

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)  
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR GOLF  
CLUB, WELLINGTON, 13 FEBRUARY 2016 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

**PRESENT:** Barry Chapman, Nigel Warnes, Trevor Rayner, David Edgar, Michael Lawson, David Lynn, Graham Low & Ngaire Drake.

President Barry Chapman welcomed and thanked Members for their attendance and said he looked forward to their contribution during the day.

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**MINUTES:**

*That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 and 6 December 2015 as circulated, were taken as read.*

Warnes/Lynn

Carried

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Michael Lawson reported he had approached Canty IBA about the possibility of promoting Indoor Bowls especially visiting supporters, during the World Bowls event to be held in Christchurch later in the year. Although support to the idea was given Canty thought NZIB should be making the first approach to Bowls NZ and this will be done to investigate possibilities. To grow the indoor game internationally is considered important for the future of the game.

There was discussion around the remit regarding the cash incentive offered to the Districts who had the highest percentage of their members attending this year's Nationals event. It was decided to add another remit to enhance Districts enthusiasm to participate.

*That a cash incentive of not less than \$1,000 will be offered to the District with the largest percentage of their members attending the National Championships.*

Rayner/Lynn

Carried

**FINANCE:**

*That the Statement of Accounts as at 12 February 2016, be accepted and cheque numbers 5679-5691, plus automatic payments be approved.*

Low/Warnes

Carried

Funding grants would be pursued once the outcome of Tauranga's application to NZCT for National Championship expenses was known. NZIB was pleased it had retained its funding of \$64,000 per year from Sport NZ. As these funds were guaranteed for four years it gave the sport good security for the necessary and vital forward planning.

**Sent to District Secretaries-12 December**

Minutes of 2015 AGM

Minutes of Executive Meeting 5-6 December 2015 with financial position

Venue notification for 2016 National events

District Secretaries deadlines for 2016

## **DEVELOPMENT ROLES:**

### **Sport Taranaki Role**

Michelle Watt's position had been reviewed with Sport Taranaki and the excellent work she had done was acknowledged.

Going forward however it is hoped Michelle can capitalise on the ground work that has been done over the past 2-3 years.

Desired outcomes are:

- Start transferring the Primary/Intermediate success into the Secondary school space.
- Grow Secondary school numbers at local, North Island and National SS events
- Continue to work with Sport Whanganui for programme support and Brendon Kenny in the Whanganui district
- Primary school programmes continuing in both districts- Michelle to organise contacts and sessions delivered by volunteers
- More juniors club members.

Disappointment was expressed that the Sport Waitakere Kiwisport grant was at risk due to the project not being completed. It is hoped John Kidd can coordinate Auckland volunteers to deliver the necessary sessions to schools in the area.

## **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

A meeting had been held the previous day regarding the entry process/draw with the developer of the programme Bruce Christie.

Main points:

- A new random draw will be introduced which will mean all districts won't be playing at the same time
- The club entry forms, separate for open and masters would be completed as usual and sent to District Secretary
- There will be a new on line entry system to be completed by District Secretaries for all club entries
- Comprehensive simple instructions will be sent with the link
- There will be an automatic receipt email for each club entered advising amount payable
- Districts to pay NZIB one amount by direct credit to bank account or cheque

David Edgar will discuss with South Otago this simple process for use at this year's South Island Championships.

With Trevor Rayner's absence at the World Festival of Bowls Graham Low will be responsible for formatting the draw and index pages for inclusion in the book.

New trophies for the Masters events were discussed and donors of these had been identified.

Masters Singles	Marg Mackay
Masters Pairs	Marg Milne
Masters Triples	Kevin and Gail Boothby
Masters Fours	Kiwi Trophies

The offer from Brent Grigg to donate a trophy for the new Mixed Pairs event was also accepted with thanks.

Tauranga reported advertising sales in the programme were good and catering arrangements had been finalised.

### **UMPIRES:**

It was decided that it would be advantageous to have two 'week long' periods for those wishing to become Umpires.

They would be the week leading up to 1 May and again 7 August.

To assist with the National theory examination a full range of questions will be uploaded on the website with the appropriate answers.

There was further discussion on the DVD to assist with the Mats Faults examination and this would be produced at the National Championships.

Nigel Warnes is to contact Alex Reed regarding this.

All Districts should be having an umpires/measurers meeting at the start of each season to review the Laws of the Game and encourage more members to become qualified umpires. A registration sheet for the National Exam will be emailed out with the Minutes.

