

Board Report
2022 Annual General Meeting
Presented on behalf of the Board by Julieanne Mollet

Welcome to the 19th Annual General Meeting of TBNZ.

The last twelve months have again proved to be rather challenging due to Covid restrictions being reinstated for a number of months at the end of 2021 – particularly affecting our Auckland members and centres. There were a number of tournaments which were either rescheduled or postponed to allow the events to go ahead safely under the Government requirements. Fingers crossed we are now through the worst of the pandemic and can get back to some normality moving forward.

Unfortunately with the Australia and New Zealand outbreaks, it meant the last minute cancellation of our Open and Senior teams who were due to travel to Hobart in July 2021. Our Youth team made it in the nick of time before the borders closed – and what a fantastic result they had! They broke a number of records and had plenty of placings, which was great to see from our young talent coming through.

With the world opening back up, we have a number of New Zealand representative teams travelling again. We have trips underway for the Youth to Sweden and the various age groups to travel to the Australian tournaments throughout the year. These will all be wearing our newly branded NZ Katipō apparel. This is an exciting initiative to build branding, awareness and excitement in our sport.

A major focus of TBNZ over the past couple of years has been implementing coaching framework and working to foster growth within our sport. The Coaching Committee have made some great inroads on this with Bowl Patrol being successfully rolled out in a number of centres around the country at the beginning of Term 2. Term 3 will see the rollout of the next round of centres. There's still a long road ahead, but we look forward to seeing these programmes come to fruition.

We've had a few changes on the Board over the last twelve months and take this opportunity to acknowledge Chris Ball and Chris Haynes who recently stepped down from their positions on the Board. We thank them both for their time and commitment to the Board. Fred Housham stepped into the vacant Director position and Rebecca Stretton has joined as the newly appointed Proprietor Representative.

In late 2021 TBNZ received a proposal from Stephen Penney to step into the CEO role with Melonie Lister to assist him. This proposal was accepted by the Board and we have already seen progress in leaps and bounds towards what we wanted to achieve as a sport, but had been unable to do without the leadership required. Steve has been a strong driver of a number of initiatives such as the NZ team rebranding, rolling out of Bowl Patrol and working closer with Tenpin Bowling Australia to build a closer alliance with them - to name just a few. We thank Steve for his commitment to date and look forward to seeing what further progress we can make as a sport with him at the helm.

The CEO appointment has meant that the Board has reverted to the governance role expected of it. We have met the requirement to meet at least 3 times a year. Outside of this the Board continues to keep in regular contact via email and Zoom meetings as necessary.

The Board would also like to thank the Management Team for their passion, skills and dedication in managing the day to day operations of TBNZ and keeping things ticking along. Thanks very much to all of you.

Personally, I would also like to thank my fellow Board members for their ongoing dedication and commitment to our organisation.

We need to continually remember that our sport is managed by volunteers who dedicate considerable time in administering and promoting the Sport of Tenpin Bowling. Their past and continued contribution is very much appreciated. As always, we continue to seek volunteers to help with the running of the sport. So if you have some spare time to give and you would like to help out, please get in contact.

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