

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF THE 68th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE
BRENTWOOD HOTEL, WELLINGTON ON SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER,
2016 COMMENCING AT 10.30AM**

WELCOME: President, Barry Chapman said it was a pleasure to welcome District delegates to the 68th AGM and he was pleased that most districts were present. It is still disappointing that a few do not bother to attend or send an apology.

APOLOGIES:

Delwyn Hughes- nominated as Patron
Mike Bryant- Bay of Plenty
King Country

The following proxy votes were recorded.

Greymouth - to Marg Milne
Otago, North Otago and Central Otago- to David Edgar

That the apologies are sustained and the proxies approved.

Sandra Henderson/Sharon Peters Carried

PRESENT:

Barry Chapman, President, Nigel Warnes (GB-Mot), Deputy President, David Edgar, Trevor Rayner, Michael Lawson (AS), David Lynn (PB-EC), Graham Low, Executive Members; Ngaire Drake, Executive Officer; Delwyn Fisher, Auckland; Marg Milne, Buller; Mike Fouhy, Bush Ruahine; David Bullock, Canterbury; Matthew Ellis, Counties; Diane Hardie, Hawkes Bay; Rosie Penn, Ruth Munro, Horowhenua, George Baker, Sandra Henderson, Hutt Valley; Wayne Richards, Ray Harding, Manawatu; Judith Hyndman, Marlborough; Brian Fletcher, Nelson; Sharon Peters, North Harbour; Val Webster, Elizabeth Morrow, North Taranaki; Avon Compton, Grant Rayner, North Wellington; Phyliss Fox, Roskill & NZ Blind and Visually Impaired IBF; Suzanne Mackie, Southland; Barbara Reid, Tick Reid, South Canterbury; Kathryn Edgar, South Otago; Bill Schrader, Taranaki; Dave Crockett, Tauranga; Lisa Duncan, Lisa Gould; Upper Hutt Valley; Jenny Chapman, Waikato; Donald Leighton, Janice Leighton, Wairarapa; Sue Hackett, Brendon Kenny, Wanganui.

OBITUARY:

President Barry asked the meeting to stand in memory of those bowlers who had passed away during the year and condolences were extended to their families. Special mention was made of Nelson's Ian Fraser who had been an Executive Member 1995-2001, NZIB's Deputy President 2002-2004 and President 2004 and 2005.

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the 67th Annual General Meeting dated 5 December 2015, are taken as read and approved.

Sandra Henderson/Jenny Chapman Carried

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET:

That the 68th Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.

Barry Chapman/Avon Compton Carried

President Barry acknowledged with thanks the continued funding of \$64k over the next 4 years from Sport NZ. He said that District involvement and feedback would be required so that NZIB could successfully report on the planned initiatives. He thanked his Executive and the Executive Officer for their effort throughout the year. Delegates were asked for comments on the report and balance sheet but none were forthcoming.

Avon Compton questioned a couple of items in the budget but said overall it was acceptable. It is hoped the predicted deficit of \$45k would be significantly reduced by successful funding applications and sponsorship.

That the proposed budget for the year ending 30 September 2017 be accepted.

Avon Compton/Lisa Gould Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

PATRON:

Life Member Delwyn Hughes nominated by the Executive was elected unopposed.

The contribution made to the sport over many years by retiring Patron Ivon Pash was noted with thanks.

PRESIDENT:

Barry Chapman, Waikato was re-elected unopposed.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT:

Nigel Warnes, Golden Bay-Motueka was re-elected unopposed.

EXECUTIVE:

The following Executive Members were re-elected unopposed.

David Edgar	South Otago
Michael Lawson	Ashburton
Graham Low	Southland
David Lynn	Poverty Bay-EC
Trevor Rayner	North Wellington

Future Championships:

2017 National Championships in Taupo hosted by Waikato

Jenny Chapman said a small but enthusiastic team from the Waikato Centre and Taupo IB Club had met several times and had set things in motion for the big event next year. There had been some deterioration of the Stadium floor so testing would be done to ensure the required standard was met for up to 80 mats.

Ngairie said that NZIB were currently negotiating a significant sponsorship proposal from the Taupo District Council.

