

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)  
MINUTES OF THE 62<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE  
BRENTWOOD HOTEL, WELLINGTON ON SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER,  
2010 COMMENCING AT 10.30AM**

**WELCOME:** President, Trevor Rayner welcomed District delegates and Associated Bodies to the 62<sup>nd</sup> AGM. He thanked them for attending on such a magnificent Wellington day which he added was quite usual for the city.

**APOLOGIES:**

Jo Cheatley (Sparc, Contact Manager), Ian Fraser Life Member, King Country, Northland, David Bullock

The following proxy votes were recorded.

GB-Mot - to Nigel Warnes- Nelson

Greymouth and Hokitika - to Dave Milne-Buller

North Otago and Thames Valley- to David Edgar

Northland-to Trevor Rayner

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

Carmel Sullivan/Dianne Mackey Carried

**PRESENT:**

Trevor Rayner, President; Martin Nordqvist, Deputy President, Delwyn Hughes-(Life Member), Stewart Chilton, Barry Chapman, David Edgar, Viv Hudson, Executive Members; Ivon Pash, Patron/Life Member (North Harbour); Ngaire Drake, Executive Officer; Michael Lawson, Ashburton; Jackie Kinnaird, Auckland; Dianne Mackey, Bay of Plenty; Dave Milne, Margaret Milne, Buller; Gordon Dick, Maureen Dick, Bush Ruahine; Carmel Sullivan, Canterbury; Darko Byelich, Faye Jones, Central KC; Roy Palmer, Counties; Diane Hardie, Hawkes Bay; Rosie Penn, Horowhenua; Martin Holden, Hutt Valley; Wayne Richards, Greg Veale, Manawatu; Mike Brown, Marlborough; Nigel Warnes, Nelson; Bryan Bigham, Elizabeth Morrow, North Taranaki; Gwen Duggan, Chris Maddock, North Wellington; Pauline Gladding, Otago; David Lynn, PBEC; Phyllis Fox, Roskill/ NZ Blind IBF; Suzanne Mackie, Southland; Neville Gould, South Canterbury; Barry Gray, South Otago; Bill Schrader, Taranaki; Fiona Wilson, Tauranga; Jenny Williams, David Pollard; Upper Hutt Valley; Vivienne McNally, Waikato; Pam Dawson, Jean Silk, Wanganui; Donald Leighton, Janice Leighton, Wairarapa; John Manchester NZ Blind and Visually Impaired IBA; Plus three observers

**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 Bernard Williams who had been Secretary of the Federation 1970-72 and had died last year and Colin l'Ami who had passed away the previous night. Later the meeting was informed that Marg McIntosh from Invercargill who had been President of the Umpires Federation and well known amongst the indoor bowls fraternity had also passed away the previous week.

**MINUTES:**

*That the minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting dated 5 December 2009, are taken as read and approved.*

Neville Gould/Nigel Warnes      Carried

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Nil

**ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET:**

Trevor Rayner apologised for the Annual Report omission in the Coaching section of Michael Lawson’s contribution in running full classes at the Otago University over the past few years.

He said it was much different leading the organisation than just working with the Executive and he had thoroughly enjoyed being on the tour and attending other events. He added one of the highlights was being able to present son Grant with his Gold Star at the National Championships and hoped a highlight next year would be regaining the Henselite Trophy from Australia.

*That the Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.*

Trevor Rayner/Martin Nordqvist      Carried

No further comments were made on NZIB's financial position or the proposed budget. Trevor did mention that there had been a decline in grants and this was likely to continue. He stressed that travel and accommodation were not preferred items for receiving grants and other initiatives to develop the game were needed if funding was to continue at current levels.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**PATRON:**

Life Member Ivon Pash was elected unopposed

**PRESIDENT:**

Trevor Rayner was elected unopposed

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT:**

Martin Nordqvist, Ashburton was elected unopposed.

**EXECUTIVE:**

As there were only four nominations for the four positions the current Executive of Barry Chapman, Stewart Chilton, David Edgar and Delwyn Hughes were elected unopposed.

Delwyn thanked delegates and said it was her 25<sup>th</sup> year on the Executive. Her role of publicity officer allowed her to attend National events around the country which she very much enjoyed.

