

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT MIRAMAR GOLF CLUB
12 OCTOBER 2013 COMMENCING AT 9.15AM**

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

President Martin welcomed members and said it was unfortunate that the newly appointed Umpires Representative on the Executive, Bevan Matthews could not accept the invitation to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment.

APOLOGIES: David Edgar for illness, Bevan Matthews
That apologies be accepted.

Warnes/Rayner Carried

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 13 July 2013 as circulated were taken as read.

Warnes/Lynn Carried

MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED LATER: Nil

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 11 October 2013 is accepted and cheques numbered 6096-6210 plus automatic payments be passed.

Rayner/Chapman Carried

A draft copy of the NZIB's Financial Statement for the year ended 30 September 2013 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.

Although the net deficit for the year was only \$10,884 concern was expressed at the fact membership fees only amount to \$84,000 while expenses are \$274,000.

This illustrates clearly that the organisation relies too heavily on grants which cannot be guaranteed. NZIB was extremely fortunate to receive \$45,000 from the Lion Foundation and \$25,000 for the Sport Taranaki Indoor Bowls Advisors position from the NZCT. North Taranaki's assistance in applying for this grant was noted.

It was pleasing to see the National Championships running at a profit due to grants and the new naming event sponsor Bay Audiology.

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

Rayner/Warnes Carried.

It was reported that all the gaming fund audits had been completed except the NZCT funding for the Sport Taranaki position. This would be completed once the funds had been fully utilised.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent to District Secretaries

Minutes of Executive Meeting 13 July 2013 with financial position
Letters to districts requesting they host 2014 National events and tour matches with host district duties attached
Draft 2014 National Programme
Final details and mat draws for districts hosting 2013 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 13 July with financial position
Voting papers for Umpires Executive on NZIB Executive

REPORTS OF NATIONAL EVENTS:

Island Tour

Tour Manager Martin Nordqvist said as he had had no previous experience with a touring team he found all 20 players to be absolutely committed in their endeavours to represent the South Island. Most districts were pleased to host the team and it was good that visits to schools were included in PB-EC and Whakatane. The tour is very much considered a promotional tool and hosting districts should where possible arrange something like school visit or media contacts.

North/ South

Controller David Edgar reported that both teams had been forced to use reserves due to illness and death. David Lynn questioned the refund policy for team members and was told it was impossible to have a policy as every scenario was different. It was decided to refund Matthew Ellis's levy as he had to return home before the event started due to the death of his father. The dominance of the North Island is a concern although it was pleasing that the South Island Ladies Fours won a medal- the first for many years.

Henselite Champion of Champions

Barry Chapman controlled this event and said the Auckland IBC had been a great help with scorers, markers, catering and general support throughout the day. To ensure the plate competition was completed before the final the games were shortened. A clause will be added to the Manual indicating that the conditions of the plate would be at the discretion of the Controller. Delwyn Hughes had assisted with publicity with DPO Dominic Martin and they kept all media outlets up to date. The Gateway Airport Hotel provided transfers to the hotel well and this fitted in with the hired coach which took the bowlers to and from venue. Alternative accommodation in this area will be investigated for further use

NZ Mixed Fours

Trevor Rayner controlled the event and said the event ran to time and was played in the usual excellent spirit. The competition was extremely close throughout with four teams on 6 game points after 5 rounds and 5 drawn games. It was pleasing to see some of the smaller districts such as Buller and North Otago featuring so well and it had been an outstanding day's bowls. Although there had been some misunderstanding over the hosting requirements and communication was not as clear as it could have been with Manawatu IBC everything fell into place well and they did a good job. This included the hall set up and catering by the Ashhurst IBC.

NZ Junior Singles

Controller, Trevor Rayner said the Horticulture Hall was a good size for the event and having accommodation within walking distance of the Venue was a big plus. There had been excellent spectator support both local and visiting supporters filling the hall. Delwyn Hughes assisted with the publicity and thanks were extended to host district Hutt Valley IBA and Jeff Stuart for the assistance he provided over the whole weekend.

