

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)  
MINUTES OF THE 66th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE  
BRENTWOOD HOTEL, WELLINGTON ON SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER,  
2014 COMMENCING AT 10.30AM**

**WELCOME:** President, Martin Nordqvist said it was a pleasure to welcome District delegates to NZIB's 66<sup>th</sup> AGM.

**APOLOGIES:**

Central Otago, King Country, Deaf Indoor Bowls N.Z, NZ Blind and Visually Impaired IBF, Wanganui, Hokitika, Greymouth and Graham Low

The following proxy votes were recorded.

Greymouth and Hokitika - to Dave Milne

Otago, North Otago and Central Otago- to David Edgar

Wanganui-to David Lynn

*That the apologies are sustained and the proxies approved.*

Fiona Wilson/Carmel Sullivan Carried

**PRESENT:**

Martin Nordqvist(Ashburton) President; Barry Chapman, Deputy President, David Edgar, Trevor Rayner, David Lynn (PB-EC), Nigel Warnes (GB-Mot), Executive Members; Ivon Pash, Patron/Life Member (North Harbour); Ngaire Drake, Executive Officer; John Kidd, Auckland; Dianne Mackey, Bay of Plenty; Dave Milne, Marg Milne, Buller; Marie Schroder, Karl Schroder, Bush Ruahine; Carmel Sullivan, Paul Eden, Canterbury; Matthew Ellis, Counties; Diane Hardie, Hawkes Bay; Rosie Penn, Ruth Munro, Horowhenua, George Baker, Sandra Henderson, Hutt Valley; Wayne Richards, Greg Veale, Manawatu; Athol Curtis, Nelson; Val Webster, Elizabeth Morrow, North Taranaki; Gwen Duggan, North Wellington; Ross Brayshaw, Roskill and Districts; Suzanne Mackie, Southland; Barbara Reid, Tick Reid, South Canterbury; Colleen Fenton, South Otago; Bill Schrader, Max Rowland, Taranaki; Fiona Wilson, Tauranga; Maurice Eccles, Sue Sheary, Thames Valley; David Pollard, Chris McAdam; Upper Hutt Valley; Alex Jones, Waikato; Donald Leighton, Janice Leighton, Wairarapa; Michael Lawson and Development Contractor- Craig Whiteside

**OBITUARY:**

President Martin said like any sport indoor bowls had members who had passed away during the year and condolences were extended to their family and friends.

**MINUTES:**

*That the minutes of the 65th Annual General Meeting dated 12 December 2013, are taken as read and approved.*

Ross Brayshaw/Colleen Fenton

Carried

**MATTERS ARISING:**

The 2 yearly AGM as suggested by Greg Baxter last year was questioned and the meeting was told that Sport NZ did not consider it a good option and knew of no other NSO's who had a 2 yearly AGM.

**ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET:**

Martin Nordqvist said it had been another enjoyable and successful year. However in the 8 years he had been involved with the Executive he had hoped to see a slowdown in the loss of player numbers but this had not happened. Over this period there had been a decline of 35% in affiliated players which was a major concern.

He thanked all districts who had successfully hosted tour matches and all the National events and his Executive for the work they did which was often frustrating at times but in general very rewarding.

He concluded by saying he was not seeking re-election as President and with the absence of Umpires representative Bevan Matthews he was encouraged that there needed to be an election to fill these vacancies.

*That the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.*

Martin Nordqvist/Matthew Ellis Carried

The draft budget showing a \$73,000 loss was discussed and Alex Jones voiced his concern at the large deficit especially with the organisation so reliant on unguaranteed grant money.

The Executive responded that they were well aware of the challenges ahead and would continue to monitor all income and expenditure closely.

*That the proposed budget for the year ending 30 September 2015 be accepted.*

Trevor Rayner/ David Edgar Carried

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**PATRON:**

Life Member Ivon Pash, North Harbour was elected unopposed.

**PRESIDENT:**

Barry Chapman, Waikato was elected unopposed.

Martin Nordqvist vacated the chair as he had chosen not to seek re-election. Barry thanked Martin for his contribution and said the indoor bowls fraternity would need to work closely together to survive the difficult issues facing the sport. It was important that a legacy of the game was available in the future.

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT:**

Nigel Warnes, Golden Bay-Motueka was elected unopposed.

*That Wayne Richards and Craig Whiteside be appointed Scrutineers.*

David Lynn/ Nigel Warnes Carried

## **EXECUTIVE:**

The following Executive Members were elected.

