

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF THE 61st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE
BRENTWOOD HOTEL, WELLINGTON ON SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER,
2009 COMMENCING AT 10.30AM**

WELCOME: President, David Edgar welcomed District delegates and Associated Bodies to the 61st AGM and said it was disappointing that three districts had "no showed"- Auckland, King Country and Hutt Valley.

APOLOGIES:

Jo Cheatley (Sparc, Contact Manager), Barry(Gus) Reiper, Clubs NZ
The following proxy votes were recorded.

Ken King Country - vote to King Country- invalid due to non arrival of
Carol Lovell

GB-Mot - to Wayne Tibble- Nelson

Greymouth - to Dave Milne-Buller

North Otago - to President David Edgar

That the apologies are sustained and the proxies approved.

Brent Biggar/Matt Begg Carried

PRESENT:

David Edgar, President; Trevor Rayner, Deputy President, Delwyn Hughes-(Life Member), Ron Blythe, 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; Dianne Mackey, Bay of Plenty; Dave Milne, Margaret Milne, Buller; Gordon Dick, Maureen Dick, Bush Ruahine; David Bullock, Canterbury; Matt Begg, Central Otago; Bryan Duffin (Counties) Diane Hardie, (Hawkes Bay); Fiona Anderson, Horowhenua; Wayne Richards, Greg Veale, Manawatu; Mike Brown, Marlborough; Wayne Tibble, Nigel Warnes, Nelson; Graham Turner, Joyce Turner, Northland; Bryan Bigham, Elizabeth Morrow, North Taranaki; Paul Eden, Robert Hanson, North Wellington; Lynne Flewitt, Otago; David Lynn, PBEC; Suzanne Mackie, Southland; Neville Gould, South Canterbury; Barry Gray, South Otago; Sharon Hook, Tauranga; Maurice Eccles, Sue Sheary, Thames Valley; Chris McAdam, Upper Hutt Valley; Barry Chapman, Vivienne McNally, Waikato; Brent Biggar, Jean Silk, Wanganui; Phyllis Fox, John Manchester NZ Blind and Visually Impaired IBA; Tony Walsh, 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. Special mention was made of NZIB's National Coach for many years, Graham Whitton.

MINUTES:

*That the minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting dated 6
December 2008, are taken as read and approved.*

Delwyn Hughes/Martin Nordqvist Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

It was noted that both Diane Hardie representing Hawkes Bay and Donald and Janice Leighton- Wairarapa IBA had been present at the meeting but omitted from the list of those present.

Delwyn Hughes said a question had been asked of the chair as to who was eligible to sit the national umpire's examination?

After referring to the by-laws in the constitution the chairman had replied that there was nothing in the constitution to prevent any affiliated player from sitting the examination.

That the amended minutes be approved.

Diane Mackey/Lynne Flewitt

Carried

ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET:

David Edgar said he was happy with the increase of \$220,000 in reserves which had been accumulated over the past four years. However he was not happy with the continual decline in membership. As it was his last year as President he thanked the Executive, Executive Officer and all Districts for their support over those years.

That the Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.

David Edgar/Delwyn Hughes

Carried

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

PATRON:

Life Member Ivon Pash was elected unopposed

PRESIDENT:

Trevor Rayner was elected unopposed

David Edgar vacated the chair ending his 3 year term and Trevor Rayner thanked him for commitment and leadership during that time and said he hoped David would be successful in his nomination for an Executive position.

Trevor said he was proud to become President and as he was not such a good bowler as his children he had had to earn his NZIB black jersey in administration and not as a player.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT:

Martin Nordqvist, Ashburton was elected unopposed.

Martin said he had been playing bowls since he was at school and it was an honour to become Deputy President. He too expressed concern about the declining membership and said he was looking forward to working with the new President and incoming Executive.

That Betty McDowell and Craig Whiteside be appointed scrutinizers

Delwyn Hughes/Viv Hudson

Carried

EXECUTIVE:

As there were five nominations received a vote was required with the top four being elected to the Executive:

David Edgar	36
Delwyn Hughes	36
Barry Chapman	35
Stewart Chilton	27
Ian Fraser	14

Ian Fraser was thanked for allowing his name to go forward. The work done by retiring Executive Member Ron Blythe was acknowledged and he was wished well for the future.

The additional member of the Executive will be Viv Hudson elected earlier by the Umpires' Associations. She thanked Examiner Graham Gerrand for all his help and Districts for their ongoing support. She was pleased progress was being made and said umpiring was going from strength to strength.

