

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT AIRPORT CONFERENCE
ROOMS, WELLINGTON, 11 JULY 2009 COMMENCING AT 9.45AM**

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

MINUTES:

That the minutes of the executive meeting held on 25 April 2009 as circulated were taken as read and approved.

Hughes/Nordqvist Carried

MATTERS ARISING: It was reported that no districts had suggested any changes to the current Constitution. However it was agreed that a review of the document was still considered necessary.

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 10 July 2009 is accepted and cheques numbered 4949/5010 plus automatic payments are passed.

Rayner/Hudson

Carried

The accounts for the National Championships could not be finalised due to the delay in receiving account for venue hire and advertising revenue. It was acknowledged that the event would run at a loss which was disappointing.

A grant had been received from NZCT for media contract, accommodation, venue hire, newsletter distribution, and promotional brochures.

That a further 30,000 "New Bowler's Guide" be printed.

Nordqvist/Blythe

Carried

It was noted that term deposits amounting to \$289,000 would mature over the next 3 months and the investment interest rates available would be greatly reduced.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following information was sent to District Secretaries.

1. Minutes of Executive Meeting 25 April 2009 with Financial Position
2. Membership forms to be returned by 31 July with payment
3. Entry form and information for NZ Junior Singles
4. Entry form and information for NZ Secondary Schools event- to be re sent.
5. Henselite Champion of Champions entry form and information
6. Information regarding NZ Mixed Fours event.
7. Paterson Hosts –were draws required and advising to let other districts know full details of event

To District Umpires Secretaries

Minutes of Executive Meeting as detailed above, Umpires newsletter, Membership Return. Letters to districts requesting umpire's names for

National events. Nomination forms were dispatched for the umpire's representative on the Executive.

A letter had been received from Northland IBC regarding Laws of the Game Rule 3 (B) resulting in the following remit being presented to the AGM.

That a set of bowls shall consist of sixteen, eight each of contrasting colours, all made by the same manufacturer and of the same model".

Hudson/Hughes

Carried

A letter received from Hokitika IBA indicated the amalgamation of the three West Coast Associations was unlikely to take place by the end of this year. However the three associations had agreed that from 2010 they would play off to find one team to compete in the NZ Mixed Fours, Paterson Trophy and one player would represent the West Coast for the NZ Henselite Singles and NZ Junior Singles.

Disappointment was expressed regarding the delay in the proposed amalgamation but the effort of the three associations to agree on the above format for NZ National events was accepted with appreciation.

LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Tournament Controller Trevor Rayner said he was very pleased with how the Tournament went this year and he had received many favourable comments about it. The assistance provided by Graham Low in producing electronically the post section draw was most helpful and very much appreciated.

Because of the smaller entries, running the Academy and Masters events on the Wednesday was extremely desirable as it allowed for a most enjoyable dinner afterwards. It was agreed that the Masters event will grow in popularity as players became aware that it was being held and all they needed to qualify was to be 60 years of age and to be nominated beforehand.

The work of the South Canterbury IBA was acknowledged as was Cue Television for their excellent coverage. It was unfortunate that Sky Sport had not accepted a highlights package this year.

As was suggested last year there will be a tear out registration form in the programme for Special Prizes in the Singles

Ruth Baxter had provided a report on the processing of entries which had been done electronically for the first time. It had been a great success and districts are thanked for assisting with this process. It is hoped all districts will use this method next year. Ruth and Greg have agreed to continue with the processing of the entries next year and also to prepare a work manual outlining the process. A vote of thanks to them was recorded but to assist in future training and succession a back up file will be requested.

It is unfortunate that such a well run event producing top quality bowls would run at a financial loss.

That the entry fee for the 2011 National Championships remains \$15 per person per event.

Rayner/Nordqvist

Carried

ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Ron Blythe said the local support had been excellent and the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club had easily accommodated the 36 mats needed due to smaller than expected entries. The work done by NZIB's Patron Ivon Pash who was tournament controller, assisted by wife Merle, was acknowledged.

