

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR GOLF
CLUB, WELLINGTON, 08 FEBRUARY 2014 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT: Martin Nordqvist, Trevor Rayner, David Edgar, Barry Chapman, David Lynn, Nigel Warnes & Ngaire Drake.

President Martin Nordqvist welcomed Executive Members to the first meeting for 2014 and said he hoped all had had a good holiday break and were now looking forward to a positive indoor bowls season.

APOLOGIES: Bevan Matthews
That apology be accepted.

Lynn/Rayner Carried

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2013 as circulated, were taken as read.

Warnes/Chapman Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

Acceptance of Matthew Gilkinson appointment as NZIB's honorary Solicitor had been received.

David Lynn reported that he had been told a digital resource to assist with measuring would be available by the end of the year.

It was pleasing to note that Horowhenua District was still in existence and contact details of officers would be available soon.

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 7 February 2014, be accepted and cheque numbers 6231-6244, plus automatic payments be approved.

Rayner/Edgar Carried

It was reported that a grant of \$5,000 had been received from the Infinity Foundation for the purchase of blue and orange bowls and the annual application to the Lion Foundation had been submitted. Work on other funding opportunities was being worked on.

The response to the Audit Management Report regarding the annual leave issue was approved.

Sent to District Secretaries

12 December

Minutes of 2013 AGM

Minutes of Executive Meeting 7 December 2013 with financial position

Venue notification for 2014 National events

District Secretaries deadlines for 2014

To Umpire Secretaries

Minutes of Executive Meeting 7 December 2013 with financial position

Minutes of AGM; Copy of Annual Report and Balance Sheet

Copy of District Umpire Secretaries for up dating

DEVELOPMENT ROLES:

Sport Taranaki Role

It was noted that Michelle Watt now did not work during school holidays and her hours would be made up much more purposely during the season.

National Development Manager

It was decided that Craig Whiteside's role be expanded and he will be offered this position. Information about NZIB's operational plan and its wish to get districts involved was sent out before Xmas. Disappointment was expressed at the apparent lack of interest although it was recognised that the timing was not good and the information and revised operational plan will be resent.

Your Executive clearly sees the future of the game in the hands of each District. This must be recognised and if not the game will die. Assistance will be given to set up these vital District Development Roles so you are urged to take some responsibility for the game's future and make it happen. Contact National Office or any Executive Member if you need to know anything further.

LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Tournament Controller David Edgar would be meeting with the host district Hawkes Bay and the Pettigrew Arena venue next week. The hard work involved with hosting of the event was discussed and whether or not host districts maximised the income opportunities available. Nigel Warnes agreed to prepare some guidelines for the host districts around this.

The new format of playing out each event on consecutive days needs to be communicated as widely as possible.

National entry forms and a promotional poster will be sent out to districts for distribution to all clubs next week. This posting would include copies of Annual Reports for clubs of those districts who did not attend the AGM.

District secretaries are reminded that when entries close in April it is essential that the club entry forms are posted to the Executive Officer for checking.

Please note that the lucky winners of free entry from last year's event just need to indicate this on their entry form.

Commencing at the 2015 National Championships an Over 60's grade will be introduced for all events and that Over 60 will have the choice of which competition they enter.

National Gold Stars will only apply to the open grade and an Over 60 gold star will be introduced.

Rayner/Lynn

Carried

UMPIRES:

David Edgar's umpire's review report was tabled.

That contact with Districts for all information including umpire matters is to be made only through the District Secretary copied to District President.

Chapman/Warnes

Carried

It is then up to the District Secretary to forward the information to the person in charge of umpires.

At the start of each season all districts should be holding a meeting of their umpires/measurers to review, refresh ideas, determine active members for the season and promote the National Exam.

The general feeling was the process of sitting the National Exam needed to be updated, refreshed and available on line. In the meantime Nigel Warnes will present to the next Executive Meeting 5 papers with multi choice answers. The aim is to encourage and make it easier for more bowlers to sit the exam. The Measuring exam would take place later.

Ivon and Merle Pash were thanked for producing the 2014 Examination and answers and these had been forwarded to Greg Veale who will be the National Examiner this year. Districts should be providing training for those bowlers who wished to sit the exam this year.

2014 EVENTS:

The amended rules for all National events were ratified and a copy of each would be emailed to districts.