That the voting papers be destroyed

Viv Hudson/Barry Chapman Carried

CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORTS:

2010 National Championships in Taupo

Barry Chapman said issues were being sorted and due to the central location of Taupo it was hoped for a large entry. A poster and entry form for all clubs were included in the districts packages and needed to be distributed in the New Year.

2011 National Championships in North Wellington

Robert Hanson reported that the Te Rauparaha Arena was an awesome venue and they had already received strong support from other Centres. The 2009 Welch Trophy had been held in the smaller gym at the venue and had proved to be very successful.

2010 South Island Championships in Canterbury

David Bullock said most of the games would be played in their own hall with the majority of bowls being the yellow/black combination. He looked forward to support from other South Island Districts.

2011 South Island Championships in Ashburton

Michael Lawson said it was only a 55 minute drive Christchurch Airport so would like to encourage both North and South Island bowlers to attend. He said they would be offering substantial cash prizes.

Neville Gould gave a brief report on the 2009 Nationals held in Timaru and said there were pluses and minuses. He acknowledged the support and work of the Executive and emphasised the point that if you had good caterers, bowlers would stay around. On the down side he said obtaining advertisers was difficult and they required different copy for the book and felt dealing with the printer direct was preferable. He also acknowledged there had been a conflict of interest in NZIB major funder the Lion Foundation and a deal they had negotiated with DB Breweries.

ALLOCATION OF EVENTS:

2012 National Championships-

Nominations to host this event had been received from Southland, Northland and Counties.

Suzanne Mackie said Southland last hosted the event in 1994 and they had arguably the best bowling floor in NZ. She said bowlers could consider using Queenstown or Dunedin Airports for cheaper flights. She added that if NZIB wished to televise the event there would be a saving due to Cue TV being based in Invercargill.

Graham Turner said that the event in Timaru had not been well supported by South Island Districts and it was time to consider 3 years in the North and One in the South. He suggested introducing a B grade tournament but this was 'off the point'.

Bryan Duffin said that the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club was the ideal venue and they had hosted many National events there on behalf of Clubs NZ and the NZ Catholics IBF.

A vote was taken and Southland was awarded the event

2012 Island Championships-

Two nominations were received- from Wanganui and Manawatu. Jean Silk said the Jubilee Stadium was an excellent venue with a choice of accommodation within walking distance and many Clubs handy.

Wayne Richards said Manawatu had held a very successful event 2 years ago and were keen to host again.

A vote was put and Manawatu was awarded the event.

NOTICES OF MOTION/ REMITS

That a set of bowls shall consist of sixteen, eight each of contrasting colours, all made by the same manufacturer and of the same model".

Trevor Rayner/Stewart Chilton

The reason for this was to allow the choice of mixing black, brown or yellow bowls.

After some clarification over new and old bowls the following amendment was put.

That a set of bowls shall consist of sixteen all made by the same manufacturer and of the same model, eight each of contrasting colours.

Chris McAdam/Delwyn Hughes

Carried

The amendment became the motion which was put and carried.

That a time restriction of 1 hour 30 minutes be imposed for the fours event at all Paterson/Welch fixtures.

Trevor Rayner/Martin Nordqvist

Explanation:

Many Districts had expressed concern at the unacceptable time being taken to complete some games mainly the fours. For planning purposes 3 hours sessions at a maximum are desired and it is felt this will be achieved by accepting this remit.

Graham Turner requested that the following remit from North Harbour be discussed first but was told they would be taken in order. There was much robust debate with some considering it would encourage time wasting. It was generally thought the hall controller and team managers should be able to monitor if problems arose.

The remit was put and lost.

To delete Paterson, Rule 6 relating to "All games to be played without time limit".

Replace with a new Rule: "All games to be played to a time limit", which is set by the Federation Executive and advised each year prior to the event by way of the annual advice of the Paterson Rules.

Ivon Pash/Graham Turner

There was further discussion but as the essence of the issue had been discussed previously the remit was put and lost.

"That the points awarded for a win and draw in the Paterson and Welch Trophy be amended to two points for a win and one for a draw"

David Leighton/Gordon Dick

Explanation:

David Leighton said Wairarapa and Bush Ruahine both considered all games were equal and the points awarded should reflect this and they did not believe a game of fours was superior.

Most appeared happy with the points system that had been introduced for this year's competition.

The remit was but and lost.

National Umpires Examination

The examination is open to all members of any District Umpires Association, provided they have passed the District Local Examination for Umpires one year prior to the national examination. In no case can one sit the Local and National Examination in one year.

