

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT MIRAMAR GOLF CLUB
14 OCTOBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 9.05AM**

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

Barry welcomed all Executive Members to his last meeting as President.

APOLOGIES: Nil

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 9 June 2017 as circulated were taken as read.

Warnes/Lynn Carried

MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED LATER: Nil

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 13 October 2017 is accepted and cheque number 5757 plus direct debits and automatic payments be passed.

Edgar/Lawson Carried

A draft copy of the NZIB's Financial Statement for the year ended 30 September 2017 was discussed a couple of presentation changes were suggested. These accounts will now 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.

Over recent years fewer districts have requested individual copies of the Annual Report for their Clubs. Please let National Office know by 26 October if you wish this to happen. Otherwise a copy will just be sent to all districts, available for AGM delegates plus uploaded to the website.

It was agreed that the small surplus shown of approximately \$10k was a good result. The main contributor to this was the financial success of the National Championships through the generous support of the Taupo District Council and the continuing funding from Sport NZ.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent to District Secretaries

Minutes of Executive Meeting 9 June 2017 with financial report
Letters to districts requesting they host 2018 National events and tour matches with host district duties attached
Draft 2018 National Programme
Final details and mat draws for districts hosting 2017 tour matches
AGM information including remit form, delegate's registration, and nomination of officers
District Membership Numbers

INDOOR BOWLS ADVISOR ROLE:

The reports provided by Michelle Watt are accepted.

Edgar/Lynn

Carried

REPORTS OF NATIONAL EVENTS:

Island Tour

Points from South Island Tour Manager Nigel Warnes verbal report were:

- All hosting districts did a good job but disappointment was expressed at lack of local supporters at the fixtures.
- Timing of games especially when there are two a day needs to be reviewed to make the coach driver's hours within the legal limit.
- One of the objectives of the Tour is to seek District feedback and views. However it was impossible to have meaningful meetings with district executive and officials as most were involved in tour fixture.
- Michelle Watt who accompanied the team in her Development role did not have opportunity to share ideas with local executive also because of this reason.
- Schools involvement with the team in Wanganui and PB-EC was considered well received and worthwhile.
- The planned school fixture in Rotorua did not eventuate due to the closing of the road between Gisborne and Rotorua.
- It was agreed it was too late to change the itinerary for the 2018 but in the future itineraries needed to take more consideration in allowing coach drivers to operate within the acceptable criteria. A complete revamp on the makeup of the tours is possible.
- The N v S test was well organised and BP IBC were thanked for applying for funding which allowed the venue to be free of charge.

Henselite Champion of Champions

- Controller Nigel Warnes said Nelson IBA did an excellent job and they are thanked for providing their venue free of charge.
- Transfers worked well with Saxton Lodge assisting.

NZ Mixed Fours/ Mixed Pairs

- Control Barry Chapman said it was advantageous that both the events could be played on the same day.
- Having the final dinner out of the hall and at the bowlers own expense worked well and will be continued with.
- It is recommended that all Zone finals for both events be held on the Saturday which would allow those Ladies attending the Chartered Clubs to travel on the Sunday.
- Zones organisers should be aware that if the same bowlers are playing in both competitions they do not play on the same mats.

NZ Junior Singles

- Disappointment was expressed by Controller Trevor Rayner that only 24 out of 35 districts were represented and districts should be doing much more to ensure they have a representative.
- This event is a great opportunity for juniors to experience excellent competition and make friends which will encourage them to continue with the game.

NZ Secondary Schools Event

- Number of entries has stabilised with this year 91 bowlers being involved over the two days.
- The NZ SS events would not stand alone and relies on the NZ Junior singles entrants to make up the numbers.
- Because most only entered in the singles as they did not have a partner from their school there is always pressure to get the event finished early enough to allow time to get to the Airport for flights.
- For the Post section a shuffle draw was applied for the first time and it was well received.
- North Wellington IBA's team is very experienced at running this event and do a very good job.

Welch Trophy

- David Lynn who controlled his first event said he enjoyed the experience and thanked all those who helped.
- Disappointment was expressed that one team did not act as professional as the others which caused some delays.
- It was acknowledged that there should not be so much time wasting and the Controller had the power to eliminate it.
- One team not advising they did not required transfers also caused unnecessary expense and inconvenience.
- The inaugural Edgar Family Trophy was presented to the top point's scorer.