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

President Barry welcomed those returning to the Executive and newly elected Michael Lawson. It was noted that Graham Low had put in an apology for the meeting. Paul Eden was thanked for putting his name forward and it is hoped his keen interest in the game will continue.

*That the voting papers be destroyed.*

Alex Jones/ Val Webster

Carried

## **Future Championships:**

### **2015 National Championships in Timaru**

Barbara Reid presented a comprehensive report and said it was only 162 days before the event would be held at the Southern Trust Events Centre in Morgans Road. Their planning was well advanced and husband Tick was modelling an attractive Nationals polo-shirt. The Timaru Visitor Centre would be handling all of the accommodation queries. She said there would be no badge but this decision would be reconsidered after positive support was received from delegates. They would be introducing a 'Wacky Wednesday' of fancy dress for the Triples qualifying and at least 2 nights of social activities.

### **2016 National Championships in Tauranga**

Fiona Wilson said the ASB Baypark Stadium had been booked and there would be plenty of holiday homes available.

**2017 National Championships in Rotorua** -The Rotorua Events Centre was at this stage unable to confirm the venue so an alternative venue may need to be investigated - it was noted Taupo could be an option.

### **2015 North Island Championships in New Plymouth**

Val Webster said they had three halls booked and their posters and entry forms had been printed.

### **2016 South Island Championships in Balclutha**

Colleen Fenton said their facility would hold 80 mats.

### **2017 South Island Championships**

Nigel Warnes was confident that the event would be held at one of the districts located at the 'top of the south'.

**NOTICES OF MOTION/ REMITS  
FROM NZIB EXECUTIVE**

Remit 1.

That rule 6c be changed from the existing rule as proposed below.

RULE 6c – Existing Wording

*(c) Should the jack be bowled in accordance with Laws 7, 8(a), 8(b), 11(d) and 13(b), by "a player in the opposing team", or by the opposing player in singles, and the finishing time signal sounds; the jack shall be returned and bowled by the correct player and the end played.*

PROPOSED NEW WORDING:

Take out the wording "a player in the opposing team" and replace with "by an incorrect player from either team". Also take out 8(a).

The new rule 6c would read

(c) should the jack be bowled in accordance with Laws 7.8(b),11(d) and 13(b) by an incorrect player from either team or by the opposing player in singles, and the finishing time signal sounds, the jack shall be returned and bowled by the correct player and the end played.

David Edgar/Nigel Warnes

REASON FOR CHANGE: to simplify it.

This was discussed and the amendment was put deleting. "Also take out 8 (a)."

Sandra Henderson/Barbara Reid

The amendment was put and lost.

The original remit was put and carried.

Remit 2.

That 2(h) Markers Duties be changed from the existing wording to the new wording as proposed.

2. MARKER'S DUTIES (h) states: "A Completed end must be cleared by the players – See Law 11(b)". Law 11 makes no reference to clearing the head.

*(h) The Marker shall not at any time disturb the head other than when measuring. A completed end must be cleared by the players – see Law 11(b).*

David Edgar/Ivon Pash

COMMENTS: Law 11(b) makes no reference to clearing the head. Delete the words "see Law 11(b)

The remit was put and carried.

Remit 3.

That the words "who is Qualified by Examination "be added to the description of umpires.

Current wording

*An Umpire is a person to whom a controversy or question between two players or teams is referred for decision and is appointed by the Appropriate Authority or by their orders to arbitrate, referee, and see that the LAWS OF THE GAME are adhered to.*

COMMENTS: Add the words "who is Qualified by examination".

Proposed new wording.

An Umpire, who is qualified by examination, is a person to whom a controversy or question between two players or teams is referred for decision and is appointed by the Appropriate Authority or by their orders to arbitrate, referee, and see that the LAWS OF THE GAME are adhered to.

David Edgar/Nigel Warnes

Carried

Remit 4 That the proposed time changes for the Nationals be implemented.

Current times listed below

#### **TIME LIMIT GAMES – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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SINGLES 12 ENDS OR 30 MINUTES

PAIRS 9 ENDS OR 35 MINUTES

TRIPLES 10 ENDS OR 40 MINUTES

FOURS 10 ENDS OR 50 MINUTES

#### PROPOSAL

SINGLES 35 MINUTES or 12 ends

PAIRS 45 MINUTES or 10 ends

TRIPLES 45 MINUTES or 10 ends

FOURS 60 MINUTES or 10 ends

David Edgar/Carmel Sullivan

Carried

REASONS:

Executive believe that it is time to review the time allowed per game and this will give players the opportunity to complete the number ends in the majority of games in the timeframe given.

