

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR
GOLF CLUB, WELLINGTON, 14 FEBRUARY 2009 COMMENCING
AT 9.45AM**

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

President David Edgar welcomed Executive members to the first meeting for 2009.

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2008 as circulated, were taken as read.

Chilton/Nordqvist

Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

Matthew Gilkison had agreed to continue in his honorary role as NZIB's Solicitor.

As requested Craig Whiteside, Arthur and Gwyn Bettridge had responded regarding the current state of the NZ Maori/Cook Island/Seasiders event. They reported it was still operating successfully and had vastly improved the play of all teams, particularly the Cook Island teams. It is hoped a meeting involving the Executive with interested parties could be held at the North Island Championships in June to further explore the possibilities of enhancing the event and NZIB's involvement.

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 13 February 2009, be accepted and cheque numbers 4902-4924-, plus automatic payments be approved.

Hudson/Rayner

Carried

Very quiet time since the AGM and currently funding application to the Lion Foundation and Pub Charity were being finalised.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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A query had been received from Taranaki regarding players who resided outside their district affiliating to a local Club and being selected for representative honours. This happened throughout New Zealand in most sports not only indoor bowls. It was a domestic issue and could only be resolved by the District. However it was considered as a challenge to local players to lift their standards.

A letter to the President from NZ Catholic Federation was tabled and the points raised noted. All agreed it was important that both bodies worked together for the betterment of the sport.

Sent to District Secretaries

10 December

Minutes of 2008 AGM

Minutes of Executive Meeting 7 December 2008 with financial position

Venue notification for 2009 National events

District Secretaries deadlines for 2009

January- Information for coaching seminars

To Umpire Secretaries

Minutes of Executive Meeting 7 December 2008 with financial position

Minutes of AGM

Copy of Annual Report and Balance Sheet

Copy of District Umpire Secretaries for up dating

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

Hughes/Rayner

Carried.

The National Office database had been upgraded with the provision for club secretary email addresses and the inclusion of these details on the PDF for the Website. The very few Districts who have already provided this information were thanked and all others are asked to do so as soon as possible. All club secretaries' addresses are needed to be updated with postcode to allow correct distribution of the Newsletter.

LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Entry forms and a poster for each club had been given out at AGM.

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

It was agreed that in Timaru one complete block would use the new black/yellow bowls which would be freighted from Wellington and then used on the Island tour following the event.

Nomination forms for the Masters plus Academy events to be held during the Nationals will be emailed out.

Greg and Ruth Baxter had advised that 2009 would be their last year processing the National entries. A manual outlining the procedures for the work done on the Excel worksheets would be prepared after this year's entries had been processed. It was acknowledged some new issues may arise with the introduction of the on line input sheets.

District secretaries are reminded that it is essential the club entry forms must be posted to the Executive Officer so that the data entry can be checked.

Trevor Rayner reported that Graham Low was working on a computerised post section draw for the National Championships.

The PDF file of the poster for the 2009 Nationals will be obtained from the printer so it can be uplifted on to the website.

Negotiations were taking place with Hertz over the possible benefits to bowlers attending the Nationals

PUBLICITY REPORT:

That the quote received from Phil Quinney regarding media coverage for National events this year be accepted.

Nordqvist/Rayner

Carried

The lack of the printed 'on card' National Programme usually given out at the AGM had been questioned by only Bush Ruahine and South Canterbury.

COACHING REPORT:

Stewart Chilton reported the seminar venues had been finalised and further information regarding these will be sent out with Minutes. The draft copy of the updated DVD was viewed and will be finalised next week. Two free copies will be given to each district and other copies will be available for purchase at \$10 for those attending the Seminars.

ALL DISTRICTS ARE ADVISED THAT THESE SEMINARS ARE OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED BOWLERS.
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ISLAND TOUR:

Quote from several coach companies were tabled and it was agreed to accept the quote from Ritchies. Booking of accommodation was currently being investigated.

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

UMPIRES:

Viv Hudson said she was pleased with the response she had received from Districts regarding refresher courses and the sitting of the National Examination in May. All districts are encouraged to get their local umpires to sit the National exam which should be less daunting with the open book policy that had been introduced. Viv had visits planned to Wairarapa, Bush Ruahine and Wanganui and Greg Veale would be doing a course in Manawatu.

