

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT MIRAMAR GOLF CLUB
17 OCTOBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 9.05AM**

PRESENT: Barry Chapman, Nigel Warnes, David Edgar, David Lynn,
Michael Lawson, Graham Low and Ngaire Drake.

President Barry welcomed members and said there was a lot to discuss during the day looking at different opportunities to keep the game alive.

APOLOGIES: Trevor Rayner for lateness

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 12 June 2015 and the Planning Meeting 27 June 2015 as circulated were taken as read.

Warnes/Edgar

Carried

MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED LATER: Nil

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 16 October 2015 is accepted and cheques numbered 5541-5662 plus automatic payments be passed.

Edgar/Lawson

Carried

A draft copy of the NZIB's Financial Statement for the year ended 30 September 2015 which had been distributed was discussed. These accounts needed to be finalised and audited for inclusion in the Annual Report. A copy of this will be sent to all Districts at least two weeks before the AGM.

Please let National Office know by 1 November if you require a copy of the Annual Report for each of your clubs. Otherwise a copy will just be sent to all districts, available for AGM delegates plus uploaded to the website.

Satisfaction was expressed at the nett deficit for the year of approximately \$35,000 which was considerably lower than the original budget. This was achieved through prudent expenditure and the success with funding applications. Ngaire was thanked for all the work she had done to help achieve this good result. However concern continues with the fact NZIB relies too heavily on grants including Sport NZ which cannot be guaranteed. The fact that the affiliation fees received amounted to \$90,000.00 compared to expenses of \$265,000 clearly illustrates this.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent to District Secretaries

Minutes of Executive Meeting 12 June 2015 with financial report and the Planning Meeting 27 June 2015

Letters to districts requesting they host 2016 National events and tour matches with host district duties attached

Draft 2016 National Programme
Final details and mat draws for districts hosting 2015 tour matches
AGM information including remit form, delegate's registration, and
nomination of officers
District Membership Numbers

REPORTS OF NATIONAL EVENTS:

Nigel Warnes questioned the value of written event reports.

That written reports be prepared for only the National Championships and International.

Edgar/Warnes

Carried

In future a verbal report covering any significant issues would be presented by the Controller at the following Executive Meeting.

Graham Low is also preparing a one-pager template to cover major points including Health and Safety and any recommendations.

Island Tour

Points from South Island Tour Manager Nigel Warnes verbal report were:

- The smaller districts put more effort into hosting the touring team and got value from it.
- Disappointment was expressed that hosting districts did not take the opportunity to use the touring team in promotional type activities
- Some districts were totally unprepared with no controller or cards. In future when the draw is sent to host districts the expectations surrounding the event would be reinforced.
- Tour Driver David Edgar was thanked for all the additional work he did
- The South Island team behaved admirably both on and off the mat.
- The forced early departure on the Sunday for some team members was discussed and whilst not ideal the timing and financial implications of later flights were prohibitive.

North/ South

Ross Brayshaw did a fantastic job leading a small team of Roskill and Districts helpers. The event was an excellent contest with many games coming down to the last bowl.

Henselite Champion of Champions

Controller Michael Lawson said Canterbury IBA had handled all transfers well and in future the accommodation chosen needed to be aware of late arrivals and requirements for 'after match' socialising.

There was discussion about the late finish and the final having no spectators.

As a result the start time would be altered to 12pm with light finger food available.

That the condition of play be altered to 12 ends or 35 minutes for all section and post-section games up to and including the quarter-finals. There will be no time limit for the Semi Finals and Final.

Edgar /Warnes

Carried

NZ Mixed Fours

Controller, Barry Chapman said that the Wanganui IBA were excellent hosts for the event ensuring that all participants and officials were well looked after.

NZ Junior Singles

The enthusiasm of the younger bowlers was evident as they moved to their mats promptly and were eager to get on with their games. This allowed the event to run smoothly and there was excellent spectator support, both local and visitors filling the hall. North Wellington IBA are experienced hosts and as usual did a good job. Whilst recognizing the distance between the accommodation at Lower Hutt and the venue the arrangements worked well. It was also noted that some families of the junior contestants, especially if they are staying for the SS event, find it beneficial to make their own arrangements.

NZ Secondary Schools Event

The NW Hall was just large enough with 64 entrants from 35 schools entered the singles and in the pairs 38 teams from 20 schools which represented a good increase. There was a great atmosphere throughout the two days and the attitude of the players both during and between the games was exemplary. Tournament Controller Trevor Rayner said it was a pleasure to be involved and he is confident the event will continue to grow. Trevor was thanked for all the effort he put in to ensure the 3 days of bowls required for these two events ran so well.

Welch Trophy

Controller Trevor Rayner

Sacred Heart College proved to be an excellent venue with the hall being set up well by Hutt Valley IBA. Martin Holden and Wayne Thomas lead their team well ably supported by local members who provided markers for all the singles games and officials to change bowls between the games. There was a steady stream of spectators from both local and neighbouring districts. The large group from North Taranaki were rewarded with their team's hard earned victory. There were no comments about the lack of catered meal on the Friday night and this will be continued with. Google charts were again used to enable people to follow the results of each game and Paul Voorend updated the website. Delwyn Hughes wrote summaries of each round on Facebook and these were well received as were the reports written by NPO Chris Bullen for the website and distribution to media outlets.

