

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR GOLF
CLUB, WELLINGTON, 09 FEBRUARY 2013 COMMENCING AT 9.10AM**

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

President Martin Nordqvist welcomed Executive members to the first meeting for 2013 and said he was sure it would be a worthwhile day.

APOLOGIES: Nil

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2012 as circulated, were taken as read.

Rayner/Hudson Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

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

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 8 February 2013, be accepted and cheque numbers 5993-6016-, plus automatic payments be approved.

Rayner/Edgar Carried

In response to a question from Nigel Warnes the meeting was advised the accounts were well within budget as a grant for \$45,000 had been received from the Lion Foundation. Many funding agencies now preferred to fund regional organisations and not National sporting bodies. As a result of this NZIB was currently working with NT IBA for a funding application to be submitted to NZCT to cover the Development Advisor role at Sport Taranaki.

David Lynn requested if an incidental allowance could be paid if he travelled a day early to the meeting thus saving NZIB money. However it was decided that this was not a good precedence as it could lead to false accusations and fraudulent claims in the future. Historically Executive Members flew in and out on the same day of the meeting and flights were booked well in advance to get the best deal. Whilst recognising flights from Gisborne could be very expensive it was decided that it was David's choice if he wanted to do travel early.

Sent to District Secretaries

10 December

Minutes of 2012 AGM

Minutes of Executive Meeting 2 December 2012 with financial position

Venue notification for 2013 National events

District Secretaries deadlines for 2013

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

DEVELOPMENT ROLES:

Sport Taranaki Role

The planning document received covering Michelle Watt's work for the year was impressive and agreement was made to vary her hours to allow her to fulfil the busy schedule. A letter of support from Sport Taranaki to cover the NZCT funding application as indicated above had been received.

Craig Whiteside's role in TG, BP

Disappointment was expressed at the time being taken to sign off the contract and Ngaire is to discuss certain aspects with Craig.

The Executive is very supportive of this role and is keen to see a planning document for the year before considering any additional funding.

Nigel said although he recognised the work being done by creating these positions it was fundamental that a module on how to deliver similar programmes in other districts needed to be worked on and rolled out as soon as possible. This document will be presented to the 2013 AGM.

LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Tournament Controller David Edgar with Barry Chapman had a planned meeting arranged the following week with the Energy Event Centre in Rotorua and the local organising committee.

It was agreed that the triples and fours be played in one session but the idea of playing 4 rounds of triples would not be pursued.

Viv Hudson advised that she would not be able to attend the Nationals due to medical reasons. A replacement supervisor of the umpires would be investigated. The pre event Umpires meeting would still be held on the Friday night and all umpires attending are urged to attend. It was very important especially for the triples and fours being played in one session that umpires playing make themselves available to umpire in their bye round.

It was agreed to change the printer of the Nationals book with the quote offered by Central Design and Print Ltd based in Rotorua being accepted.

National entry forms and a promotional poster will be sent out to districts for distribution to all clubs.

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 needed to indicate this on their entry form.

It was agreed that Delwyn Hughes would continue to check the entry input.

UMPIRES:

The passing of Graham Gerrand was noted and sympathy extended to Margurrite and family. He had worked tirelessly with all umpire matters over a number of years and will be missed in his role of National Examiner and assisting at the National Championships.

NZIB is fortunate that Ivon and Merle Pash have agreed to step into the Examiner role and they are currently preparing this year's examination paper.

Viv Hudson expressed great disappointment at lack of communication with umpire trainers and it was decided that a more direct link with Districts was essential. Information and entry for the National exam will be sent to all district and umpire secretaries with advice on how to conduct training sessions. An Umpiring Newsletter would also be sent and Districts are urged to improve the numbers and the quality of their umpires.

2013 EVENTS:

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

Nigel questioned the rule of 5 points to qualify for all NZIB events and said there were too many pre-arranged results which were causing dissatisfaction amongst bowlers. Districts are asked to comment on this and a remit to the AGM will be considered.

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 North 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.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

Following a review of all publicity issues it was decided to make some changes. Some of these are already evident with Webmaster Jock Jamieson developing a wonderful, much fresher, clean looking website. A letter of thanks will be written to Jock and it was agreed that each Executive Member would monthly provide him with new information for a poll, quiz and umpire's tip.

That Chris Bullen be appointed NZIB's National Publicity Officer.

Edgar/Chapman

Carried

Chris has a background in news media and broadcasting and was involved with NZIB Nationals many years ago. It was considered time for a different approach whilst recognising the enormous amount of work done by Delwyn Hughes over many years. The possibility of Chris reporting on Radio Sport will be investigated further.

Alex Reed is to be approached about the possible screening of live coverage of the National finals on Facebook as he has so successfully done at the Henselite Champion of Champions and NZ Junior Singles event. Coverage for non-Facebook members would also be investigated.