INTERNATIONAL AGAINST AUSTRALIA:

Comprehensive reports were tabled by Manager David Edgar and Team Captain Grant Rayner. Even though the loss had been disappointing David said he had been proud of his team and the sportsmanship that had been shown. The loss had been a learning curve and it was agreed that an International selection/preparation plan needed to be put in place 12 months before the May 2011 event.

It was agreed that the 2011 event in Balclutha will be played on the NZ International mats and not the newer, faster mats used in Broken Hill. These mats are currently located with team members at Dunedin, Canterbury, North Wellington, North Taranaki, Manawatu, Waikato, Auckland and North Wellington. Contact will be made to determine if they can remain stored in the area until next required. All the yellow International Bowls are currently stored at Pukekohe where they will remain.

A local Committee had already been formed in Balclutha to ensure the smooth running of the event.

Sparc:

Sarah Anderson, NZIB's Contact Advisor had been invited to the NZ Junior Singles event and it was hoped she would attend to gain a better understanding of the game.

Moving ahead for funding the key point is that Sparc will be looking forward to invest in partners who are able to demonstrate their ability to contribute to their mission and contribute to the 5 priority areas. This means NZIB must concentrate by improving its delivery of sport in communities and getting more kids in sport with an emphasis on participation through clubs. National Office can not do this alone however and it is the Districts that must assist by supporting the initiatives offered such as the Secondary Schools event.

ISLAND TOUR:

The North Island touring party would consist of 26 people plus driver and all arrangements were in the finalising process. Air Travel for some team members had caused problems with air line reschedules and all would be required to leave home well before 7am on the morning of departure. As a cost saving measure it was agreed to discontinue with the tour ribbons.

UMPIRES REPORT:

Viv Hudson said the examination results were very pleasing with some excellent results. However more work needed to be done in the area of mat faults. It was agreed that a training DVD would assist this process and production quotes will be obtained.

She said the Nationals had been more challenging this year with the triples and fours being played in one session but the players who had assisted in their bye rounds were thanked. It was noted that many National umpires do attend but do not contribute.

That a committee of three be formed to undertake a review of all umpire matters including examination processes, training and coaching methods and the level of umpiring standards.

Hudson/Hughes

Carried

Discussion will be via conference call/s and the results reported to the October Executive Meeting.

Districts and Umpire Associations are reminded that nominations for the Umpires representative on the Executive close on 24 July.

COACHING REPORT:

Stewart Chilton said this year saw the promotion of the coaching DVD, the challenge for clubs to build an active coaching programme in their night's bowls, and tips on encouraging and holding the new bowler. An excellent foundation had been laid and needed to be built on next year.

To help put strategies in place a Coaching survey will be sent out to all districts within the next week seeking feedback on your needs and preferences.

These responses will be evaluated and a coaching plan for 2010 will be tabled and discussed at the October Executive Meeting.

Two incentive payments had been paid out to PBEC coaches in the area of Visually Impaired Bowlers and school coaching.

The practical session conducted by Michael Lawson and David Edgar held at Otago University in May had been very successful with 26 registrations.

PUBLICITY:

Delwyn Hughes said this was the busiest time of the year for publicity and she had been working non stop to keep up to date with everything.

She said she enjoyed improving the presentation of the Nationals Championships Daily Bulletins using the new skills she had learned with pictures and clip art.

She said how difficult it was if districts did not send in results of events as soon as possible after the event finishes.

All districts are requested to advise Delwyn of their Paterson teams and hosting districts how they are going to send the results from each area.

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The website continues to be popular and the feedback very complimentary on the work done.

Districts should note and take advantage of a 'notices' page available on the website to promote a number of regular events.

The 'archive' page recently had a major tidy up and there will be more frequent changing of the umpires 'tips' and the content of the two 'quizzes'.

NZIB is very proud of its website and the work done by Webmaster Jock Jamieson who always welcomed suggestions or improvements to it.

That a letter of thanks be written to Jock Jamieson with a suitable donation for his contribution.

Hughes/Nordqvist Carried

Indoor Bowls News had been produced monthly and as it is the only direct link to the clubs it is recommended that it continues. It is disappointing however that districts are not contributing any items. It is your newsletter- please help to make it more interesting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

It was decided to continue with having the AGM in the morning and districts would be invited to provide agenda items for the afternoon session following the completion of the formal meeting.

