

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF THE 63rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE
BRENTWOOD HOTEL, WELLINGTON ON SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER,
2011 COMMENCING AT 10.30AM**

WELCOME: President, Trevor Rayner welcomed District delegates and Associated Bodies to the 63rdAGM. He said it was a straight forward and short agenda and most of the work would be done in the afternoon workshop sessions.

APOLOGIES:

NZ Catholic IBF; Golden Bay- Motueka

The following proxy votes were recorded.

Greymouth and Hokitika - to Dave Milne-Buller

North Otago- to David Edgar

That the apologies are sustained and the proxies approved.

Ron Blythe/David Pollack 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); Ngairé Drake, Executive Officer; Ken Mackenzie, Ashburton; Dianne Mackey , Bay of Plenty; Dave Milne, Margaret Milne, Buller; Gordon Dick, Maureen Dick, Bush Ruahine; David Bullock, Canterbury; Darko Byelich, Fay Jones, Central KC; Roy Palmer, Ron Blythe, Counties; Diane Hardie, Hawkes Bay; Rosie Penn, Horowhenua; Kevin Crighton, Maree Crighton, Hutt Valley; Wayne Richards, Greg Veale, Manawatu; Mike Brown, Colleen King, Marlborough; Noel Knight, Elizabeth Morrow, North Taranaki; Avon Compton, Gerry Macgregor, North Wellington; Nigel Perrett, Northland; David Lynn, PBEC; Phyllis Fox, Roskill/ NZ Blind IBF; Suzanne Mackie, Southland; David Mealings, South Canterbury/Clubs NZ; Barry Gray, South Otago; Bill Schrader, Taranaki; Fiona Wilson, Tauranga; Sue Sheary, Maurice Eccles, Thames Valley; Colin Bell, David Pollack; Upper Hutt Valley; Wilf Peard, Waikato; Sue Hackett, 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 pause for a moment's silence in memory of all indoor bowlers who had passed away during the year. Special mention was made of Mrs Warnes wife of former NZIB's President and Patron, Horace.

MINUTES:

That the minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting dated 4 December 2010, are taken as read and approved.

David Lynn/Elizabeth Morrow Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET:

Regret was expressed at the error of names for the runners up at the National Championship pairs. It should have been Peter Bowden and Lou Baskiville from Roskill and Districts. It was also noted the result of the North Island team v Canterbury match should have been Loss 27-21.

Trevor Rayner spoke fully to his Report saying it had been an exceptionally busy year for him starting with the Roadshows, International and then attending all National events. Overall he was pleased with the attitude and atmosphere at all events and the good spirit that had been shown. The disappointment was in the lack of new blood emerging in district administration. He mentioned the introduction of the new Volunteer of the Year Award to recognise the work being done and said that the first winner of the Award would be announced at the next AGM. It is hoped Districts will support this initiative.

That the Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.

Trevor Rayner/Colin Bell

Carried

Trevor spoke of the operational loss for the year and there were no further comments made on NZIB's financial position or the proposed budget.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Disappointment was expressed as it was the second year in a row that no elections had been required. It is hoped that this is because districts are happy with the work being done by Executive and not apathy. It would be heartening for the sport to have more interest being shown in these positions.

PATRON:

Life Member Ivon Pash was elected unopposed.

David Lynn/Diane Hardie

Carried

Ivon thanked delegates for their support and said although he didn't do a great deal he was still very interested in the game.

PRESIDENT:

Martin Nordqvist called for nominations and Trevor Rayner was elected unopposed.

Viv Hudson/Avon Compton

Carried

Trevor said it was his third and final year in the position and he looked forward to the challenges ahead and the opportunity to ensure the sport was in good heart at the end of his term.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT:

Martin Nordqvist, Ashburton was elected unopposed.

Gerry Mcgregor/David Mealings

Carried

Martin thanked delegates for their support and offered observations of the five years he has been on the Executive.

He noted that affiliated bowlers had halved from 22,000 to 11,000 which was extremely disappointing. Also were the non appearance to the meeting of two of the bigger districts Otago and Auckland who had not even offered an apology and the non appearance of the Nelson delegate.

He said that NZIB had more financial reserves than many bigger organisations and Executive Officer Ngaire Drake was a major factor in this with her many contacts. He hoped this would continue in the future.

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.

Elizabeth Morrow/David Bullock Carried

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

All members thanked delegates for their support and said they looked forward to working together for another year. It was noted that Delwyn Hughes was in her 26th year on the Executive and David Edgar said districts had to think about replacements as he and others would not be around for ever.

CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORTS:

2012 National Championships in Southland

Suzanne Mackie said all was in place and they were waiting for it to happen. Bowlers were reminded to consider Dunedin and Queenstown when making air bookings. She said it was too early for people to be offering home accommodation and their major sponsor Invercargill Licensing Trust was holding accommodation specifically for bowlers during the event.

