

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC  
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT MIRAMAR GOLF CLUB  
15 OCTOBER 2011 COMMENCING AT 9.45AM**

**PRESENT:** Trevor Rayner, Martin Nordqvist, David Edgar, Delwyn Hughes, Barry Chapman, Stewart Chilton and Ngaire Drake.

President Trevor welcomed all and said it was an important meeting discussing the future of the game.

**APOLOGIES:** Viv Hudson  
*That apology is accepted.*  
Chilton/Edgar Carried

**MINUTES:**  
*That the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 9 July 2011 as circulated were taken as read.*

Nordqvist/Hughes Carried

**MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED LATER:**

It was pleasing to note that Special Olympics will continue as an Associate Member of this organisation and the previous correspondence advising of their withdrawal had been a misunderstanding.

**FINANCE:**  
*That the Statement of Accounts as at 14 October 2011 is accepted and cheques numbered 5325/54 plus automatic payments be passed.*

Hughes/Chapman Carried

A grant of \$8,000 from Pub Charity for equipment had been received. It was noted that there were cheques to the value of \$30,000 awaiting signature before being sent out.

A draft copy of the NZIB's Financial Statement for the year ended 30 September 2011 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.

The organisation is in a very sound financial position which continues to be necessary due to the uncertainty of future funding. Of concern is the fact that the affiliation fees only just cover tournament expenses. This means the entire running of the organisation is reliant on grant money.

A draft budget for the 2011/12 year would be sent out with AGM Meeting papers.

*That the recommendation be put to the 2011 Annual General Meeting for the affiliation fees for the 2012 year to be \$10 per member; \$2 for Juniors and \$115 Associate Bodies.-all gst inclusive.*

Chapman/Edgar

Carried.

This very slight increase will help cover for the year's operational loss and increase in gst.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

Minutes of Executive Meeting 9 July 2011 with financial position  
Letters to districts requesting they host 2012 National events and tour matches with host district duties attached  
Draft 2012 National Programme  
Final details and mat draws for districts hosting 2011 tour matches  
AGM information including remit form, delegate's registration, and nomination of officers  
District Membership Numbers; Umpires Newsletter

##### **To Umpire Secretaries**

Minutes of Executive Meeting 9 July with financial position  
Voting papers for Umpires Executive on NZIB Executive  
Umpires Newsletter

A letter was sent to Canterbury IBA refusing payment for their Welch team's minibus as it had not been advised to National Office and alternative arrangement had been put in place.

#### **TAKING INDOOR BOWLS INTO THE FUTURE:**

The district response to this important survey was disappointing although some districts such as North Taranaki, Bay of Plenty and Tauranga had spent time and presented good ideas.

There would be a Membership Drive in March/April and the old membership kit would be revised and updated to a booklet. This will be made available to all clubs and include examples of successful initiatives in the important school area.

Avon Compton's offer to update information for the website would be accepted.

Coaching/Development is the other area that needs to be concentrated on as it is such an important area for Sparc funding. However it has been proven that the better you bowl the more you enjoy it so all districts should be embracing coaching more than they are.

National Coach Craig Whiteside's proposal for a National tour was rejected but NZIB is keen to have a much more concentrated effort put into a smaller number of districts such as TG, PB, BP so progress can be monitored more closely. It can then be expanded if successful. Craig will be approached to provide some supporting objectives around this.

The idea of a National coaching seminar for district coaches or alternatively more regional seminars to include club coaches was

discussed. As it will be a sizable investment districts feedback will be requested via the AGM.

## **REPORTS OF NATIONAL EVENTS:**

### **Island Tour**

Tour Manager, Delwyn Hughes reported that the team spirit was fabulous which made for an enjoyable and successful tour. All players appreciated the opportunity given to them.

An email is to be sent to touring team members to see if they would prefer to have continental breakfasts continued with or would prefer a reduction of \$100 from their levy and pay for their breakfasts individually.

### **North/ South**

Controller David Edgar said the event was very good to run and Otago had put in a big effort into the hosting of it. It was good to have so many National umpires available with different ones used for each session.

### **Henselite Champion of Champions**

Viv Hudson was tournament controller for the first time at a National event and ran it well. She was very well supported by Hutt Valley IBA who were great hosts and nothing was too much trouble for them. There was a good turnout of supporters throughout the day.

*That a plate event be introduced at the Henselite Champion of Champions event.*

Edgar/Nordqvist

Carried

It is hoped that it will encourage bowlers to remain at the hall even if they don't qualify.

### **NZ Mixed Fours**

Trevor Rayner controlled the event and reported that it was the first National event Wairarapa Association had hosted and they did an outstanding job. The pride they took in ensuring that everything went smoothly was a good reason to ensure that small districts were given the opportunity to host such events even if travel to them creates some difficulties. Having dinner at the end of play was liked by the players and will be continued with in the future.

### **NZ Junior Singles**

Controller, Trevor Rayner reported that it was the fifth year in a row that North Wellington had hosted this event and they had agreed to do so again next year. The NW Executive is hardworking and very supportive and always put on an excellent smooth running event. He did feel however that the tasks could become onerous and felt that following next year an approach should be made to one of the other local associations if the event is to continue to be held in Wellington because of its association with the Secondary Schools events.

### **NZ Secondary Schools Event**

Trevor said that the sets format used on a trial basis had been accepted but not liked and as there were no time limits it proved a problem controlling the timing of the event.

It was agreed that the conventional format of play returns for the 2012 event.