Viv Hudson/Chris McAdam

Viv Hudson said the response from the Umpires survey indicated that there was favour for this remit even though it was not included in the Umpire By-Laws at the time of the amalgamation.

There was much debate with David Edgar stating his ruling at last year's AGM regarding this matter was correct and it was time to move forward.

The remit 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.

David Edgar/Stewart Chilton

Carried.

UMPIRES REPORT:

Viv Hudson said her report plus that of National Examiner Graham Gerrand included in NZIB's Annual Report, covered all aspects and an umpire's strategy for 2010 would be finalised at the Executive meeting to be held the following day. She commented that the umpires not being passed was a different result from the few Umpire surveys that had been received.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

Publicity Officer Delwyn Hughes emphasised the importance of every District having an active Publicity Officer as it was vital for them to have the link with the local news media. She again showed her appreciation to Webmaster Jock Jamieson and said it was great to know her work was always worthwhile with it being uploaded to the website.

COACHING REPORT:

Stewart Chilton said his report covered most items and then spoke of the successful national seminar series introducing the new DVD with National Coach Craig Whiteside. The 3 month promotional/ coaching role would not be put in place as was hoped but Craig was currently working on a series of "coach the coach" seminars which would include helpful tips to retain new bowlers. Districts were invited to request such a visit.

DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT FUND:

This year NZIB had awarded 9 grants –some successful some not but it had been decided to continue with this initiative to assist with the promotion of the game.

Michael Lawson spoke of Ashburton successful project which had seen 30 coaching session at primary schools reaching 680 students. He said they had concentrated on seven schools and mixed up their volunteer base to provide variety.

Next year they intended to continue with the idea of collecting \$1 per junior member and were hopefully to gain some parents as well. Michael

said the North Island Touring team had been involved in one of the sessions and they had all enjoyed the occasion.
Lynne Flewitt spoke of Otago successful school holiday programme which had been stimulated by advertising on the radio and local newspapers. She said an added bonus was that indoor bowls was being included in other school holiday programmes.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Lynne Flewitt congratulated the Executive but said she was particularly pleased that Past President David Edgar had been nominated to remain on the Executive. She said consideration should be given to re introduce the position of Immediate Past President as it would be a shame to lose such experience.

Michael Lawson said the delivery of the coaching seminar in Ashburton had been disappointing.

David Bullock said it was time to review the number of days scheduled for each National Championships and this was re enforced by David Lynn. Bowlers just couldn't afford to travel for that long. The comments were acknowledged but there would always be difficulty around the scheduling not knowing the entry numbers until quite late.

Jean Silk requested that NZIB supports their local accommodation sponsors and was told they would do if the quotes received were realistic.

The meeting adjourned at 12.40pm for lunch with the meeting recommencing at 1.20pm

Ngairé Drake told the meeting that business at Sparc was changing and now it was investments in organisations and not just grants. The three priorities were more kids; more adults and more winning. She said that NZIB had to put in place plans to help support the above and as NZIB was not a Commonwealth Games/Olympic sport it had to concentrate of schools, and having good structures for administration, coaching and umpiring.

Options for Island Tours

The paper was discussed and the following recommendation accepted.

That the North Island v. South Island format be retained and that the tour rotation be changed so that the South Tours in the odd years 2011 etc and the North in the even years 2012.

The meeting divided into 6 discussion groups to discuss district amalgamation. This was considered worthwhile and it was encouraging to see districts communicating amongst one another.

Trevor Rayner stressed that no districts would be forced to amalgamate. Some points emerging:

- It would create more competition and better players
- Some districts were already discussing changes of boundaries
- Possible combining of districts for Paterson event?
- The advantage to NZIB would be less cost with one representative attending National events
- Possible drop in affiliations collected with more social bowls
- Numerous travel issues for many- some more demanding than others!
- Less opportunities for some bowlers
- Districts should and could still keep their own identity
- Possible reduction in administration costs
- Possibility of certain areas of a districts going to different districts

Indoor Bowls in Schools

An open discussion was held on the paper that had been circulated. It was pleasing and in some cases surprising to hear that many districts were involved in some way. The negative was the lack of this following through to Districts supporting the NZ Secondary Schools event. It was recognised that the district liaison person with the schools and Regional Sports Trust was critical- they must be 'youth friendly'. Districts would be asked to appoint an appropriate person for this role as it was vital for the future of the sport.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm with Trevor thanking delegates for attending and their contribution.

He wished all a safe journey home and happy Xmas holiday break.