

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT MIRAMAR GOLF CLUB
10 OCTOBER 2009 COMMENCING AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT: David Edgar, Trevor Rayner, Delwyn Hughes, Viv Hudson, Martin Nordqvist, Ron Blythe, Stewart Chilton and Ngaire Drake.

There was a late start to the meeting due to airline delays. David Edgar welcomed all and congratulated Viv Hudson on her re election as Umpires representative for 2010.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 11 July 2009 as circulated were taken as read.

It was noted that the last meeting had in fact been held at the Miramar GC and not the Airport Conference Room as stated.

That the amended minutes be approved
Rayner/Blythe Carried

MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED LATER:

Sparc representative Sarah Anderson did not attend Junior Singles event as her job had changed within the organisation

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 8 October 2009 is accepted and cheques numbered 5011-5113 plus automatic payments be passed.

Blythe/Hudson Carried

A draft copy of the NZIB's Financial Statement for the year ended 30 September 2009 which had been distributed was discussed. These accounts needed to be finalised and audited for inclusion in the Annual Report. A copy of this should be sent to all Districts at least two weeks before the AGM.

David Edgar said he was happy with how NZIB's affairs had been managed resulting in a surplus of approximately \$40,000. This was contributed to the success of continuing to obtain an excellent amount of grant money mainly through the work of the Executive Officer.

Tournament costs were still the major expense but considering this year's figures included the International event they had been kept to the bare minimum.

Disappointment was expressed at the fact that the National Championships lost money even though a considerable amount of work had gone into it. This happens when entries are down and NZIB have no control over the venues selected by delegates at the AGM. It was noted however that the host districts always make money if they plan well.

A draft budget for the 2009/10 year would be sent out with AGM Meeting papers.

In view of the current financial situation it was agreed:

That the recommendation be put to the 2009 Annual General Meeting for the affiliation fees for the 2010 year to remain the same at \$9 per member; \$1 for Juniors and \$100 Associate Bodies.

Nordqvist/Rayner Carried.

The purchase of a laptop for the Executive Officer was approved in principal.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent to District Secretaries

Minutes of Executive Meeting 11 July 2009 with financial position
Letters to districts requesting they host 2010 National events and tour matches with host district duties attached
Draft 2010 National Programme
Final details and mat draws for districts hosting 2009 tour matches
Coaching and Umpires survey
AGM information including remit form, delegate's registration, and nomination of officers
District Membership Numbers

To Umpire Secretaries

Minutes of Executive Meeting 11 July with financial position
Umpires Survey

To Taranaki IBA

Reply in response to boundary query. Advised most district boundaries are identified in their Constitution and NZIB does not have document determining areas. However NZIB would get involved if a specific issue arises and on very rare occasions approves changes if both of the districts concerned agree.

To Canterbury IBA

In response to letter about the bus used for Welch Transfers-clarified fact that Otago arranged alternative travel from airport well in advance because they did not want to have excessive wait. Coach driver David Edgar reported that the bus was reliable, not dangerous and the safety of the passengers had in no way been compromised.

Ashburton- querying timing of Mixed Fours events. As a result:-

That from 2011 the zone finals of the NZ Mixed Fours event be held on the 3rd Saturday in June.

Hughes/Hudson Carried

The purpose of this change is to allow more time to arrange necessary and often complicated travel arrangement for winning teams to attend National Final.

A letter had been received from Central Otago re the 2009 South Island Tour itinerary- they were informed the matter raised would not have been an issue if flights had been running to schedule.

REPORTS OF NATIONAL EVENTS:

Island Tour

Tour Manager, Delwyn Hughes reported that the team spirit had been fabulous which made for an enjoyable and successful tour. Special mention was made of Captain Mike Phipps who was an excellent leader and the team had joined in the promotional sessions enthusiastically.

All players indicated that the tour was very worthwhile and they were very grateful for the opportunity given to them. She said the withdrawal of the ribbons had been accepted with most districts aware of this fact.

Disappointment was expressed at the withdrawal of Paul Psaila and the additional costs incurred because of this. A letter is to be written to him.

North/ South

Controller Martin Nordqvist said both teams competed well and it was pleasing to see the South team get two medals, with two other results relying on play in the last session. An informal session had been held to discuss future tours/new format tri series and it was generally felt the current Island Tour format should not be changed. Other points raised were NZ players must be available for their Island team and the Academy/Masters Zone teams had to be structured like they were due to lack of playing numbers and nominations from the South Island.

Henselite Champion of Champions

David Edgar who controlled this event said that Otago IBA had provided good local support and there had always been markers for each mat. It was a good venue with the additions to the building and their caterers had done a good job. The fact that their hall had been provided free of charge was appreciated and did a little to off set the extra costs associated in holding events not on the airways main trunk line.

NZ Mixed Fours

Trevor Rayner controlled the event and said Wanganui IBA was to be congratulated on the efforts they made to ensure the day was a success. The Jubilee Stadium was huge for the size of the event and as is the normal practise now the South Island teams are flown to a main centre and rental vans are provided from there to keep costs realistic.

NZ Junior Singles

Controller, Trevor Rayner reported that there had been excellent spectator support, both local and visiting supporters filling the Hall. A number of these were siblings and friends of the players who were competing in the Secondary Schools events the next day. This is the 3rd year in a row that North Wellington has hosted this Tournament and they will do so again next year. Their Executive is hardworking and very supportive of NZIB and always put on an excellent smooth running event. Their contribution to the game is greatly appreciated by all.

NZ Secondary Schools Event

Trevor Rayner spoke enthusiastically about the event which saw an increase of 16% for participants and 17% for the schools in the Singles and 55% for teams 21% for schools in the Pairs. Bill West from Tauranga who had been instrumental in establishing a North Island SS event in 2008 had offered to donate 3 trophies. It was decided that the "Tauranga Trophy" would be awarded for the Player of the Tournament. The guidelines for this award would be based on 2 points each win after qualifying in the main event and one point in the plate event- the Controller would have the final say. There would be no naming rights for the two other trophies. They would simply be the NZ Secondary Schools Singles and Pairs Trophies.

It is still disappointing to discover that several entrants in the NZ Junior singles did not know of the Secondary Schools event which followed the Junior Singles until contacted by the National Office. If this sport is to progress Districts must encourage juniors. Too often we hear from Sports Trusts and College Sport organisations that there is no relationship at all with indoor bowls or if there is the people involved are not 'youth friendly' and not at all open to change.

Welch Trophy

Trevor Rayner again controlled the event assisted by a small band of North Wellington helpers. It was held in one of the minor stadiums within the Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua which is a magnificent facility and will be used for the 2012 National Championships.

The accommodation worked well although some distance from the Stadium and an excellent job was done by the caterers at Porirua Club.

Again congratulations to North Wellington for their help to make this event run so smoothly.

2010 NATIONAL PROGRAMME

A revised copy of this will be sent out with Minutes.

Replies had been received from all districts except Auckland and Taranaki to host events as had been requested. The reply from Northland was excellent as they have already organised a junior school event on the Thursday afternoon which the touring South Island team will be able to attend. These promotion activities enhance the tour greatly and make it more worthwhile.

Because of indecision over possible venues in Pukekohe for the NZ Junior Singles/ NZ Secondary Schools events it was decided that these events remain in Wellington. It is felt that it is established there and can be well supported.

It was agreed that the Ashburton Indoor Bowls Hall would be suitable for hosting the 2010 Champion of Champions event instead of the often used Basketball Stadium.

2010 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Information from the host district was being sought regarding venue contract, local council contribution, poster and accommodation details for bowlers.

The quote to televise the singles and pairs by Cue TV was discussed and would not be accepted unless it could be reduced considerably.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM would start at 10.30am.

Would those districts who have not advised their delegate please do so.

Three applications were received to hold the 2012 National Championships – Northland, Southland and Counties.

Historically the rotation was for 2 Nationals in the North Island and one in the South Island and even though the Executive would like to continue this trend they would not be supporting the Southland bid unless a more realistic hall hire or some funding to cover this could be confirmed.

It is strongly felt that the event should at least break even but as occurred in Timaru this year the event lost money because of the lack of support from South Island bowlers. The other possibility would be to double the entry fee if the districts voted for Southland. Further details will be sent out with the AGM papers.

Two Districts had applied for the 2012 Island Championships- Manawau and Wanganui but this would not be determined until a decision is made on the National venue.

Discussion items at the AGM will be a review of the Constitution and it is hoped that Sparc representatives will be present to address the meeting on youth sport and the delivery aspects from National Bodies- Districts- Clubs.

Amalgamation of districts/ umpire associations would also be on agenda.

Districts are still able to advise if they wish any other particular issue to be discussed.

Recommendation re Future Island Tours

That the North Island v South Island format be retained and that the tour rotation be changed so that the South Island Tours in the odd years 2011 etc and the North in the even years 2012.

Full details will be sent out with AGM papers

AGM REMIT:

That a time restriction of 1 hour 30 minutes be imposed for the fours event at all Paterson/Welch fixtures.

Rayner/Hughes

Carried

PUBLICITY

Delwyn Hughes reported it had been very busy but she enjoyed her job and the opportunity to watch all the excellent bowls being played.

Due to health reasons she did not go to the Mixed Fours but with the results being phoned through and pictures emailed the website could be kept up to date. She had also updated all the archives on the website.

Delwyn wished to record and acknowledge the death of Hilda Wright who for many years was the Otago's DPO.

Phil Quinney has continued to do media reports on Newstalk ZB and Radio Sport. In total this season there had been 15 reports broadcast over 6 separate Indoor Bowls National events which was an increase in coverage on previous years. It was pleasing also to note that finally coverage in Canterbury on Newstalk ZB had been secured.

That a contract with Phil Quinney be put in place for 2010.

Hughes/Rayner

Carried

The website continues to be well supported and it is recognised that it is the most efficient way of keeping up to date with results due to the poor newspaper coverage of the sport.

It was reported that there had been a 33% increase in subscribers to the email update service.

Also the Interactive features such as the 'Laws of the Game' quiz, the '5'n'5' quiz and the on-line Poll have had their content renewed more often thanks to assistance from Trevor Rayner and Delwyn Hughes. Feedback received indicated the inclusion of photographs with coverage of all national events was very popular.

Newsletter had been distributed monthly and it was agreed that another be prepared before the end of the year just for updating on the website.

COACHING:

Replies from Districts regarding the Coaching survey had been poor. However, it was agreed that there needed to be a follow up visit to capture the interest that had been generated this year with the introduction of the DVD. The focus would be on coach the coaches.

It was agreed in principal that a three month contract for a coach/development role be negotiated with Craig Whiteside. This would be subject to a plan and job description being approved.

Rayner/Chilton

Carried

That the coaching initiative of \$200 be discontinued.

Chilton/Blythe

Carried

However Districts can still apply for assistance with coaching projects through the Development fund.

Michael Lawson is to contact Otago University about the 2010 Indoor Bowls course as it is felt it has long time benefits for the sport.

DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT FUND:

Nine grants had been approved and some of the outcomes had been very disappointing. It was agreed to continue with this initiative however and districts are still encouraged to apply.

The lesson learnt by all is that advertising generally is a waste of money and projects will not work unless they are well supported by volunteers.

NZIB CONSTITUTION:

It was agreed to review this document.

Timelines:

February Executive Meeting-Executive Members to table changes

These would be evaluated and sent to District for comment and seeking any other feedback

Changes to be agreed and presented to 2010 AGM

UMPIRES

Replies from the Umpire's survey were also disappointing with a mixed response and a definite lack of positive feedback.

It was unfortunate the Umpires review committee had not forwarded any recommendations as they had not yet organised a Conference Call to consider responses. Once this has been done districts will be advised of outcomes.

However due to the general feeling of dissatisfaction regarding the examination the following remit will be presented at the AGM.

The examination is open to all members of any District Umpires Association, provided they have passed the District Local Examination for Umpires one year prior to the national examination. In no case can one sit the Local and National Examination in one year.

Hudson/Hughes

Carried

It should be noted that generally speaking the Executive do not agree with this remit and will speak against it the AGM.

Many other sporting organisations have been contacted and none of them have local examinations. It is strongly believed that if this sport is to advance with its officials and meet Sparc goals it must move with the times and not go backwards by introducing the above remit.

As several districts had asked details of the requirements of amalgamating District and Umpire Associations Delwyn Hughes will prepare guidelines based on previous information.

The Executive Officer's Report was tabled and accepted.

General Business:

David Edgar closed the meeting and thanked Ron Blythe who would not be seeking a further term on the Executive. Ron was wished well for the future.

Trevor Rayner thanked David for his dedication during his three year term as President which has coming to an end and all present showed their appreciation. Ngaire Drake said she had enjoyed working with him and an excellent financial base had been established under his leadership. David has agreed to accept nomination for an Executive position at the AGM

Meeting closed 4.15pm