

<p>NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC) MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR GOLF CLUB, WELLINGTON 7 MAY 2016, COMMENCING AT 9.15AM.</p>

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

President Barry Chapman welcomed Members to the meeting.

APOLOGIES: Trevor Rayner, Nigel Warnes
 -due to their participation at UK's Festival of Bowls
That the apologies be accepted.

Edgar/Lynn Carried

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2016 as circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Edgar/Low Carried

MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED LATER:

- Bowls NZ advised there would be no prospect for any Indoor Bowls promotion during their World event later in the year. However it was noted that 'unofficial opportunities' would arise if Cauty IBA choose to be involved and they would be supported by NZIB.
- Clubs NZ notified they would be pleased to have NZIB's President attend their Indoor Bowls AGM to be held in Tauranga 8 July. There would be further discussion regarding this as it is felt it would be more beneficial if Barry Chapman addressed the Men delegates at their Nationals.
- Club Mail Out- Districts and Clubs are asked to share these resources with all their members. It is disappointing to hear that in many cases this is not being done.

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 5 May 2016, be accepted and cheque numbers 5692-96 plus direct debits and automatic payments be approved.

Edgar/Low Carried

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

Funder	Amount	For	Result
Southern Trust	\$10k	South Island Tour	Pending
NZ Racing Board	\$11k	Tour coach / national event accommodation	Pending

NZIB's accountants had merged with another company and were now known as BW Miller Dean. NZIB is not a registered charity. Therefore the new financial reporting framework for "not for profit entities" meant no changes were necessary to the current audit process. However it is possible the rules would change again soon affecting all Incorporated Societies.

The Term Deposit which matures next week will be rolled over and it was mentioned that interest rates were at an all-time low.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent to District Secretaries

- Minutes of Executive Meeting 13 February with financial position.
- Revised rules for all 2016 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 electronic links and instructions to use
- Membership Returns

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Tournament Controller David Edgar said it was disappointing that the work done by TG IBA to attract bowlers to the event had not been recognised with more support.

Final entries are:

Open Singles 354; Pairs 215; Triples 140; Fours 110

Masters Singles 170; Pairs 105; Triples 50; Fours 45

Total number of entries 1177

The starting times for qualifying rounds as follows.

Open Singles:

Saturday 8.30am and 12.15pm with Masters Singles at 3.45pm

Open Pairs: 8:30am and 1.30pm with Master Pairs at 1.30pm

Both Triples: 8.30am Wednesday

Both Fours 8.30am Friday

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

Congratulations and thanks were extended to Bruce Christie and Lynda Wightman in creating the 'user friendly' online entry system and doing the draw. It was pleasing to receive so many positive comments from Districts.

NZ Academy and Masters Event

Nominations for all teams were being finalised with the teams being announced later in the month. The shortage in nominations was discussed with concern. The fixture will be held on the Wednesday afternoon and followed by a team and supporters dinner. The cost for this dinner to be held at the Mount RSA is \$25.00. Tickets are limited to 150 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 10 June at the Mount RSA.

As was introduced last year any Umpires who had officiated in two or more sessions may seek reimbursement of their entry fee by applying to the Controller of Umpires and no refreshment tickets will be issued. Reimbursement will be made after the event by direct credit to their nominated bank account.

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.

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.

Low/Lawson

Carried

As last year certificates will be award to the last 8 in all events and winners plaques to all events.

The new Master trophies were viewed with admiration.

Those bowlers who wished to be refunded following their success at the 2015 event could do so by completing a refund form available at the event. It would be done later by direct credit as the Umpires reimbursement.

The work completed by Graham Low in formatting the draw and players index for the programme was recognised.

The criteria for the \$1000 District incentive winner would be based on individuals entered through their own districts with 'another' being counted by that district. The 2015 affiliated District membership figures will be used for the comparison.

Low/Lynn

Carried

To save additional travel costs the scheduled June Executive Meeting would be held following post section of the Fours on the Friday.

That a specific '10 star National Badge' be introduced.

Lynn/Lawson

Carried.

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSIPS:

Host district South Otago had advised that the number of entries received for the Johnstone Electrical Pairs was 115; the Balclutha Subway Triples 65 and Fours 55.

