

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT BRENTWOOD HOTEL,
WELLINGTON 7 DECEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT: David Edgar (in the chair), Delwyn Hughes, Viv Hudson, Trevor Rayner, Martin Nordqvist, Stewart Chilton, Ron Blythe & Ngaire Drake.

President David Edgar welcomed members and congratulated all on being re elected to the Executive unopposed. He said he hoped it was a reflection from Districts that they had been satisfied with what had been achieved during the preceding 12 months and not apathy. His three priorities for the year were the development of the Coaching and Umpiring and the NZ Secondary Schools event.

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held 11 October 2008, as circulated be taken as read and approved.

Hughes/Rayner

Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

A letter had been received from HB IBA indicating that Trevor Rayner had controlled the NZ Mixed Fours final but it was noted that Delwyn Hughes had been appointed the official TC.

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 4 December 2008, be accepted and cheque numbers 4887-4901 plus automatic payments be approved.

Nordqvist/Rayner

Carried

Ngaire Drake reported that it had been a quiet time for financial matters since the end of year accounts. She said that the Audit process each year became more involved but there were no procedures that needed improvement.

It was noted that \$80,000 had been added to the government guaranteed UDC investment.

The Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury had indicated that it was experiencing very tough times with the investment markets now impacting on the ability to make grants. However, of the \$9000 application made they were able to offer \$2000 for the National Championship event.

This clearly reinforced the feeling that grant money will be very difficult to obtain in 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent to District Secretaries

Minutes of Executive Meeting 11 Oct 2008 with financial position

National Championships to be computerised

AGM Papers including 2009 budget

2009 Timelines

Request form to provide venue details for 2009 National events

Scorecard order form

To Umpire Secretaries

Minutes of Executive Meeting October with financial position

A letter had been received from Canty IBA expressing their concern at the forced early naming of their Welch team. –they will be advised they can name their team later if they are prepared to pay the additional air fares which will be necessary. It was noted also if a team member chose to travel independently they could not expect the host district to provide transfers.

REVIEW OF AGM:

The morning session was covered quickly due to a lack of response from Districts. David said he was surprised at the lack of comment on the financial position and proposed budget. However the discussion items prompted more reaction and helpful feedback was received on Island Tours, the Welch Trophy and other items. Communication within the districts still appears to be a problem.

That Districts be asked to provide email contacts for District Presidents and Club Secretaries.

Hughes/Hudson

Carried

It was recognised that this may not be possible for all.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

That the Executive Officer's report be accepted.

Blythe/Rayner

Carried

SPARC:

Ngaire said she had had discussions with Sparc and the Investment Schedule for 2009 would be finalised after evaluating the feedback received from the AGM and this Meeting. Hopefully it will be achieved before the end of the year. Once documents are finalised the updated the Management Plan and a copy of the Investment schedule will be sent to districts as their support is essential if the proposed goals are to be met.

REVIEW OF EXPENSES:

That the Schedule of Tournament, AGM and Executive expenses remain the same.

Hughes/Hudson

Carried

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

That the bank signatories remain any two of David Edgar, Trevor Rayner and Ngaire Drake.

That Delwyn Hughes is responsible for Publicity.

That Stewart Chilton is responsible for Coaching.

That Secondary Schools coordinators be Martin Nordqvist in the South Island and Ron Blythe the North.

Hudson/Rayner

Carried

LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

That Trevor Rayner is the Tournament Controller.

That Trevor Rayner, Martin Nordqvist and David Edgar are the Match Committee with Viv Hudson to join this group to form the Disputes Committee.

That Viv Hudson controls the Umpires.

Chilton/Hughes Carried

Greg and Ruth Baxter would again handle the draw package for next year which will be the first using computerised input sheet entries. They will be approached about the future development of the package and ownership of the programme used.

Posters and entry forms were distributed at the AGM and District Secretaries are asked to forward on to the Clubs early next season.

Trevor Rayner is to talk to Graham Low regarding a computerised post section draw.

ISLAND TEAMS:

That Delwyn Hughes, Ron Blythe and Trevor Rayner be appointed North Island Selectors with Delwyn Hughes Team Manager.

Hudson/Nordqvist Carried

That Stewart Chilton, David Edgar and Martin Nordqvist be appointed South Island Selectors with Stewart Chilton Team Manager.

Hughes/Rayner Carried

That Delwyn Hughes and Ron Blythe be appointed selectors for Northern Zone Academy and Masters Teams with Ron Blythe the Teams Manager.

Rayner/Nordqvist Carried

That Greg Baxter is co-opted to become 3rd Selector.

Hughes/Blythe Carried.

That Stewart Chilton, Martin Nordqvist and Trevor Rayner be appointed selectors for Southern Zone Academy and Masters Teams with Martin Nordqvist the Teams Manager.

Hudson/Hughes Carried

LEVIES:

That the following levies be approved for 2009

South Island team member \$200

North Island touring team member \$400

Rayner/Nordqvist Carried

Following yesterday's discussion other options to the Island Tours are being prepared by Michael Lawson and will be evaluated once received along with those presented to the AGM.

It was recognised that the current format was still an excellent promotional tool for the game as well as a very necessary pathway for elite bowlers.

EVENT CONTROLLERS:

That the following event controllers be appointed.

NZ Mixed Fours Final	Wanganui	Trevor Rayner
North/South Match	Canterbury	Martin Nordqvist
Welch Trophy	North Wellington	Trevor Rayner
NZ Junior Singles	North Wellington	Trevor Rayner
Henselite C of C	Dunedin	David Edgar
Academy/Masters	Timaru	David Edgar
NZ Secondary Schools	North Wellington	Trevor Rayner
	Chilton/Hudson	Carried

PRIZES:

That the value of vouchers for the 2009 NZIB events remains the same at:

National Championships; total \$7,150.00

Junior Singles-\$200.00 Winner; \$125.00 runner up; \$50.00 semi-finalist

C of C-\$200.00 Winner; \$125.00 runner up; \$50.00 semi-finalist

NZ Mixed Fours; \$150.00 winners; \$75.00 runner-up.

