

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR GOLF
CLUB, WELLINGTON 10 MAY 2014, COMMENCING AT 8.45AM.**

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

President Martin Nordqvist welcomed all to the meeting and said he looked forward to a positive meeting with many issues to be debated.

APOLOGIES: Nil

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2014 as circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Warnes/Rayner

Carried

MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED LATER:

Reviewed audit response was approved.

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 9 May 2014, be accepted and cheque numbers 6245-6272 plus automatic payments be approved.

Warnes/Chapman

Carried

A grant of \$34,164 from the Lion Foundation covering some National Championship and Welch Trophy expenses had been received. This is over \$10k less than has been received in the past and an indication that regional funding is now Gaming Agencies preferred option. However it was pleasing that an application to Endeavour Community Foundation for \$10k towards National venue hire had been approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent to District Secretaries

- Minutes of Executive Meeting 8 February with financial position.
- Revised rules for all 2014 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

LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Final entries are:

Singles 520; Pairs 310; Triples 195; Fours 150 TOTAL 903

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

Singles: 8:30am, 11:50am, 3.10pm - 80 mats with 50 for last session
Pairs: 8:30am -80 mats; 12:25pm -50 mats
Triples: 8:30 am -80 mats: Fours: 8:30am -60 mats

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

There will be a team and supporters dinner at the Taradale Club at a cost of \$25 per head. Tickets are limited to 150 so early purchases from Team Managers or raffle table are recommended. Concern was expressed at the difficulty of selecting the South Island Academy team because of the lack of nominations received. It may be necessary to change this to a Southern Zone team at the AGM if this trend continues.

Umpires attending the Nationals are asked to be available to assist and attend the pre Nationals meeting which would be held in the Napier Indoor Bowls Hall, Wakefield St, Onekawa at 7.30pm on Friday 6 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.

That Umpires who have officiated in two or more sessions may seek reimbursement of their entry fee by applying to the Umpire Controller, Bevan Matthews. No refreshment tickets will be issued.

Rayner/Chapman Carried

As the post section for each event is being held the following day there would be no room for errors. David Edgar would be available on 0274-313600 up until 10pm each night to answer any queries. The post section draw each day would be loaded to the website and Facebook as soon as it is available.

Research to assist districts hosting future National Championships maximise their income is still being worked on.

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSIPS:

Host district Ashburton had advised that the number of entries received were Pairs 110; Triples 55 and Fours 65. These numbers are very similar to those when the district last hosted the event in 2011.

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.

It is obvious that with less membership districts hosting National events struggled to find volunteers to assist with duties like meeting entrants and transfers. In the future more and more use of a no meet /public transport option would be in place so all entrants should be made aware of this.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

Chris Bullen's report stated the season had been slow to get under way with no International fixture this year. He would be assisting with publicity for the South Island Championships and was looking forward to providing excellent coverage of the Nationals with Delwyn Hughes's assistance. The work of Webmaster Jock Jamieson was acknowledged with the website looking very sharp.

INTERNATIONAL:

NZ team accommodation had been confirmed. One expression of interest had been received for the NZ Team Manager's position with the closing 31 May. NZ team nomination forms will be available shortly with a closing date of 5 August. The 10 Trialists for both men and ladies will be announced at the N v S test in Timaru 16 August.

DEVELOPMENT ROLES:

Sport Taranaki's Indoor Bowls advisor Michelle Watt had a full programme with each of her intermediate schools receiving at least 4 visits for coaching. Cluster school competition follow. This area now has plenty of mats and bowls available and schools are able to keep them at the school for their full sessions. Michelle has prepared a worthwhile document to assist districts who wanted to introduce the game into schools and it will be circulated with these Minutes.

Craig Whiteside's report indicated that over 1,000 students had gone through 'Have a Go' sessions. However concern was expressed and it was agreed that value needed to be added by follow up sessions of 4 weeks with more specific coaching.

He had had a successful visit to Wanganui and a follow up visit was planned in June. Currently Craig is visiting the South Island and all districts should be making the most of his experience at promotion of the game at this junior level. This is not the only area though for discussion. All districts should be aware of NZIB's Operational Plan that has been sent out and all aspects needed to be covered during Craig's visit.

It was pleasing to hear that 14 schools had registered for the successful indoor bowls sessions being held by Waikato IBA/ Sport Waikato and they had plenty of volunteers able to assist.

UMPIRES MATTERS:

25 candidates had registered to sit the National examination and Examiner Greg Veale was waiting for the papers to arrive for marking. Districts hosting National events had been asked to supply umpire's names and a membership list would be sent out shortly for updating. Districts are to be asked what Umpires activities had occurred since the February Executive meeting when it was suggested that an umpire's meeting and training be put in place.

Nigel Warnes presented four different exam papers all with multi choice answers and further discussion around these will be held next meeting. It is envisaged that the National exam could in future be sat at any time and not just the current once annually.

Nelson IBA had taken the preferred lead of many other districts by winding up their Umpires Association.

2015 Laws of the Game Review

All districts are asked to submit any changes they consider necessary for the Laws of the Game by 10 July. A Memo outlining this process will be forwarded to districts.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

Executive members reported to the meeting on the discussions they had had with their individual districts. It was pleasing to hear of some positive activities

DEVELOPMENT FUND:

That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

Lynn/Edgar

Carried

Most of the issues had been covered during the day.

Equipment:

The future retail process for bowls and mats was uncertain as Henselite Australia was taking over from their NZ Distributor, Brittain Wynyard. There is currently plenty of stock available so get your orders in before the 20 June when the takeover will occur.

Special Olympics:

A meeting had been held to attempt to improve the communication between the two organisations. SO reported that had about 600 active bowlers although many did not wish to compete. NZIB was asked to recommend a liaison person for the running of the 2017 SO Nationals to be held in Wellington November 2017.

NZ Secondary Schools and North Island SS Events:

Entry forms and information for both these events had been sent to all districts. The North Island Secondary Schools event is in Tauranga 14-15 July and it is very important that all of your younger bowlers are encouraged 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. Those not competing on the Sunday will need to catch the Airport Flyer Coach to return to the Airport.

Insurance

Jardine Lloyd Thompson Insurance reported that policies for indoor bowls clubs/districts had dropped to 96. They can be contacted on 0800 111 644 if you do wish to receive a quote.

Sport NZ Conferences and investment reporting procedures were noted.

DEVELOPMENT FUND:

That Whakatane Indoor Bowls Association application for \$750 plus GST to cover hall hire for their schools programme be approved.

Chapman/Edgar

Carried

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.

Edgar/Lynn

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

NZIB's Membership forms had been updated and would be emailed out soon with a return date of 31 July 2014. There would be an added section requesting information on known unaffiliated activities.

It was disappointing to be told that the indoor bowls course which has been held at Otago University for over 10 years, was no longer required.

The NZ Archives is to be approached to see if they would be interested in old NZIB property as storage of such was a problem and needed to be sorted.

There is currently an online survey on NZIB's website regarding various issues and all members are encouraged to respond to it.

It was noted that the official NZIB National certificates would be continued with even though certificates for the last 8 would be issued at the event.

David Lynn handed out a paper on creating new events and revision of others for discussed at July's meeting.

He also said he was working on discounts for members and details of his successful approach to the Interislander were available on the website.

Meeting closed at 4.30pm.