There was discussion for and against but the remit was put and carried.

Remit 5.

That the following changes be made to Law 25.

Law 25 reads.

25. Except in any final for which provision for drawn games should be laid down by the Appropriate Authority and notwithstanding anything contained in these laws, where at the completion of a game the scores are level and the conditions of the game require a decision a further game of one end, to be known as a "deciding end" shall be played before which the players in singles or the leads shall toss to decide the order of play. Should this end be killed the appropriate penalty, as provided in Law 27 shall be scored by the opposing player or team and the game shall be ended. If however, this end is drawn, a further deciding end shall be played.

Changes: Change the words "a further game of one end shall be played" to a "further deciding end" shall be played."

Reason for Change: At the moment where on the completion of a final end and the scores are even and a winner has to be found the next end that is played is classed as a new game of one end and if that is drawn another end is played until a winner is found. At the moment at the start of the new game teams can be changed around in the playing order and the team who bowls first can change the colour of the bowls they play with. With the changes proposed, the extra end /ends being played would be a continuation of the game being played.

Rule 25 will now read:

25. Except in any final for which provision for drawn games should be laid down by the Appropriate Authority and notwithstanding anything contained in these laws, where at the completion of a game the scores are level and the conditions of the game require a decision, a further "deciding end" shall be played before which the players in singles or the leads shall toss to decide the order of play. Should this end be killed the appropriate penalty, as provided in Law 27 shall be scored by the opposing player or team and the game shall be ended. If however, this end is drawn, a further deciding end shall be played.

David Edgar/ Carmel Sullivan

The following amendment was put:

Except in any final for which provision for drawn games should be laid down by the Appropriate Authority and notwithstanding anything contained in these laws, where at the completion of a game the scores

are level and the conditions of the game require a decision, a further end shall be played. Should this end be killed the appropriate penalty, as provided in Law 27 shall be scored by the opposing player or team and the game shall be ended. If however, this end is drawn, a further end shall be played.

Ivon Pash/Martin Nordqvist Carried

The amendment became the remit which was put and carried.

Remit 6.

That law 1(a) be changed from:

1. (a) The playing area shall be of green material approved by new Zealand Indoor Bowls (Inc)

Change to: The playing area shall be of a material approved by New Zealand Indoor Bowls (Inc).

David Edgar/Carmel Sullivan Carried

Remit 7.

That the changes to law 8(a) be approved.

- 1. Current Law:** 8(a) No part of the body except the bowling hand shall be in contact with the mat at the time of bowling.
- 2. Proposed Law:** 8(a) Nothing associated with the player except the bowling hand shall be in contact with the mat at the time of bowling.

**Reasoning:** Currently there are situations where players do not take care to ensure that nothing is touching the mat during bowling. Comments of it's my shoe not part of my body would be cleared up with this wording change. This change is suggested to provide consistency with change to Law 9(a).

David Edgar/Alex Jones Carried

**Remit 8.**

That the changes to law 9(a) be approved

- 1. Current Law:** 9(a) No part of the body except the bowling hand shall be in contact with the mat at the time of bowling.
- 2. Proposed Law:** 9(a) Nothing associated with the player except the bowling hand shall be in contact with the mat at the time of bowling.

**Reasoning:** Currently players do not take care when putting the bowls up the mat. Comments of "it's my shoe not part of my body", this will require ALL players to take care when approaching the mat. This change will make the enforcement of this part of the laws clearer for umpires.

David Edgar/Alex Jones Carried

The Executive withdrew remits 9 and 10

Remit 11 That rule 14(d) be changed to the following:

Rule 14 (a, b, c, e, f, g, h, i and j) stay the same

(d) In team play all players other than Skips must remain at the bowling end until it is the Skips turn to play except as set out in Laws 12(b) and 12(e). When it is the Skips turn to bowl the opposing Skip must remain at the bowling end of the mat while the other Skip has control of the playing area.

David Edgar/ Nigel Warnes Carried

Remit 12 That new Law 26(c) be added to the Laws of the Game.

Rule 26 (a) and (b) stay the same  
(c) and (d) stay the same but become (d) and (e)

New Law C For Breach of Laws 8(a), 8(b),(e) 11(d) and 13 (b) the Umpire shall order the return of the jack to be re-bowled in compliance with those Laws.

David Edgar/ Ivon Pash Carried

Reason: This change gives the umpires the power to order that the Jack be re-bowled as ordered.

