

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR GOLF
CLUB, WELLINGTON 4 MAY 2013 COMMENCING AT 9 15AM.**

PRESENT: Martin Nordqvist (in the chair), David Edgar, David Lynn, Trevor Rayner, Nigel Warnes & Ngaire Drake.

President Martin Nordqvist welcomed all to the meeting saying even though it was a small group there was a full agenda. Best wishes were extended to Viv Hudson who is recovering from major surgery.

APOLOGIES:

Viv Hudson-ill health

Barry Chapman for lateness due to flight disruptions

That the apologies be accepted.

Edgar/Lynn

Carried

MINUTES:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2013 as circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Warnes/Edgar

Carried

MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED LATER:

It was noted that a letter had been received from Southland IBC expressing disappointment at their request to host events being dismissed so negatively.

Upper Hutt Valley had also questioned the remit passed at the AGM regarding the clause that had been added to the Henselite Champion of Champions and NZ Mixed Fours National Events Rules stating that entrants can only enter in the district for which they are available to play representative bowls. It was felt the rules were clear and no further clarification was necessary.

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 1 May 2013, be accepted and cheque numbers 6017-6044 plus automatic payments be approved.

Rayner/Edgar

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent to District Secretaries

- Minutes of Executive Meeting 9 February with financial position.
- Revised rules for all 2013 National events.
- Nomination forms and information for Academy and Masters events and Island teams
- Code of conduct
- Updated list of District Secretaries
- Schedule of Tournament and AGM Expenses
- National Championships input sheets and instructions for completion

District Umpire Secretaries were sent Minutes from Executive meeting, Umpires newsletter and examination information

LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Final entries are:

Singles 635; Pairs 395; Triples 240; Fours 180 TOTAL 1063

It had been hoped that there would have been an improved number of entries with Rotorua being such a popular holiday destination.

Controller David Edgar presented a draft Master Plan which reflected the following:

Singles: 8:30am, 11:40am - 100 mats

 2:50pm -60 mats

 Pairs: 8:30am -100 mats

 12:15pm -60 mats

 Triples: 8:30 am -100 mats

 Fours: 8:30am -80 mats

David said he had been asked by some bowlers for late starts in the singles. However he was unable to accommodate these requests and luck of the draw prevailed.

The full draw should be posted on the website and programmes sent to districts within two weeks.

There are limited vacancies pairs, triples and fours so contact National Office if you have bowlers interested.

NZ Academy and Masters Event

Districts are reminded that nominations for these teams close 10 May and the fixture is being held following the triples on the Wednesday afternoon. There will be a team and supporters dinner at the Rotorua Outdoor Bowls Pavilion, Government Gardens at a cost of \$30 per head. Tickets are limited to 150 so early purchases from Team Managers or raffle table are recommended.

Umpires attending the Nationals are asked to be available to assist and attend the pre Nationals meeting which would be held in the Rotorua Outdoor Bowls Pavilion, Government Gardens at 7.30pm on Friday 7 June. It is absolutely essential for the smooth running of the event that umpires and measurers do help especially with the fours and triples being played in one session.

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Southland had advised that entries received were Pairs 115; Triples 75 and Fours 60.

ISLAND TOUR AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

There are still some arrangements to be finalised and districts are asked to 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.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

Chris Bullen's report indicated that he had set up email contacts for all national news agencies, the four radio networks and newspapers plus DPO's. He had prepared an International release and requested information on how he would receive material from the International fixture.

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

Approval had been granted to Alex Reed to purchase equipment so that there could be live screening of events at the Nationals. Bowlers will be able to keep up to date throughout the national championships via the website www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz

Discussions between NZIB, Cue TV and Sky had taken place but would not be pursued due to the cost factor. It was generally agreed the current product was not good enough to attract viewers. Executive interest was still shown on a specific "Indoor Bowls Television" product though.

COACHING:

Michael Lawson's Course at Otago University in September was already full with 30 students enrolled. Universities throughout the country are extremely keen to provide opportunities for their students and would welcome an approach to establish an Indoor Bowls Club within their facility. Districts with universities should be making this one of their main promotional goals.

