

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC  
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT MIRAMAR GOLF CLUB,  
WELLINGTON, 12 JULY 2014 COMMENCING AT 8.40AM**

**PRESENT:** Martin Nordqvist, Barry Chapman, Trevor Rayner, David Edgar, David Lynn, Nigel Warnes, Bevan Matthews and Ngaire Drake.

President Martin welcomed all to the meeting and said there were plenty of items on the agenda for discussion and he hoped it would be a productive and positive meeting.

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**MINUTES:**

*That the minutes of the executive meeting held on 10 May 2014 as circulated were taken as read.*

Chapman/Warnes Carried

**MATTERS ARISING:** Nil

**FINANCE:**

*That the Statement of Accounts as at 11 July 2014 is accepted and cheques numbered 6273-6328 plus automatic payments are passed.*

Edgar/Lynn Carried

It was acknowledged that NZIB has done well securing Gaming funding this year but the Executive remain mindful that this could end at any stage. It was noted that there were over \$50,000 of cheques to be signed off today.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

1. Minutes of Executive Meeting 10 May 2014 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 North Island and NZ Secondary Schools event
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
7. NZ Mixed Fours information to all districts

**EVENT REPORTS:**

**LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Controller David Edgar said it was an excellent venue but he could not say the same about the Pettigrew Green Arena management. The new format of playing out each event on consequent days worked fine and was very well received. Section winners, six points to qualify and the playing out of draws also was accepted and did not upset the timetable as some thought

it might. He acknowledged the small team of Hawkes Bay workers and thought they did an amazing job. It was noted however that NZIB was keen to finalise the finances around this event and were still waiting on information from the hosts to allow this to be done.

Event Controller David Edgar was thanked for the smooth running of the event made possible by the enormous amount of preparation work he had done beforehand.

The possibility of 10 titles was discussed.

*That another National Gold Star would be awarded to any bowler who had won 10 Titles.*

Edgar/Warnes

Carried

Even though certificates are awarded to the last 8 at the event the historical NZIB certificates would also be sent to winners plus their districts if they wished to display them in their halls.

A letter received from Tauranga requesting a review of the National singles entry policy to accept entries from Centres to which the player is affiliated and not the club was discussed. However the status quo will remain.

It was noted that Ruth Baxter would not be doing the work processing the National entries next year but was prepared to assist with the changeover. Trevor Rayner is to pursue the possibility of a new system with a known software developer. Next year's introduction of an 'over 60's event' meant that the entry forms also needed to be reviewed.

### **Academy and Masters Event**

Barry Chapman said that this was now an important part of the Nationals and there was an excellent atmosphere created with so many supporters. The after match dinner had also become a highlight with close to 200 people attending. It will be decided after this year's N v S Test whether or not the Timaru Indoor Bowls Association Community Centre would be able to accommodate both the supporters and the Event dinner that follows.

The introduction of certificates for the winners of each of the events was received positively.

### **2017 National Championships**

Bay of Plenty IBC is to be asked to host this event as a result of a very professionally prepared proposal received from the Rotorua Event Centre

### **ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Martin Nordqvist said Ashburton being a central venue had resulted in good entries. This had meant that the Ashburton IBA was financially rewarded from catering, raffles and the bar.

**ISLAND TOUR:**

The tour party would consist of 28 plus driver and all arrangements were being finalised. Districts are asked to take advantage of the touring team's visit and promote the game as much as they could. There would also be paying Executive Members as well so districts are urged to take advantage to discuss any issues with them. Your thoughts on the future of the game are required. As Delwyn Hughes will be travelling as a supporter she will be asked if she would supply NPO Chris Bullen with all the necessary publicity information.

**UMPIRES REPORT:**

Bevan Matthews reported that 34 umpires assisted at the Nationals with 18 having their entry fees refunded due to achieving the necessary number of sessions required. He said this was an obvious big draw card but there were still problems with the triples and fours being played in one session.

Newly appointed National examiner Greg Veale said he thoroughly enjoyed the experience and will continue to try to make the examination easier and fairer as the game can only continue with the integral part umpires play. Initially there were 27 registered to sit from nine districts with five late withdrawals for varying reasons. The result was 11 candidates gaining full National Umpire status, one local umpire, three measurers and four partial passes in two disciplines. He hoped those who missed would have enough enthusiasm to re-sit the one test next year. Supervisors and their helpers are congratulated for their assistance in a role that is not easy and the new umpires are applauded and encouraged as they gain experience and confidence in their service to the game and its players.

**LAW OF THE GAME REVISION**

Those districts that sent in submissions are thanked and after considerable discussion the remits for the AGM are being prepared. These will be circulated for final comment shortly.

**PUBLICITY:**

Chris Bullen's report indicated that he enjoyed being involved at the Nationals and in general everything went well including the new format which involved posting the post-section draws on the Website and Facebook as soon as completed. From feedback received however many bowlers still wished to view the district list of qualifiers and this will be done next year.

He indicated that it was a very busy time and the success of his endeavours was reliant on districts supplying teams and results as soon as they were available.

Webmaster Jock Jamieson had indicated that it was time to move on so a replacement webmaster will be required to take over from next year.

Jock's contribution has been immense and he needs to be congratulated for the sharp looking appearance of the website that he has created.

Expressions of interest in this position are invited.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

It was decided to continue with having the AGM in the morning plus afternoon workshop sessions. 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.

Entries for the North Island SS event have increased slightly and it hoped this will continue as work in Intermediate and Primary schools start to produce the desired outcomes.

**2015 INTERNATIONAL:**

Nominations for the NZ Team to be announced at the North v South Island event in Timaru next month close 31 July. Ten men and 10 women will then be asked to attend a trial in Wellington 15-16 November. The team will be announced at the AGM.

*That David Edgar is appointed Manager of the 2015 NZ Team.*

Rayner/Warnes Carried

**EQUIPMENT:**

Brittain Wynyard who historically have been the NZ distributors for Henselite products are no longer involved and negotiations are still being held with Henselite for an alternative ordering system. In the meantime NZIB does have a limited number of new blue and orange sets for sale.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' CONTRACT:**

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

Edgar/Rayner Carried

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

*That the Executive Officers report be ratified.*

Edgar/Warnes Carried

It was noted that the National Office will be relocated to 223 Thorndon Quay, Wellington 6011 on 25 July and there will be no phone or computer connections for 3-4 days. Ngaire can be contacted however on 0274 896 113 or [ngairedrake@gmail.com](mailto:ngairedrake@gmail.com)

Currently NZIB old records are being stored in a variety of places. It was agreed that the Alexandra Turnbull Library inspect and permanently store documents they consider appropriate.

**2015 NATIONAL PROGRAMME:**

The draft programme was discussed and the following districts will be asked to host National events. The full calendar will be sent out later in the week.

25 July	NZ Mixed Fours	Wanganui
29 August	NZ Junior Singles	North Wellington
30-31 August	NZ Secondary Schools Championships	North Wellington
4-6 September be discussed	Welch Trophy	Hutt Valley- venue to
12 September	Henselite C of C	Christchurch

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

Friday, 7 August	Fly to Wellington and meet coach to Hawera			
	v	Taranaki	at	Hawera
Saturday 8 Aug (AM)	v	North Taranaki	at	New Plymouth
	v	King Country	at	Otorohanga
Sunday 9 Aug	v	Waikato	at	Hamilton (AM)
	v	Tauranga	at	Tauranga
Monday 10 Aug	v	Thames Valley	at	Waihi Beach/Thames
Tuesday 11 Aug	v	Counties/Roskill	at	Pukekohe
Wed 12 Aug	v	Northland	at	Whangarei
Thurs 13 Aug	v	Auckland/North Harbour	at	Auckland
Friday 14 August	Free Day			
Saturday 15 August	North Island plays South Island for the Kevin Eddy Memorial Trophy at Roskill and Districts			
Sunday 16 August	Return from Auckland Airport			

### **SPORT NZ INVESTMENT SCHEDULE**

This document had been completed and forwarded to Sport NZ. It is noted that this funding contract finishes 30 June 2015 and work needs to be done to show more opportunities for the training of volunteers.

