

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR GOLF
CLUB, WELLINGTON 25 APRIL 2009
COMMENCING AT 9 45AM.**

PRESENT: David Edgar (in the chair), Trevor Rayner, Delwyn Hughes, Viv Hudson, Ron Blythe, Martin Nordqvist, Stewart Chilton & Ngaire Drake.

President David welcomed all to meeting and requested a minute's silence in acknowledgement of Anzac Day.

MINUTES:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2009 as circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Rayner/Nordqvist

Carried

MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED LATER: Nil

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 24 April 2009, be accepted and cheque numbers 4925-4948 plus automatic payments be approved.

Hudson/Blythe

Carried

Ngaire Drake said contrary to pessimistic reports regarding a reduction in funds available she was pleased to report that the Lion Foundation had fully approved the application for \$48,000. Pub Charity had also approved \$10,000 and a further application to NZCT was currently under consideration. She emphasised that it was very much a year by year scenario and things could be totally different next year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent to District Secretaries 19 February

- Minutes of Executive Meeting 14 February with financial position.
- Sparc Investment Schedule
- Revised rules for all 2009 National events.
- Nomination forms and information for Academy and Masters events
- Updated list of District Secretaries
- Schedule of Tournament and AGM Expenses

Sent to District Secretaries 27 March

- National Championships input sheets and instructions for completion
- Publicity form
- Nomination forms for Island teams

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

This was tabled and accepted.

Some of the issues raised:

Equipment:

Due to an unexpected rise in the cost of bowls all quotes in the future will include the clause:

This quote is subject to any price increase between date of quote and day of supply.

The new cost of a set of Black/Yellow bowls without jack will be \$900; half sets of yellow \$500; spare bowls \$60 and jacks \$40.

NZ Secondary Schools event:

Entry form and information is to be sent to all districts and to the NZ Secondary Schools Sports Council's website www.nzsssc.co.nz . This is the source that schools access information for all up coming sporting events. However the importance of each District to support this event can not be emphasised enough. It would be extremely disappointing if district's entrants to the NZ Junior Singles event did not stay on and compete. It must be noted though that entries for the Secondary Schools event must be handled separately and signed off by School Principals.

Newsletter:

Two issues had been distributed and districts are requested to supply reports of any positive happenings in their district

Auditors

NZIB's audit company Miller Dean Audit had advised they had formed a new partnership with Markhams Wellington Audit and in future must be referred to as Markhams Miller Dean Audit.

Laws of the Game

5,000 had been reprinted and are now available for sale.

Sparc

Even though NZIB had not been invited to attend a Sector Conference in Hamilton next week the good working relationship between the two organisations continued.

NZ Mixed Fours

Due to confusion regarding catering expectations at Zone finals full details from the host district is currently being sought. Once known details will be sent to the other districts attending. In the past some districts have been happy to provide for free and others have charged.

LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Final entries are:

Singles 495; Pairs 305; Triples 185; Fours 150 TOTAL 849

Disappointment was expressed at the lowest entry figures since 1954.

In particular the lack of support from the larger closer South Island districts was noted.

Controller Trevor Rayner presented a Master Plan which reflected the following:

Singles: Saturday-3 sessions using 70 mats commencing at 8.30am
Pairs: Sunday-2 sessions using 70 mats commencing at 8.30am
Triples: Wednesday-1 session commencing at 9am with the Academy and Masters Event being held during the afternoon.

Fours: Thursday- 1 session commencing at 9am followed by Post section Triples commencing at 2.30pm with the quarterfinals, semi-finals and final being played on Friday morning commencing at 9.30am. This will enable the Hall to be used by the local basketball association on the Friday night.

In view of the lower than expected entries the future Island rotation of the Nationals will be an agenda item at the AGM.

The full draw should be posted on the website within the next two weeks.

Cue TV had reported that unfortunately their highlights package had not been accepted to be shown on Sky Sport. However they did point out that CUE TV was on more decoders round NZ than most channels as they were one of the few channels on both SKY and Freeview.

A Parade of Past Champions will take place to celebrate the 60th National Championships on the Thursday at the conclusion of the fours section play.

Host district South Canterbury reported that they were dealing direct with the printer regarding advertisements and other information for the programme. Although it has not happened in the past National Office would not be involved with the making of the badge. It was agreed not to use St Johns at the event but medical cover will be available.

That the person recommended by SC be approved at a cost of \$100 per day plus meals.

Nordqvist/Rayner Carried

To comply with OSH regulations evacuation procedures must be advised at the start of each session.

There are limited vacancies in all events so contact National Office if you have bowlers interested.

It had been suggested that A4 was an easier size for the entry form sent to Clubs. In the meantime due to the part introduction and future development of computerised entries the status quo would remain.

Nominations for Academy and Masters Teams had been received as follows.

Northern	Academy	Masters	Southern	Academy	Masters
Ladies	16	6		17	13
Men	17	11		26	6

Disappointing to note the lack of nominations in the Masters teams as the event was so well received last year.