2013 National Championships in Rotorua

Diane Mackey said even though it was 18 months away the Management Committee had been formed and they were looking forward to the event.

2012 North Island Championships in Palmerston North

Wayne Richards said arrangements were going well and they were currently working on sponsorship and grants to make it a great event. He offered an invitation for all bowlers to play in Palmerston North on the way to the Nationals in Invercargill

2013 South Island Championships in Invercargill

Suzanne Mackie hoped people would have such a good time at the Nationals the previous year they would return for the South island Championships.

ALLOCATION OF EVENTS:- to be decided by Executive

2014 National Championships-

The Executive has not yet made the decision and disappointment was expressed at the lack of interest shown by districts to host.

2014 Island Championships-Ashburton

Trevor Rayner said that Ashburton had been awarded the event.

Ken McKenzie said this year's Island Championship in Ashburton had gone very well and they had been surprised that no other district had wanted to host this event in 2014.

David Mealings said as it was their district's ---- jubilee they would be preparing an application to host the 2015 Nationals.

NOTICES OF MOTION/ REMITS

None received.

CAPITATION FEES:

That the affiliation fees for the 2012 year be \$10 per member; \$2 for Juniors and \$115 Associate Bodies.-all gst inclusive.

Barry Chapman/David Edgar Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Ivon Pash asked if a time limit could be introduced for the Paterson competition if there was agreement within their Zone. This was debated and after a show of hands in favour the Executive will discuss further and advise changes if considered necessary. It was apparent that each zone was different but time wasting was not wanted in any form of the game.

It was asked if the Mixed Fours zone draw had to be done on the morning of the event and was told it could be done in advance.

David Bullock reported on the Canterbury situation and thanked bowlers throughout the country for the support they had shown. Even though 4 clubs had not re opened their districts membership numbers had been higher than expected. Discussions about the work needed to repair the CIBA Hall were still being held with the insurance company.

The question was asked about drug testing and the meeting was told that NZIB did have a Drug Policy in place.

Fiona Wilson was asked to address the meeting on the wonderful work Tauranga had done hosting the AIMS games for Intermediate schools. Over 90 bowlers attended and numbers should increase next year with the event being held over 4 days at the new TECT Arena at Mount Maunganui. All districts should be promoting this excellent event to Intermediate Schools in their region. It was very pleasing to note that Tauranga IB will be taking over the running of the North Island Secondary School event in the July holidays. Sport Bay of Plenty would still assist with promotion of it.

The formal meeting closed at 12.00pm for lunch and recommenced at 1.00pm for workshops focussing on membership drive including juniors and schools and coaching /development.

Craig Whiteside the National Coach addressed the meeting with his vision and then groups were formed for discussion.

Main points arising:

- Districts were already involved in many schools throughout the country
- It was disappointing though the fact that some districts who have had school programmes in place for years was not reflected in their schools entry for the NZ SS event.
- Biggest School issue was finding the appropriate 'youth friendly' person to do this job as most of the helpers were retired and not suitable to communicate with the younger generation.
- The question was raised whether NZIB should issue these helpers with an accreditation card before they go into schools
- Districts should offer unused equipment to schools
- After school- 4-6pm was the most suitable time for school indoor bowls
- Consideration should be given to NZIB forming a partnership with professional 'after school' activity programmes such as Kelly Sport and Holiday Fun
- The question was asked whether the equipment used is suitable for 5-8 year olds?
- NZIB should concentrate on two areas of marketing- schools and the 30-50 age group- also University was seen as an untapped market
- It was hard to get indoor bowls news into newspapers but there were opportunities in free local papers
- It was thought that more use should be made of current and ex NZ team members and appropriate Island players as most would help with promotion if asked
- Most agreed club and district programmes had to change as there were far too many events
- New bowlers were often not made welcome and therefore did not return to the club
- Do not expect too much from new bowlers-take what is thrown up!
- The club coach or a suitable mentor should be the only person helping the new member and not several different people
- The NZIB coaching structure which includes club coach, district coach, and national coach needed to be re introduced including a pathway for coaches.
- Coaching Database required like the umpires
- Maybe a coaching representative on the Executive as the Umpires?
- At the commencement of each club night introduce a coaching half hour.
- Having the rules highlighted around the bowling venue like the Otago IB Stadium was considered a good idea.

Trevor thanked delegates for their feedback and said it was encouraging that the discussions had gone overtime. He hoped that they had all got

something out of the meeting and the challenge now was to go back to their districts and apply some of the good ideas.
The meeting closed at 3.30pm and all were wished a safe journey home and happy Xmas holiday break.