

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF THE 60th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE
BRENTWOOD HOTEL, WELLINGTON ON SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER,
2008 COMMENCING AT 10.30AM**

WELCOME: President, David Edgar welcomed District delegates and Associated Bodies to the 60th AGM and thanked them for coming. A special welcome was extended to Patron/ Life Member Ivon Pash and the two other Life Members present Delwyn Hughes and Ian Fraser

APOLOGIES:

Sarah Anderson (Sparc, Contact Manager), Mike Ryan (Special Olympics), Ron Watson (Hokitika) and Gilda Sparks (North Otago)

That the apologies be sustained and the proxies approved.

Brent Biggar/Matt Begg Carried

PRESENT:

David Edgar, President; Trevor Rayner, Deputy President, Delwyn Hughes-(Life Member), Ron Blythe (Counties), Stewart Chilton, Viv Hudson, Martin Nordqvist, Executive Members; Ivon Pash, Patron/Life Member (North Harbour) Ian Fraser (Life Member); Ngaire Drake, Executive Officer; Michael Lawson, Ashburton; Greg Baxter, Auckland; Dianne Mackey , Carol Buckley, Bay of Plenty; Dave Milne, Margaret Milne, Buller; Gordon Dick, Maureen Dick, Bush Ruahine; Murray Fraser, Russell Gilray, Canterbury; Matt Begg, Central Otago; Rosie Penn, Fiona Anderson, Horowhenua; Martin Holden, Wayne Thomas, Hutt Valley; Carol Lovell, King Country; Wayne Richards, Greg Veale, Manawatu; Mike Brown, Marlborough; Wayne Tibble, Nelson; Graham Turner, Joyce Turner, Northland; Bryan Bigham, Elizabeth Morrow, North Taranaki; Chris Maddock, Gwen Duggan, North Wellington; Lynne Flewitt, Otago; David Lynn, PBEC; Suzanne Mackie, Southland; Colin Hunter, South Canterbury; Barry Gray, South Otago; Dennis Behrent, Taranaki; Noel Stevens Tauranga; Maurice Eccles, Sue Sheary, Thames Valley; Chris McAdam, Upper Hutt Valley; Barry Chapman, Vivienne McNally, Waikato; Brent Biggar, Caroline Biggar, Wanganui; Phyllis Fox, John Manchester NZ Blind and Visually Impaired IBA; Barry Chapman, NZ Catholic IBF.

OBITUARY:

Those present were asked to stand for a minute's silence in memory of all indoor bowlers who had passed away during the year.

MINUTES:

That the minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting dated 1 December 2007, are taken as read and approved.

Delwyn Hughes/Martin Nordqvist Carried

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET:

David Edgar said that he had no additional comments to add to his report, which had been circulated to all districts.

Greg Baxter asked if the travel expenses of the Executive members attending the Welch Trophy were included in travel/accommodation and

was told it was. However it was pointed out there was no expense to NZIB having the Executive Officer present at the event.

That the Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.

David Edgar/Lynn Flewitt Carried

No comments were made on NZIB's financial position or the proposed budget.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

PATRON: Life Member Ivon Pash was elected unopposed

David Edgar vacated the chair and Trevor Rayner took over as acting chairman.

PRESIDENT:

David Edgar was elected unopposed

David thanked delegates for their support and said communication within districts needed to improve. He added it was difficult for the National Executive to make things happen- they could provide the tools but it was up to the Districts to action. Everyone had to work together to steady the membership decline and support the plans for more coaches and umpires.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT:

Trevor Rayner, North Wellington was elected unopposed for this position. Trevor too thanked delegates and said it had been a big learning curve this year. He was sure things would be easier with the experience he had gained and he endorsed David's remarks for districts and clubs to buy into local membership drives and other initiatives offered.

EXECUTIVE:

As only four nominations were received the following were elected unopposed.

Delwyn Hughes
Stewart Chilton

Martin Nordqvist
Ron Blythe

All members spoke with the common theme of enjoying their role recognising that we were in a changing environment and districts needing to adapt their programmes accordingly. The additional member of the Executive will be Viv Hudson elected earlier by the Umpires' Associations.

CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORTS:

2009 National Championships in Timaru

Colin Hunter said they had a working Committee of 12 and had already sold most of the advertising in the book. The venue to be used could accommodate 110 mats and it may be possible to eliminate the evening session. Colin said Timaru did not have the holiday homes available like some other locations but they would be doing their best to handle all requests. The poster and entry form for the event was given to delegates to take home to their district secretaries. They need to be distributed to clubs at the start of next season.

2010 National Championships in Taupo

Barry Chapman reported that all was on track and they were currently working with the Taupo Council to alter some aspects of the playing venue.

2009 North Island Championships in Counties

Ron Blythe said the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club was an excellent venue and they were looking forward to hosting.

2010 South Island Championships in Canterbury

Murray Fraser said they had booked the Cowles Stadium in anticipation of a large entry.

ALLOCATION OF EVENTS:

2011 National Championships-

Nominations to host this event had been received from Northland and North Wellington.

Graham Turner spoke enthusiastically about Northland's bid and the low cost of venue hire. He said they had the support of their six associations and over the past number of years Northland had had the 3rd biggest entry at the National Championships. Sport Northland had also offered their full support.

Chris Maddock based the North Wellington bid on the support of surrounding districts and the fantastic new venue Te Rauparaha Arena. This had a heated swimming pool and large shopping Centre next door. A vote was taken and North Wellington was awarded the event. Graham was thanked for the effort that had been put into their bid.

2011 Island Championships-

Two nominations were received- from Ashburton and Southland. Michael Lawson acknowledged Southland's excellent facility and hospitality but said Ashburton had last hosted event in 1995 while Southland had hosted 3 times in the past few years.

Suzanne Mackie said Southland were always keen to host events and had an excellent reputation doing so.

A vote was put and Ashburton was awarded the event.

NOTICES OF MOTION/ REMITS

From Tauranga

Seconder

Waikato

That nominees for the position of President of the New Zealand Indoor Bowls Inc shall have served on the Executive of the NZIB for at least one year during the last three years.

Reason

Noel Stevens said Tauranga felt a nominee needed to have time on the Executive to understand the workings of the Federation.

Most agreed although Carol Buckley (BP) spoke against the motion saying the President's main traits should be leadership and passion.

The motion was put and carried.

From Counties

Seconded Thames Valley

That from 2010, the Annual General Meeting will elect two selectors for the North Island and Northern zone teams and two selectors for the South Island and Southern Zone teams. The Annual General Meeting will also, in the year that an International is played elect two selectors to select the New Zealand team. The third selector for each of these teams shall be appointed by the executive at the first executive meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

Reason:

Ron Blythe said Counties considered that due to the reduction of the Executive it meant in most cases members automatically became selectors. They considered it a specialist role.

Canterbury and Nelson both supported this remit and had withdrawn one similar prior to the meeting.

The Executive expressed doubts on the working of it and said there would be no funds to support the role.

Southland suggested an amendment adding the following:

The nominee must be a resident of the Island they were standing for and North Island delegates would vote for North Island selectors and South Island delegates would vote for South Island selectors and the International voted by all delegates.

Seconded Greg Baxter

Trevor Rayner said this created an anomaly as the Zone teams were different to Island teams.

The amendment was put and lost.

The original motion was put and lost.

CAPITATION FEES:

That the capitation fees for affiliated members remain at \$9.00 per bowler with under 18 (as at 1 March of the current season) being \$1.00.

Associate Bodies fee remains at \$100.

Delwyn Hughes/Viv Hudson

Carried.

UMPIRES REPORT:

Viv Hudson said she had been encouraged from the feedback received from districts and was working hard towards getting more qualified umpires. She hoped the "open book" policy for the National Examination would encourage many more district umpires to sit the exam. There was discussion on the newly introduced 85% pass mark and the majority agreed with the change. Wairarapa said they had 12 umpires keen to get qualified and Viv offered to assist with the process.

There was discussion on combined administration for both District and Umpires Associations and more and more districts were doing this. The main advantage was more regular meetings and better communication. The Executive are keen to encourage amalgamation and have offered to help any districts with necessary constitutional and wind up clauses. Russell Gilray from Canterbury said he was holding refresher courses with the emphasis on fun and encouragement.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

Publicity Officer Delwyn Hughes said she had reported fully in the Annual Report and again recognised the work of webmaster Jock Jamieson. They were keen to grow the visits to the website even more in 2009 by including all National event draws and Executive Meeting Minutes. All districts can be linked to the NZIB site if they wish. Fiona Anderson spoke enthusiastically about the www.sportsground.co.nz which provided very elementary details on how to establish any new club or district website.

