, Alexandra, & ADC greens. Twelve entries were received, Arrowtown A winning a close fort battle with Bannockburn. The teams consisting of Arrowtown A; A Brash, K Jackson, J McCandless, J Richards, T Tomlins, G Hammond, B Egerton. Bannockburn; S Scott, B McAuley, M Duff, T Scott, H Andrews, A Rickard, D O'Callaghan. This weekend 7th/8th December the Arvida Mixed Pairs with 32 entries was held at Queenstown. The final was between Bill Clements and Tina Jerrom, against Trevor Drake and Nikki Milne. Trevor and Nikki trailing all the game until the final end. This game was the first to be live scored on bowls hub, what a long way we have come on the hub in 12 months. Thanks to all sponsors and clubs for their support in running these events, also to the markers and results recorders at the 7's. Ian Clouston, Men's Tournament Secretary.

Womens Tournament Secretary: The past month has flown by and it seems some time since the Mike Pero Triples were held in Bannockburn. The weather was kind and a total of 16 teams participated. Five teams qualified and the final was won by the Omakau team of N Milne, A Wilson, T Harris over the Alexandra team of K Lynskey, S Helm and T Connell. The Arvida Country Club 1-5 Pairs was a week later at Alexandra. After much discussion a very new pair from Omakau (P Huddleston & J Jeffery) filled a bye and ended up in the final being defeated by the Two Rae's (Hammond & Hall) from Wanaka. At the Hawkeswood Mining Interclub 7's held in Queenstown the weather again smiled benevolently upon us with sunny, calm conditions. It was difficult for the host club to find kitchen help with the Men's 7's being held the same weekend. Deserving winners on the day were Arrowtown. All greens were presented in great condition and the Clubs/Greenkeepers are to be commended for their work. My heartfelt thanks to Carl who has helped me at these events with the inputting of data. With Christmas fast approaching I am sure many are looking for a little time off to enjoy time with family and friends. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Regards Angela.

Ladies Coach and Selector Report: The squad have continued preparations for the annual Triangular at Roxburgh on the 6th December. We will gather at the green during Thursday afternoon for final discussions and some fun games to encourage the team spirit needed for a rep game. A report on the outcome of this game will be available for the next board meeting. As mentioned in the last report we will bring 6 additional players to the main squad and it will be great to see players who can't make the majority of rep games support us on this occasion. A different approach to lead up to this event with the squad will help us determine the build up strategy needed for the Southern 6, Super Sixes and Intercentre 7's. This is a season of refining our campaign planning for the next 2-3 years.

On other news I attended the Bowls NZ Coaching Conference in Auckland recently whose theme was "Empowering Athletes". The clear emphasis of speakers from different sports including Boxing, Swimming, Cycling and of course Lawn Bowls is a move away from a coaching approach where the coach says and the athlete does. Coaching across all disciplines is now less about the ultimate goal of winning and more on the steps each athlete needs to take to ensure their contribution to the whole team performance is effective. This is the journey we are on as a group and will continue to pursue as noted above. Thanks Carl.

Men's Convenors Report: Team selection has been made for the Southern 6 being played in Oamaru in January and all players are being notified. The Development Team has also been selected and Peter Dunne (Manager) has also been in touch with those selected players. There has been some outstanding bowls being played at events this month with the just finished Mixed Pairs, the Interclub 7's, the 1-5 Pairs, Centre Triples, Centre 4's and the Development Team playing Dunedin. As a selector it's a great way to spend a couple of days watching bowls to see the talent we have in Central Otago. I had the opportunity to sit in on a meeting the Development Team had with Terry Scott in Bannockburn last week. Very encouraging from a past national player, coach and selector I'm sure the Development Team got to take away some useful tips from Terry Q/A talk as I did. The season is starting to crank up as far as the Rep season goes and will be keeping an eye on all players over the nationals and other events over the Xmas break. To all bowlers have a Merry Xmas, Bowl Well, Enjoy what you do. Ric Hunt, Convenor.

Development Manager: 09.12.24 (see attached)

Umpires: (see attached)

Publicity: (see attached)

Greenkeepers: On Monday the 18th of November we held our Field Day starting at Middlemarch and progressing through all the greens on the Maniototo and finishing at Omakau. Thanks to Waipiata Club for providing lunch and David Howard and Rob Gibson for their insights and technical support. Planning has started for our Greenkeepers Conference next July in Alexandra by our Committee of John Lochhead, Ian Clouston, Richard McAlevey and myself. The reports from John and Richard about the renovations at Alexandra and Clyde are positive with the first cut and roll being completed. Thanks go to all of the clubs for their flexibility of hosting Central events during this time. John Knapp.

Coaching Conference Report: (see attached)

GENERAL:

- Allocations Centre Reps made to 2nd February 2025.
- Honorarium – the Honorarium for Centre President, Centre Secretaries, Centre Coach and Selectors is to stay at \$550 each per year.
- Centre Manager fee and travel costs for Operations Committee to be reviewed online, 9th January 2025 @ 8.00pm. 2025 Budget to be sent to all Board Members.
- **Law 4.0 Practice:** As per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Law 4.0 Practice on the day of a competition is only allowed if the Controlling Body gives approval and specifies the rinks of play that practice may occur on. See 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 and 4.2 and 4.3.

The Controlling Body is defined in Conventions – page 8. In a Club situation, the Controlling Body is the body with immediate control over the Conditions of Play (see Law 57.2) under which a game is played. A.4 states the CB is also the club on whose green the game is being played. Generally, a practice is allowed only if a team has a bye and is meeting a team who has already played in the first round or has a bye during the day.

Next Board Meeting: 13th January 2025 – 4.30pm at Alexandra Community House and online

Meeting Closed: 6.10pm

Confirmed: _____ Date: _____