2016 NATIONAL PROGRAMME

A copy will be sent to districts and uploaded to the website.

It was pleasing to note that Cauty IBA's newly refurbished/repared Hall would be ready to host the Welch and N v S fixtures.

DEVELOPMENT ROLES:

The meeting went into Committee to discuss these roles.

The meeting came out of Committee.

PUBLICITY:

Three newsletters had been distributed since July.

That in the future printed newsletters would not be sent to out.

Lawson/Lynn Carried

The NPO will be asked to prepare a newsletter distribution database so that an electronic copy is available to a representative of every club.

Publicity Officer Chris Bullen noted the greater use made of computer programming to record events, provide post-section draws, etc made his job easier and enabled anyone interested to access the information far quicker. Chris has now completed three years as NPO and whilst happy to be involved again in 2016 he would like to pass on the opportunity to someone to come in with fresh ideas. Please contact Chris or National Office if you are interested in this position.

Chris thanked Delwyn Hughes for her coverage of the South Island Tour and inter-Island Test while he was overseas.

The Executive will be exploring what opportunities will be available for publicity in the future and Chris will be asked to prepare a current job description.

WEBMASTER:

Paul Voorend said the major change for the year was the addition of the live Facebook Feed which allowed non-Facebook members to instantly view any updates made to the NZIB Facebook page.

We are aware that some updating to the website is required especially to the archives and Graham Low has taken responsibility to provide the necessary information to Paul. He will also update and finalise the electronic Executive Manuals.

That a donation be made to Webmaster Paul Voorend acknowledging his work this year.

Rayner/Lynn Carried

2018 CHAMPIONSHIPS:

That the 2018 National Championships be awarded to Ashburton.

Edgar/Lawson Carried.

North Island districts are asked to give consideration to hosting the 2018 Island Championships maybe in conjunction with their normal Queen’s Birthday event. Please contact National Office if you are interested so a venue can be finalised at the AGM.

2016 NATIONALS:

The entry system introduced this year will be continued with.

A recommendation will be put to the AGM seeking District opinion of whether or not the Kath & S.E.N Smith Trophy should be awarded to the winner of the Masters singles or the Open event.

The Executive firmly believes it should be the Masters event as it is likely in the future that there will be no qualifiers over 65 in the open event.

From replies to the discussion document it was generally accepted that the Patron's Cup and Player of the Tournament would continue to be awarded across all events.

Prize vouchers would be determined at the May Executive Meeting once entries are known.

Districts will be asked for the number of programmes required to eliminate the current surplus.

Some districts had a lack of understanding to the amount of work involved with running a Nationals and why it can't be held over a shorter period. NZIB supported the Masters competition and both divisions should be treated with the same respect. It is possible that in time the Masters may overtake the number of entries in the open.

Tauranga organising committee had been meeting regularly and good progress is being made. The decision on a funding application to cover the hire of the venue to TECT will be known next week.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The AGM would again start at 10.30am and was expected to finish by 3.30pm.

Would those districts who have not advised their delegate please do so. This will be sent out with full AGM papers early in November.

That the recommendation be put to the 2015 Annual General Meeting that the affiliation fees for the 2016 year be \$15 per member; \$2 for Juniors and \$120 Associate Bodies.-all gst inclusive.

Warnes/Lawson

Carried.

A budget will be prepared based on no changes to events due to the much improved financial position that was forecasted.

However ongoing review of all events will continue.

The 16 districts who responded to the Discussion paper were acknowledged although there were no new ideas to take the sport forward.

UMPIRES:

The date for the National exam will remain in the calendar as 1 May although there will be provisions for those interested to sit at alternative times if required. Sample electronic multi answer exam papers will be uploaded to the Website by February and it is planned to produce a DVD to assist with the clarification of mat faults to the Nationals.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:

The nominations for the award this year were of excellent quality and it was not an easy job selecting the winner who will be announced at the AGM.

COACHING:

Michael Lawson had attended a Sport NZ Coaching forum and was currently working on a document to present to the AGM. Does your district consider a workable coaching structure as a worthwhile investment for the sport moving forward?

The Executive Officer's Report was tabled and accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Equipment

The popularity of the new blue and orange bowls had resulted in another shortage which was frustrating for buyers and NZIB. It is hoped the manufacturer Henselite Australia will soon have a better understanding of New Zealand requirements and have stock available..

A very attractive proposal from Southland IBC to host the NZ v Australia International in 2019 was tabled and given favourable consideration. However it was felt a decision at this early stage was not required.

UK's Short Mat Bowls Event

Paul and Marlene Walker, King Country who attended this reported that there was absolutely nothing in the game for Indoor Bowlers other than the experience and meeting a great bunch of people. It is far more akin to Outdoor bowls. It is hoped that the self-funded trip to investigate the English Carpet Bowls Association "Festival of Carpet Bowls" next May will present more opportunities to expand international competition.

The passing of former Executive Member Stewart Chilton (2008-12) was noted with regret.

Indoor Bowler Etiquette

David Lynn said it was disappointing that a minority of players were behaving poorly on the mat which was not enhancing the image of the sport.

It was agreed that a promotional pack be sent out to every club at the beginning of next season with the contents being confirmed in December. If you have any ideas of what you think would be of benefit let National Office know.

A summary of changes made during the year will be included with AGM papers.

The meeting closed at 4.00pm.