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSIPS:

Ron Blythe said the draw would be done next week as closing date for entries was slightly later than the Nationals this year. Winners' badges including gold star were given to Ron. TC Ivon Pash to assist with the draw.

INTERNATIONAL:

More than 8 airline reschedules had occurred since air travel had been ticketed which had caused many problems. The wisdom of Australia approving such an isolated venue would be further questioned at the Control meeting to be held in Broken Hill.

As South Otago was the only district expressing an interest in hosting the 2011 International it was tentatively agreed Balclutha would be the venue. This would be discussed at the meeting at which NZ will be actively pursuing the continuation of this event but in a much more appropriate venue.

ISLAND TOUR AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

Accommodation had been arranged. Would districts please advise meal costs for either tour games or National events as soon as possible? It should be noted that especially with the Tour meals that it is quite acceptable for the team to eat at local club /pub if that was the more economical option.

Future Island tours:

Following on from Michael Lawson suggestion at the AGM Delwyn Hughes presented a comprehensive report on a 3 region event based on Paterson format. Trevor Rayner's paper suggested 3 x 20 per team. Both proposals will be pursued further with costings of each being compared. The increasing cost of meals was also discussed and consideration will be given to whether or not they should be included.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

Delwyn reported her computer had been updated to Microsoft 2007 free of charge and she had contacted all districts to confirm DPO's. It was disappointing that many districts did not consider this position needed filling or had their Secretary as contact as no one else was prepared to do the job.

COACHING REPORT:

Stewart Chilton spoke enthusiastically of the Coaching seminars introducing the new DVD. 26 Districts were represented at the seminars with a total of 409 attending. It was particularly pleasing to have representatives from Special Olympics at many venues and more help will be offered to this group if required.

An attendance certificate will be issued to all.

That Ron Blythe is reimbursed \$1 per certificate.

Rayner/Chilton

Carried

The DVD would now retail for \$20 including postage. However supplies will be available at both the Island Championships and Nationals at a special one off cost of \$10.

It was pleasing to note that Michael Lawson would be continuing at Otago University 23-24 May and currently there were 23 student enrolled to attend the course.

A copy of a new DVD, NZ CoachApproach had been received from Sparc. It was considered an excellent resource which would prove valuable in the future for up skilling our coaches.

David Edgar acknowledged that the Coaching Seminars had been a good start and now the coaching plan had to be further developed. He asked for 2010 coaching targets to be worked on and presented to the July Executive Meeting.

The resignation of Jack Jones as a regional coach was acknowledged and a letter of appreciation of his involvement over many years will be sent.

Delwyn Hughes had updated the coaching web page and had also included the format of crackerjack Bowls which was proving to be very popular around the country.

UMPIRES MATTERS:

Viv Hudson reported that she had been corresponding with most umpires' districts and the response had been very good. This had been reflected by the large increase in numbers sitting either local or National exams. Examiner Graham Gerrard was acknowledged for his fastidious preparation for the exam. 34 sitting was a record possibly due to the introduction of the Open Book policy.

There had been some dispute as to whether or not any bowler could sit the National Exam. David Edgar stated strongly the current Constitution did not specify you had to be a local umpire.

A full evaluation will be made of the exam process after marking to ensure quality standards are being adhered to. Umpires/Districts will be invited to comment.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

Executive members reported to the meeting on the discussions they had had with their individual districts.

DEVELOPMENT FUND:

It was disappointing that no further districts had applied to this fund and the grants approved last meeting were yet to be reported on. Until this was done and invoices sent in no grants would be made.

BOWLS NEWZEALAND ONE BOWLS/ONE VISION ROADSHOWS

Last meeting it was decided to form a Committee to evaluate new initiatives as currently being presented at Bowls NZ Road shows.

This included in the future the possible inclusion of a new National Inter Club Competition in NZIB's National programme. Both Trevor Rayner and Ron Blythe attended these meeting. A very comprehensive report prepared by Trevor indicated strongly that he did not consider there was anything NZIB could achieve from following through with any of the presentation, except, perhaps, restructure. He added that Bowls NZ had been talking for 12 years along the themes presented and the feeling from people he had talked to about progress being made in the immediate future was cynical to say the least.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Membership forms which needed to be returned with payment by 31 July 2009 would be emailed out.

West Coast:

David Edgar reported that the meeting he had attended with Martin Nordqvist and the three districts in February had been positive and he was hopeful they would be amalgamated into one district by the end of the year.

Constitution:

It is considered Best Practice to review Constitutions every five years. Some people consider the need to modernise the current NZIB Constitution and districts are invited to comment and suggest any changes. The current publication will be mailed out with the Certificate for your District Junior Event for your reference and discussion.

DISTRICTS ARE ADVISED THAT NATIONAL OFFICE WILL BE UNATTENDED 7- 20 MAY BUT EMAILS WILL BE CLEARED REGULARLY.

Meeting closed at 3.50pm.