Hughes/Hudson Carried

APPOINTMENTS:

That Matthew Gilkison LLB. BSc be appointed the NZIB's Solicitor.

Hughes/Hudson Carried

That Miller Dean Audit continues as the NZIB's Auditors.

Rayner/Hudson Carried

UMPIRES:

Discussion was held on the omission in the By-laws for National Examinations only to be sat by District Umpires. While this is considered to be best practice by the Executive it is not to be a prerequisite for sitting the National Umpires Examination if the person is considered competent. Umpires Executive member Viv Hudson is to coordinate refresher seminars and prepare a report on the current situation in districts. The main aim is to get more National Umpires and all Districts are requested to help with this. It is hoped the newly introduced "open book" policy will encourage many more district umpires to sit National examination to be held 3 May 2009.

Supplies of the current Laws of the Game were running low and approval was given for a reprint of 5,000.

DISTRICT/CLUB ADDRESSES:

A print out of the current information held in NZIB database has been sent out to all districts for updating. This is particularly important as it is displayed on the website and needs to be correct. It was now necessary to include postal codes on all addresses and as indicated earlier in the Minutes, President's and Club Secretaries email addresses where possible.

SCORECARDS AND OTHER PROMOTIONAL TOOLS:

Brochures were available and distributed at the AGM. Scorecards are now available at certain places around the country.

If you need more please advice with address and delivery charges will be invoiced if necessary.

COACHING:

Stewart Chilton reported on the production of the DVD and the seminar series proposed throughout the country during the March/April period.

That the suggested itinerary be accepted with a budget of \$4,500.

Rayner/Hudson

Carried

The dates of the seminars with outcomes will accompany these Minutes. Southland IBC was thanked for providing their facilities FOC for the DVD production.

Mike Ryan from Special Olympics had indicated that they would have coaches keen to attend the seminars. He will be given details and hopefully they will be able to attend.

Stewart Chilton and Regional Coach, Craig Whiteside, are to arrange venues and a draft agenda for the session.

PUBLICITY:

Delwyn Hughes said she had sent out a press release regarding the AGM and the announcement of the NZ team.

It was agreed to use the website even more as a communication tool with all bowlers. Executive members are to report back to Trevor Rayner with suggestions for future surveys and multi choice quizzes.

COMMUNICATION WITH DISTRICTS:

Executive Members will continue to contact Districts on a regular basis and try and assist where necessary.

The following list was ratified:

Trevor Rayner:	Upper Hutt Valley, Manawatu, Bush Ruahine, Wairarapa, North Wellington, Hutt Valley.
Viv Hudson:	Horowhenua, Wanganui, Poverty Bay-EC, Hawkes Bay
Delwyn Hughes:	Bay of Plenty
Martin Nordqvist:	Ashburton, Buller, Greymouth, Hokitika, Nelson, Golden Bay-Mot, Marlborough
Stewart Chilton:	Southland, Canterbury, Otago, Central Otago, North Otago, South Canterbury
Ron Blythe:	Northland, Auckland, North Harbour, Roskill & Dist, Counties
David Edgar:	Thames Valley, Waikato, Tauranga, King Country, Central King Country, North Taranaki, Taranaki, South Otago
Ngaire Drake:	Associate Bodies

MEMBERSHIP:

Yesterday's AGM clearly identified the concern of membership decline and in particular the number of "social bowlers". National Office has available promotional brochures, membership kits and there is also money available through the Development Fund for initiatives promoting the game.

Unfortunately it is felt nothing more can be done at a National level and it is up to Districts and all clubs to take up the challenge to attract more members. Further information is available on the website to assist-

www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz

There was discussion on other ethnic groups and what had happened since NZIB withdrew its support of the NZ Maori/Cook Island/Academy event. Ngaire Drake is to contact Craig Whiteside and Arthur Bettridge to assess the current situation and determine whether or not NZIB support could enhance what was happening and in the future.

There was a lengthy discussion on graded tournaments and whether or not a competition for new bowlers should be introduced. It appears that the situation was different in every district and it might be impossible to fit in an already over loaded calendar. Districts are once more reminded of the changing environment and need to be exploring different type events. As has been indicated this is exactly what the National Development Fund is for and applications are wanted.

DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT FUND

A grant of \$200 was approved to Southland IBC for hall hire to accommodate a Junior Pairs tournament allowing unrestricted entries for all districts in Paterson Zone 6.

INTERNATIONAL

Preparation of the team and travel arrangements were discussed and costings prepared on different options.

Balclutha had expressed interested in hosting the 2011 Test against Australia by offering free hall hire and transport. Any other districts interested should let it be known and a decision will be made at next April Executive Meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

David Edgar reported that he had arranged an open meeting in Greymouth 15 February 2009 on the future of indoor bowls on the West Coast. He said it was not viable for NZIB to continue to support 3 districts with a total membership of only 157.

Ngaire reported that 62 half sets of yellow bowls had been sold and 32 full sets since August 2007. Currently there were no full sets available but stocks should be replenished soon.

5 sets of coloured Kiwisport bowls stored by Ian Fraser needed a new home and if any district could help please let National office know.

Viv Hudson said she had attended a Sparc sponsored training seminar of "Better Board Meeting" and had found it very worthwhile.

David thanked Executive Members for their attendance and wished them well for a safe journey home and happy holiday break.

Meeting closed at 12.45pm.