### **2016 EVENTS:**

The rules for all National events were updated and ratified and a copy of each would be emailed to districts.

Accommodation was still being worked on for many National events and Tour matches.

*That the quote from Ritchie's for a coach with David Edgar driving be accepted for the South Island tour.*

Lawson/Rayner Carried

All districts being visited on the Tour are asked to look at some type of promotional activity to add value to the Island Tour concept. It was disappointing last year that some districts did not appreciate and make the most of the opportunity the tour game presented. If this apathy continued the future of the Island Tours was at risk.

District hosting the Mixed Fours Zone final should be aware that in most cases it would be possible to play the Mixed Pairs Zone final on the same day thus avoiding two days venue hire.

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

*That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.*

Rayner/Edgar

Carried.

Some of the points identified:

- A meeting is to be held with Special Olympics to try and establish a better working relationship which would be beneficial to both organisations.
- Receiving orders from Henselite continued to cause problems but it is hoped this will improve –Blue and orange bowls continued to be a successful funding item for many clubs/districts
- Districts need to supply contact details of their officers and club secretaries.- all are reminded again that an email address for every club is required

**SPORT NZ:**

As mentioned previously the grant had been finalised but it would not be until the 21 March- 30 June period that collaborative discussion would be had between the two organisations to agree on shared outcomes. These discussions would include feedback on the original application and new priorities identified as these had in some cases changed. NZIB feels confident that its plans of assistance to clubs to retain membership and having a robust coaching and umpires system developed aligns well with Sport NZ's Community Sport Strategy.

**COACHING:**

A discussion led by Michael Lawson on the coaching framework was beneficial and he will now prepare a template of coaching pathways for further Executive input. The emphasis at this stage is to ensure every club has a coach and Districts a District Coach.

Two trial workshops will be held – location and time to be finalised.

Once a successful format has been finalised these will be rolled out around the country over the next couple of years. NZIB feels a good coaching system in place is crucial for the game's future.

The current District Coaches on the database will be emailed out for updating. This list shows 14 Districts needing to fill this position.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:**

At the start of the season all districts/clubs should be endeavouring to gain new members. NZIB will be mailing direct to all clubs a resource package as it endeavours to satisfy and retain all members. The drop off of clubs choosing not to affiliate needs to be addressed and it is hoped the kit will assist to show the value of belonging.

The seven drivers for Club satisfaction as discussed at a recent Sport NZ forum are:

- Great Coaches
- Decent facilities
- Good communication
- Fulfilling the potential and goals of all members whatever they may be
- Friendly and welcoming
- Professionalism and expertise.
- Good social environment

How do your clubs rank?

**MEMBERS BENEFITS:**

It is pleasing to hear that some bowlers had been taking advantage of the benefits offered through NZIB's membership. Contracts with a variety of firms were currently being negotiated so keep your eyes on the Website to see who NZIB can get on board to save you money.

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION:**

Disappointment was expressed at the problems some districts were having filling administration roles. Whilst acknowledging the work being done by a few, in many areas changes were needed and new blood introduced. Graham Low said he would be happy to share a Discussion

Paper he had prepared on restructuring a district and this was available on request. Like Sport NZ NZIB acknowledges the significance of the population growth in the Auckland area and the fragile state of the game there. David Edgar and Barry Chapman offered their help to address this problem and the districts will be approached.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

*That playing shirts be purchased for the self-funded team representing NZ at the UK's Festival of Bowls.*

Edgar/Lawson

Carried

Executive Members Nigel Warnes and Trevor Rayner who would be accompanied by Linda Rayner and Avon Compton were wished well on this fact finding mission to the event in May

Canterbury Indoor Bowls Hall

Unfortunately there was a delay in the finishing off of repairs and a page on **Givealittle.co.nz** had been set up seeking the support of Districts and bowlers to donate:

[Canterbury Indoor Bowls Association Inc](#)

A discussion was held about the eligibility of players who having represented an island wished to continue representing that island after shifting to the other island. After a lengthy and robust debate it was agreed that this would be possible provided the player concerned had not represented the other island or submitted a nomination form for the other island. Also they still needed to be an affiliated member of a Club in the Island they wished to be nominated for.

It was agreed that a request be made to Clubs NZ Indoor Bowls to allow NZIB's President Barry Chapman to address their AGM in June. It is strongly considered that if both organisations worked more closely together it would be to the betterment of the game.

**Meeting closed 3.50pm**