Chris Bullen would not be available to work at the National Championships so other options were being pursued. In the meantime it was agreed that the radio coverage of that event would continue to be done by Phil Quinney.

The Indoor Bowls News would be reviewed by Chris and a new look newsletter introduced early in March. Districts are urged to send articles to National Office sharing good stories so that they can be shared with the rest of the country.

INTERNATIONAL:

Travel arrangements for the team had been completed and accommodation would be once final numbers were known. Manager Pat Hoult had requested Trevor Rayner to help him with the planning of the April training weekend. Every endeavour is being made to make this a very worthwhile session with the prime goal for Executive and team being to get the Henselite trophy back in New Zealand.

That Pat Hoult, Trevor Rayner and David Edgar be appointed to the International Board of Control.

Nordqvist/Hudson Carried

That Jan Low and Roy McCurdy be appointed International umpires for the event.

Rayner/Edgar Carried

It was agreed to continue with the production of a touring badge even though Australia had ceased to do this due to cost.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

Rayner/Edgar Carried.

It is of great concern that Brittain Wynyard have failed in their attempt to find a producer of indoor bowls mats and they are now approaching carpet makers to come up with a substitute. The outcome of this is eagerly awaited. To assist with the future ordering of indoor bowls from Australia and avoiding delays in delivery all Districts/clubs are asked to advise National office of any potential orders for this season by 20 February. This information is merely a guide and will not be regarded as a definite order.

Contact had been made again with the Holiday Fun organisation who has successfully delivered indoor bowls to hundreds of school children in the Manawatu region. Whilst recognising the excellent work being done any financial assistance needed to be driven and include the involvement and support of the local district.

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

The Meeting went into and out of Committee to discuss a letter received from a bowler.

COMMUNICATION WITH DISTRICTS:

Executive Members will continue to contact Districts on a regular basis and try and assist where necessary. Whilst acknowledging it has not always worked well in the past it is vital for the future of the sport that there is a direct link between Districts and Executive. Please feel free to make contact at any time with your views and issues- a contact list of Executive Members will be distributed with Minutes.

The following list was ratified:

Trevor Rayner:	Upper Hutt Valley, Bush Ruahine, Wairarapa, North Wellington, Hutt Valley.
Viv Hudson:	Horowhenua, Wanganui
Martin Nordqvist:	Ashburton, North Otago, Canterbury, South Canterbury
Nigel Warrnes:	Buller, Greymouth, Hokitika, Nelson, Golden Bay-Mot, Marlborough, Manawatu
Barry Chapman:	Thames Valley, Waikato, King Country, Auckland, Northland, North Harbour, North Taranaki
David Edgar:	South Otago, Counties, Roskill & Districts, Otago, Central Otago, Taranaki, Southland
David Lynn:	Bay of Plenty, Hawkes Bay, PB-EC, Tauranga

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Southland IBC would be thanked for their letter requesting to host the 2015 International and any of the NZIB's 2014 National events. Unfortunately the cost of transporting entrants to Invercargill would be well outside budget making their offer unrealistic.

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

It was pleasing to note that Michael Lawson had been approached by the Otago University to again present his indoor bowls practical to their students. This would be done 27-29 September.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

Last year a new publication "Hints to Grow New Membership" and the "Indoor Bowls for All Coaching DVD" was sent out to all clubs. Please encourage clubs to use these useful resources and endeavour to attract new membership at the beginning of the season. The declining membership remains a concern and could be turned around so easily if all members introduced 'a friend' to join their club.

The Sports Anti-Doping Handbook for 2013 had been received from Drug Free Sport NZ.

An email had been received from the NZ Catholic IBF advising the location of their future National events so as to avoid any clash.

They would be held as follows:

2013 - Palmerston North; 2014-Hamilton; 2015-Wellington;2016-Hawkes Bay;2017-Auckland.

David Lynn raised the issue of a National title being offered for a self-funded event accommodating 18-25 year old bowlers. This was met with a mixed response due to the short time between the years but he was asked to investigate further and submit proposal to the May Meeting.

Due to the length of time taken to discuss items on the agenda the scheduled brain storming session did not eventuate as planned. However some issues were identified quickly as needing further investigation so they could be discussed next meeting. All agreed serious change was necessary to arrest the demise of the sport and how the game's profile needed to be lifted. Goals needed to be set and Executive Members and Districts are asked to comment on the following:

- Membership
- Event for TV- based at Nationals
- Making Indoor Bowls an International Sport
- Bowls NZ- administration- pros and cons
- Timing of National Championships
- Chartered Clubs

All bowlers/Districts needed to take some responsibility for the future of the game and any input on any of these subjects would be appreciated. Please send your views to Trevor Rayner- email:- trayner@xtra.co.nz by 31 March. He will collate a paper for further discussion at the next Executive next meeting.

Meeting closed 4.10pm