

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)  
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR GOLF  
CLUB, WELLINGTON, 11 FEBRUARY 2012 COMMENCING AT 9.30AM**

**PRESENT:** Trevor Rayner, David Edgar, Martin Nordqvist, Viv Hudson, Barry Chapman & Ngaire Drake.

President Trevor Rayner welcomed Executive members to the first meeting for 2012 and said there was a 'heavy' agenda to get through. Best wishes were extended to Delwyn Hughes for a speedy recovery from her knee operation.

**APOLOGIES:** Delwyn Hughes and Stewart Chilton

*That apologies be accepted.*

Nordqvist/Edgar Carried

It was noted that this was probably the first time that two Executive Members had been absent from the same Meeting.

**MINUTES:**

*That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2011 as circulated, were taken as read.*

Nordqvist/Hudson Carried

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Matthew Gilkinson confirmed he was happy to remain NZIB's honorary Solicitor

Clarification- The usual District Junior Certificates would be completed with names and issued at National final and not sent to districts before hand.

**FINANCE:**

*That the Statement of Accounts as at 10 February 2012, be accepted and cheque numbers 5370/5386 -, plus automatic payments be approved.*

Nordqvist/Edgar Carried

A grant of \$4000 had been received from the Pelorus Trust to cover the printing of 'Hints for increasing Club Membership' and DVDs.

An application for \$49,000 to the Lion Foundation had been lodged to assist with expenses relating to National Championships and all other National events.

**Sent to District Secretaries**

10 December

Minutes of 2011 AGM

Minutes of Executive Meeting 4 December 2011 with financial position

Venue notification for 2012 National events

District Secretaries deadlines for 2012

**To Umpire Secretaries**

Minutes of Executive Meeting 4 December 2010 with financial position

Minutes of AGM; Copy of Annual Report and Balance Sheet

Copy of District Umpire Secretaries for up dating

A letter of disappointment was sent to districts who did not attend the AGM. A response regarding this from Otago IBA was noted.

**DEVELOPMENT ROLES:**

Discussions are currently taking place with Sport Taranaki regarding a part time position as an Indoor Bowls Sport Development Advisor. This was a result of a similar position being advertised for Bowls. The Executive see the possibility of creating a full time job combining these positions and negotiations will continue with Sport Taranaki to try and make it happen.

*That a Contract be negotiated with Craig Whiteside for the promotion of Indoor Bowls in the Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, PB-EC Districts.*

Chapman/Nordqvist

Carried

The Executive are aware that initiatives must be introduced to try and reverse the trend of the declining membership.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:**

All districts/ clubs are urged to attempt to grow their membership and there are good resources that can be downloaded from the website. Within the next 2- 3 weeks Districts Secretaries will be sent a copy for each of their clubs of the new publication "Hints to Grow New Membership" and the "Indoor Bowls for All Coaching DVD." Please ensure these are distributed quickly together with the National Championship Posters and entry forms.

**LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

This year's draw was discussed and it was agreed it would not be uploaded onto the website until it was finalised and ready for printing.

Following a request from a local firm, Ocean Shell Trophies it was decided to investigate obtaining trophies for the winners of the Special prizes from them.

**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.**

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

**COACHING REPORT:**

Michael Lawson's coaching involvement with Otago University was confirmed with a course being conducted 22-23 September. This Course presents an excellent opportunity to establish an Indoor Bowls Club at the University and it is hoped that Otago IBA will follow this lead. David Edgar is to present a review of the Coaching Manual to the May Executive Meeting.

The District Coach list will be sent to districts for updating and the importance of each club having a club coach can not be over emphasised.

### **UMPIRES:**

An Umpiring Newsletter was ready for circulation showing Umpire trainer's contact details and the areas they will cover. Districts are urged to make use of these qualified people and the aim is to improve the numbers and the quality of our umpires.

Information regarding the National umpire's exam would also be sent out. Districts should be aware that it can be sat any time during the nominated day of 1 May.

Other points:

The Examination shall consist of three parts – Theory, Mat Faults and Measuring. The Candidate may have a copy of the Laws of the Game in the examination room for reference – 85% being required in the Theory Paper for a full pass. All candidates shall require 80% in Mat Faults and Measuring. Those passing with 75% to 84% in their Theory Paper shall become Local Umpires.

### **2012 EVENTS:**

A request from Buller IBA regarding the make up of NZ Mixed Fours South Island North Western Zone was discussed.