2018 National Championships in Ashburton.

Michael Lawson said it would be the first National Championships to be hosted by their district and they were excited by the prospect.

2019 National Championships in Rotorua-

A substantial proposal had been received from Events and Venues Rotorua to host the event for 2 years but at this stage confirmation would be given for one year only.

2017 South Island Championships in Nelson

Brian Fletcher said that planning was under way with the two venues to be used. Details were required to enable the continuation of the successful on line entry system introduced last year.

2018 North Island Championships hosted by Bay of Plenty

No comments made due to the late withdrawal of BP's delegate

2019 South Island Championships in Christchurch

David Bullock said it was good to have their hall operational again and they looked forward to hosting this event.

NOTICES OF MOTION/ REMITS

REMIT ONE FROM NZIB EXECUTIVE- (Notice of Motion)

*That Clause 6.3. **Umpires National Examinations***

- A. The Umpires National Examination shall be conducted annually in accordance with the By-Laws for Umpires National Examinations.*
- B. The By-Laws for Umpires National Examinations and any amendments, additions, deletions and alterations to them must be approved by an Annual General Meeting of NZIB.*

Be revoked

Nigel Warnes/ David Edgar

REASON

Nigel said currently the whole process of sitting the National Umpires Examination was under review and many changes were required to make the system much more effective. The Executive do not consider such changes need to be within the constitution thus avoiding the many compliance and cost issues required by the Companies Office.

The motion was put and carried.

REMIT TWO FROM NORTH WELLINGTON

“ That the conditions of play for the New Zealand Champion of Champion (Henselite) Singles are to be altered to 15 ends with a time limit of 40 minutes except for the semi-finals and final where no time limit applies”
Avon Compton/Lisa Gould

Explanation:

Speaking to the remit Avon Compton said they would like the conditions of play altered back to 15 ends as it was prior to the 2016 event. The ends were shortened after the 2015 event ran late and they believed that if the event started on time at 12.30pm, then it could be completed by 9.15pm.

There was much discussion with the Executive stating that they considered the change to 12 ends this year had been very successful. Avon concluded saying the Henselite singles needed to be an elite tournament not just the same conditions as other events.

The remit was put and lost.

REMIT THREE FROM NZIB EXECUTIVE

PATERSON/WELCH

Executive Members considered further clarification was needed in relation to the relevant rules regarding team positions and substitutes which currently are as follows:

10. Any changes of the position of players in each Fours team shall be nominated to the Hall Controller prior to the commencement of play. Players shall not change position during the event.
11. Substitution is permitted at the discretion of the Hall Controller.
12. All games shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game with the exception of Law 31 (b) regarding substitution.
 - (i) No substitution during singles games.
 - (ii) Any substitution must be in the position vacated.
 - (iii) The Manager requesting substitution shall submit the new team to the Hall Controller for final approval.

REMIT:

That rule 12 be amended to read

12. All games shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game with the exception of Law 31 (b) regarding substitution.

- (i) No substitution shall be permitted during singles games.*
- (ii) Any substitute must take the position of the player being substituted and no positional changes are permitted.*
- (iii) The Manager requesting substitution shall submit the new team to the Hall Controller for final approval.*
- (iv) The player being substituted cannot return to the competition.*
- (v) If a second or further substitute is required later in the competition this will be permitted at the discretion of the Hall Controller.*

REASON

Trevor speaking for the remit said it would eliminate any possible ambiguity and abuse of the Law which has occurred in the past

The remit was put and carried.

As the above remit was carried the following remit submitted by Bay of Plenty was withdrawn.

That Paterson Trophy Rule 15 regarding Substitution be reversed to the 2011 rules which allows a team to change positions if a substitute becomes a permanent member of that team.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

That Elizabeth Morrow and Lisa Duncan be appointed as vote scrutineers.

Marg Milne/Jenny Chapman Carried

That David Edgar be made a Life Member of NZ Indoor Bowls.
Barry Chapman/Nigel Warnes

The very impressive CV of David Edgar who had been associated with the game of indoor bowls for over 45 years had been circulated and Barry Chapman spoke glowingly of David's association with the National Executive since 2001.

A secret vote was held and it was unanimously voted for David to become a Life Member.