David Edgar is liaising with NZ Blind and Visually Impaired IBF about the inclusion of their National Championships rules in the new edition of Laws of the Game

### **DEVELOPMENT ROLES**

Michelle Watt, Sport Taranaki's Indoor Bowls Development Advisor continues to make progress in Taranaki schools and there are plans for her to enhance the good work currently being done in Wanganui by Brendon Kenny. Linking with the Regional Sports Trusts is an important key to development and all districts should be pursuing this.

National Development Contractor Craig Whiteside endorsed the RST link in his address to delegates. Craig has already made vital contacts in the Auckland area and will be based there early next year to further development which includes the Island communities. He is also available to visit your area and set up the necessary links to make things happen. Contact him now as most present acknowledged the sad fact that if nothing was done urgently the game could quickly disappear.

### **CAPITATION FEES:**

*That the affiliation fees for the 2015 year remain at \$12 per member; \$2 for Juniors and \$115 Associate Bodies.-all GST inclusive.*

Edgar /Sullivan Carried

There was discussion as to why the fees did not increase with such a sizable budget deficit. Nigel Warnes repeated that the game was in a very delicate state and the focus going forward needed to be financial responsibility and different options were being investigated.

### **NZIB'S VOLUNTEER AWARD:**

President Barry announced that David Bullock was the winner of this award. David had shown great leadership as Canterbury's President over a



very difficult 4 year period which had allowed their Association to continue to function in post- quake mode. The fact that they were able to retain their membership numbers this year was extremely creditable. The CIBA hall's major fire in September has meant even more work for David finding halls around the province and he has spent many hours with the necessary programming and controlling of events.

Carmel Sullivan Canterbury's Administrator accepted the award on behalf of David and gave an update on the current situation with their Bowling Hall. Architects have drawn up a draft plan for the lounge, bar and office area which were destroyed in the fire and although they do not have a time frame for when the hall will be finished they have been assured by their repairers that once they are given the go ahead they will work on it immediately. Good luck to them.

### **NEW EVENTS:**

David Lynn spoke to his paper on a revised Champion of Champions Singles event to help fund a new mixed pair's event. The clear positive feedback was not to change the C of C event, entry fees to events would be acceptable and to introduce the Mixed Pairs event on a user pays basis. It was recognised that the new event could not commence next year so 2016 is envisaged.

### **NZ TEAM:**

The NZ team to play against Australia next May in Mount Maunganui was announced.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Wayne Richards questioned why it was necessary to have the North v South event every year. The annual Island Tour was still regarded as a good investment although districts visited this year had not taken responsibility to use the Team for promotional type activities. More emphasis will be put on this for future tours.

Ross Brayshaw spoke of the difficult times in his Roskill & District area which resulted in their refusal to host the 2015 N v S fixture. Their hall has been booked though and it is felt that the event will be able to proceed with the help of neighbouring districts.

John Kidd representing Auckland spoke of similar problems and Barry Chapman said he would be taking up the invitation from Kevin Whitehead to facilitate a combined Auckland meeting to look at the best way forward for the whole area.

A letter from Bay of Plenty seeking ratification of the Over 60's event to be introduced at next year's Nationals was discussed with varying views aired. Nigel Warnes said if NZIB lost the nationals the sport would be gone and changes had to be made. It was accepted that it would be difficult to get established in the first year or two but a chance had to be taken. The introduction of a Plate event was raised by Ivon Pash but not favoured. A show of hands clearly indicated that the meeting was in favour of the Over 60's event being introduced next year.

Alex Jones spoke of the successful schools programme happening in the Waikato and the support that had come from King Country to assist in Te Awamutu schools. He said you continually hear of no support but there are indoor bowlers out there who would love to be involved with vibrant well run programmes.

He tabled a report prepared by Darryl Baty on a Regional Umpire's National qualification but the proposal lacked a seconder. Delegates were told that the Executive were well aware of the shortage of umpires. There were already plans to put sample exam papers online and allow interested candidates to sit at different times if the first Sunday in May was not convenient. These changes had been delayed until the changes to the Laws of the Game had been agreed on.

David Lynn acknowledged Fiona Wilson for Tauranga's successful hosting of the AIMS Games which attracted over 230 Intermediate students.

The meeting closed at 3.30pm with President Barry again thanking Past President Martin Nordqvist and wishing him well in his future endeavours. Barry said he was pleased with the positive interaction from delegates during the day and wished them all a safe journey home and a happy holiday season.