NZ Secondary Schools Event

The larger venue made it easier for Trevor to do the draw and get the Singles over on the Sunday in a more relaxed way. This allowed many bowlers and supporters to get to the airport for return flights. There was a great atmosphere throughout the event and the attitudes of the players both during and between the games were exemplary. The feedback from the event was excellent and districts are asked to try and get a partner from the same school for their Junior Singles entrant so they can experience and enjoy playing in the pairs on the Monday.

Welch Trophy

Controller David Edgar's report indicated that the Lincoln Event Centre had been a good venue to use and the accommodation and coach arrangements had been satisfactory. The games had been played in good spirit and there was no time wasting which meant an extra round could be played before dinner on the Saturday. He recommended that the replacement rule be reviewed before next year. Grant l'Ami's winning of the Welch Gold Star to go with his National Gold star was acknowledged. President Martin Nordqvist would be visiting North Taranaki next week to present the Gold Star to Grant.

2014 NATIONAL PROGRAMME

A copy will be sent to districts and uploaded to the website. It was disappointing that North Harbour could not host the Welch Trophy but it will now be held in Counties. Greg Baxter was thanked for offering to host in Auckland.

Both Canterbury and Ashburton had requested individual tour games but unfortunately their request could not be accommodated this year.

It was noted that it will be the 50th Jubilee of the NZ Mixed Fours event and it would be acknowledged in some way.

DEVELOPMENT FUND:

This year the Waikato Centre, in conjunction with the Sport Waikato Kiwisport Bowls Coordinator, have run an Indoor Bowls Programme for 9 weeks at 11 different schools. District Sport Development Officer, Jenny Chapman had organised over 30 keen volunteers to put over 700 students through the programme which ended with an Inter schools Competition last month. There was no hesitation in approving the \$500 grant requested as an investment to continue this programme in 2014. The plan is to enhance what has been done this year and the Centre is congratulated for making this initiative work so well.

It was noted with regret that this was the only application for the Development Fund received this year.

MEMBERSHIP:

The fact that so many clubs are affiliating less than 5 members is a concern- some even with 1 or 2 which obviously is incorrect. It is the District's responsibility to endeavour to get all bowlers affiliated. The importance of having more members cannot be stressed enough as it has a large impact on funding agencies. Next year the District Membership form will seek additional information on the number of 'social' bowlers- not as a witch hunt but a figure that can be used for funding. Nigel Warnes it to approach Clubs NZ to attempt get a figure of their indoor bowls participants which would be of great benefit to NZIB.

DEVELOPMENT ROLES:

NZIB is making a large investment in the Sport Taranaki and Tauranga roles and Nigel Warnes said this should not be continued indefinitely unless evidence of junior growth is forthcoming. NZIB considers that they are both 3 year projects and an increase in junior membership is already quite apparent in Tauranga and surrounding districts due to the work of Craig Whiteside. The same results need to be filtering through in NT/TA next year and evidence is required that these initiatives would be able to stand on their own feet using local volunteers at the end of this time.

It is considered time to expand these roles and Craig Whiteside is to be asked to prepare a 2014 plan which incorporates a National delivery of coaching new volunteer coaches sessions that can be used to assist in projects such NT/TA, Tauranga and Waikato. A one pager is also required on the basic organisation of introduction of indoor bowls into a school so it can be used in other districts.

Both Michelle and Craig will be presenting to the AGM the development shown in their regions during the past 12 months and their plans for 2014.

PUBLICITY:

Reports from NPO Chris Bullen and Webmaster Jock Jamieson were discussed and whilst acknowledging it was never going to be easy establishing a new system to replace Delwyn Hughes good progress had been made throughout the season.

That Chris Bullen's contract be renewed for the 2014 season.

Rayner/Warnes Carried

Nigel Warnes acknowledged the publicity work Trevor Rayner had done during the year.