It was an emotional moment as he received his badge from President Barry and then David spoke in his usual humorous manner of some of the highlights of his involvement. He also noted that he had learnt a lot from previous Presidents Ivon Pash and the recently deceased Ian Fraser.

That the voting papers be destroyed.

Nigel Warnes/Dave Crockett Carried

NZIB'S VOLUNTEER AWARD:

President Barry announced that David Ross of Southland was the well-deserved winner of this award. He had been the Financial Controller for Southland IBC since 1999 and also sole coach/organiser of Southlands Young Spirit Club which caters for under 20 year olds. David's leadership skills and planning to detail are a major reason for the Centre to run so successfully.

Suzanne Mackie accepted the award on David's behalf.

All districts were asked to in future recognise the work of their volunteers by nominating them for this prestigious award.

UMPIRES REPORT:

Executive Member in charge of Umpiring Nigel Warnes said the Annual Report covered the year well. He added that over 20 new National Umpires had been appointed this year due to the process being more flexible.

COACHING REPORT:

Michael Lawson said that the coaching comments received at the last AGM had been evaluated and plans were well under way to review the whole coaching system. This included the aim for every club to have a working Club Coach delivering a consistent message throughout the country. Two coaching workshops had been held this year and plans were underway for another four in 2017.

SPORT NZ FUNDING:

Barry Chapman guided delegates through the investment schedule and reiterated the importance of district involvement and feedback.

He then asked all districts to outline a couple of highlights of their year and planning going forward.

A list prepared by Sandra Henderson of these will be attached and Districts will also be asked to respond to a survey to provide more detail.

CAPITATION FEES:

That the recommendation be put to the 2016 Annual General Meeting that the affiliation fees for the 2017 year remain as \$15 per member; \$2 for Juniors and \$120 Associate Bodies.-all gst inclusive.

David Edgar /Nigel Warnes

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Delegates were asked to comment on the mail out of resources to each Club earlier in the year and it was extremely disappointing at the lack of response and knowledge about it.

It was agreed that Districts and Clubs had to take responsibility for a Membership Drive each year and the Executive could not do this.

Both Taranaki and North Taranaki Delegates spoke enthusiastically about the work of Michelle Watt and the development of indoor bowls in their schools. It is hoped that junior membership will grow. Many districts had also acknowledged the increase in the junior participation and in schools but unfortunately this was not being reflected in the membership numbers.

Districts are reminded that they should be taking the \$2 membership of these bowlers and registrations details passed on to National Office.

Avon Compton stated that during his visit to the Festival of Bowls in the UK earlier in the year it had been noted that in Norway the promotion for the game was focussed on the 50 plus age bracket and not juniors.

Indoor Bowls News

Disappointment was expressed at the lack of input of articles from Districts especially as so many positive things had been identified. Also the difficulty of some District Secretaries being able to obtain an email address for their clubs which meant they would not be receiving the Newsletter. Whilst accepting not everyone had a computer it is difficult to accept that there is not one person within a club who could not receive and distribute to others. It was agreed that the sharing of ideas was so important.

Judith Hyndman reported Marlborough had had difficulty filling the District Secretary's position. She was told maybe some other volunteer organisation could help and another method was to ensure there was a valid job description which often could be split to reduce the workload.

Elizabeth Morrow asked why players if they had not been at the AGM had to find out about the NZ Team announcement either via the website or Facebook. There did appear to be some inconsistency in different previous Manager's actions and it was agreed to create a policy regarding this at the Executive Meeting which followed.

David Lynn urged districts to nominate more bowlers for the Academy and Masters teams. There was discussion on how to make the process simpler and it would be investigated further.

Lisa Duncan's comments of disappointment regarding Upper Hutt Valley's travel arrangements and the organisation of the Welch Trophy were acknowledged.

Districts were reminded that their entrant's \$100 entry fee for either the NZ Junior Singles or the Henselite C of C events had been abolished.

Hawkes Bay's delegate Diane Hardie spoke of her enjoyment at coming to the AGM since 2008 and expressed thanks to the work done by the Executive.

The meeting closed at 2.50pm with President Barry again thanking those who had attended and for their positive contribution during the day and he concluded by wishing all a safe journey home and a happy holiday season.