

CLUBS NZ INDOOR BOWLS ASSOCIATION INC.

Women's National Championships

Minutes of the Delegates Meeting of Clubs NZ Indoor Bowls Association Inc held at the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club on Friday, 18th July 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT:

David Mealings (President), Carol Lovell (North Island Women's Delegate), Bev Diamond (South Island Women's Delegate), Trevor Coleman (North Island Men's Delegate), Graham Low (Events Manager/Treasurer), Karen Watson (Minute Secretary) and delegates from 18 Clubs - Ashburton, Castlecliff, Hamilton, Hornby, Howick, Invercargill, Manurewa, Mt Maunganui, Otorohanga, Papatoetoe, Pukekohe, Richmond, Rotorua, Taradale, Tauranga, Timaru, St Johns and Upper Hutt.

OPENING:

Scott Adams - Manager Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club welcomed delegates to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Mike Cassidy (Clubs NZ Area Delegate), Horseshoe, Papanui, Waimea, Whangamata.

Papatoetoe/Otorohanga

Carried

TRIBUTES:

David Mealings Lovell asked all delegates to stand for a minute's silence as a mark of respect to those bowlers who have passed away during the year – David Bullock, Kath Arvidson, Mary Wakefield, Malcolm Chandler.

CLUBS NZ DELEGATE:

Not present.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Invercargill Workingmens' Club on Friday 19th July 2024 were taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

Invercargill/Mt Maunganui

Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The President's report was tabled and adopted.

David Mealings/Otorohanga

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards Correspondence: Carol Lovell's resignation as North Island Women's Delegate

Hamilton WMC/Taradale & Districts RSA

Carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer Graham Low presented the CNZIBA Financial Statements for the year ended 31st May 2025 for adoption.

Invercargill WMC 2024 financials were tabled at the meeting

OFFICE BEARERS 2025-2065:

North Island Women's Delegate: Vacant

South Island Women's Delegate: Bev Diamond Invercargill/Ashburton

All positions elected unopposed. Carol Lovell spoke about what was required of North Island Women's Delegate. They converse with clubs and prompt clubs to host Clubs NZ North Island and National events. They run bank account and order bars/badges. Ensure all gear necessary is passed on to next club hosting an event.

David Mealings suggested that if cannot find someone to fill the North Island Women's Delegate position host of North Island tournament provides a North Island delegate for that year.

EVENT MANAGERS REPORT:

Congratulations Northern Area IBA and in particular the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club, Karen Watson and her team of volunteers for another superb effort in organising a most successful week of bowls. A special note of thanks to our Controller Trevor Coleman. I said it last year and I will say it again here, Trevor's contribution to the success of the week has been exceptional in managing a busy schedule and ensuring events all finished in a timely manner. Trevor continues to be seen running from one task to the next. Our grateful thanks Trevor. Well done to all the volunteers and umpires from the clubs in the Northern Area who have given so freely of their time to assist during the week. Our thanks to the management and staff of the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club – your assistance and support and making your facilities available for all the players and visiting clubs is certainly appreciated.

As always, I remind you as delegates that this is your tournament and your suggestions for improvements are always welcome.

Of particular concern is the drop-off in playing numbers/clubs over recent years. Not so much here where entries were on a par, but we would welcome any ideas/suggestions you may have for stimulating support for our game.

Again, the Chartroom spreadsheet for our draws, online results and post-section play has proved to be successful and ensures everything from an administration perspective is so much easier to manage. Any issues with the results or aggregates during the week were minor and quickly resolved.

Once again, my sincere congratulations to Karen, Trevor and all the team on a successful Tournament week. Thank you to all the players - your support and cooperation has been greatly appreciated. I have enjoyed another week as your Events Manager and I look forward to catching up with you all again in 2026.

VENUE FOR 2026 WOMEN'S NATIONALS:

Hornby Club has indicated they would like to host in 2026, however due to other tournaments being held at Hornby would only be able to host if can change the date of the Ladies Nationals to 20th – 23rd July 2026.

Delegates voted to change the date of the Ladies Nationals for 2026 to enable Hornby to host, this change of date is a one-off and not a permanent date change.

Manurewa asked if the last rounds would be held back at the club as in past thought this was not the case. In past Woolston held Nationals and had to pull out at last minute and Hornby took over, this was the reason could not play final rounds at club.

Bev assured delegates that Hornby could easily accommodate last 16 at Hornby Club. She requested that clubs wait for the accommodation list to be posted online before booking accommodation to ensure clubs book in pick-up area.

Horseshoe asked Graham if Interprovincial next year will be held in one region again. Graham confirmed no, venues to be confirmed soon and also date of event.

NOTICES OF INTENT:

No advice received of potential hosts beyond 2026. St Johns agreed to approach their club regarding Ladies 2027.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Indoor Bowls Sets:

Graham had received a query about new Indoor bowls and advised there was a delay in supply. NZIB advise may not be available for 6 months (colours may be orange/black). Henslite has changed ownership which is why a delay. Graham advised they are looking at alternative suppliers (i.e. UK) which may cost more due to freight, etc.

Singles Format:

Castlecliff asked if singles could go back to 5 rounds instead of 7. Found 7 rounds very tiring. David Mealings advised that even though is over 7 rounds are still only playing the 4 games and allows for a bye round so players can eat and have a break. Suggested if players physically cannot mark then should ask host club at time of registration to find someone to take their place. Invercargill thought 7 rounds was good as markers were always required.

Delegates voted to keep format as is with 7 rounds as doesn't take more time and having 5 rounds would require host clubs to have more mats.

CLOSING:

President, David Mealings thanked clubs for their entries and delegates for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Minutes Confirmed:

President

Dated: