

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC  
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT MIRAMAR GOLF CLUB,  
WELLINGTON, 9 JULY 2011 COMMENCING AT 9.45AM**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**MINUTES:**

*That the minutes of the executive meeting held on 16 June 2011 as circulated were taken as read.*

Chapman/Nordqvist

It was noted that the Lion Foundation grant had been \$45,000 not \$48k as stated.

*That the amended minutes of the executive meeting held on 16 June 2011 be approved*

Hughes/Hudson

Carried

**MATTERS ARISING: Nil**

**FINANCE:**

*That the Statement of Accounts as at 8 July 2011 is accepted and cheques numbered 5246-5273 plus automatic payments are passed.*

Chilton/Hudson

Carried

It was noted that over \$100,000's worth of accounts had recently been processed and were not yet reflected in the balances shown.

The UDC investment matured 12 July and it was agreed to roll over on a 12 month term.

Ngaire Drake said she had attended a very informative audit seminar conducted by NZIB Auditors Markham/Miller Dean which covered all aspects of the audit process, laws and regulations.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**The following information was sent to District Secretaries.**

1. Minutes of Executive Meeting 16 June 2011 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. Paterson Hosts –requesting draw requirements 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 had been sent to various districts requesting umpire's names for National events. Nomination forms were dispatched for the Umpire's Representative on the Executive.

#### **ROADSHOW DEBRIEF:**

Trevor Rayner said in hindsight too much had been included in the Road show presentation and eight presentations in 6 weeks was a far more taxing undertaking than he had envisaged. He very much appreciated a letter from North Harbour which indicated this, and it was agreed to put in place, their alternative method to gain information. This will be in the form of a "Taking Indoor Bowls into the Future Survey" with full details being sent out with Meeting Minutes. Districts will be asked to form a committee to specifically consider the topics, debate the issues, brainstorm ideas and make recommendations. The main focus considered the most important is promotion of the game, coaching and competitions. It is extremely vital if districts want the game to survive to embrace this concept and provide feedback by 4 October.

It was agreed to re introduce a National Membership Drive Month in March 2012 which offered districts resources and incentives to help obtain a membership increase. Trevor said that the game needed to be a 12 month sport and for future planning it was essential to obtain more details of member age categories. Most districts probably already have this information and will be asked to forward to National office.

#### **EVENT REPORTS:**

##### **LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

David Edgar said the Te Rauparaha Arena had been a very good venue and Gerry Macgregor as local convenor with his team of willing workers had done a very good job and were a pleasure to work with. The catering arrangements had been excellent and the only problems were very bad IT connections for publicity and some car parking issues.

The lack of nominations for South Island Academy and Southern Zone Masters was discussed and it was decided to open up nominations next year and not to rely on district selectors. The club Nationals entry form would indicate that any interested bowler attending was welcome to download an appropriate nomination form from the website or obtain it through their district secretary. The player's signature would be sufficient to endorse it.

A letter will be written to NWIBA apologising for not informing them that the stadium would have to be cleared on the Friday night for Basketball and thanking them for a job very well done.

NZIB was pleased that Jo Cheatley, NZIB's Contact Advisor was able to attend the Nationals on Singles finals afternoon.

*That the entry fee for the 2012 National Championships remains \$15 per person per event.*

Edgar/Nordqvist

Carried

All districts will be receiving from Southland IBC a letter giving details of discounted rates at accommodation establishment belonging to their major sponsor the Invercargill Licensing Trust.

#### **INTERNATIONAL:**

Controller David Edgar said it was an easy event to run and he congratulated South Otago for getting funding to help with the TV coverage. Trevor Rayner said he was proud to be Manager of the team which never stopped trying and gave their best. He mentioned the opening ceremony as being a real highlight and that the event was well supported by the Balclutha community with a window dressing competition.

NZ showed great spirit to fight back on the final day and force a draw meaning Australia, the team with the trophy retained it. Two of the last three events have ended this way and it is felt there should be some countback put in place so that a real winner can be declared. Australia Indoor Bias Bowls will be asked to consider this proposal and the method of countback such as medals won, or points then ends with hopefully a decision before the next event to be held in Queensland in 2013.

As the Henselite Trophy was lost in transit and not present at the event it is now being stored in the NWIBA Hall until there is clear direction from Australia as to what they want done with it.

Southland IBC will be asked to store the International mats and bowls until next needed. It was generally felt that the selection of a squad followed by a trial had worked well.

#### **ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Martin Nordqvist said Ashburton IBA were happy with how the event was run and Delwyn acknowledged the good work done by their Publicity Officer Gay Lee.

#### **ISLAND TOUR:**

The tour party will consist of 26 people plus tour driver David Edgar and all arrangements were in the finalising process. It was agreed that it was not necessary to take NZIB's sets of black and yellow bowls on tour and it is hoped that most districts will be able to provide their own.

#### **UMPIRES REPORT:**

Viv Hudson said there was a lot of positive feedback at the Nationals regarding the examination and it was good to have four of the new umpires assisting. Concern was expressed at the lack of umpires offering to help at the Nationals especially for the triples and fours which were run in one session. The trainers appear to be doing a good job and consideration is being given to appoint some more to cover areas which have not previously been tapped.

#### **COACHING REPORT:**

The importance of coaching can not be emphasised enough and the whole coaching structure will be looked at once feedback has been received through the District survey mentioned above. National Coach Craig Whiteside has also provided feedback on the roadshow and the future of coaching and this will be taken into consideration.

**PUBLICITY:**

Delwyn Hughes said it was her worst nationals ever due to the IT difficulties in the Stadium. She acknowledged the support she received from Jeff Stuart throughout the event and also Sarah-Jane Edgar for helping her when she was unable to cope further with the IT problems.

The local Dominion Post did not support at all but there was some coverage around the country in local newspapers where their players had done well. Nowadays NZIB relies heavily on the website and facebook as the main outlet for reports and qualifiers. Overall the nationals attracted about 13,000 visitors to the website which has over 200 photos also on line.

It was pleasing to note that Phil Quinney had fared better this year with getting reports to air.

Districts are urged to send National event results and Paterson teams when named to Delwyn as soon as possible.

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

Hughes/Nordqvist Carried

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

It was decided to continue with having the AGM in the morning and the afternoon workshop session will focus on the feedback received from the "Taking Indoor Bowls Forward" survey. Districts are urged to send appropriate delegates who will contribute to these sessions and the meeting.

**NZ JUNIORS/SECONDARY SCHOOLS EVENT:**

Entries for the Junior Singles were coming in slowly and all Districts should be encouraging their representative and other juniors to attend the Secondary Schools event which follows. It is disappointing that some Districts are not supporting the SS event as they should. Accommodation in Wellington is at a premium that weekend and billeting for the SS event maybe considered as an option. It was decided to issue first, second and third medals for the Secondary event in place of winners only badges.

**2012 NATIONAL PROGRAMME:**

The draft programme was discussed fully due to necessary changes to dates of events due to secondary school winter tournament week which impacts on the NZ Juniors followed by the SS event. Most significant is the Henselite Champion of Champions now being held on the last Saturday of August with the Junior Singles the week after. This will mean that districts must play their qualifying events earlier. The Welch Trophy will be the following week 7-9 September.

The following districts will be asked to host National events.

28 July	NZ Mixed Fours	NT- New Plymouth
25 August	Champion of Champions	Upper Hutt Valley
1 September	NZ Junior Singles	North Wellington

2-3 September	NZ Secondary Schools Championships	North Wellington
7-9 September	Welch Trophy	Auckland

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

Friday, 10 August	Fly to Dunedin			
	v Otago		at	Dunedin
Saturday 11 Aug	v South Otago	(AM)	at	Balclutha
	v Southland	(PM)	at	Invercargill
Sunday 12 August	v NO/CO		at	Oamaru
Monday 13 August	v Canterbury		at	Christchurch
Tuesday 14 August	v West Coast		at	Westport
Wed 15 August	v Top of South		at	Blenheim
Thurs 16 August	v AS/SC		at	Ashburton
Friday 17 August	Free day			
Saturday 18 August	North Island plays South Island for the Kevin Eddy Memorial Trophy at Ashburton			
Sunday 19 August	Return from Christchurch 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.***

**EQUIPMENT:**

As has been signalled for the past month the cost of new indoor bowls is to increase considerably and will take place immediately.

There will be two stages to the increase:

Stage one:

Set of black/yellow bowls will now cost \$1,250

Half sets of bowls will now cost \$650.00

Stage Two to be introduced next year

Sets \$1500

Half sets \$800

This is the reduced cost to affiliated members and there will be a surcharge for other sales.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' CONTRACT:**

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

Edgar/Hughes

Carried

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

*That the Executive Officers report be ratified.*

Hudson/Nordqvist

Carried

**VOLUNTEER AWARD:**

It was decided to introduce an Indoor Bowls Administrator of the Year award and details of this will be finalized at the October Executive Meeting.

The importance of volunteers is also recognized by Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC), Wattie's and MORE FM who are encouraging people to say thanks to the many volunteers who help make sport and recreation so enjoyable. There are many indoor bowls volunteers out there who deserve to be nominated for this award and you have until 23 August to get your nominations in.

Regional award winners will be decided by each of the 17 regional sports trusts in New Zealand. Nominations can be made on line at: <http://www.sparc.org.nz/volunteers>. Each one will generate a thank you e-card which can include a message from the person making the nomination. Please support this initiative and recognize your volunteers.

**CANTERBURY SITUATION:**

NZIB is monitoring the indoor bowls situation in Christchurch very closely. It appears that the CIBA Hall is structurally sound but the playing floor will need replacing with repairs possible for the foyer and lounge areas. It is a slow process and Canterbury IBA is being helped through it by Sport Canterbury.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Special Olympics had advised that they no longer wished to be an Associate Member. As many districts and members provide considerable help and resources to this organisation they will be asked the reason for their withdrawal.

Trevor Rayner reported on a very successful College Sport Wellington Indoor Bowls Championships where the new set concept was trialled. It was an exciting day and this new format could not be faulted.

Disappointment was expressed at the fact that Marlborough did not attend the NZ Mixed fours zone final which had spoilt the tournament for the other districts.

Meeting closed at 4.10pm.