The Umpire's Newsletter and national examination information would be sent out to Umpire Secretaries with copies with the Minutes. These were all ratified.

2009 EVENTS:

The rules for all National events were ratified and a copy of each will be sent out with Minutes.

Following on from the 'future of Island Tours discussion' at the AGM a paper on the 3 team concept prepared by Michael Lawson was tabled. This will be evaluated for further discussion at the April meeting.

That Ron Blythe be NZIB's liaison contact for the Island Championships

Hughes/Nordqvist Carried

Approval to award the Trophy donated by Theo Meyer of Badgemakers as a perpetual trophy for the Player of the Tournament of the Island Championships, not only the North Island was given.

Ron reported that Ivon Pash would be controlling the event. Disappointment was expressed at the decision of not taking advantage of a computerised draw.

DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT FUND:

Four applications were received which was encouraging.

That a grant of \$3,250 be made to Canterbury Indoor Bowls Association to cover radio advertising to promote a new Business House competition.

Rayner/Hughes Carried

The Executive were impressed with the application which indicated new thinking and looked forward to receiving a report on the event.

That a grant be made to Horowhenua for \$200 to cover hall hire for an event to encourage the participation of Juniors.

Blythe/Rayner Carried

In addition the members will be making efforts to establish relationships with local schools and will also be promoting the event amongst juniors in surrounding districts.

That a grant be made to North Harbour for \$700 to assist with expenses relating to a Have a Go Day to be held the next day.

Hughes/Nordqvist Carried

It was noted the lateness of this application but the grant was approved in acknowledgement of the commitment the District had already made to make this event happen.

That a grant be made to Tauranga to a maximum of \$750 to cover 3 small advertisements in the local papers for a "Have a Go Day".

Chilton/Blythe Carried

The application was for a joint advertising campaign, firstly by advising the local community club details relating to specific nights, venue and contact person and secondly for a "Have a Go" promotional day. The Executive did not consider the full page advertisements quotes as being value for money.

David Edgar spoke of the meeting the following night aimed at a positive amalgamation of the three districts on the West Coast. It was decided that a seeding fund of \$500 be granted if agreement was reached.

All districts are requested to think of new initiatives to develop the game in their area and take advantage of the funding being offered.

SPARC:

Sarah Anderson NZIB's Contact Advisor from Sparc attended the Meeting and her visit was considered worthwhile. She emphasised how important it was for Districts and the National Body to work well together and also the importance of the link between Schools and Clubs

The Investment Schedule with Sparc had been signed off and the first instalment of this year's grant had been received. NZIB is extremely fortunate to have this finalised so early in the year and now all districts are asked to assist in achieving the necessary outcomes. A copy of the schedule will be sent so that districts are aware what needs to be done. Support of the initiatives for District membership rewards, the National Secondary Schools event and the district development fund is required.

INTERNATIONAL:

The travel for the NZ team to compete against Australia in Broken Hill in May had been finalised through a travel broker. This proved necessary with the complications of getting to such a difficult venue. A new look Australian team had been selected. The International Mats had been distributed to NZ team members around the country and the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club had advised they would be happy to continue to store the mats in the future if required.

APRIL BRING A FRIEND MONTH:

Promotional material was available from the website and all districts should be using their Membership Kits for ideas. It was acknowledged that local Membership had to be driven by the districts and they should always be looking out for new Members not just in April.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The first Indoor Bowls News for the year will be distributed in early March so get your stories in. Share any positive news with other districts and not just jubilees please!

That Trevor Rayner and the two Island Secondary Schools Coordinators Martin Nordqvist and Ron Blythe form a committee to evaluate new initiatives as currently being presented at Bowls NZ Road shows.

Hughes/Hudson

Carried

This includes in the future the possible inclusion of a new National Inter Club Competition in the National programme.

The issue of Law 28 raised by a concerned NZ Umpire was discussed and clarification is being sought.

The next Executive Meeting on 25 April would be at the same venue.

Meeting closed 4.00pm.