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. David Edgar said he would be arranging some signage for the Tour coach and every opportunity needed to be taken by districts to fully support the fixture and get benefit from. Not only should local bowlers gain from

either watching or playing but there needed to be benefits for the experience gained by local umpires/ measurers and Controllers. Host districts will be asked details of planned promotional activities soon. It was mentioned that it was becoming more difficult to have flexibility when booking groups

PUBLICITY REPORT:

Chris Bullen's report stated that since sending out a preview to the media on the Nationals he had requests from newspapers in Timaru, Napier and Tauranga all asking for details of their local players entered. This was an encouraging sign. During the year NZIB and Chris will be looking to find a replacement NPO so please make contact if you have any suggestions that can be followed up or require more details.

DEVELOPMENT ROLE:

There was much debate over the fact that Sport Taranaki was to discontinue the Indoor Bowls advisor's role currently held by Michelle Watt. This was no reflection on the work being done by Michelle but a change in Sport Taranaki's direction as required by Sport NZ. NZIB wishes to continue with this role and capitalise on the investment that has been made. Michelle will be offered a revised job description/ contract focussing on the volunteer base and not completely on delivery. This new arrangement if accepted will allow possible expansion to the role. When the details are finalised an application will be submitted to NZCT to assist with the funding of this position.

UMPIRES MATTERS:

It was very disappointing that there had been a delay in the distribution of the National exam papers. However all supervisors should them now and it was up to the districts to reschedule at their convenience. Fifteen candidates had submitted interest.

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

Equipment:

A new supply of blue and orange bowls had arrived to clear the back orders. Hopefully Henselite have a better understanding of NZ requirements and the distribution process will become easier.

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.

Note that there will still 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. It is important that districts promote these events to their younger bowlers.

SPORT NZ:

The draft Investment Schedule for the 4 year period 2016-20 was discussed and approved. Once the Contract has been finalised it will be shared with districts for their 'buy in' and support.

The main areas of focus are:

- Coach Capability Development
- Umpire and Volunteer Capability Development
- Competition Structure- increased opportunities

COACHING:

As was discussed at the February Meeting and identified in the Sport NZ draft Investment Schedule providing a coaching framework that will increase the quality and quantity of coaching is very important.

The emphasis at this stage is to ensure every club has a coach and Districts a District Coach. It is encouraging to note that since the District Coach database was distributed in February it has increased from 14 to 21. The database will be resent with these Minutes and hopefully more appointments will be advised.

Two very successful trial workshops have been held in Blenheim with about 23 attending and Nelson over 40.

Michael Lawson facilitated these sessions ably supported by Nigel Warnes and it was agreed that it was advantageous to have the two of them present. It is hoped to have at least one more session in the South Island and then to create a schedule for similar workshops in the North Island next year. Consideration is also being given to who else may be suitable to facilitate such a workshop, establishing a Regional Coach network or even running a workshop at the AGM which may attract more attendees.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

Edgar/Lynn

Carried

Most of the issues had been covered during the day.

Others:

Club Mail out-Distribution went well with only about 10 unclaimed items returned.

Newsletter-first electronic mailing- disappointing result with about 50 clubs not having an email address and about 50 others having an incorrect one. NZIB considers it is important that all clubs receive a newsletter so please assist to ensure your clubs do.

International- unsuccessful attempts had been made to get final details from AIBBC regarding the 2017 International in Sydney.

Nomination forms for the NZ Team will be sent out this month with a closing date of 31 July.

DEVELOPMENT FUND:

A well-presented application from Waikato IBC for support of their successful schools programme was discussed and congratulations were offered on their achievements to date. Their main focus now is the

transition from playing in the schools to club members and they are wished well with this.

That a grant of \$1,000 be approved to Waikato IBC towards Volunteer recognition associated with their successful schools initiative.

Lawson/Low Carried.

The Executive welcomes applications such as this and all districts should be undertaking similar like projects to develop the game.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

2019 Island and National Championships

Districts are asked to consider hosting one of these events and to discuss with Executive Members if necessary.

A stock take of bowls held by NZIB would be conducted with all the blue and orange required in Tauranga for the Nationals.

Meeting closed at 3.00pm.