

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT MIRAMAR GOLF CLUB,
WELLINGTON, 14 JULY 2012 COMMENCING AT 9.15AM**

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

APOLOGIES: Delwyn Hughes -due to knee operation.

That the apology be accepted

Nordqvist/Hudson Carried

MINUTES:

That the minutes of the executive meeting held on 5 May 2012 as circulated were taken as read.

Chapman/Nordqvist Carried

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 13 July 2012 is accepted and cheques numbered 5415/5876 plus automatic payments are passed.

Edgar/Chapman Carried

The cost of the printing of the National Championship programme was queried and a discussion followed as to whether or not all the historical information needed to be included. It was acknowledged that it is a 'glossy publication' and comments as to its value from districts and bowlers would be appreciated.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following information was sent to District Secretaries.

1. Minutes of Executive Meeting 5 May 2012 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.

FROM DISTRICTS

A letter of thanks had been received from Canterbury Indoor Bowls for the donation of \$6,000 towards operating costs following the earthquakes.

King Country supported the remit for the last NZIB meeting stating that entrants for specified National events can only enter in the district for which they play representative bowls. They wished to add an amendment so as to cover all National Events and Island Championships. NZIB is not in favour of this amendment.

A letter from Otago indicated they had been 'mystified' about the wording in the last Executive Minutes under Development Funds – "disappointment was expressed at the lack of interest and concern that nothing is being done to promote the game within the districts". Otago are to be congratulated for their projects which are currently taking place and they have now reported on. NZIB does recognise there is some good work being done and districts are requested once again to report these good initiatives so they can be communicated to the rest of the country.

North Harbour had also written asking about the possibility of medals and certificates for 2nd and 3rd place getters at the Nationals. This subject has been debated on previous occasions such as AGM forums with the conclusion that the winners badge was the most sought after prize and the vouchers given for other place getters was recognition in itself.

A letter from Sam Morton requesting that he again be allowed to play indoor bowls was discussed.

That NZIB agrees that the ban to play indoor bowls in Marlborough remains valid but Sam Morton be allowed to play elsewhere provided he writes a letter of apology to Marlborough Executive

Edgar/Chapman Carried

Following this discussion it was agreed to review Clause 2.9I in the Constitution.

EVENT REPORTS:

LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Controller David Edgar reported that it had been a very good event, well run by Southland IBA and supported by their local bowlers. He acknowledged the use of a computer had made things much more professional and easier. Computer whizz Graham Low is to be asked to prepare some "Guidelines on Post Section Draws".

Special thanks were extended to SL President Raylene Leith-Forbes for her work as liaison officer with NZIB and their EO Clifford Shirreffs.

The Academy/ Masters event had been extremely close and exciting and the meal time next year will be debated after it is known which day/time the event will be held.

That the entry fee for the 2013 National Championships remains \$15 per person per event.

Edgar/Nordqvist Carried

ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Trevor Rayner said he had attended and the event had been very well run by Manawatu IBA and the standard of bowls was excellent. He said allocating different clubs to do the catering had worked well and he had been impressed by the number of umpires who made themselves available. Unfortunately this had not been the case at the National Championships which had followed.

NEW DEVELOPMENT ROLES

Craig Whiteside continued to do good work with schools in the Tauranga/BP area and he had plans to visit PB-EC in the following week. Entries had doubled to over 160 for the AIMS (Intermediate Schools) event in September but disappointing numbers attended the recently held North Island Secondary Schools event. It had been recognised that to make this event grow there had to be a definite link between the two and creating a database of those entered the AIMS games was imperative.

Terms of Reference for the Sport Taranaki Indoor Bowls Development role had been signed off and it was reported that Michelle Watt was establishing herself well in the role. For both these positions to work the local district support was essential and it was encouraging to hear that North Taranaki IBA was right behind the new role and it is hoped Taranaki IBA will also embrace the idea. Michelle had already visited many clubs and schools clusters and she was extremely enthusiastic about the support and knowledge she was gaining through her fellow associates at Sport Taranaki.

ISLAND TOUR:

The tour party will consist of 27 people plus tour driver David Edgar and all arrangements were in the finalising process. Districts are asked to advise of any promotional/media type opportunities.

UMPIRES REPORT:

Viv Hudson said the lack of Umpires at the Nationals had been a concern. The National exam results had been pleasing but Umpire numbers continued to decline and this needed to be addressed. With this in mind it was decided to have a "Become a Measurer campaign" and all districts are asked to support.

The lack of communication with Trainers was worrying and the EO will contact each and determine if they still wanted to be involved. It is imperative that training opportunities are given to Umpires and the Trainers will be asked to put a specific Measuring course on in their district by the end of August. It is hoped this will be a good first step to enhance the numbers and quality.

Ashburton Umpires had advised that they had no National umpires to officiate at the North v South fixture. Roy McCurdy, Kathryn Edgar, Bevan Matthews and David Anngow will be asked to help with it.

COACHING:

As has been identified on many previous occasions the area of Coaching for Indoor Bowls is not acceptable to take the sport into the future. Now that trial Development roles have been put in place in two areas NZIB

intends to create a plan and ensure that coaches are given the opportunity for training. The Long Term Plan is for coaching seminars to be held in each Paterson Zone and they can be attended by anybody interested in being a coach and prepared to take what is learned back to their districts. NZIB will pay a facilitator and costs associated with the day and will reimburse course costs in return for attendees to organise coaching sessions within their District.

