

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC  
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT MIRAMAR GOLF CLUB  
18 OCTOBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 8.45AM**

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

President Martin welcomed members and said the day would be busy with a very full agenda.

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**MINUTES:**

*That the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 12 July 2014 as circulated were taken as read.*

Warnes/Chapman Carried

**MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED LATER:**

It was reported that traditional NZIB certificates had been distributed to all National Championships winners and the details of Members Benefits offered by some companies were now on the website.

The old NZIB records had been inspected by a Field Librarian of the Alexander Turnbull Library and would be collected shortly for permanent keeping at the Library.

**FINANCE:**

*That the Statement of Accounts as at 17 October 2014 is accepted and cheques numbered 6329-6429 plus automatic payments be passed.*

Edgar/Warnes Carried

A draft copy of the NZIB's Financial Statement for the year ended 30 September 2014 which had been distributed was discussed. These accounts needed to be finalised and audited for inclusion in the Annual Report. A copy of this will be sent to all Districts at least two weeks before the AGM. **It was noted that many clubs did not receive an Annual Report from their district and the value of printing so many was questioned. Please let National Office know if you require Annual Report for your clubs by 1 November. Otherwise a copy will just be sent to all districts, available for AGM delegates plus uploaded to the website.**

Although the net deficit for the year would be around \$15,000 concern continues with the fact the organisation relies too heavily on grants which cannot be guaranteed. Affiliations fees received amount to \$93,000 compared to total expenses of \$245,000 clearly illustrates this fact.

Disappointment was expressed at the National Championships running at a loss of \$13,000 which was compounded by Hawkes Bay IBA not forwarding any money received from programme advertising. This is most unsatisfactory and attempts to retrieve this money will be continued.

Even though there would be a much larger deficit forecasted for the 2015 year due to the International and increased money going into development the following remit was put.

*That the recommendation be put to the 2014 Annual General Meeting that the affiliation fees remains the same for the 2015 year at \$12 per member; \$2 for Juniors and \$115 Associate Bodies.-all gst inclusive.*

Warnes/Chapman Carried.

Nigel Warnes added it would not be too long before NZIB would be faced with major cost cutting and most agreed Tournament costs would be the logical start.

It was reported that all the gaming fund audits had been completed.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **Sent to District Secretaries**

Minutes of Executive Meeting 12 July 2014 with financial position  
Letters to districts requesting they host 2015 National events and tour matches with host district duties attached  
Draft 2015 National Programme  
Final details and mat draws for districts hosting 2014 tour matches  
AGM information including remit form, delegate's registration, and nomination of officers  
District Membership Numbers

### **REPORTS OF NATIONAL EVENTS:**

#### **Island Tour**

Tour Manager Barry Chapman said he had been honoured to have managed such a team of dedicated bowlers to another successful tour. He also acknowledged those who supported the North Team both on tour and at the Test.

#### **North/ South**

The Timaru Indoor Bowls Centre was an excellent venue for this fixture and TIBA need to be congratulated in having the foresight to purchase the building and surrounding ground. After many dominant North Island victories it was good to see a more even contest with the South Island men winning three out of the four medals.

#### **Henselite Champion of Champions**

Barry Chapman controlled this event and thanked Alex Jones and his team of Waikato helpers for their assistance throughout the day. Travel in and out of Auckland worked well apart from one instance where the player and his wife were not included on the transfer list. This information had been forwarded to all districts so it was disappointing that it was not identified at the time.

### **NZ Mixed Fours**

Controller, Trevor Rayner said as it was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the event President Martin Nordqvist gave a brief speech outlining the history of it and then invited Ron and Rae Inglis who were representing GB-Mot to cut the cake. They had previously won the event in 1982. The small group of Upper Hutt workers did a great job and there were a large number of supporters throughout the day.

### **NZ Junior Singles**

This event returned to North Wellington as the Lower Hutt venue had been closed for earthquake strengthening. Even though the accommodation remained in Lower Hutt the transfer system worked well. The blue and orange bowls were used and proved popular.

