

**MINUTES OF REGION 6 CENTRES MEETING AT THE DUNEDIN LAWN BOWLS STADIUM
THURSDAY 5TH MAY 2022 BY ZOOM AT 11AM**

PRESENT: **Bowls Dunedin** – Andy McLean Chairman, Darryl Young Minutes Secretary,
Keith McFadyen

Bowls Southland – Simon Flett, Murray Heath, Ian Brown

Bowls South Canterbury – Lesley Read

Central Otago Bowls – Pauline Seaton, Angela Wilson

Bowls South Otago – Murray Patterson

Bowls North Otago – Not represented

WELCOME:

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this first Zoom Meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Adrian Robins (North Otago/South Canterbury), Terry Nally, Rosina Baker (South Canterbury),
Lynda Milne (Southland) **Carried**

MINUTES:

The Chair moved the adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings 9th May 2019.
Minutes of Meeting having been circulated were taken as read. **Carried**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Region 6 Tournament. The dates for the tournament as set at the Region 6 meeting on 18 May 2017 is:

28 & 29 January 2023 – Men at Central Otago
- Women at Dunedin

The Dunedin greens to be used will likely be Taieri Bowling Club with a second likely being within 20 minutes vehicle travel. A draft programme for the next 6-year cycle of host venues is attached for discussion and approval at the next meeting

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. The Chairman went around each Centre and requested any items they wished to discuss:

Bowls South Otago

1. Murray Patterson thanked the Central Otago organisers of the hastily arranged regional Intercentre tournament held due to the Nationals being delayed as a result of the Covid-19 epidemic. Unanimously supported.

Central Otago Bowls

1. Advised the following tournament dates for programme calendars:

- Central Otago vs Southland - at Central Otago on Sunday 16th October
- Central Otago vs South Otago vs Southland - at Roxburgh on Friday 2nd December

2. Have tabled a proposal by member Neil Buchanan for an Annual Region 6 Over 60's representative tournament with the following criteria:

- A team of 12 players playing in 3 4s team. Each 4s team plays 21 ends and all scores are added consecutively onto 1 scoreboard = 63 ends.
- Games length about 3-3.5 hours to complete.

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- Teams from Central Otago, Dunedin, South Otago, and Southland play a round robin. Teams would be made up of 12 men and 12 Ladies from each centre. The first event is to be played at a two green (1 men, 1 ladies) complex somewhere in Zone 6 over 2 days in late January or early February 2023. Played on 2-week days if suited.
- Day 1 - 2 games 10am start, Day 2 1 game 9am start. The end of the 1st day could also be used as a social gathering for the players etc with the host centre providing entertainment which could consist of music a BBQ and raffles etc.
- 3 trophies competed for - men's, ladies, and overall . (No Naming rights but generic names to be used like the Highlander trophy. Umpires cup etc .) Other prizes on a fun basis could be awarded i.e., oldest player, youngest player, or oldest team combined age etc .
- Any player over the age of 60 and is a registered bowler is eligible to compete in the event if chosen by their local selectors . All players would be representing their centre at this event and centre uniforms to be used .

Ideally this would be seen as a fun event with comradeship between all players but with the emphasis still on winning.

The Centres generally agreed on the principle to be further discussed and developed but should involve all 6 Centres with less players either 10 or 7 to make it easier for the smaller Centres.

A sub-committee of Ian Brown, Murray Patterson, and Neil Buchanan will be formed to take the concept further and to be tabled at the next meeting.

Bowls Dunedin

1. Have an interclub clash problem with the above confirmed Region 6 tournament dates but will be worked through in their programme.

Any Other Business:

1. Meetings. Central Otago suggested if we were to continue with Zoom meetings then there could be a case for more meetings per year. It was decided that there would be 4 meetings scheduled per year with the following provisional dates (Thursday) and time (10am):

6 July 2022

7 September 2022

2 November 2022

2. Catering Cost Limit. Bowls Dunedin asked if the current limit of catering costs per head was sufficient to cover catering costs. It was proposed that the limit should be raised to \$20 per person per day due to rising food costs. **Carried**

3. National Open v Champion of Champion Events. Bowls Dunedin raised the issue of the Champion of Champion Events in that in some cases, with the approval of Bowls New Zealand, that Centre Open Event winners could play in the National Champion of Champion finals. This was discussed in a Survey early in 2021 with the following result:

"Champion of Champions Format"

The survey response on this subject showed the majority of centres were in support of the status quo; i.e. A Club to Centre to National Event (Club champion team plays in a centre play-off to determine the Centre's representative at National Champion of Champions Finals Tournaments).

The format for these events will therefore be unchanged from the 2020/21 structure, however we are prepared to consider an application from a centre that seeks to establish their centre champions from an Open Event. Applications for such an exception should provide an explanation as to why an Open Event is a better "fit" for the centre and should be received by Bowls New Zealand no later than 30 September 2021.

Such an application will only be considered if the proposed Conditions of Play for the Open Event require that:

- All players involved are representing a club from within the Centre that is hosting the open tournament, and
- Pairs / Triples / Fours teams must comprise players from the same club"

Although that deadline is gone will it apply to the 2022-23 season?

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4. Clarification of membership types and eligibility. Bowls Dunedin raised the murky rules of membership and eligibility to play Open and Champion of Champion tournaments. Due to Bowls New Zealand loosening of the membership rules players from some centres are combining with players from other centres to strengthen (stack) teams for National tournaments as in the Summerset Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours and Mixed Pairs. This is creeping into other tournaments, and it is left to individual Centres to make local rules to curb the practice if that is their wish. There is a general impression that the term “dual or associate” membership is a thing. According to the Bowls New Zealand Constitution the correct membership types are as follows:

1. *“Casual Member” means a person who participates in any bowling event or competition held by or at a Club(s), Centre(s) or Bowls NZ in accordance with Rule 9.2(c) and becomes a Member for the period of that event or competition and/or while present at the bowling venue. The rights and privileges of membership as a Casual Member shall be specified in the constitution, regulations and/or rules of the Club, Centre, or Bowls NZ (whichever is holding the event or competition) and/or as set out in the written agreement with the Casual Member to participate in the event or competition. Such a rule / agreement must comply with the Bowls NZ Regulations.*

2. *“Limited Playing Member” means a person who wishes to play bowls at their Club only. The rights and privileges of membership as a Limited Playing Member shall be specified in the constitution, regulations and/or rules of the Club, but cannot extend beyond specific club tournaments and events. A Limited playing member can only play in bowls events within the boundary of the physical club and may not participate in club championships, centre or national events, or at any event at another bowling club.*

3. *“Playing Member” means a person who wishes to enjoy the playing and non-playing rights and privileges of being a member of a Club, including life members, and students. Only playing members are entitled to play at other affiliated Clubs and to enter Club Championships, Centre, Regional and/or National tournaments and events.*

4. *“Non-Playing Member” means a person who does not play bowls but wishes to enjoy an ongoing association with a Club including participating in social activities at the Club and includes non-playing life members.*

5. Region 6 Southern 6 Tournaments. The provisional dates and venues for the next 6-year cycle for Centres approval at the next meeting are:

2024	20/21 January	Women: Southland	Men: South Canterbury
2025	18/19 January 25/26 January	Women: South Otago	Men: North Otago
2026	24/25 January	Women: Central Otago	Men: Dunedin
2027	23/24 January	Women: South Canterbury	Men: Southland
2028	22/23 January 29/30 January	Women: North Otago	Men: South Otago
2029	20/21 January	Women: Dunedin	Men: Central Otago

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 11-58am.

Andy McLean
Chairman