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Board Report  
2019 Annual General Meeting  
Presented on behalf of the Board by  
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Welcome to this the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of TBNZ.

Generally the reports presented at the AGM take a rear facing viewing telling everyone what has happened in our organisation over the last 12 months, this year we want to take a slightly different approach as everyone in attendance already has a pretty good idea what TBNZ has or hasn't achieved this year. We want to take this time to remind the membership why TBNZ exists and the ongoing contribution of those members that continuously make sacrifices to ensure that it continues to exist.

Without looking at the Constitution can anyone tell me what TBNZ is defined as in the Constitution? The correct definition is "the society registered as Tenpin Bowling New Zealand Incorporated". A society is defined as "an organization or club formed for a particular purpose or activity". What TBNZ is not is the small handful of members who volunteer their time to make our sport and organisation better at great personal sacrifice to them and their families, but rather each and everyone of us who are members of the society.

To those members who are quite happy to sit back and say TBNZ did this or TBNZ did that, just remember that you are TBNZ, and the people who make decisions on your behalf are doing so on the basis of what they believe are the best interests of the organisation as a whole, whilst considering fairness and consistency across all members rather than what is in the best interests of particular groups of members. This is never an easy process, because it is impossible to ensure that any decision, makes every member happy (perhaps with the exception of removing all joining fees or something along those lines). Invariably someone or some group will be unhappy with a decision that is made, and they will tell you why you are wrong, but the other 95% of the membership who are happy with the decision but won't tell you that it was a great decision. The important thing to remember is that everyone involved in the administration of TBNZ is there because the membership decided that they wanted them to be involved and those people are donating their time, skills and expertise because they want to make our organisation better.

Again, without looking at the Constitution does anyone know what the objects of TBNZ are? They are to:

1. Promote and develop the sport of Tenpin Bowling throughout New Zealand;
2. Assist with instruction, resources and advice for members;
3. Co-operate with other professional societies that share mutual goals, ethics and interests;
4. Conduct Annual Championships for all TBNZ members in good standing;
5. Enforce the Playing Rules and Regulations of TBNZ in any competitions conducted or sanctioned by TBNZ;
6. Comply with New Zealand Legislation;
7. Comply with the New Zealand Sports Drug-Agency and Sport New Zealand Anti-doping Policy.

To achieve those objects we simply need more hours per week, per month and per year. Our volunteers can only do so much, and it is up to each of those volunteers to determine how much they are willing to commit to the organisation. It is not up to other members to say well you have volunteered so you need to do this, this and this. If there are not enough volunteers or volunteer hours then the Board is in the unenviable position of having to determine what critical services need to be provided to the sport, what services can't be provided and which objects of TBNZ cannot be met due to lack of resource. This is the position that the Board has found itself in over the last 18 months, and if we, the members want to ensure that our organisation can fulfil all of its objects we either need more volunteers or we need to look at new options to provide those services, such as paid employees/contractors. Our volunteers could then focus on what most of them are here for, to promote and develop the sport of Tenpin Bowling throughout New Zealand, our organisations' number 1 object. Upon leaving this meeting tonight we encourage you all to think about what you could do to ensure TBNZ delivers on its objects for the benefit of us all.

We confirm that the Board has met the requirement in the constitution to have three meetings during the year. Outside the meetings the Board continues to keep in contact via email.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to especially thank the Management Team for their ongoing, unwavering, commitment and contribution to our organisation, and would like the meeting to show their appreciation to our dedicated Management Team with a round of applause.

Personally, I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their contributions over what has been a challenging 12 months. Whilst we haven't always agreed, or had the full support of the members, we have remained focused on improving our sport. A special thanks to Allan Heald who is stepping down from the Board at the conclusion of this meeting after a little over two years in the role. To the other Board members who are standing for re-election thank you for your continuous commitment to our sport.

Finally, thank you to the membership for your support and understanding over the last 12 months.

Craig Nevatt  
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Tenpin Bowling New Zealand Inc.