INTERNATIONAL:

Trevor Rayner reported that the NZ training camp weekend had gone well and the team had prepared well for departure next week. At the camp Duane Kale, Chef de Mission of the NZ Paralympic team gave an excellent motivational address which included creating a NZ environment whilst away. As a result Grant Rayner had designed the Mat Blacks Logo which will be used.

That the Mat Blacks Logo be approved.

Rayner/Edgar

Carried.



Arguably this is the best prepared team to leave the country and it is hoped all bowlers get behind the team in its goal to return the Henselite Trophy to NZ.

Approval to use the International Mats was granted to Manawatu IBC who is planning an event later in the year, subject to no costs.

DEVELOPMENT ROLES:

Both roles Michelle Watt with Sport Taranaki and Craig Whiteside in the Northern region continue to do good work introducing young students to the game. Craig with the help of district personal has presented 71 sessions to 1976 students over the past two months. It is pleasing to hear of junior clubs being established and proving popular.

A draft paper from Craig Whiteside on how to 'roll out' similar initiatives in other districts was discussed. It was considered too early to circulate as more information would be available once the Sport Taranaki role had had time to evolve and be evaluated.

It is quite evident that every district is different and there will be no one paper to fit all. Step number one is to establish a Sport Development Officer in your district and contact Ngaire. She will discuss a plan and give you details of the most appropriate person to contact in your local Sports Trust. They can help in a number of ways and all districts should be using the resources that are available within their Regional Sports Trust.

It was agreed to purchase a further 100 'Indoor Bowls for All' DVD's as they are a good promotional tool for clubs and schools. All clubs have been sent a copy so it is hoped they are making good use of it.

UMPIRES MATTERS:

10 candidates will be sitting or re sitting the National examination to be held 4 May. Examiners Merle and Ivon Pash had done an excellent job preparing the exam and necessary papers.

Districts are also reminded that refresher courses should be held regularly.

An umpire's newsletter would be sent out by the end of the month with details of the election for NZIB Umpires representative and the membership return.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

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

DEVELOPMENT FUND:

That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

Lynn/Edgar

Carried

Some of the issues included:

NZ Secondary Schools and North Island SS Events:

Entry forms and information for both these events would be sent to all districts shortly once the NZ Junior Singles information had been finalised. It is very important that each district promotes these events and encourages their younger bowlers to attend.

District's entrants to the NZ Junior Singles event are expected to stay on and compete in at least the singles and preferably in the pairs with another student from their school. It must be noted though that entries for the Secondary Schools event must be handled separately and signed off by School Principals.

Insurance

Jardine Lloyd Thompson Insurance continued to support NZIB and would be placing an advertisement in the Nationals programme. They reported that 136 indoor bowls clubs/districts currently had policies with them. As you will be aware all insurance fees are increasing so if others are interested in receiving a quote just phone JLT on 0800 111 644.

Sport NZ Conferences and investment reporting procedures were noted.

SUSPENSION:

That approval is granted to North Wellington's request for a further 12 months suspension to apply to Robert Hansen preventing him from playing indoor bowls nationally.

Rayner/Warnes

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Membership forms which needed to be returned with payment by 31 July 2013 would be emailed out soon.

David Lynn said he had been asked to raise the issue of some token of recognition for the last 8 of each event at the National Championships. Different opinions are being investigated.

He also reported that Waikato's October event introduced last year to cater for the younger bowler would this year accept bowlers in the 18-30 year band as had been suggested last Executive Meeting.

NZIB supported in principle this event and if it proved popular would look at introducing it as a self-funding national event.

LOOKING AT THE FUTURE

NZIB's current structure was debated and it was decided that the current district structure was killing the game. However it was agreed that NZIB could not enforce changes and it was hoped that districts would take responsibility and consider amalgamations as has recently occurred with Central King Country and King Country.

Nigel Warnes said NZIB should be concentrating on returning the National Championships to the 'flagship' event it was a few years ago. As a result a survey will be conducted at the Nationals and it is hoped all bowlers will participate. Things to be considered are timing, format, why did people come, entertainment, preferred venues and lastly is the Island Championships still relevant? Districts will be asked for input later.

Trevor Rayner is to research different variations of the game in the hope of establishing more International contacts for the game.

It was generally agreed that at this stage NZIB was looking after the interests of indoor bowlers well and there would be no advantages in any discussions with Bowls NZ.

Meeting closed at 4.30pm.