Because of the time restrictions the plate event was not possible which was not a popular decision but unfortunately unavoidable. As the number of entries grow changes to the format are needed to eliminate the pressure of Sunday night air flights for those Junior Singles entrants just playing in the singles. An approach will be made to Tawa College as a possible venue to host the NZSS Singles as it is larger than the NWIBA Hall.

It was possible to run a plate event in association with the Pairs Championships.

The newly introduced gold, silver and bronze medals were well received and there would be a play off of the beaten semi finalists to determine third placing next year.

There was unnecessary comment about the inclusion of two late entries to replace withdrawals. A waive will be added to the entry form next year to allow the organisers the power to do this if it enhanced the draw.

It is vital that the event grows and districts should be making more effort to increase numbers and not just rely on their junior representative staying on for the singles on the Sunday. Bill West of Tauranga who donated the trophies presented them to the winners of the singles, pairs and Player of the Tournament.

Trevor said the effect on entries if the event was held in Auckland or Christchurch was unknown until it was tried and a change of venue needed to be considered in the future. All did not agree with this and felt Wellington was the logical venue.

### **Welch Trophy**

Controller Barry Chapman said as a locally based NZIB Executive member it was a pleasure to work with the local team to ensure that the event went smoothly. The players participated in the event well and did not cause any time problems with undue lengthy games. To mark the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> playing of the Welch Trophy a march pass of approximately 30 past winners participated with Murray Bryant and Robert Frelan, both double Gold Star holders cutting the Jubilee Cake to mark the occasion.

### **2012 NATIONAL PROGRAMME**

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

Please note the inclusion of the North Island Secondary Schools tournament to be held in Tauranga 2-3 July. Tauranga IBA is thanked for their willingness to be involved with the event in 2012 after their excellent organisation of the AIMS games this year. It is hoped to attract more entries and be run professionally like the National SS event. Both of these events have been sanctioned by NZ Secondary Schools Sports Council.

It was very disappointing that Auckland advised that they could not host the 2012 Welch Trophy.

*That the 2012 Welch Trophy be hosted by Roskill & Districts.*

Hughes/Nordqvist

Carried

### **2012 ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Manawatu had sent in a report saying all was on track for the event and they were seeking grant money to cover hall hire and promotional items. They were also looking at ways to get Junior players to play or participate in some way and this was supported by NZIB.

### **DEVELOPMENT FUND**

The proposal from Manawatu for funding to purchase second hand equipment for the use in schools promotions is being investigated further.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AGM would start at 10.30am and there would be workshops during the afternoon. The two main areas of focus will be Membership Drive including juniors-schools and Coaching/Development. The breakout sessions of mixed groups of districts will be asked to report back on these topics so it is hoped that they will be discussed at district level before the AGM.

Would those districts who have not advised their delegate please do so. The full AGM papers would be sent out at least a month before the meeting. No remits have been received.

A representative from Sparc would be invited to attend

It is very disappointing that no districts have submitted applications to host the 2014 Nationals or Island Championships. Hawkes Bay, North Taranaki, Manawatu and Wangauai would be asked to reconsider for the Nationals and Marlborough and Nelson for the Island Championships.

### **PUBLICITY**

Delwyn Hughes reported that it had been an extremely busy time with the NZIB compressed into a shorter time frame because of the Rugby World Cup. She said Facebook had been a revelation with the NZIB group which was set up by Brent Grigg growing week by week during the bowling season as word spread that it was a good way of getting results.

Approval was given for Delwyn to investigate the purchase of a better quality camera.

A report from Phil Quinney said there had been 14 Media reports over 6 separate NZIB events and there had been much better coverage than last year. There had been regular coverage on Radio Sport during the week which was pleasing.

### **WEBSITE:**

The website continues to be well patronised with the national events receiving the most attention. The website update email service reached a new high of 171 subscribers who were keen to keep up to date with the progress of events. All bowlers are encouraged to join this list just by clicking on the update icon. Any feedback and suggestions for further development of our website would be welcome.

**UMPIRES:**

Viv Hudson's report stated that she had received positive responses from the appointed trainers and would be looking to appoint more next year. Even though there had been a record number of passes of the National Exam overall umpire figures were down after the membership database had been updated with many listed not now umpiring.

Wanganui numbers were not good and Viv intended to work with them in 2012 to encourage players to become more involved with either umpiring or measuring.

The Executive Officer's Report was tabled and accepted.

**General Business:**

Clubs NZ has re-joined as an Associate member and the support of their Indoor Bowls section to allow this to happen is acknowledged.

An approach had been made to include the runners up of National Championships events on the website but it was decided that status quo remains.

The death of former Patron, LM and President Horace Warnes' wife Cassia was recorded with regret and sympathy extended to son Nigel and family.

A nomination form for the NZIB's Volunteer of the Year Award would be prepared and introduced next year. It is for any unpaid administrator who has done an outstanding job during the previous 12 months. Nominations will close 30 September each year with the winner being announced at the AGM. A special function will be held in the winner's district at an appropriate time to recognise the award.

The poster and badge design for the 2012 National Championships was approved and it was pleasing to note plans were in place to renovate the toilet area at the Southland IB Hall before the event.

An approach had been made by the Director of Boccia for collaboration between the organisations but as there is no mutual benefit it was felt the two sports did not sit well together.

The sales of new bowls continued to flourish even at the increase cost. Districts are reminded that there is another increase scheduled for mid 2012.

Meeting closed 3.45pm