

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR GOLF
CLUB, WELLINGTON, 11 FEBRUARY 2017 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT: Barry Chapman, Nigel Warnes, Trevor Rayner, David Edgar, Michael Lawson, David Lynn, Graham Low & Ngaire Drake.

President Barry Chapman greeted Members. He hoped they had had a refreshing break and were ready to approach what he was sure would be interesting indoor bowls year ahead.

APOLOGIES: Nil

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 and 4 December 2016 as circulated, were taken as read.

Edgar/Rayner Carried

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 9 February 2017, be accepted and cheque number 5756, direct debits and automatic payments be approved.

Lawson/Lynn Carried

It was noted that ANZ Bank had agreed to sell UDC Finance but no concern was expressed about this deal
The Moore Stephen Markhams Audit Management Report which had indicated no issues of concern was tabled and accepted
The funding application for new International Mats was declined by the Pelorus Trust.

Sent to District Secretaries-12 December

Minutes of 2016 AGM

Minutes of Executive Meeting 3-4 December 2016 with financial position

Venue notification for 2017 National events

District Secretaries deadlines for 2017

AGM survey

DEVELOPMENT ROLE:

Michelle Watt addressed the meeting and discussed fully her position and expectations for the year ahead. There was much discussion to ensure there was a clear understanding and that the value of role will be evident by the end of the year. A successful template is required so consideration can be made to rolling out similar development roles in other districts. It is recognised as equally important to promote the game to adults as well as students. An application for Kiwisport funding to assist with the school work being done by Brendon Kenny and Michelle in Wanganui was being prepared. PB-EC had recently been successful getting Kiwisport funds for a similar project and other districts should be contacting their local Sports Trust about the opportunities available to them.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The successful online entry system would be updated and continued with. All districts secretaries appreciated this simple method of processing their club's entries last year for both the National and Island Championships. Graham Low's offer to continue formatting the draw and index pages for the programme, after his excellent effort last year, was gratefully accepted.

It was disappointing the sponsorship proposal to Bayley's Real Estate was initially ignored and then declined. However it is very pleasing that the significant contract with the Taupo District Council has been signed off. At the end of the event a substantial report will need to be submitted to them which will include feedback from a simple survey that all bowlers will be requested to complete.

TDC will be asked to prepare their questions which NZIB will add to so both organisations benefit from the information received.

David Lynn presented equipment costs he had obtained from Alex Reed regarding live streaming of the semi-finals and finals. More information was requested but it was generally felt that even though the idea had merit it would logistically be difficult. It is felt a dedicated team needed to focus solely on it. NZIB would not be prepared to proceed unless a quality final viewing could be guaranteed.

The National Championships is the 'flagship' of our game and all districts are asked to encourage new bowlers to attend. It is an Open event and caters for all bowlers especially now with the Masters grade. All bowlers also had the opportunity to win a prize with the introduction of a "Feature Game" in every session. The promotion of the Academy/ Masters teams is also required and nomination forms should be readily available for all those who are competing in Taupo.

The Executive are keen to form a Discussion Group to focus on the promotion of future Nationals.

UMPIRES:

All Districts should be having an umpires/measurers meeting at the start of each season to review the Laws of the Game and encourage more members to become qualified umpires. A registration sheet for the National Exam will be emailed out with the Minutes and the webmaster will be asked to display the sample exam papers more prominently on the website. It is hoped that Alex Reed will make available the draft DVD in the next week.

2017 EVENTS:

The rules for all National events were updated and ratified and a copy of each would be emailed to districts.

Accommodation was still to be arranged for all the National events, and and Tour matches so districts if you have any recommendations please advise National Office urgently.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

Rayner/Edgar

Carried.

COACHING:

Details of the Coaching workshops would be resent to districts secretaries and it is important that this information is communicated to all clubs and bowlers interested in coaching. All neighbouring districts need to send representatives to the most appropriate location. These sessions will be extremely valuable and there is concern that the information does not get circulated as it should. David Lynn is to promote on Facebook.

INTERNATIONAL:

Arrangements for the touring team were in hand.

Trevor Rayner said that new International Mats should be purchased before the 2019 Test and it was agreed he should make enquiries on source and availability. It was noted that the Henselite Mats were made in the UK and there was a delivery delay of many months.

The proposal of packaged Indoor Bowls Tours to Norfolk Island was agreed in principal with March/April the preferred time using the 24 feet "International mat".

In committee the Test venue in 2019 was approved and will be announced in May.

MEMBERS BENEFITS:

Much time had been spent in the past trying to secure different 'deals' for members. However in the main these had not been taken advantage of and it was decided that energy would better be spent in more worthwhile projects.

PUBLICITY:

The Executive welcomed the return of Delwyn Hughes in the role of National Publicity Officer and the draft MOU was signed off.

The first newsletter for the year would be sent out early in March.

AGM:

The Companies Office documents recognising the Constitutional changes from the AGM were signed off. This year's AGM will be on 2 December so districts should be looking to take advantage of cheap air fares when they become available.

It is considered that cost is not a valid reason for not attending.

To date only 12 districts had responded to the AGM Survey and other districts needed to do so now. Good communication links are vital for the sport. Once all responses are received they will be fully evaluated, summarised and made available to all districts/ bowlers. It was extremely positive to note that all district responses so far from those who had attended, had considered it a worthwhile experience and they had gained value from it.

DEVELOPMENT FUND:

A request from Canterbury to assist with funds for advertising was fully discussed. It was agreed that 'advertising' did not meet the criteria but in view of their Hall's misfortune it was beneficial to inform the public that it was now fully operating.

That half the cost of \$469.60 for an eighth page vertical advertisement in the Star Newspapers "Winter Sport & Recreation" section be approved.

EVENT HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN TEMPLATE:

Much work had been done on this document. It will be forwarded to districts once the agreed final alterations have been made.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Equipment- Henselite had advised they had exhausted their stock of new mats and were currently looking for a new supplier. It is envisaged that this will take considerable time.
- Many Districts still needed to supply contact details of their officers and club secretaries.- all are reminded again that an email address for every club is required
- Newsletter- first edition will be early March and interesting stories from your district are requested.

The after school sport programmes offered by Kelly Sport were discussed and Trevor Rayner is to investigate what they may be able to offer Indoor Bowls.

Meeting closed 3.00pm