### **NZ Secondary Schools Event**

This smaller venue from last year proved to be adequate with a 20 mat draw for the singles with games of 10 ends and a 25 minute time limit. Both days went smoothly and it was great to see the competitors enjoying their games. 63 entrants from 31 schools entered the singles and in the pairs there were 28 teams from 21 schools which represented a small increase. There were some complications with the entry system due to NZIB no longer having a fax number and Controller Trevor Rayner needs to be thanked for his patience both before the event and during the 3 days of intense competition. The friendly team from NWIBA also did their usual excellent job which does deservingly come with some financial reward for their efforts.

### **Welch Trophy**

Controller Barry Chapman said all teams participated in a very sportsman like way and there was no time wasting. Games started earlier on the Sunday to allow for Auckland flight departures and the return to base of the Ritchies coach. Mrs Cole who is a daughter of the trophy donors was present throughout and assisted with the prize giving. It was a close contest between the three leaders with only the final session to play. This resulted in a first ever Welch win for North Wellington. The work done by Ron Blythe and his Counties helpers was appreciated.

### **2015 NATIONAL PROGRAMME**

A copy will be sent to districts and uploaded to the website. It was disappointing that Roskill and Districts did not feel they had the volunteer base to host the North v South event. NZIB is confident that it can arrange and run the event themselves and would like to still hold it at the RD Hall with the possible support of the neighbouring districts if necessary.

### **DEVELOPMENT ROLES:**

Craig Whiteside addressed the meeting with an evaluation of his work this season and his plan for next. Although he has not achieved what was hoped the main cause for this is the lack of 'buy in' from the Districts. This is apparent with the Sport Taranaki role as well and both North Taranaki and Taranaki IBA's are to be asked for some feedback on the work Michelle Watt is doing so it can be enhanced and valued more.

Brendon Kenny is also doing good work in the Wanganui area. NZIB would like Michelle's Contract linked in with Brendon and Sport Wanganui and NZIB will be working with Sport Taranaki to make this happen.

2015 will be the third year of these projects and all agreed a return on this significant investment needs to be seen.

Craig will be presenting to the AGM and those districts who want him to visit next season should contact him now. He has made good contacts with Sports Trusts in the Auckland area and will be returning there for a considerable time next year to get the initiatives established. The local sport trusts are keen to include and support the indoor bowls module which Craig has developed. Unfortunately in some cases District support is the missing link to making it happen.

### **PUBLICITY:**

Two newsletters had been distributed since July and another will be produced in November. This will be loaded onto the website only and Districts are welcome to contribute items for it.

Publicity Officer Chris Bullen said there had been a flurry of events over the last couple of months which had kept him very busy but he was enjoying the involvement. During the year he had taken the opportunity to provide material on young bowlers to several outlets with the goal of encouraging greater participation. He would be asking DPO's and others to send anything relating to young bowlers that can be written up and presented to the media with photos where possible. He also saw the International next year as an opportunity to gain wider publicity for the sport from the media. Chris acknowledged the good working relationship he had had with both Jock Jamieson and Delwyn Hughes.

*That Chris Bullen's contract is renewed for the 2015 season.*

Rayner/Warnes      Carried

### **WEBMASTER:**

After 12 years as NZIB Webmaster, Jock Jamieson has decided to call it a day and the sport is extremely grateful for the work he has done establishing the website and keeping it so current.

*That a donation be made to Jock Jamieson acknowledging his involvement.*

Chapman/Lynn      Carried

Applications for the job were discussed.

*That Paul Voorend be appointed as NZIB's webmaster.*

Rayner/Edgar      Carried

Jock and Paul will work through the handover process which will happen soon. Paul is a very keen bowler and was a member of the North Wellington winning Welch team this year. He is well qualified to take over the position and NZIB is very pleased for his interest and wish him well. He sees improving Social Media as an excellent way to connect NZIB with its players and followers.