Accommodation was still being worked on for some National events and Tour matches. The quote from Ritchie's for a coach with David Edgar driving was accepted for the South Island tour.

All districts being visited on the Tour are asked to look at some type of promotional activity to add value to the Island Tour concept.

Due to the difficulty of nearby reasonably priced accommodation to the North Wellington IB Hall Trevor Rayner reported he had inspected the Elsdon Camp which provided budget accommodation. Other options will also be pursued.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

Chris Bullen's report was tabled and discussed.

NZIB and Chris are keen to know if any of his reports from last year made the local papers or how successful your DPO had been at obtaining publicity. A survey will be sent out shortly.

It is felt that the current Facebook page was working well and also in answer to Chris's question Twitter was not required.

It was agreed that he could accept Delwyn Hughes' offer of being his helper at the Nationals in Taradale. An adjustment will be made to his Contract to include an accommodation subsidy if required.

The first copy of the Indoor Bowls News would be sent out at the end of the month. Districts are urged to send articles to National Office sharing good stories so that they can be shared with the rest of the country.

It is also important that all districts have sent in their up-to-date club secretary lists so that the newsletters reach the correct destination.

INTERNATIONAL:

Excellent reports on the suitability of the Mount Sports Centre to host the 2015 International in May had been received from the Executive Officer. Accommodation options will be pursued once the holiday season has been completed. Expressions of interest for the NZ Team Manager's position had been advertised on the website. It was noted that John Norton had replaced Tom O'Rourke as the Australian Indoor Bias Bowls Council Secretary.

Due to the timing of this year's event in May the UK's "Festival of Bowls" did not attract support and a self-funded package will be put together for the event in May 2016.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

Rayner/Edgar

Carried.

The AGM Constitutional changes were signed off

A meeting was being arranged with Special Olympics with the hope of establishing a more workable relationship between the two organisations.

Sport NZ Survey- it can't be emphasised enough the importance of obtaining this information. Auckland, Horowhenua and Manawatu have still not returned the survey which is a concern with our funding application due.

DEVELOPMENT FUND:

It was pleasing to receive 2 applications and \$350 was granted to South Otago being 50% costs of a Snowball Tournament in April. This will be advertised on the radio which has appeal and the results of the event will be reviewed with interest.

\$500 was granted to PB-EC as seeding money following the appointment of a District Development Officer. The district should be applauded for this move which Craig Whiteside has helped to establish. Due to the travel distances petrol vouchers would be sent.

VOLUNTEERS:

Indoor Bowls is not alone in trying to attract the necessary volunteers to successfully run the sport at all levels. It is apparent that districts are struggling and need to look at their own structures. Many have not changed their Constitution for years and the game will only move forward if things are done differently. Unfortunately most districts struggle with this fact. Has your district got job descriptions or is one person landed with most things? If the jobs were broken down you will probably find other people will happily take responsibility for some part of it. All districts should have a succession plan for their positions. As mentioned before the Executive thinks it is essential to have a District Development Officer and urges Districts not to say it is just too hard.

EQUIPEMENT:

It is very pleasing to advise that new mats are available at a cost of \$1,200 and both black/yellow and blue/orange bowls sets are in stock. Start your new season with new coloured bowls!

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Tauranga Indoor Bowls Association were thanked for agreeing to host the 2016 Nationals at the Mount's ASB Arena.

The Executive have been making changes yet no feedback has been received. Does that mean you are happy with everything that is being done? Feedback is important so please let National Office or Executive Members know what you think. We are also hoping to use the website more to get feedback so keep visiting the site and have your say when the opportunity arises.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF NZ MIXED FOURS EVENT:

Upper Hutt will be hosts this year on Saturday 26 July. All past winners will be welcome to share in a piece of cake!

MAKE USE OF YOUR LOCAL SPORT TRUST:

Did you know they run generic coaching courses and in many cases also courses for all types of volunteers- give them a call or look up their websites?

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

At the start of the season all districts/clubs should be endeavouring to gain new members. All clubs have a copy of the publication "Hints to Grow New Membership" and the "Indoor Bowls for All Coaching DVD". These excellent resources should be used and there is also some of the popular "Indoor Bowls (real estate) signs" that can be ordered though National Office.

David Edgar is to follow up his offer to provide bowls and mats to Otago University.

Meeting closed 4.00pm