

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)  
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR GOLF  
CLUB, WELLINGTON 6 MAY 2017, COMMENCING AT 9.00AM.**

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

President Barry Chapman welcomed Members to the meeting.

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**MINUTES:**

*That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2017 as circulated, were taken as read and approved.*

Warnes/Rayner Carried

**MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED LATER:**

Trevor Rayner reported that Kelly Sport had 38 franchises throughout the country delivering a wide variety of sports to Primary and Intermediate Students. There was an opportunity for local operators to be approached about including indoor bowls in their programmes.

**FINANCE:**

*That the Statement of Accounts as at 4 May 2017 be accepted with direct debits and automatic payments approved.*

Edgar/Low Carried

It was noted that there were no cheques issued with direct debits becoming the preferred payment method.

*That an application be made to Pub Charity for \$15,000 to assist with coach travel and accommodation associated with the Welch Trophy and Island Tour.*

Lynn/Lawson Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Sent to District Secretaries**

- Minutes of Executive Meeting 11 February with financial position.
- Revised rules for all 2017 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
- NZ Junior Singles Entry and Information Form
- North Island SS and NZ Secondary Schools Information and entry form
- NZIB Health and Safety Plan Template

## **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Final entries are:

Open            Singles 315; Pairs 195; Triples 125; Fours 105

Masters        Singles 200; Pairs 115; Triples 65; Fours 45

Total number of entries 1165

The starting times for qualifying rounds as follows.

Singles:

Saturday            8.30am Masters Singles and Open Singles 12.15pm  
and 3.45pm

Pairs:

Monday:            8:30am Open Pairs and Masters 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.

There are still limited vacancies in most of the events so please let National Office know if you have any bowlers wishing to fill these spots.

Once again the 'user friendly' online system operated well with only one district failing to enter online which caused some confusion.

Bruce Christie was readily available to make necessary corrections and with Lynda Wightman produced the draws extremely quickly. Their contribution was acknowledged with thanks.

**NZ Academy and Masters Event**

Nominations for all teams were being finalised with the teams being announced later in the month. The fixture will be held approximately 3pm on the Wednesday afternoon, followed by a team and supporters dinner which will this year include the presentation of trophies and the certificates. The cost for this dinner to be held at the Taupo Golf Club is \$30.00. Early purchases of tickets 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 9 June at the Taupo Golf Club.

Umpires who had officiated in two or more sessions can continue to seek reimbursement of their entry fee by applying to the Controller of Umpires for an appropriate form. Payment will be made after the event by direct credit to a 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 \$7,200 with all winners, runners up and 3<sup>rd</sup> equals being refunded their entry for that event at the following Nationals.*

Low/Lawson

Carried

Those bowlers who wished to be refunded following their success at the 2016 event could do so by completing a refund form available at the event. This is for only those who were winners, runners up or semi-finalists. It would be done later by direct credit as the Umpires reimbursement.

Graham Low was thanked for formatting the draw and players index for the programme so quickly.

To save additional travel costs the scheduled June Executive Meeting would be held 4pm Friday afternoon at the Taupo Golf Club before the welcome function.

Appropriate Indoor Bowls questions were discussed and will be combined with those from Taupo District Council to form a simple survey. All bowlers will be requested to complete this survey and the information gained will prove beneficial for both organisations.

Discussions with Brodie Kane from TV One to attend the event were currently taking place.

Controller David Edgar is to contact the sponsor of the new "Feature Game" Kevin Boothby to ensure a simple process of identifying the mat is in place. Kevin will be invited to make the first draw.

#### **SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

The number of entries received for Pairs was 70; Triples 45 and Fours 35. Nigel Warnes reported the event will be well run and thanked those who had assisted with the preparation of the draw. He said there would be a good atmosphere at Club Waimea where all the post section games would be held.

#### **ISLAND TOUR AND NATIONAL EVENTS:**

As a result of the feedback received from the District surveys the Executive Members on tour would like arrangements made so they can meet with District and Club Executive and better understand any issues. The preferred timing of these meetings would be advised later. It is hoped all districts will promote the fixture and encourage other bowlers to attend. 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 and also who will assist at the event soon.

It was noted how difficult it was to obtain accommodation quotes in many places.

*That the quote from Ritchie's Coachline with David Edgar as driver be accepted for the Island Tour.*

Rayner/Lawson

Carried

David was thanked for continuing to offer his services free of charge which made the quote considerably cheaper than all other competitors.

Due to discontented feedback about early departures on the final morning those selected in the Island teams would be refunded \$100 if they wished to arrange their own transfer/flights from Rotorua instead of taking the team coach to Auckland.

It was agreed that the combined team pre-test dinner was considered not necessary and bowlers are to make their own arrangements in consultation with their Manager.

#### **PUBLICITY REPORT:**

Delwyn Hughes's report stated she had contacted District Secretaries and DPO's to update publicity contacts, DPO's, newspapers and radio. She added it was pleasing to see some younger bowlers taking on the DPO's role.

Both Delwyn and Webmaster Paul acknowledged how Facebook was the preferred Social Media method for sharing news with the indoor bowls group and they saw no reason to pursue Instagram or Twitter.

