

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT MIRAMAR GOLF CLUB
13 OCTOBER 12 COMMENCING AT 9.10AM**

PRESENT: Trevor Rayner, Martin Nordqvist, David Edgar, Delwyn Hughes, Barry Chapman, Viv Hudson and Ngaire Drake.

President Trevor welcomed members to his last meeting as President. A letter had been received from Stewart Chilton advising he was unable to full fill his position on the Executive owing to health problems.

APOLOGIES: Nil

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 14 July 2012 as circulated were taken as read.

Nordqvist/Chapman Carried

MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED LATER: Nil

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 12 October 2012 is accepted and cheques numbered 5877-5965 plus automatic payments be passed.

Hughes/Chapman Carried

A draft copy of the NZIB's Financial Statement for the year ended 30 September 2012 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.

Even though the entire running of the organisation is reliant on grant money NZIB remains in a very good financial position which is necessary due to the uncertainty of future funding.

A draft budget which will show a deficit of up to \$50,000 for the 2012/13 year would be sent out with AGM Meeting papers. This deficit will mainly be due to the on-going contract with Sport Taranaki and the International fixture in Queensland.

That the recommendation be put to the 2012 Annual General Meeting for the affiliation fees for the 2013 year to remain as \$10 per member; \$2 for Juniors and \$115 Associate Bodies.-all gst inclusive.

Nordqvist/Hudson Carried.

That due to costs there would be no television coverage of the 2013 Nationals.

Nordqvist/Chapman Carried

Attempts to provide a live video coverage would be pursued.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent to District Secretaries

Minutes of Executive Meeting 14 July 2012 with financial position
Letters to districts requesting they host 2013 National events and tour matches with host district duties attached
Draft 2013 National Programme
Final details and mat draws for districts hosting 2012 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 14 July with financial position
Voting papers for Umpires Executive on NZIB Executive
Umpires Newsletter

REPORTS OF NATIONAL EVENTS:

Island Tour

Tour Manager Barry Chapman reported that it had been a very successful tour and it had been a pleasure managing a great group of people and a focused team of Indoor Bowlers. There had been no comment raised about breakfasts not being included and he believed that all members appreciated paying the lesser levy due to this. He said all the players contributed to the success of the tour with their own desire to succeed and the commitment to a winning team well led by Grant Rayner.

North/ South

Controller David Edgar said the event was an easy one to run but he was not happy with the standard of bowls being played by ladies in the South Island. Ways to resolve this problem are being pursued. Martin Nordqvist endorsed David's thoughts and said he was very concerned about 2013. He said with the Island Championships in Invercargill, the Nationals in Rotorua, the South Island team touring, their Paterson Zone in Collingwood would result in bowlers having to take much time off work plus the cost factor. Also with the NZ team not being eligible for the Tour they were worried at the lack of nominations that would be received and in many cases it was agreed that younger players were not being given opportunities to advance.

Henselite Champion of Champions

Viv Hudson was tournament controller and was very well supported by Trevor Rayner and Upper Hutt Valley IBA. The running of the inaugural plate event was well received by those who did not qualify and it was poor that two bowlers chose not to compete.

Those arriving on the Friday had been advised to catch the Airport Flyer to Hotel in Lower Hutt and it was disappointing that some had not read the instructions given to them. It was acknowledged that the days of all bowlers being met by the hosting district were diminishing and that communication needed to be clear as to what was required.

NZ Mixed Fours

Barry Chapman controlled the event and reported that North Taranaki had been excellent hosts and it was a bonus for them having a local team compete and win the event. The standard of play was of a consistently high standard from all teams throughout the day with no one team gaining total ascendancy. It is a costly event to run due to the late notification of competing teams and travel arrangements are always difficult due to the location and the widely spread teams.

NZ Junior Singles

Controller, Trevor Rayner reported that it was the sixth year in a row that North Wellington had hosted this event and they deserved a break with it moving to Hutt Valley in 2013. A special thanks is given to their hard working Executive who have always been so supportive of the event and managed arrangements so well. This event always attracts many supporters both local and visiting and it was pleasing to see the number of prominent players who attended to assist and support.

NZ Secondary Schools Event

Trevor said that the sets format used on a trial basis last year had been dispensed with and the event used a conventional format. Because of the numbers of entrants games were of 10 ends with a 25 minutes time limit to accommodate a finish time of around 4pm. Next year it will be easier with the bigger venue in Hutt Valley being used.

Plate events were played for both events and worked in very well with Post Section with both finals being played simultaneously each day. It was agreed to purchase two plates for presentation next year. Finals were videoed and were subsequently shown on the NZIB Facebook site. A further innovation was a play off for 3rd place with only one bronze medal being awarded for each event.

North Wellington has hosted this event 5 years in a row and is thanked for their enormous support of it. They will appreciate not hosting next year and it will be a good opportunity to promote the event with the larger venue easing the pressure on the Sunday to get the games finished to allow flights home for many of the Junior Singles entrants.

Welch Trophy

Controller Trevor Rayner said the games were played in a great spirit although a couple of fours games were very drawn out. Peter Bowden and his Roskill and Districts team were acknowledged for providing a great environment, atmosphere and a very successful tournament. Accommodation near the Airport proved to be satisfactory and David Edgar was thanked for offering his services to drive the Ritchies coach.

