



CLUBS NZ INDOOR BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Men's National Championships

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Clubs New Zealand Indoor Bowls Association held at St Johns Club, Whanganui, on Friday 19th June 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

David Mealings (President), Trevor Coleman, Graham Low, Royce Tunbridge (St Johns Club President), Anita Smart (Minutes), and delegates from 12 clubs -Horseshoe, Hamilton WMC, St Johns Club, Timaru T&C, Richmond, Invercargill WMC, Pukekohe, Otorohanga, Manurewa Cossie, Upper Hutt Cossie, Waipa.

OPENING:

Royce Tunbridge thanked everyone for their support and participation in the tournament.

WELCOME:

David Mealings welcomed those in attendance.

APOLOGIES:

Bev Diamond, Howick Club, Papanui Club, Hornby Club, Ashburton.
That the apologies be accepted.

Richmond / Manurewa

Carried

TRIBUTES:

Delegates observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect to those bowlers who have passed away during the year. Special mention was made of David Bullock, South Island Men's Delegate.

CLUBS NZ DELEGATE:

Royce Tunbridge thanks to the St Johns Club, the players and the organisers.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Minutes of the Delegates Meeting held at Invercargill WMC on 20th June 2025 were accepted as a true and correct record.

Trevor Coleman / Pukekohe

Carried

Matters arising:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

David Mealings tabled his report and taken as read.

David Mealings / Horseshoe

Carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Graham Low, Treasurer, tabled the following Financial Reports for approval:

- Clubs NZ Indoor Bowls Association Financial Statement
- Invercargill WMC 2025 Men's Nationals Financial Statement

Graham Low / Richmond

Carried

It was decided that there is no need to increase the fees for this year.

OFFICE BEARERS 2026/2027:

President - David Mealings. *Moved: Richmond / Seconded: Trevor Coleman*

Secretary - Host club to appoint Minute Secretary. *Moved: Otorohanga / Seconded: Hamilton*

Treasurer - Graham Low. *Moved: Richmond / Seconded: Manurewa*

North Island Men's Delegate - Trevor Coleman. *Moved: Waipa / Seconded: Timaru*

South Island Men's Delegate - Shane Cooper. *Moved: Invercargill / Seconded: Waipa*

All positions were elected unopposed.

Carried

EVENTS MANAGER REPORT:

Graham Low presented his report:

Congratulations to St Johns Club and in particular our grateful thanks to Anita Smart and President Royce and the team of volunteers for a superb effort in contributing to a most successful week of bowls. A special vote of thanks to our Controller Trevor Coleman. Trevor's contribution to the success of the week has again been extraordinary in managing a busy schedule and ensuring events all finished on time. Our grateful thanks Trevor. Well done to all the volunteers and to the two hardworking umpires who have given freely of their time during the week. A special mention of Brian McCarthy and his mats and bowls team and Gwen for taking the time to write up the scorecards for section play. Our thanks also to St Johns Club Executive for your support and making your facilities available for all the players and visiting clubs.

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

It is pleasing to report that attendance at this year's event is up, albeit slightly, on last year's tournament, but a positive trend, nevertheless.

A couple of minor hiccoughs with the original draw but Chartroom has again proved to be a catalyst for processing more efficiently the post-section draws and subsequent rounds.

Congratulations to all those players who enjoyed success over the past four days and especially to our first time winners.

Once again, my sincere congratulations to Anita, Royce and the team on a successful Tournament week. The support and cooperation of all players has been greatly appreciated. I have enjoyed another week as your Events' Manager and I look forward to catching up with you all again, at Hornby in 2027.

2027 VENUE:

Hornby Club, Christchurch

Planning is underway, booked in for all events to be played at the club itself.

If booking accommodation, ensure it is in Hornby and not Riccarton Road.

NOTICE OF INTENT 2028:

Upper Hutt Cossie Club advised of their intention to host the 2028 Men's Nationals and their application was approved.

Upper Hutt / Horseshoe

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:**Combined Tournaments:**

Discussion regarding combining the Men's and Ladies' events. Would require a very large venue to house 60-odd mats. Does this matter when you need the larger towns to hold the

accommodation. At this stage the event is too large, but the Executive will continue to monitor this going forward.

Field Restrictions:

Question was asked, is limiting the number of players is reducing the number of entries?

Response was no, as very few clubs currently enter the maximum number of entries permitted in each event.

Triples Players Pool:

Delegates were requested to consider changing the Triples event to allow teams with four players registered to enter two triples' teams and have two pool players allocated, like the fours event (one pool player per team). The aim being to maximise play. Discussion included balloting options if there were insufficient pool players available and confirmation that rules preclude having more than two clubs in any team. Agreed to trial for 2027 Nationals.

Clubs NZ Tournament Entry System:

Discussion was held regarding the electronic entry system through the Clubs NZ website and the issues with this. Clubs NZ Delegate, Royce Tunbridge to report back to National Executive on delegates feelings in this regard.

Delegates Meeting:

Delegates asked if this meeting could be held during the week rather than on Friday. Reasons offered included Delegates Meeting is the opportunity for those present to review events and raise any issues encountered during the past tournament, and results and report are incomplete if held earlier. Suggested that an earlier start time be considered for those that need to travel.

Clubs NZ Executive:

Manurewa proposed a vote of thanks to the Executive on behalf of all the clubs.

Rules Amendments:

Graham Low, Events Manager, proposed the following amendments to the National Championship Rules:

1.04 Closing Date for entries - remove clause

3.07 Badge Purchases - remove reference to National Secretary

5.08 Semi-Finals and Finals - amend number of ends to align with Time and Order of Play

6.05 Initial Draw - posted online on Clubs NZ website

Richmond / Horseshoe

Carried

MEETING CLOSED:

President, David Mealings thanked clubs for their entries and delegates for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Minutes Confirmed:

President

Dated: