

BOWLS NEW ZEALAND GREENKEEPING ASSOCIATION Inc

MINUTES OF THE 21st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOWLS NEW ZEALAND GREENKEEPING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Held on **Monday 22nd June at 4.30pm at the Paraparaumu Bowling Club**

PRESENT:

R Gibson (Dunedin President), M Symes (Taranaki Secretary/Treasurer) + R Sabin (Canterbury Life Member), T Rickerby, (Auckland), D Stevenson, (Hawkes Bay), Brendon Gibson (Wellington), Martin Webb (Northland), Jamey Ferris (Canterbury) Tony Gray (Waikato), Diane Stanton (Waikato) Scott Sinclair-Paton (Kapiti Coast), Hono Huriwai (Gisborne East Coast), Andrew Ball (East Coast) Jim Swift (Wellington), Dwayne Love (Manawatu), Mark O'Brien (Wairarapa), Dave Jones (Bay of Plenty), Terry Mullin (Taranaki), Dean TeHuna (Hawkes Bay), Patrick Stanaway (Auckland), Brendon Hannan (NZSTI), Delegates: David Ormsby (NZSTI), Chris Lander (Bowls NZ),

Voting rights were registered to the above.

APOLOGIES:

Dave Robinson (Manawatu), Terry Green (Waikato) Peter Burgess (Thames Valley) Neil Wilson (Bay of Plenty), Mike Galloway (Auckland), Wayne Marshall (Nelson), John Knapp (Central Otago), Graeme Shaw (Far North), David Howard (NZSTI)

Moved R Gibson

Seconded: J Ferris

Carried

MINUTES:

The minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting held on 23rd June 2025 at Hamilton were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved R Sabin

Seconded: D Stevenson

Carried.

Matters Arising:

1. M Symes told the meeting that funding applications made with respect to conferences in South Island had been declined.
2. Affiliation and Diary fees were set at \$20.00 each.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward:

- (a) As per received and passed

Outward:

- (b) Approved by those present.

Moved: M Symes

Seconded: M Webb

Carried

REPORTS:

Presidents report:

R Gibson presented his President report which had been previously circulated to all delegates with AGM Agenda.

Moved C Lander

Seconded: M Symes

Carried.

Bowls NZ Report: The Bowls NZ report was presented and read out by C Lander

NZSTI report: David Howard from NZSTI presented his report to the meeting and asked that the summary of activities 1st April 2025 – 30 June 2026 be added to the AGM meeting minutes.

Matters arising: Nil

Moved: D Ormsby

Seconded: R Gibson

Carried

Presentation of Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts (M Symes)

The approval of balance sheet and signing off for the Incorporated Societies.

Moved: M Symes

Seconded: C Lander

Carried

Matters arising:

1. M Symes reported that our Accumulated funds stand at \$35,664.80
2. M Symes told the meeting that our income from the Bowls NZ / Prebbles contract had increased our income by \$24,471.19
3. D Stanton (Waikato) asked where payment to Waikato Greenkeepers is shown in the balance sheet. M Symes that it is included in the nett figures of conference expenses.

Authorisation of Expense and Honorarys

R Gibson moved the Secretary honorarium remains at \$20,000.00 for the 2026-27 year

Moved: R Gibson

Seconded: M Webb

Carried

REMITTS: Nil

NOTICE OF MOTION: Nil.

AFFILIATION FEE:

It was suggested to the meeting that the 2026-27 affiliation fee for clubs remains at 20.00
That the affiliation fee for associations with less than 7 clubs remains at \$100.00 per association
It was agreed that the diary for 2026-27 remain at \$20.00 per copy

Moved R Gibson

Seconded: J Ferris

Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026:

PRESIDENT:	Robert Gibson	Dunedin	elected unopposed
VICE PRESIDENT:	Jamey Ferris	Canterbury	elected unopposed
SECRETARY:	Maurice Symes	Taranaki	elected unopposed
TREASURER:	Maurice Symes	Taranaki	elected unopposed

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Marty Webb	Northland/Far North	duly elected
Tony Rickerby	Auckland/Nth Harbour	duly elected
Dave Stevenson	Gisborne/East Coast	duly elected
Ron Sabin	Canterbury	duly elected
Chris Lander	(Bowls NZ delegate)	
David Howard	(NZSTI delegate)	

Moved: R Gibson

Seconded: M Symes

Carried

Bowls New Zealand Delegate:

It was moved that Chris Lander remain BNZ delegate to BNZGA.

New Zealand Sports Turf Institute Delegate:

It was moved that David Howard remain BNZ delegate to BNZGA.

PATRON

Warwick Graham (Life Member of BNZGA) remains as the Patron of the association.

Moved: T Rickerby

Seconded: R Sabin

Carried

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR / REVIEWER:

As per our 2024 BGM at the request of a meeting our annual accounts to be reviewed instead by the association accountant, unless the delegates of a AGM request the accounts to audited.

Appointment of Accountant/Reviewer: Matheson Rae Accountants

Moved R Gibson

Seconded: R Sabin

Carried.

CONSTITUTION:

M Symes reported that the constitution updates had been approved and signed off by the Incorporated Society.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Field Days 2026 – 27. Notification to members
2. Carpet and Artificial Greens – maintenance programme for diary monthly
3. It was moved that M Symes apply to fund the costs to send the executive members to the next North Island conference to help organisers.

Appendix 1- Inward

- (a) From Pelorus Trust notification our application for travel & accommodation costs for BNZGA executives to attend the 2025 South Island Conference has not been approved
- (b) From Companies office requesting information of the annual financial statement and details for the approved updated constitution.
- (c) From Kapiti Court and Air NZ quotes for flights and accommodation for the North Island Conference 2026.
- (d) From Westport BC thanking BNZGA and Ron Sabin for the excellent help Ron gave the club.
- (e) From Bowls NZ a copy of the “Greenkeeper of the Year Award” application.
- (f) From Bowls NZ results from the contract between Bowls NZ & Prebbles. 2025-26 return to BNZGA.
- (g) From NZSTI Field Day programme for 2026-27
- (h) From Incorporated Societies confirmation of renewal of the updated constitution and rules.
- (i) Nominations received for positions of the BNZGA board
- (j) Nominations received for awards for Long Service for Tom Black, David Robertson, Duncan Puett, Warick Fredrikson, Trevor Lingard, and special awards
- (k) Field day reports received from Northland/Far North, Auckland/North Harbour, Waikato, Taranaki, and Dunedin

Appendix 2 - Outward

- (a) Application to Pub Charities for 7600.00 to cover travel & accommodation for BNZGA executives to attend the 2026 AGM and North Island Conference
- (b) To Prebbles Turf – Thanking them for the onward sponsorship agreed with Bowls NZ
- (c) To Incorporated Societies copies of our 2026-27 Balance sheet.
- (d) To NZSTI requesting signing off and approval of the new Bowls Manual. Suggesting that the font of the original be made darker for ease of reading
- (e) To Bowls West Coast a support letter to them to apply for Ron Sabin to go and support them with green renovations.
- (f) Notices to all Centre's giving AGM meeting notices, voting papers, diary order forms, requests for database info, Award forms for long service and merit awards and Greenkeeper of the Year nomination form

Executive Regional Coverage 2026-27

Robert Gibson	Dunedin, North Otago, Central Otago, South Otago, Southland
Marty Webb	Northland, Far North.
Maurice Symes	Taranaki, Wanganui, Waikato, Thames Valley, Bay of Plenty,
David Stevenson	East Coast, Hawkes Bay
Tony Rickerby	North Harbour, Auckland, Counties
Brendon Gibson	Manawatu, Kapiti Coast, Wairarapa, Wellington
Ron Sabin	Marlborough, Nelson, West Coast, Buller
Jamey Ferris	Canterbury, Mid Canterbury, Sth Canterbury

There being no further business the discussion was closed at 5.15pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record

Robert Gibson Chairman