As was requested at the AGM Trevor Rayner is to finalise a paper on the review of future Island Tours/Tri series concept with recommendations to take place from 2011.

DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT FUND:

That a grant through North Wellington IBA of up to \$1,000 be approved to go towards NZ Secondary Schools Championships.

Chilton/Nordqvist Carried

That a grant to Ashburton IBA be approved of \$2,000 for expenses for their Interschool Programme which has so far has attracted over 620 students.

Hughes/Hudson Carried

An application from Otago Indoor Bowls Association requesting a grant for their School holiday programme had been supported in principal. The outcome of their proposed meeting with Sport Otago is wanted before a final decision is made.

David Edgar said he had met with Arthur Bettridge, Craig Whiteside and Steve Flaszynski regarding the annual triangular between the Cook Islands, Maori and Seaside teams. A grant of \$300 had been offered on receipt of a report and the benefits of the fixture.

Simon Thomas had submitted a progress report on the Canty IBA proposed Jak Hi Bowlz commencing on 31 July. The result of this initiative of a social event for non bowlers is eagerly awaited.

\$200 had been paid out to Southland IBC who had reported on their Junior Pairs tournament. This event had promised much and it was disappointing that North Otago, South Canterbury and eventually Central Otago had replied that no Juniors would be competing. No response has been received from Ashburton. Southland fielded seven teams, South Otago six teams and Otago two teams.

2010 NATIONAL PROGRAMME:

The draft programme was discussed, approved and would be distributed with Minutes. The following districts will be asked to host National events.

24 July	NZ Mixed Fours	Hawkes Bay
28 August	NZ Junior Singles	Pukekohe
29-30 August	NZ Secondary Schools Championships	Pukekohe
3-5 September	Welch Trophy	Lower Hutt
11 September	Champion of Champions	Ashburton

Southland was thanked for offering to host events but unfortunately with the cost of airfares it was becoming more and more prohibitive to go to any provincial town which did not have a choice of airlines. However it was acknowledged that if districts were proactive and could assist with some sponsorship for travel and accommodation their offer would definitely be considered favourably.

The following North Island Tour was approved and districts will be asked to host matches.

Friday, 6 August	Fly to Wellington Airport –travel to Hawera			
	v	Taranaki		
Saturday 7 August	v	North Taranaki	11am at	New Plymouth
Saturday 7 August	v	King Country/Cen KC	at	Otorohanga
Sunday 8 August	v	Waikato	11am at	Hamilton
	v	TV/ Tauranga	at	Tauranga
Monday 9 August	v	Counties/Roskill	at	Roskill
Tuesday 10 August	v	Auckland	at	Auckland
Wed 11 August	v	North Harbour	at	North Harbour
Thurs 12 August	v	Northland	at	Whangarei
Friday 14 August	Free day travel to Pukekohe			
Saturday 14 August	North Island plays South Island for the Kevin Eddy Memorial Trophy at Pukekohe			
Sunday 15 August	Return from Auckland Airport.			

Air Bookings for National events:

As air fares increase it becomes more and more difficult pleasing individuals and teams on how they should travel to a national event. It was agreed that for teams events travel should be by car up to 600km unless the air fares were cheaper. For other events if a bowler flies, kms up to 100km to the airport would not be reimbursed. **Also please remind your bowlers that they will be paid the cheaper of the appropriate air fare/ or the kms travelled.**

NZ JUNIORS/SECONDARY SCHOOLS EVENT:

It continues to disappoint the lack of support Districts are giving to the Secondary Schools event. The success in this area is vital if NZIB is to continue to receive Sparc funding yet some district entrants are unaware the event is even on or refuse to play in it.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' CONTRACT:

That the Executive Officer's contract be updated and ratified for a further 12 months.

Hughes/Rayner

Carried

That the Executive Officers report be ratified.

Blythe/Nordqvist

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The updated application to host National or Island Championships was approved and will be circulated with Meeting Minutes. Districts wishing to bid for 2012 events need to do so by 31 July.

Meeting closed at 4.00pm.