2013 NATIONAL PROGRAMME

A copy will be sent to districts and uploaded to the website. The only change was the South Island's Tour match against WR/BR would be played at Pahiatua and not Masterton.

DEVELOPMENT FUND:

Reports had been received regarding North Wellington's Mall promotion and Waikato's under 25 tournament. It was a promising start for this event and hopefully it will grow next year. An application from Horowhenua had been received regarding the printing of brochures for a mail-drop but more information was required before any approval was granted.

DEVELOPMENT ROLES:

Excellent progress has been made in the Tauranga/ Bay of Plenty area and negotiations were being held with Craig Whiteside regarding 2013 planning. It is hoped to consolidate the good work that has been done this year and approaches made to other Aims participating schools to add indoor bowls to their entries. Once this structure is in place the initiative will be rolled out to neighbouring areas.

In the Taranaki district there has been a reluctance to assist Sport Taranaki's Indoor Bowls Advisor Michelle Watt which is worrying for the sport considering the investment that has been made. Unless the districts buy into these projects nothing will be achieved. There is to be an inaugural intermediate schools event held in New Plymouth next week with 34 teams attending. Funding had been received for a new participation certificate which is currently being printed and will be sent out to participants after the event.

COACHING:

Sport Taranaki had facilitated a successful entry to coaching course with 14 attending and it is hoped a similar training session will be delivered by Sport Wellington mid-November. All districts are reminded that Sports Trusts throughout the country organise excellent trainings sessions for a variety of subjects including up skilling administrators. NZIB would consider reimbursing any fees involved so contact your local RST and find out what is offering. They all have excellent website with a range of quality opportunities for learning.

NZIB's coaching manual has been updated and will be available on www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz very soon.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM would again start at 10.30am and Craig Whiteside and Michelle Watt will be asked to give a presentation on their roles. Bruce Stokell who was contracted by Kevin Eddy in 1990 to prepare a marketing plan for NZIBF will also address the meeting. This should prove to be a thought provoking and stimulating presentation. Following this will be a general session on the positives happenings in your districts and all delegates will be asked to contribute.

Following a letter to the President there will also be discussion on the new laws currently in Parliament and the future criteria of the Bob Malcolm

Memorial Tray- the married couple who go the farthest in the pairs event at the National Championships.

Would those districts who have not advised their delegate please do so. The full AGM papers including remits would be sent out at least a month before the meeting.

The application to host the 2015 Nationals from South Canterbury and the 2015 Island Championships from North Taranaki were accepted.

PUBLICITY

Delwyn Hughes there had been many highlights with all the National events in close proximity.

Phil Quinney had been able to get much better coverage this year and NZIB had got some good air time particularly during the week on Radio Sport's daily highlight programme "Sports Reloaded".

The website has continued to grow with increased number of visitors and she said it had been an interesting experience being responsible for updating the website while webmaster Jock Jamieson had been overseas. Thoughts of major changes for the site are not now considered necessary with webmaster Jock Jamieson still available and happy to assist. She said it was amazing the growth with Facebook now having 500 friends. A link is to be set up on the website for comments to accommodate those who are not on Facebook.

UMPIRES:

Viv Hudson said it had been a frustrating 12 months trying to get information from around the country on what was happening with the umpires. Even though more umpires are sitting the National exam numbers continued to drop and ways to reverse this trend are required. Viv is to ask Greg Veale for assistance to prepare a schedule of February dates for refresher and training courses and this would be available to all districts by the AGM.

REMIT:

At the 2011 AGM the subject of introducing a time limit for the Paterson competition if all within their zone agreed was raised. It was recommended that the Executive discuss further and the following remit was agreed.

That a remit be introduced to the 2012 AGM placing a time limit of 1 hour 30 on the fours event played in Paterson competition.

Hughes/Edgar

Carried

Further discussion was held after the recent lengthy Fours games at the Welch Trophy and it was agreed that the above remit be withdrawn and replaced with:

That a time limit of 2 minutes per bowl be implemented for the Fours in Paterson/Welch competition. The penalty for exceeding this limit will be to forfeit the bowl to be played.

Chapman/Edgar

Carried

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:

Nominations were considered and the winner/s will be announced at the AGM.

INTERNATIONAL:

Travel and accommodation arrangements had been finalised for those attending the trial. David Edgar said it was very important that NZ wins back the trophy and initiatives to assist in making this possible are being pursued.

SPORT NZ:

The investment schedule up until 30 May 2013 was signed off and a copy will be sent to all districts with the AGM papers. Districts will be responsible to assist in achieving the Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) and are asked to look at this document very closely. It is clear that not enough work is being done in the coach and umpiring training areas.

The Survey for some of this information has already been sent to Districts and needed to be returned by 30 November. A further survey will be sent out to try and capture numbers of bowlers playing who do not belong to affiliated clubs. This is definitely not intended as a witch hunt – merely an attempt to obtain a truer number of people playing the game.

The Executive Officer's Report was tabled and accepted.

General Business:

Congratulations are extended to Sid Adlam North Taranaki President for winning Sport Taranaki's Volunteer Longevity Award.

Barry Chapman said he had presented the medals at the AIMS event in Tauranga and had been very impressed by it. Tauranga will be asked to report further at the AGM on this success story.

David Edgar said that an excellent group of 30 students had attended Michael Lawson's University course.

President Trevor thanked Executive members for their contribution and support during his 3 years in the Chair.

Meeting closed 4.45pm