*That 6 Associations are allowed to make up the South Island North Western Zone to play their zone final on a round robin basis involving all associations.*

Nordqvist/Edgar

Carried

It was reported that all districts within the Zone had agreed it would enhance the competition instead of having just one team representing the West Coast. NZIB would be faced with no additional costs.

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

Accommodation was still being worked on for some National events and Tour matches. Quotes from Ritchies for a coach with David Edgar driving were accepted for the South Island tour and Welch Team transfers.

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.

### **2014 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Hawkes Bay IBA was thanked for their application to host this event at the Pettigrew Green Arena.

*That Hawkes Bay IBA be granted hosting rights for the 2014 National Championships.*

Chapman/Nordqvist

Carried

While recognising that the initial venue hire quote was excessive it is hoped that costs can be reduced through negotiations with the venue, local councils and funding agencies.

**PUBLICITY REPORT:**

Due to Delwyn's absence there was no report. However Webmaster Jock Jamieson had advised that he would be overseas July- September which would require another person to upload information to the Website. Delwyn has recognised the advantages of not having to rely on another person and will endeavour to have the software installed and do it herself. Chris Bullen was thanked for offering to help with this and will be used in the future if a suitable project arises.

*That the quote from Phil Quinney to cover National events on the radio network be accepted.*

Nordqvist/Chapman                      Carried

**INTERNATIONAL:**

An approach to Australia to change rule 9c had been rejected. Accommodation options at Bribie Island would be investigated for the 2012 Test in May.

**DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT FUND:**

Disappointment was expressed that no applications had been received and information would again be sent to Districts. As you would have read above NZIB is very keen to develop the game and welcomes any requests from Districts to do the same.

It had been agreed to pay Manawatu IBC \$1,000 for the purchases of sets of bowls and mats to be used in organised school programmes. Greg Veale had been told it would be paid on receipt of Invoice.

**TELEVISION:**

*That the quote received from Cue TV to televise the Nationals singles and pairs was approved.*

Nordqvist/Hudson                      Carried

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

*That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.*

Hudson/Edgar                      Carried.

- The first newsletter would be sent out at the end of the month and districts are asked to submit any interesting items that occur in their district throughout the year.
- A meeting had been held with Special Olympics NZ National Sports and Coaching Director, Mike Ryan on how the two organisations could work more closely together. It was recognised that much work was already being done in the districts and clubs and they are keen for more of their indoor bowlers to join clubs. Special Olympics currently have close to 600 bowlers with one coach per 4 bowlers. They would be keen to participate in any NZIB organised coaching seminars.
- Equipment- it is disappointing that Brittain Wynyard can not supply half sets of black bowls and a new delivery is not expected until

early May. There are no indoor bowls mats available and NZIB is still waiting for further details as to when back orders can be cleared.

- The NZ Secondary Schools Census Data by sport was discussed and disappointment was expressed at the declining numbers. It showed this year 458 students had had a 'Meaningful Engagement' which reflected minus 19% over the past 4 years.

### **CANTERBURY SITUATION**

A verbal approach had been made to Martin Nordqvist for NZIB's assistance to keep indoor bowls lively in Canterbury.

NZIB has always been favourably disposed to helping and a letter will be sent requesting an itemised list of "one off" expenses as a result of the earthquake. The level of assistance will be based on the information received. It was recognised how important it was for the national game to have a vibrant Association in Canterbury.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

It was noted that the Crown Entity responsible for sport and physical recreation in New Zealand has changed its trading name from Sparc to Sport NZ. NZIB's investment schedule expires 31 May and will need to present a good case for their continued support.

Their website: [www.sparc.co.nz](http://www.sparc.co.nz) contains an excellent resource for a Club Warrant of Fitness. It is an online self-assessment tool aimed at helping clubs or could be districts on how well they are being run. The assessment looks at six areas which are Leadership, planning, customer focus, sport delivery, people management and sport management. Please take time to check this out.

The Executive Officer will be attending a Sport NZ presentation next week.

Most Executive members reported they were yet to contact the districts to whom they were responsible or if they had by email there had been no response. It is hoped that this important link will develop as the season commences.

The Sports Anti-Doping Handbook for 2012 had been received from Drug Free Sport NZ.

The President tabled a letter from Mike Brown, Marlborough Past President which provided feedback from the AGM.

Trevor Rayner said he would review the Website as several items needed updating.

**Meeting closed 3.00pm.**