### **2017 CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

It was pleasing to note that Bay of Plenty had agreed to host the 2017 National Championships. Contact will now be made with the Rotorua Event Centre to ensure a satisfactory contract is put in place to off-set the large cost of hiring the venue.

All agreed it was time for the 2017 Island Championships to be held at the top of the South Island and Nigel Warnes said he will investigate possibilities and report back to the AGM.

### **2015 NATIONALS:**

NZIB is committed to the inclusion of the over 60's grade at the 2015 event even though there is a possibility that Bay of Plenty will find a seconder for a remit against it. Whilst accepting it is possible there will be a small entry in this over 60's grade in Timaru, NZIB is confident it will grow when the event moves back to the North Island.

Changes are necessary and it is disappointing that there appears to be a lack of support for Executive efforts to try and revitalise the sport.

*The entry fee for the 2015 Championships remains at \$15 per person per event.*

Edgar/Chapman Carried

*That a grant application be made to the Timaru District Council for \$9,000 to assist with venue hire.*

Nordqvist/Rayner Carried

Bruce Christie and Lynda Wightman had spent much time on developing a new entry process to take over the work done by the Baxter's. Districts will not need to make many changes although there will be a new entry form which must show positions of team members. A draft copy will be sent out with Minutes and comments will be welcome.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

The AGM would again start at 10.30am and was expected to finish by 3.30pm.

Would those districts who have not advised their delegate please do so. David Lynn will be presenting a paper on National events including revising the Champion of Champions and the introduction of a new Mixed Pairs event. This will be sent out with full AGM papers including Remits early in November.

### **UMPIRES:**

The date for the National exam will remain in the calendar as 3 May although there will be provisions for those interested to sit at alternative times if required.

### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:**

The nominations for the award this year were of excellent quality and it was not an easy job selecting the winner who will be announced at the AGM.

## **LAWS OF THE GAME:**

Slight changes were made to the draft remit that had been distributed for comment based on feedback received. The finalised remit will be sent out with Meeting papers.

The Executive Officer's Report was tabled and accepted.

### **Equipment:**

Henselite now were the sole distributor of indoor bowls in NZ taking over from Brittain Wynyard. They sent to the meeting venue a mat from the new stock which was trialled and discussed.

*That the new mats be accepted as an alternative to the traditional indoor bowls mat.*

Rayner/Edgar Carried

It is of a much lighter colour and a different composition but plays well and NZIB recognises the efforts that were required to get an alternative playing surface produced.

However NZIB is interested in obtaining and paying for some of the old mats if they are in good condition so if you know of any that may be suitable let National Office know.

NZIB like all sporting codes had adopted a policy to have volunteers dealing with students vetted by the police. Those volunteers who had completed forms had all been approved and are thanked for their efforts. Districts should be aware that this simple process needs to be followed through. Contact Ngaire if you need any details.

The National Office was now firmly established at 223 Thorndon Quay Wellington and although there were some initial problems with IT and phone issues they had been resolved. Districts should again be aware that NZIB does not now operate a fax machine.

Ngaire thanked those who had helped while she was on Annual Leave and said everything had now returned to normal.

### **Canty IB Hall Update**

The earthquake repairs to the hall were proceeding well but unfortunately a fire last month has now delayed progress. The foyer, bar area, lounge, kitchen and toilets were all destroyed and have subsequently been demolished. CIBA had been hoping to have it's hall all completed by the end of February 2015 but this will not now be possible as they discuss with architects and insurers the best way forward. Canty IBA have done an excellent job retaining its membership this year and the indoor bowls fraternity wishes them well as they work their way through another difficult period.

### **INTERNATIONAL:**

Arrangements were in the process of being finalised for the NZ Team trial to be held in Wellington 15-16 November. 10 men and 10 ladies had been selected for this and the NZ Team will be announced at the AGM. This will consist of 7 ladies and 7 men with 1 reserve of each.

**General Business:**

It was felt all things had been covered during the meeting so Martin Nordqvist closed his last Executive Meeting at 4.20pm.