The additional member of the Executive will be Viv Hudson elected earlier by the Umpires’ Associations.

Whilst happy to have the NZIB Officers elected in this unopposed manner it is hoped that it is satisfaction of the job being done rather than apathy. It would be a healthier situation to have others showing an interest.

#### **CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORTS:**

##### **2011 National Championships in North Wellington**

Chris Maddock said that Gerry Macgregor was leading the organising committee and the real work would begin in the New Year. During the week play would commence at 9am to avoid traffic issues. Bowlers are advised to book accommodation south of Porirua so they will be travelling in the opposite direction to the traffic. The Te Rauparaha Arena is a magnificent stadium with plenty of shops, cafes and Clubs handy.

##### **2012 National Championships in Southland**

Suzanne Mackie stated that it was not the Indoor Bowls Hall that had lost its roof in the recent snow storm and all was on track for a great event. She requested the 'guide to districts hosting the National Championships' be sent to them.

##### **2011 South Island Championships in Ashburton**

Michael Lawson said he had given meeting delegates an entry form and flyer and they would be offering cash prizes to encourage entries.

##### **2012 North Island Championships in Palmerstone North**

Wayne Richards reported the halls had been booked.

Trevor Rayner acknowledged and thanked the NZ Catholic Association for changing the location of their Nationals which had been scheduled to be held in Palmerston North at the same time.

#### **ALLOCATION OF EVENTS:**

##### **2013 National Championships-**

Nominations to host this event had been received from Wanganui and Bay of Plenty.

Wanganui promised no traffic problems and possible shuttles from Palmerston North Airport if required.

The Bay of Plenty bid was well supported by their local council and they offered a magnificent new facility and the best Championships ever. The central location of Rotorua also was in their favour as was the fact that they had not hosted a Nationals since 1999.

A vote was taken and Bay of Plenty was awarded the event

##### **2013 Island Championships-**

As the only nomination received was from Southland they were awarded the event.

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION/ REMITS**

##### **From the Executive**

*That the revised Constitution as circulated be approved.*

David Edgar/ Barry Chapman

**Explanation**

The Executive had been consulting with districts over the past 12 months and this document had been updated accordingly.

The notice of motion was put and carried.

The new constitution will now be lodged with the Companies Office for ratification.

*That the amended By-Laws for National Umpires Examinations be approved.*

David Edgar/Barry Chapman

The By-Laws had been updated after consultation with districts.

The remit was put and carried.

*That all members of the winning Welch Trophy team receive the same badge*

Carmel Sullivan/Nigel Warnes

**Explanation**

Carmel said it was felt that in the event the reserve became a playing member of the team he/she was disadvantaged by being referred to as only a reserve.

After some debate the remit was put and carried

*That the Manager of the winning Welch Trophy team receives a Manager's badge.*

Carmel Sullivan/Neville Gould

Carmel reported Canterbury thought the manager played a major part in the success of the team and should be with rewarded a Manager's Badge.

After much debate the remit was put and lost.

*That the academy game at the Nationals be between North Island and South Island not a Northern zone versus Southern zone.*

Neville Gould/Nigel Warnes

**Explanation**

Neville said this year only four men and four ladies made the team when they had approximately 180 players present compared to 130 from the greater Wellington region. He noted it was meant to provide a pathway into the South Island team but this was not so with so many Wellington based bowlers included in the Southern zone team. He added it was much more prestige and rivalry representing island teams than zone teams so therefore possibly more nominations would come forward.

The Executive were of the opinion that they did not receive enough South Island nominations to make the event competitive. However after much debate the remit was put and carried.

Points taken from the discussion were the closing date for the Academy teams being later than that of the national championship entries and also a protocol for selection- these will be discussed at the Executive Meeting to be held the following day.

The challenge is now up to the South Island districts to submit more nominations to make it work.

*That no capitation fees be levied for first year bowlers*

David Pollard/Martin Holden

### **Explanation**

David said the idea of members new to the sport "having a go" with free subscription for their first year appealed to Upper Hutt Valley District as a way of stimulating interest.

Although all new initiatives are encouraged the feeling was it would be very hard to administer this remit as it required the 'buy in' from all clubs and districts.

