Whangamata Bowling Club Inc

Minutes, Wednesday 8th July 2026, held at Whangamata Bowling Clubrooms, 500 Rutherford Road, Whangamata.

Attendees: Mark Drury, Jim Newman, Alan Cotter, Gary Wade, Tup Burnside, Charmaine Morrissey, Lloyd Murcott, John Adams, Gavin Smith, Joanne Hatley, Cherie May.

Mark welcomed the three new members to the Board- Gavin Smith, Joanne Hatley and Cherie May

Apologies: Gary Reid

Moved/Seconded Mark/Gary W

That the apology of Gary Reid be accepted

Motion Carried

Previous Minutes:

Moved/ Seconded Mark/Gary W

That the minutes from the meeting 3rd June 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Motion Carried.

Matters Arising from the Minutes: These were addressed as the meeting proceeded.

Sponsorship:

Graeme Gunn joined the meeting and provided an update on Sponsorship activities. He was pleased that Joanne Hatley would provide him with assistance in the role over the next year. Graeme advised that as it was renewal time for sponsors in time for their inclusion in the Club Magazine/Program for the new year, he had covered this off with all sponsors and was happy to report that nearly all had recommitted with only one Gold Sponsor not renewing and another subject to the outcome of a change of ownership. Three new sponsorships are being finalised and four have been signed up for the Scoreboards.

Moved/Seconded Gary W/Jim

That the Sponsorship Report be received and the comments noted

Motion Carried

Correspondence in:

1. Pub Charity- letter declining our funding application for Clubroom carpet replacement. Alan advised that Jo McCarthy would file an application with Oceana Gold. Jim wondered if we needed to provide a club contribution to a project to ensure more success with applications and Alan advised that he would follow this up with Jo McCarthy.
2. Thankyou Card from Bob & Val Sangster

Moved/Seconded Mark/ Lloyd

That Correspondence In be received

Motion Carried

Correspondence Out:

Nil

Health & Safety:

Gary reported that all checks have been carried out as per schedule and no issues had arisen. Gary also commented that forms for the Fire Service are held on file as they advised they do not require them in response to a query by Mark.

Moved/ Seconded Gary W /Joanne

That the Health & Safety Report be received and the comments noted

Motion Carried

Welfare:

The Welfare Report was received and discussed. Cherie commented that it would assist her greatly if she could have access to members physical addresses- Mark commented that this could be covered by liaison with the Membership Secretary in the future. Alan also suggested for an item in the Newsletter be included advising that Cherie is the new contact for this area. Tup is also to send a letter to Julie Stewart thanking her for her contribution in covering this role in the past

Moved/Seconded Cherie/ Jim

That the Welfare Report be received and the comments noted.

Green Keepers Report: A written report from Peter Burgess was received and discussed. Tiger Turf had been contacted regarding the straightener issue on Rink 4 and they agreed that there was a problem with the Carpet Green and quoted $5580+ GST to investigate and address the issue. In response to a query by Jo Hatley, Mark advised that Tiger Turf would still not provide a guarantee that the issue would be resolved. Alan suggested we just live with the issue and develop work arounds. Mark agreed to write to Tiger Turf addressing our concerns regarding the issue. Peter also noted that the Grass green would be closed on 15 July for refurbishment.

Moved/Seconded Mark/Alan

That the Greenkeepers Report be received and the comments noted and that no remedial action be undertaken with regard to the Carpet Green issue.

Finance:

The Finance reports were received and discussed. Charmaine advised that she had no issues of concern.

Moved/Seconded Charmaine/Mark

That the Financial Report be received and the comments noted

Motion Carried

Bar Managers Report: Gavin presented a written report to the Board noting that the bar has been trading well and operating smoothly and efficiently even though three major tournaments had been cancelled due to the weather. Turnover is averaging approximately $10,000 per month. Gavin commented that stock levels are steady and that the sales of tap beer is providing rebates of between $1,000 and $1,200 per annum. A Promotional Fund of $500 is still to be spent. Margins of 57.4% are being achieved through better keg prices and the increased bar prices. Gavin added that the bar rosters are strong meaning that those working are only being called upon 1-2 times per month. Gavin also advised that Bar Managers Licences are also due for renewal shortly

Moved/Seconded Gavin/Jim

That the Bar Managers Report be received and the comments noted

Match Convenor's Report:

Alan presented his report and noted that the Champ Fours team are off to Dunedin on the 20 July. Alan commented that Winter Bowls was continuing to being well supported but affected by adverse weather and Roll ups continued to attract good numbers.

Moved/Seconded Alan/Cherie

That the Match Convenors Report be received and the comments noted.

Social Committee/Catering:

John presented his report and advised that the Social Committee had recently met to review the Awards Dinner and discuss future events for inclusion in the Programme Booklet. John added that feedback from the Awards Dinner was extremely positive apart from some salad shortages which can be easily rectified. Dates agreed to for the future were the Christmas Function on the 5 December 2026 and Awards Dinner 15 May 2027.

Discussion around being a responsible host resulted in the Sub Committee being asked to look at options to get attendees home safe from functions and for the Taxi Service sign to be made more prominent.

Moved/ Seconded John /Mark

That the Social Committee/Catering Report be received and the comments noted

New Members/Liaison Report: Two new member applications were received and approved by the Board- Wayne Cruikshank and Gary Smith. Jim commented that he aimed to provide the new members with a new member booklet, a membership card with the new logo and a name tag. Jim also advised that there was an ongoing need for new member education and suggested a new member block course introduction session to cover basics such as the scoreboard, measuring, rolling the jack and etiquette on the green and that this would alleviate some brewing frustration by some members regarding these points. Older members should also be encouraged to assist where possible. Gavin and Gary W suggested having a buddy / big brother systems. Mark suggested that Jim take action on the points raised,

Moved/Seconded Jim/Mark

That the New Members/Liaison Report be received and the comments noted

Logo:

Alan advised he was waiting for Jo McCarthy to return from holidays to continue progress. Some changes were suggested to Alan around updating options showing with and without the Sun/Bowl with the aim of progressing the change for inclusion in the new program booklet.

Potential Investment

A paper suggesting First Mortgage Trust as an investment option for the monies set aside for the eventual replacement of the carpet green in order to obtain an improved return on the investment rather than a term deposit at our bank was received and discussed. Mark commented that he was interested to canvas the Board's opinion and thoughts. Gavin felt that it was a relatively safe investment from personal experience with First Mortgage Trust. Joanne was keen to look at Milford Investments and other options. Gary W was keen to explore comparisons versus risk whilst Alan queried the approval process for such a possible move. Lloyd noted that the investment would grow by $10,000 each year from surplus funds.

Moved/Seconded Mark/Lloyd

That the investment remains with our existing bank on term deposit.

Motion Carried

General Business:

1.Drainage

Mark commented that the issue is still under investigation

2.Men's Toilet Refurbishment

Alan and Lloyd to map up requirements and then proceed to discuss the plan and consent requirements with TCDC. Charmaine commented that Building WOF issues also needed to be taken into consideration.

3. Shed Roof Repainting/Kitchen Repaint

Jim to chase up timeframes with the painter

4. 75th Anniversary Update

No update to provided-Mark to speak with Keith Miles re attending the next Board meeting with an update

5. Club Captains Appointments
Jim updated new Board Members on the Club Captain's roles emphasising that it is a really important position in providing feedback to the Board, supporting Club members playing away at Tournaments and being the eyes and ears of the club. Charmaine noted that the role in golf clubs was voted on by members. Mark undertook to talk to the incumbents and then advertise for nominations. If more

nominations were received than positions then a survey of members process would be undertaken.