Sport NZ had acknowledged NZIB's good work being done in the school environment but was disappointed that no training opportunities were being offered to coaches or administrators. It was noted that funding from Sport NZ had remained at the same level of \$64k for the past 20 years during which time membership had halved.

### **DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTS:**

Both Michelle Watt's position with Sport Taranaki and Craig Whiteside in his National Development role continue to do good work in the schools. Discussions are currently underway to expand Michelle's role to include the Wanganui district and enhance the good work being done there by DDO Brendon Kenny. It cannot be emphasised enough that the success of this work is dependent on District volunteers and it is disappointing to note that the Taranaki District does not appear to be embracing the concept and taking advantage of the opportunities being offered like North Taranaki.

Other districts should be encouraged to follow NTIBA's lead in securing NZCT funding for \$25k to assist with such a role. At the same time The Taranaki Districts must be aware that considerable National funding has gone into this position and they need to take some responsibility for it. Discussions with North Taranaki are underway around this point. The Executive were keen to see some rewards for the investment such as more entries in Secondary Schools events and not just the Intermediate Schools Aims Games held in Tauranga which has attracted over 220 bowlers @ \$50 per bowler!

Since the last meeting Craig has visited many South Island districts, Wanganui and Counties and has completed close to 100 sessions involving over 2000 students. He is to be invited to present a plan for 2016 at the October Meeting and it is hoped that Ngairie can meet with him next week. His main focus needs to be setting up sustainable structures with the 'buy in' from the districts and not delivering all the coaching sessions himself. As stated before the involvement of the districts is crucial for the success of this sizeable investment.

#### **MEMBERS BENEFITS:**

As a result of leads created by David Lynn NZIB was pleased to announce that VTNZ were offering indoor bowlers 17.5% off Warrant of Fitness and Maintenance Check Up at over 80 VTNZ station nationwide and Beaufort and Goodyear Auto Service Centres 15% off all tyres and batteries. Hopefully members will take advantage of these offers and recognise the benefit of your affiliation. Full details will be in the next newsletter and on the website shortly.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

David Lynn said it was difficult to get good volunteers and thought that all Executive Selectors of teams should be assisted to attend the Inter Island Test and possibly the NZ selectors the International. This was debated and current members did not consider it appropriate for further member's funds to be spent in this manner. It was identified that Team Managers, Event Controller and President were sufficient to be funded to attend. It was pointed out that Executive Members and partners paid their own way if they choose to attend other events than the National Championships. They also paid for their own Executive uniform which David was not in favour of.

Nomination forms for the National Volunteer of the Year Award have been sent out and are also available from National office. All Districts are encouraged to recognise the work being done by their key volunteers

David Lynn's paper on new events was discussed and it was agreed that it needed to be expanded to include a review of those events currently operating. Work will be done on this and tabled at the October Executive meeting with the idea of creating a discussion paper for the AGM. All agreed that each district should be reviewing their own programmes as most had far too many events for the number of members they now had.

It was encouraging to hear that work had finally commenced to repair the Kearney's Road hall in Christchurch and Cauty IBA had offered to host the 2015 C of C event which had been accepted.

Otago was thanked for their interest at hosting a National event as well and it is envisaged that the 2016 North v South event will be offered to them.

President Martin announced to Executive that he would be standing down at this year's AGM. This will open up an Executive position so all districts are asked to consider nominating suitably qualified persons who are interested in helping the game advance into the future. Nomination forms will be sent out soon for five Executive positions plus President and Deputy President.

Meeting closed at 4.20pm.