Three newsletters had been prepared since July with the last two being uploaded to the website and emailed to district secretaries for distribution. North Taranaki had requested that social media be a discussion topic for the AGM but unfortunately all bowlers need to accept the fact that NZIB has no control over information going on Facebook before the website.

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. The full AGM papers including remits would be sent out at least a month before the meeting.

South Otago had indicated interest in hosting 2016 Island Championships and would be asked to prepare application form.

The following remit will be presented to the AGM.

That the 2016 National Championships be trialled in the July school holidays.

Warnes/Rayner Carried

It cannot be stressed enough that this sport is dying and steps need to be taken to try and address the fact. Different things need to change – Districts have to consider making changes to their programmes and it needs to be acknowledged how much NZIB is currently investing in future development. There is no point in this unless Juniors are able to play in NZIB's 'flagship' event and entry numbers need to increase so the event is profitable. This would then mean great benefits for the sport. Many survey's from the last Nationals indicated support for a changed date. NZIB is aware of the farmer's aspect but as indicated before if changes are not made the sport's future does not look bright.

As a result of a proposed AGM remit from North Taranaki it was decided it was not necessary for discussion at the AGM by passing the following:

That the entry form for the National Championships in future includes a clause stating the singles entrants must be affiliated to the club in which they have entered.

Rayner/Warnes Carried

It would be the clubs and district's responsibility to 'police' this clause and NZIB does not know how this can be done if a bowler is affiliated to two different clubs/districts?

It was decided that the Executive would hold their usual Meeting straight after the AGM. Next morning a Facilitator will be engaged to conduct a session with the purpose of bringing together the Sport NZ Investment

Plan and the NZIB Long Term Plan. The document produced will then be shared with districts for their support and buy in.

UMPIRES:

The state of umpires continues to be a major concern with declining numbers. It is hoped that districts will support the remit to have the Umpires' representative replaced and appointed in the same manner of the other Executive Members. This will be step one in a plan to get more and better umpires offering their services. Bevan Matthews had been asked to present his thoughts on an umpire's development plan for next year and another request will be made.

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.

SPORT NZ:

The investment schedule up until 30 June 2015 was signed off and a copy will be sent to all districts with the Minutes. Districts are asked to look at the document closely as assistance is required in achieving the Key Performance Indicators (KPI's). 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.

The Executive Officer's Report was tabled and accepted.

General Business:

Manawatu had advised that their proposed tournament using the International Mats had been delayed and would be held in the New Year.

Both black/yellow and blue/orange bowls sets were now available but there was a further delay in the new bowling mat. Martin Nordqvist had inspected the mat that had been produced and had found it unsatisfactory and not the same as the mat that had been agreed to.

That an application be made to the Infinity Foundation for 10 sets of blue/orange bowls to be used at the 2014 National Championships.

Rayner/Chapman

Carried.

As a result of a letter received from Canty IBA the following remit was passed.

That certificates be awarded to all winners of the Academy and Masters fixtures played at the National Championships.

Warnes/Lynn

Carried

It was noted that the certificates would be prepared after the event and sent to District Secretaries for distribution.

NZ Qualification Authority

New Indoor Bowls Performance Standards had been rewritten as requested so that they were presented in the same way as Bowls NZ.

David Lynn reported that he was excited by what he had seen at the AIMS games with the 183 intermediate students playing in the singles and requested NZIB supports this event as much as it can.

He added that he was disappointed at the turn out of the Under 30 event held in Hamilton with travel costs being an obvious reason.

David asked also for clarification on NZIB travel expenses and the receipt of income. Trevor Rayner outlined the travel policy and Ngaire said receipts were issued for all income from Districts and bowlers and copies were available on request.

Trevor Rayner brought to the Executive's attention an alternative draw system that could be used for National events and he will pursue further. He also said he was communicating with English Carpet Bowls Association and investigating a future opportunity to play in their "Festival of Bowls" event.

Meeting closed 4.30pm