

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR
GOLF CLUB, WELLINGTON, 13 FEBRUARY 2010 COMMENCING
AT 9.45AM**

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

President Trevor Rayner welcomed Executive members to the first meeting for 2010.

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2009 as circulated, were taken as read.

Hudson/Nordqvist Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

No progress had been made on the draft Sports Mark type document for Clubs/Districts as there had been a delay in the formatting of it.

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 12 February 2010, be accepted and cheque numbers -, plus automatic payments be approved.

Hughes/Chapman Carried

Funding applications to the Lion Foundation and Southern Trust had been submitted and a grant of \$4000 had been received from the Pelorus Trust to cover the printing of the new "Beginners Guide to Indoor Bowls" and some equipment.

Sent to District Secretaries

10 December

Minutes of 2009 AGM

Minutes of Executive Meeting 6 December 2009 with financial position

Venue notification for 2010 National events

District Secretaries deadlines for 2010

To Umpire Secretaries

Minutes of Executive Meeting 6 December 2009 with financial position

Minutes of AGM

Copy of Annual Report and Balance Sheet

Copy of District Umpire Secretaries for up dating

Umpires' 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.

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.

The PDF file of the poster for the 2010 Nationals has been uplifted on to the website.

The implications regarding the newly introduced \$1,000 prize for singles was discussed. It was agreed that it had to be voucher/s as this had been an AGM decision. Districts providing large cash prizes at their tournaments must be aware that the IRD prize money threshold was \$500. Any amount won over this must have a withholding tax of 20% deducted.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

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

Hughes/Edgar

Carried

The first Indoor Bowls News would be sent out at the end of the month, although it would be uploaded to the website immediately.

COACHING REPORT:

Workshops had been confirmed in Hamilton 20 February and North Harbour 21 February and 14-15 March for Palmerston North and Napier-venue to be confirmed.

ALL DISTRICTS ARE ADVISED THAT THESE SEMINARS ARE OPEN TO ALL BOWLERS INTERESTED IN COACHING WITH THE AIM TO PROVIDE MORE CLUB COACHES

That a contract with Craig Whiteside be approved based on the above workshops plus a visit to Blenheim.

Nordqvist/Chilton

Carried

That a contract with Michael Lawson be approved to provide coaching of teachers at University of Otago for a session 21-22 May.

Edgar/Nordqvist

Carried

ISLAND TOUR:

Quotes had been received from several coach companies and the one from Leopard Coachlines had been accepted. The driver would again be Colin Cumming. Booking for accommodation were 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.

Following the recommendation accepted at the AGM that the North Island v. South Island format be retained but the rotation change the following remit was put and carried.

That the Island tour rotation be changed so that the South Tours in the odd years 2011 etc and the North in the even years 2012.

This will mean there will be two South Island Tours on consecutive years.

UMPIRES:

It was pleasing that four people had expressed interest in volunteering to be Umpire trainers. As the Exam date is 2 May Viv Hudson will be contacting them urgently to finalise arrangements.

Many districts had supported the introduction of a 2 tier National/local exam but it would not be put in place this year.

This change would be included in the draft Constitution and by laws review currently being worked on. A draft document will be sent out with Minutes for comments and further suggestions.

The Umpire's Newsletter and national examination information would also be sent out for early attention.

2010 EVENTS:

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

SPARC:

The Investment Schedule with Sparc had been signed off and a copy will be sent out so that districts are aware what needs to be done.

One of Sparc's priorities is the development of young New Zealanders and it is vital that Indoor Bowls increases participation in schools, and also increases and improve the quality and quantity of officials and coaches.

All districts are urged to read the Investment Schedule carefully and take some ownership of it. It is the Districts responsibility to assist achieving the desired outcomes.

DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT FUND:

Disappointment was expressed that no applications had been received and information would again be sent to Districts.

This outlines that money is available for initiatives such as the following:

- o Junior Indoor Bowls Programmes such as Holiday programmes, coaching in schools, Inter-School competitions, Regional Tournaments and Inter-District events etc...
- o Adult Education/Community College Programmes (i.e. learn to Play Indoor Bowls course) targeted at attracting Working Age Adults to the sport.
- o Corporate Business House tournaments.
- o Promotion of the sport in the public eye in such places as Malls, Community Centres, Expos (i.e. Seniors Day Out) and other suitable events in which significant positive exposure may be gained.
- o A variant of Indoor Bowls designed for promotion of the sport on TV.
- o Professional Mail-Outs of promotional brochures and/or a targeted Direct Mail campaign.
- o District organised "Have a go" Promotional Days.

We are aware that much emphasis is placed on juniors and consideration for funding would be given to assisting students to the NZ Secondary Schools event if there was a plan to develop bowls in schools within your district.

Comments had been received that only schools were the relevant guidelines for grant approval. However you will see from examples listed above this is not so and equal consideration would be given to initiatives targeting the 40 years plus groups.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

Hughes/Edgar

Carried.

AGM EVALUATION SURVEY:

Thank you to those districts who responded and it is pleasing to know that you all considered it a worthwhile meeting with a proven format. The break-out groups were definitely proved to be popular and meaningful and would be continued in the future. It is felt that all districts have a responsibility to attend and those that were not represented would be asked to make arrangements to do so this year. All delegates and Associate Bodies will be given the opportunity to introduce themselves with a very brief summary of happenings in their district.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Arrangements were made for the distribution of scorecards and other promotional material which had been ordered.

Attendees to the Sparc seminars were finalised.

The cooperation of the NZ Catholic IBF in changing their 2012 Nationals scheduled for Palmerston North to avoid a clash with the Island Championships was applauded and a letter of thanks will be sent to them. It is satisfying to know that both organisations are working together for the betterment of the sport.

The current District & Umpires Secretaries and District Publicity Officers lists would be sent out for up dating and it is asked that all club secretary changes be notified as soon as possible.

The next Executive Meeting will be 8 May and will be at the same venue.

Meeting closed 3.45pm.