In the meantime all districts are asked to identify any coach who wishes to be trained and to provide these details to National office by 20 August. Once this information is known a 'tailor made' course will be put in place or coaches may be given the opportunity to attend a Level 1 or 2 coaching course run by the locals Sports Trust.

PUBLICITY:

That Delwyn's written report is accepted.

Hudson/Chilton

Carried

The report contained acknowledgement of the wonderful support from the Southland Times at the National Championships and she was hopeful that this would be continued in Rotorua next year.

It was pleasing that Phil Quinney also received good radio coverage every night on Radio Sport and Sunday with Murray Deaker.

Webmaster Jock Jamieson who continues to do an excellent job will be overseas for the next two months and Delwyn had been trained to upload to the website in his absence.

A letter had been received from Canty IBA expressing disappointment that regardless of Delwyn's work it is still extremely difficult to get any coverage in major newspapers. This is recognised however throughout the country there were many examples of good coverage with local and district community type papers. Attempts to find out why there is a problem will be investigated further.

The July newsletter was being prepared and the EO stated how difficult it was to write when very rarely any items are received from Districts.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

It was decided to continue with having the AGM in the morning plus afternoon workshop sessions. It is hoped to have a guest presenter and Districts are urged to send appropriate delegates who will contribute well. There are many occasions when cheap airfares to Wellington are available and Districts should be taking advantage of these and booking early.

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. The rules for the event will be discussed at the AGM and it has been suggested that if the entrant attending the NZ Junior Singles attends a Secondary School they must at least play in the Secondary Schools singles the following day.

2013 INTERNATIONAL

A suggested proposal to combine the NZ Trial with an event organised by Manawatu IBA was fully debated and rejected. NZIB is still keen to have MN pursue their idea. However as the International mats will be needed September – early April for practise by Trialists and then those selected mid-April/ May was thought to be the best opportunity for it.

Accommodation had been booked in Caboolture Queensland for the Team and NZIB was waiting until after the Australian IB AGM next month to hear details such as transport assistance if any.

That the levy for the New Zealand team members be \$500.

Edgar/Chapman

Carried

NZ team nomination forms would be revised and emailed out shortly stating that it was essential for nominees to attend the trial 17-18 November.

2013 NATIONAL PROGRAMME:

The draft programme was discussed and the following districts will be asked to host National events.

27 July	NZ Mixed Fours	Manawatu
31 August	NZ Junior Singles	Hutt Valley
1-2 September	NZ Secondary Schools Championships	Hutt Valley
6-8 September	Welch Trophy	Canterbury
14 September	Champion of Champions	Auckland

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

Friday, 9 August	Fly to Wellington			
	v	NW/HO	at	North Wellington
Saturday 10 Aug	v	Upper Hutt Valley	(AM) at	Upper Hutt
	v	Hutt Valley	(PM) at	Hutt Valley
Sunday 11 August	v	Wanganui	(AM) at	Wanganui
	v	Manawatu	at	Manawatu
Monday 12 August	v	BR/WR	at	Masterton
Tuesday 13 August	v	Hawkes Bay	at	Napier
Wed 14 August	v	PB-EC	at	Gisborne
Thurs 15 August	v	Bay of Plenty	at	Whakatane
Friday 16 August	Free day			
Saturday 17 August				
				North Island plays South Island for the Kevin Eddy Memorial Trophy at Rotorua
Sunday 18 August	Return from probably 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.

EQUIPMENT:

Disappointment was recorded at again running out of new equipment. Delivery of new bowls from Australia is not expected until September and the prospects of a new mat manufacturer being found were not encouraging.

Districts are again asked to advice of any surplus mats and to set up an equipment bank in their area for use in schools.

DEVELOPMENT FUND:

The following grants were approved.

Whakatane IBA	\$350	Introducing school children to the game
Waikato IBA	\$300	An age group tournament (18-25years) to be held 22/23 Sept
North Wellington	\$200	Running 3 promotional days in local shopping malls

An application from Ashburton for \$52 to cover costs of posters was declined as it did not meet the criteria.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' CONTRACT:

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

Edgar/Nordqvist	Carried
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

That the Executive Officers report be ratified.

Hudson/Nordqvist	Carried
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GENERAL BUSINESS:

NSO FORUM- this was being promoted by Sport NZ and it was agreed that both Martin Nordqvist and the Executive Officer attend on 29 August.

Trevor Rayner was thanked for running the successful College Sport Wellington Indoor Bowls Championships which had 46 bowlers attend.

Clarification as to whether Central KC would be attending the Paterson was required urgently.

Excellent work was being done in primary schools in the Manawatu area. A meeting is being organised with Kevin Hill of Holiday Fun who is the provider to obtain a better understanding of their programme.

Applications had been received from North Taranaki for the 2015 North Island Championship to be run in conjunction with their Queen's Birthday event and South Otago- South Island Champs either 2015 or 2016 to be held in the new Recreation Centre Balclutha.

Approaches will be made to South Canterbury, Nelson and Marlborough about hosting the 2015 National Championships.

Concern was expressed that all clubs had not made use of the new DVD which was given to them earlier in the season- this should be readily available for members especially any new bowlers.

Meeting closed at 4.35pm.