6. Club Membership Cards

   Jim advised that he had received a new price of $1.25 per card that has the club logo, name and status with a number and expiry date. The card can be expected to be used for deals around town with sponsors and possibly club draws. Gary W suggested that we should also look at the cost of a machine readable card in which various options could be loaded.

7. Gilmour's Account

   Gavin raised the issue of opening an account with Gilmour's as it provides good discounts and as long as there is an order value of $150 then deliveries are free rather than someone needing to go to Tauranga for the pickup of the goods. Charmaine believed that we would probably need a credit card and someone to be guarantor. Mark agreed that in principle it is a good idea and requirements need to be pursued.

8. Facebook Pages

   Gavin noted that he was concerned about the appearance of the Facebook page which needed improvement as it currently displayed an opening page of a bereavement of a Tui Park member. Alan commented that it was currently controlled by Mark Pene but that it could be used as a better communication tool and that he was looking at this in conjunction with Jo McCarthy. Charmaine suggested the possibility of setting up a new Facebook page. John was happy to take on the role of providing any photography necessary.

9. Friday Happy Hour

   Gavin advised that he was keen to explore the option of opening the bar on a Friday afternoon between 4.00and 6.00 pm for a Happy Hour for members. Mark noted that our Patron had commented that this used to happen in years gone by. It was also noted that 10-12 Bridge Club Members may also be interesting in participating after their normal Friday play. There was general agreement to pursue this option further.

10. Cleaning Contract

    Gavin noted that he was aware of a member who has a cleaning business who would like to submit a price. Charmaine advised that there was a list of tasks that needed to be undertaken. Alan commented that the current cleaning was not consistent. Mark also noted that sometimes there were reliability issues.

It was agreed that we would continue with the existing contract but the club member could put in a price based on the list of tasks undertaken by the current cleaner.

11. Club Hat Rule

All Board members were in agreement that the no hat rule inside the Clubrooms be abolished.

Moved/Seconded Gary W/Tup

That the no hat rule in the Clubrooms be abolished

Motion Carried

12. Whangamata News

Gavin raised the issue of providing results etc to the Whangamata News as a means of promoting the club. After discussion it was agreed that this should be pursued. Advertising hiring of the clubrooms in the paper was also suggested and to be investigated further.

13. Membership Types

Mark raised the query regarding how often visitors could attend roll ups before they have to join. Discussion centred around limits of 3-5 times, monitoring and fairness to Associate members. Notes are to be developed advising of limits.

14. Crackerjack Rules

Mark asked that the rules be reviewed as regards the definition of non playing members due to the social event becoming more successful and high profile. Alan undertook to provide this to the next meeting.

15. Membership Secretary

Mark noted that JL Holyoake was standing down and that Gale Ward had offered to take on the role as she had prior experience at other clubs in the role. Lloyd noted that this needed to be a board appointment.

Moved/Seconded Mark/Gary W

That Gale Ward be offered the role

Motion Carried

16. Macron Issue

Lloyd noted that Special Resolution for the macron issue failed at the AGM with 22 for and 12 against with 2 abstentions but that he has since checked with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies and they advised that this matter only required a normal resolution with only a more than 50% approval requirement as the change is only a technical update did not need as an amendment to the constitution. Mark suggested that the issue needs to go back to the AGM as there is no mandate for the Board to make any change.

17. Newsletters/Web Page
    Lloyd raised the issue of needing to have someone to edit the newsletters for accuracy prior to distribution. Alan is to discuss this issue with Jo McCarthy.

18. Whangamata Bridge Club Issue
    Approval was given for the Bridge Club to meet the full cost of a put up/take down railing for a heavy curtain drape which will prevent noticeable draughts emanating from the walkway between the kitchen and office.

19. Visitors Sign
    Gavin undertook to provide an updated visitors sign for the entrance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.05pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th August 2026 at 9.00 am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

Chairman ...M.H.[signature]...... Date ...10/08/26......