Trevor Rayner will be responsible for forwarding results at the International.

It was agreed that the only cameras at the National Championships would be those operated by Alex Reed.

Although seeing instant results on the Google sheets continued to be very popular Bruce Christie will not be requested to set up separate links for the Paterson events. James Sullivan will be asked to share his link with the hosting districts however and it is hoped they will be able to use them.

Three newsletters had been electronically dispatched to all clubs and uploaded to the Website. However it is disappointing that it is only reaching about 350 of the 465 clubs due to no or incorrect email address.

#### **DEVELOPMENT ROLE:**

Michelle Watt's monthly reports were tabled and accepted.

Barry Chapman is to discuss several aspects with her with the view of extending her current contract in June.

#### **UMPIRES MATTERS:**

Many districts were now arranging Umpire training and the increased flexibility in sitting the exam was proving to be successful.

100 new National badges were on order and it was also noted the supply of ties was low and needed to be replenished.

*That the pass mark for the National Exam Theory become 80% to be consistent with the mark required for Measuring and Mat faults.*

*A result of 72-79% would qualify as a Local Umpire.*

Warnes/Low

Carried.

Nigel Warnes said it was pleasing that 19 would be sitting the Exam in May and more scheduled for other preferred times.

Alex Reed had sent a video of the Mat Faults which appeared to be of good quality although a few minor adjustments would enhance the final product. Waikato intends trialling the new DVD at next Exam.

### **Equipment:**

Many quotes were still being requested for equipment although Henselite currently had no blue or orange bowls in stock. They expected a new shipment in June and there should be replacement indoor bowls mats available the following month. They reported there were plenty of black and yellow bowls available.

### **NZ Junior Singles/ NZ Secondary Schools and North Island SS Events:**

Entry forms and information for these events had been sent to all districts and the website. 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 both these events to their younger bowlers.

### **SPORT NZ:**

The Community Sport investment report had been submitted by 30 April as had been requested. Feedback will be requested from Districts soon on the success of the coaching workshops, the revised National exam and introduction of the Masters at the Nationals. Sport NZ is keen to hear success stories from the districts to justify their investment. These also would make interesting reading in the Newsletter.

### **COACHING:**

The coaching workshops facilitated by Michael Lawson were considered a success but there needed to be evidence of this flowing on to Districts and Clubs. Certificates had been sent to Districts for those who had attended. An approach will also be made to those listed as District Coach to get a better understanding of what is currently happening and how the system can be improved in the future.

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

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

Edgar/Lynn

Carried

**INTERNATIONAL:**

It was reported that the Training camp had gone well and one of the highlights was the inspiring presentation given by Don Tricker, (Former Black Sox player and later Coach and now High Performance with the All Blacks). Ex NZ Captain Pat Hoult also contributed well.

Final arrangements were being made pending the Teams imminent departure 14 May.

*That Jan Low and Kathryn Edgar be the NZ Umpires at the event.*  
Rayner/Lawson Carried

*That the International Board of Control be Barry Chapman, David Edgar and Trevor Rayner.*

Warnes/Lynn Carried

*That David Edgar be appointed to assist Team Management as required.*

Warnes/Low Carried

On behalf of all indoor bowlers we wish the team well and the definite goal is to have the Henselite Trophy requiring a return ticket to NZ.

Nigel Warnes said he had recently been in Norfolk Island and they were keen to host an open Indoor Bowls event next year. More details are being sought.

Avon Compton was returning to the UK Festival of Bowls this week and he is wished well. NZIB eagerly awaits any information he seeks regarding future "World Events."

**DEVELOPMENT FUND:**

An application from North Taranaki had been received but was not considered due to lack of detail.

Districts are reminded if they do apply for this fund it must be accompanied by a budget and a full report is required before payment is made.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

The NZIB Event Health and Safety Plan Template had been distributed to districts and needed to be adapted for all your events. Those districts who own their own hall must also have a plan for your building. Those who play their bowls in other venues should have a copy of their plan on hand.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Special Olympics**

A meeting had been held with Mike Ryan and Shelby Wilson from Special Olympics who had requested assistance with the running of the Indoor Bowls section of Special Olympic Games. The Games was going to be a huge event in Wellington at the end of November involving 1800 athletes /helpers.

It was pleasing that Special Olympics agreed to return as an Associate Body and it was acknowledged there would be advantages to both organisations if they worked closer together.

*That Trevor Rayner be appointed Indoor Bowls Competition  
Manager for the Special Olympic Games 28-30 November.*

Warnes/Lawson

Carried

If you would like to volunteer at this event please let National Office know as we have been assured you will be well looked after.

In future Nigel Warnes said he would like to see the Island Championships entry form and the nomination forms loaded onto the website.

### **2020 Island and National Championships**

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

It is concerning to hear more and more examples of information not being passed on from Districts to Clubs. Communication is so important if the game is to prosper. NZIB makes every effort to connect well with all districts and wants information shared with clubs as well. Please let us know if you have any ideas on how communication links can be improved.

Meeting closed at 3.45pm.