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 in the Annual Report plus that of National Examiner Graham Gerrand covered all matters. Increasing the number and quality of umpires and measurers would be the top priority in 2011 and to achieve this umpire trainers would be appointed to assist throughout the country. She encouraged all bowlers to take up the challenge as they would find it a rewarding experience. "Watch this space" as she was keen to make things happen moving forward.

Pauline Gladding expressed disappointment at the National Umpires Exam being on the same day each year as it clashed with a rep game. A letter had been received from Otago Umpires regarding this matter and would be discussed further the following day.

### **PUBLICITY REPORT:**

Publicity Officer Delwyn Hughes said the only addition to her report as recorded was the excellent way of communicating with the younger bowlers through Facebook. She was now actively involved and impressed with the bowling contacts she was making. Trevor acknowledged the work done by Delwyn and said it was disappointing that more of her reports did not get printed. The website was the number one communication avenue and Jock Jamieson continued to do an excellent job at keeping it up to date with Delwyn's reports.

### **COACHING REPORT:**

Coaching during 2010 by the National Coach had been limited after last year's launch of the DVD "Indoor Bowls for All". Follow up visits were held with mixed success and disappointment was expressed when districts say they are going to support such an initiative and then didn't turn up. It is important for indoor bowls to have a good coaching structure in place and this means all clubs having a coach supported by a district coach. This point will be emphasised during the 2011 Roadshows and the number of coaches needed to be known for both Sparc's and NZIB's benefit. Neville Gould said South Canterbury were conducting successful summer coaching sessions and thought it was a good idea to offer coaching away from the playing season.

Greg Veale stressed the District Coach must be active and there were many opportunities at school gala days to promote indoor bowls.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

The New Zealand Indoor Bowls team to play Australia in Balclutha next May was announced.

David Lynn questioned the timing of the announcement and said it could have been done after the trial.

David also requested that Executive look "outside the square" and seriously consider shortening the Nationals and to look at the timing of the events. This was met with a mixed response.

The clash of Club NZ nationals and NZIB's event was also raised with some preferring the Clubs NZ Nationals as they were financially assisted to do so.

Michael Lawson said even though the South Island v North Island Academy event would now be introduced he stressed this Island concept would not work for the juniors due to both lack of South Island districts and the Masters would lack sufficient nominations.

Disappointment was expressed at the catering arrangements at the National Championships in Taupo. Catering is an important part of the Nationals and has to work well for bowlers.

Neville Gould questioned the value for money for the Cue TV coverage. He said he did not think it was good value unless a highlights package was also shown on Sky Sport. The Executive is well aware of the advantages of Sky Sport but the package provided had not been accepted and unfortunately Sky was not interested at showing indoor bowls at any cost. Unfortunately the cost to show on free to air is prohibitive.

The meeting adjourned at 12.30pm for lunch and recommenced at 1.20pm

Trevor Rayner gave a thorough outline of the presentation for the Roadshows to be held throughout the country next March and April. The information covered structure, administration, coaching, competitions, umpires and promoting the game. He also spoke of Sparc Investment schedule which would require much more information on what was happening in the districts. Their main focus would be on schools, increasing membership and the quality and quantity of coaches and umpires. These are the same things that will benefit our game.

Whilst NZIB is aware of some activity in these important areas there is currently no formalised reporting system in place. This will now be required so baselines figures can be created.

The meeting then broke into groups for discussion on promising things happening in the districts and what they thought NZIB should concentrate on.

There was much animated discussion and the main points emerging were:

- The games profile needed to be raised
- A recruitment programme was needed for the 35-50 age group especially those maybe retiring from other contact competitive sports
- Conducting a "Bring a Friend" promotion should be a priority
- The acceptance of young bowlers needed to improve
- A Revised game was needed to make it more attractive for primary and intermediate students
- National Championships finals needed supporters to be more vocal to create atmosphere
- Clubs needed to promote district events and encourage participation in them
- More social business house events needed to be held
- Look at changing the game to play sets to increase profile
- Allow districts who have submitted remits to have the right of reply to any Executive comments before circulating to other districts
- The more personal approach from Executive Members was appreciated
- Investigate the possibility of different coloured bowls

Trevor thanked delegates for attending and had been encouraged by their participation in the discussion session.

The meeting closed at 3.30pm and all were wished a safe journey home and happy Xmas holiday break.