COACHING REPORT:

Stewart Chilton said the first year in the job had been assessing what was happening and meeting people. He was sure year two would be more productive. He spoke of the making of the new coaching DVD and a series of seminars planned with Craig Whiteside next March/April. Stewart acknowledged the contribution made by Michael Lawson during his time as a Regional Coach and said he was sorry he had given up this position. Phyllis Fox was told the NZ Blind and Visually Impaired Association would be very welcome at these seminars. Dates and details will be accompany Minutes.

The 2009 NZ team to compete against Australia in Broken Hill next May was announced.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Michael Lawson suggested a presentation at the National Championships by those districts bidding for the future event to be allocated at that year's AGM. Districts instructed their delegate before hearing what was presented at the AGM. However full information was sent out beforehand and additional presentations were not considered necessary.

Mike Brown (MR) spoke about rationalising administration as it was difficult to attract new officer bearers. He was informed that the Sparc website www.sparc.co.nz contained many excellent resources on all types of volunteering, job descriptions for administrative roles etc.

Wanganui expressed interest in hosting 2012 Island Championships.

Greg Baxter asked what alternative plan the Executive were looking at if funding disappeared. He was told there were two options immediately available- cutting expenditure especially tournament expenses or increasing affiliation fees.

Noel Stevens questioned about killed ends and was told details relating to the particular event should be included in the conditions of play.

David Lynn again suggested a reduced affiliation fee for new members but most agreed the \$9 charged was extremely low anyway. He also questioned shortening the National Championships event but was told it was not as easy as he thought.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

District Amalgamation

Nothing definite developed from the discussion with most districts adopting a very parochial view. Executive stresses it has to be agreement between the districts and they could not force the situation. However as some districts now had less than 50 members something had to be done. Step one was a proposed meeting with the West Coast in February.

Diane Hardie spoke of the advantages of Associations joining together in the Hawkes Bay and said there were now more bowlers going to the Association Hall.

The joining of Paterson teams into zones was considered a good option.

Options for Island Tours

Even though the current tour provided an excellent pathway for elite players as well as a promotional tool for the game it was agreed alternatives such as a tri series needed to be investigated further. Michael Lawson is to prepare a paper for discussion along with Trevor Rayner's proposals for the February Executive Meeting. A remit to 2009 AGM would then be drawn up if considered viable once the options had been evaluated.

Otago suggested withdrawing the triples event at the National Championships and instead having the North v South Test at the National Championships and doing away with Tour.

Welch Reserve Badge

Barry Chapman said the letter written by Waikato about the badge was misleading and they wanted the reserve to be allowed to be an inter change player. This created a mixed reaction and some said it would open a 'can of worms'. Waikato is to reconsider and prepare a further discussion paper if they wanted to pursue the subject further.

A request from Canterbury about the possibility of a Manager's badge was raised but received no support what so ever.

Paterson scoring

That from 2009 the Paterson scoring be changed to 4 points a win in fours, 3 points a win in pairs and 2 points for a singles win.

Bay of Plenty/Wanganui Carried

NZ Secondary Schools event

Michael Lawson suggested that bowlers be combined to play in a composite team if there were not 2 from one school. The meeting was informed this was not possible as it was a NZ Secondary Schools sanctioned event. Districts must be aware that even though it gets

promoted through the NZ SS website along with over 100 other events it still needs a direct approach by districts to schools for it to be successful. Carolyn Biggar said the inaugural event had been most enjoyable and suggested in future billets with bowler households might be pursued.

National Championship electronic entry process- districts had been sent all the information and only 2 districts indicated they could not download the excel file. If this was the case they could enter manually as was the current situation. Delwyn Hughes reiterated what was required.

Membership was the main concern facing all districts. Social groups like Chartered Clubs, Catholic and Salvation Army plus many others that all ran their own National event are using NZIB mats, bowls and in many cases manpower yet not affiliating to the National body.

Greg Baxter said there were over 19,000 unaffiliated bowlers in the Auckland region.

David said it was sad for the game that this was the case and again emphasised better communication and working together.

The meeting closed at 3.40pm with David wishing all delegates a Merry Christmas and a safe journey home.