

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR GOLF CLUB, WELLINGTON 9 MAY 2015, COMMENCING AT 9.00AM.**

PRESENT: Barry Chapman (in the chair), Nigel Warnes, David Edgar, David Lynn, Trevor Rayner, Michael Lawson, Graham Low & Ngaire Drake.

President Barry Chapman welcomed all to the meeting saying there were a lot of items to be discussed and requested Executive Members keep an open mind on them

APOLOGIES: Nil

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2015 as circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Warnes/Low

Carried

MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED LATER:

It was pleasing to note that Hawkes Bay had been successful in obtaining overdue payments for National programme advertising. The Mat Black logo was later considered unnecessary on the playing shirts.

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 8 May 2015, be accepted and cheque numbers 5470-5510 plus automatic payments be approved.

Warnes/Rayner

Carried

It was noted that there had been several special meetings to cover the necessary remits for funding applications and these were all ratified.

After the Lion Foundation had been the major sponsor of NZIB for many years it was a surprise and disappointing that this year's application had been declined.

A summary of applications made to other funding agencies follows:

| Funder | Amount | For | Result |
|-----------------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| NZCT | \$40k | Development Role-National | \$15k granted |
| Southern Trust | \$10k | National Venue Hire | \$10k granted |
| NZ Racing Board | \$10k | National Accommodation | \$8,921.74 |
| Infinity Foundation | \$9,900 | Tour coach & Accommodation | Declined |
| Four Winds Foundation | \$15k | National Development Position | Declined |
| Sport Waitakere | \$4,900 | School delivery | Granted |
| Pub Charity | \$9,900 | International accommodation | \$5k granted |
| Lion Foundation | \$49k | Various | Declined |

Nigel Warnes said that NZIB was in a precarious financial position caused by the uncertainty of future funding and that the issues now being faced

were far bigger than ever before. He requested that the budget be updated and all expenditure be closely monitored.

As had been mentioned before most funding agencies have a definite preference to fund at a regional level and not National.

There was also uncertainty regarding Sport NZ funding.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent to District Secretaries

- Minutes of Executive Meeting 7 February with financial position.
- Revised rules for all 2015 National events.
- Nomination forms and information for Academy and Masters events and Island teams
- Code of conduct
- Updated list of District Secretaries
- Schedule of Tournament and AGM Expenses
- National Championships input sheets and instructions for completion

LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Generally speaking the number of entries received was regarded as reasonably satisfying although the event would be running at a financial loss.

Final entries are:

Open Singles 290; Pairs 170; Triples 115; Fours 95

Over 60's Singles 95; Pairs 65; Triples 30; Fours 25

Total 730

That the newly introduced Over 60's grade be defined as Masters.

Lawson/Rayner

Carried

There was still deliberation over the naming of medal to reflect 5 Master titles with the possibility of Silver or Grey Stars being suggested. Feedback on this would be welcomed.

Controller David Edgar presented a draft Master Plan which reflected the starting times for qualifying rounds as follows.

Singles: Saturday 8.30am and 12.15pm

Pairs: 8:30am and 1.15pm

Triples: Wednesday and Fours Friday 8:30 am

The full draw should be posted on the website and programmes sent to districts within two weeks.

There are limited vacancies in the open fours and all events in the Over 60's grades.

Contact National Office if you have bowlers interested.

NZ Academy and Masters Event

Nominations for all teams were being finalised with the teams being announced on 21 May. The fixture will be held on the Wednesday afternoon and followed by a team and supporters dinner. The cost for this is yet to be confirmed. Tickets are limited to 200 so early purchases from Team Managers or raffle table are recommended.

Umpires attending the Nationals are asked to be available to assist and attend the pre Nationals meeting which would be held at 7.45pm on Friday 5 June in the TIBA Stadium in Ranui Avenue.

That Umpires who have officiated in two or more sessions may seek reimbursement of their entry fee by applying to the Controller of Umpires. No refreshment tickets will be issued.

Warnes/Low Carried

It would be appreciated if all umpires assisted in their bye rounds especially for the triples and fours which will be held in one session.

The post section draw each day would be loaded to the website and Facebook as soon as it is available.

A different system for the draws is being used this year and the format will be unlike that in the past.

That the total prize money for the event be \$6,500 with all winners, runners up and 3rd equals being refunded their entry for that event at the following Nationals.

Rayner/Warnes Carried

Certificates will be award to the last 8 in all events.

That winners plaques be awarded for all Masters Events

Rayner/Lawson Carried

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSIPS:

Host district North Taranaki had advised that the number of entries received were Pairs 100; Triples 65 and Fours 60. The event headquarters will be the Central Hall with two other halls being used – The New Plymouth Club and Merrilands Hall. A few new prizes have been introduced with North Taranaki and North Island titles plus player of the tournament and Junior Player of the Tournament to be won.

ISLAND TOUR AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

Many arrangements are still to be finalised and districts are asked to advise meal costs for either tour games or National events as soon as possible? An economic meal at a local pub/ club is quite acceptable. Taranaki IBA is to be asked to reconsider the venue for their fixture as Hawera was much preferred due to travel and costs. David Edgar said he would be arranging some signage for the coach and additional promotional activities in districts were being pursued.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

Chris Bullen's report said he was looking forward to attending and covering the International and the Nationals in Timaru. He is waiting to hear if his offer to cover the North Island Champs is accepted.

INTERNATIONAL:

Team Manager reported that the training camp had gone well.

That Pat Hoult's appointment of Assistant Manager be ratified for 2015 and this position be reviewed every two years.

Low/Rayner Carried.

Tauranga Local Organising Committee had been working hard to ensure the event was well promoted and good spectator support is assured. The district will be asked if they can find storage for the International mats after the event.

That the sale of programme proceeds be donated to TG IBA as a contribution towards the additional seating costs.

Lawson/Low Carried

DEVELOPMENT ROLES:

Sport Taranaki's Indoor Bowls advisor Michelle Watt reported that good progress had been made to introduce Indoor Bowls to the schools in the Whanganui area with sessions confirmed at many schools. A Year 7-8 tournament was also planned in October. Whanganui IBA support of this initiative is vital to the success of it and it is hoped some Kiwisport money will help DDO Brendon Kenny with the delivery of the sessions.

Craig Whiteside's report indicated that during the school holidays he had been making calls on community based groups to introduce the game to Island and ethnic groups. Sport NZ new Community Sport Strategy reveals a lot of emphasis on urbanisation (particularly Auckland), an ageing population and increasing ethnic groups as well as the focus on young people. Kiwisport funding is available for the delivery of sessions in Auckland and throughout the country and this must be pursued and taken advantage of. It was disappointing to hear that Marlborough IBA had cancelled a visit by Craig. NZIB is very keen for the NDO to visit districts for a meaningful length of time to assist in putting processes in place to help develop the sport. The fact that this offer is not been taken up is unsatisfactory.

Step number one for all districts is to form a relationship with your local Sport Trust and take advantage of the services they offer. Barry Chapman said it had taken some time to build that relationship with Sport Waikato but it was now working splendidly with the delivery of indoor bowls sessions happening in many schools.

UMPIRES MATTERS:

19 candidates had registered to sit the National examination and Examiner Greg Veale was waiting for the papers to arrive for marking. It was pleasing to note that South Canterbury, Ashburton and Canty had combined their examination session.

Districts hosting National events had been asked to supply umpire's names and a membership list would be sent out shortly for updating.

The reprint of the Laws of the Game had been received and many orders had been despatched at the special of \$2 per book.

Equipment:

Sales of the new blue / orange bowls had been steady so it was disappointing to be told that the supply of blue bowls had been exhausted. After discussing the matter with Henselite they have agreed to air freight supplies over when the bowls are produced in a couple of weeks. Nigel Warnes reported that he was storing mats and bowls which had been donated by North Otago.

NZ Secondary Schools and North Island SS Events:

Entry forms and information for both these events had been sent to all districts and the website. Tauranga IBA took notice of the feedback received and have moved the North Island Secondary Schools event out of the holidays and the dates will be 25-26 July.

Note that there will be a District entry fee of \$100 for the NZ Junior event and all entrants, if still at school, are expected to stay on and compete in at least the singles and preferably in the pairs with another student from their school. Those not competing on the Sunday will need to catch the Airport Flyer Coach to return to the Airport.

It is important that districts promote these events to their younger bowlers.

SPORT NZ COMMUNITY PLAN:

NZIB would be represented at two seminars regarding future funding and planning within the next two months.

FUTURE DISCUSSION PAPER:

To date there had been little district feedback on this important paper which was disappointing.

One excellent response had been received from Mr R J Lewis, North Otago. This will be circulated with these Minutes in the hope that it will stimulate discussion amongst your district and further feedback is urged by 18 June.

Doing nothing for NZIB is not an option. Your Executive realise that pushing districts to amalgamate is not a preference. However it is hoped that the advantages in administration savings and further opportunities for regional funding will make districts consider this move themselves.

Financial issues however could be controlled and the significance of this problem will result in the scheduled June Executive meeting being used solely to investigate cost saving for all of NZIB expenditure. An extra Executive meeting will be held at the National to cover normal business.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

Executive members reported to the meeting on the discussions they had had with their individual districts.

That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

Edgar/Lynn

Carried

Most of the issues had been covered during the day.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

NZIB's Membership forms had been updated and would be emailed out soon with a return date of 31 July 2015.

Nigel Warnes reported that Nelson/GB-Mot was discussing the possibility of jointly hosting the 2017 Island Championships.

2017 National Championships

As a result of the Rotorua Event Centre not being available Bay of Plenty indicated they were not interested in hosting the event in Taupo. It was pleasing to report that Waikato with the support of Lake Taupo IBC has agreed to do this and venue costs are being pursued.

A letter was received from Tauranga IBA concerned at the lack of NZIB funding for the proposed NZ Mixed Pairs event. They will be referred to the AGM Minutes where a clear message was received that this would be acceptable.

Barry Chapman reported on a meeting he had attended regarding the structure of the Auckland region. All districts in that vicinity appeared to be having problems and NZIB very much supports the steering committee in their endeavour to improve the current situation.

International expansion of the Game

It is thought that this would be beneficial for the sport lifting its profile and funding possibilities. There are two self-funded opportunities being pursued- the first is the World Cup of Short Mats Bowls in England 21 August and the second which is considered more in line with the NZ game the English Carpet Bowls invitation to attend in May 2016. Contact National office if you have any interest in these events.

Meeting closed at 3.10pm.