2018 NATIONAL PROGRAMME

A revised copy will be sent to districts and uploaded to the website. It was decided that there was insufficient time to conduct a full Executive Meeting during the Nationals. A new date was added together with a closing date for NZ Team nominations, announcement of the 2019 NZ Team and the May date for the ECBA Festival of Bowls. The 2018 Deadlines for District Secretaries will also be sent out.

PUBLICITY:

Delwyn Hughes's report indicated she had enjoyed being involved with National Publicity and working with the Executive again. However she found it frustrating sitting at home looking at Google sheets that were sometimes not filled in after each round. She very much supports Google spreadsheets at all the Paterson Trophy Zone Finals next year and has asked the Executive to take leadership of this as it allows bowlers to follow all the zones in real time.

A renewed Publicity MOU will be offered to Delwyn including attendance at the Nationals, Welch Trophy and Island Tour.

WEBMASTER:

Paul Voorend's email indicated that he was getting great feedback about the online Google charts and supported them being used for all NZIB events. All the archives had been updated and he added that with all the public doing their own Facebook updates it made his job easier. However it was important to have the site with all the information on one place. It is hoped that in future the site can be modified with opportunities to create more interaction with users.

*That a donation be made to Webmaster Paul Voorend
acknowledging his work this year.*

Rayner/Edgar

Carried

2018 NATIONALS:

A proposal to Experience Mid-Canterbury Tourism for support of this event had been forwarded to the Mayor but unfortunately no response had been received to date. The proposal had included an excellent reference from the Taupo District Council which had evaluated this year's Nationals from data collected through the survey. The result had shown that competitors had injected an additional \$1.3M into the local economy and another highlight was having the TVNZ Breakfast show present one morning. Bruce Christie who had developed the very successful and user friendly entry system had updated it and will be asked to write new inputting instructions for District Secretaries.

As Graham Low and Trevor Rayner will both be in the UK at the time formatting of the National book is required plans were now being discussed to ensure this important procedure proceeds without problems.

That the Academy dinner is discontinued.

Lawson/Lynn

Carried

At the end of the trophy presentations bowlers would be free to do as they please.

2018 ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:

A report received from Delwyn Hughes as NI Tournament Secretary clearly indicated that planning for the Rotorua event was well under way.

2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The contract with Events and Venues-Rotorua was revisited and it was agreed to accept on a one year basis.

2020 CHAMPIONSHIPS: - to be ratified at AGM

*That the application from Northland Indoor Bowling Centre to host
the 2020 National Championships be accepted.*

Edgar/Rayner

Carried

It was noted that South Otago were considering hosting the 2020 South Island Championships.

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.

Full AGM papers will be sent out early in November.

That the recommendation be put to the 2017 Annual General Meeting that the affiliation fees for the 2018 year be \$15 per member; \$2 for Juniors and \$120 Associate Bodies.-all gst inclusive.

Warnes/Lawson

Carried.

Remit re Substitution Rule 12 from North Taranaki.

The Executive does not support this remit as it would provide an opportunity to shuffle the teams around.

UMPIRES:

Nigel Warnes reported that he was pleased with the progress that had been made with the National Exam and of the 35 who had sat 27 had been successful in becoming National Umpires. He said at the National Championships there were more umpires available, and it was extremely positive to see younger umpires keen and performing well. The issue of lack of umpires when there was only one playing session needed to be addressed.

He said some districts had a good supply of new umpires and it would be time to target those areas that didn't.

There was discussion with some umpires about changing their uniform to a polo shirt but it was decided that the current uniform was much more official looking and suitable. In future all umpires in action at National events will be requested to wear the official uniform.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:

Once again most Districts/Clubs have failed to recognise their hard working volunteer/s which is disappointing. However from the excellent nominations received a very worthy winner has been selected and will be announced at the AGM.

It was noted that the website had not been updated with a special Volunteer of the Year Honours Board and this will be actioned.

CLUBS NZ:

A response had been received rejecting NZIB's suggestion to change the date of the Men's Chartered Clubs Nationals from June to the third week in August. It was felt that having both Nationals so close together did not stop bowlers from going to either event.

Clubs NZ also suggested that the Zone Finals of the Mixed Events be changed to a weekend in August to avoid the clash with the Ladies Clubs NZ Nationals starting on the first Monday of July as travel was necessary on the Sunday. This issue was referred to earlier.

COACHING:

Michael Lawson discussed the future coaching plans and they will be finalised after district feedback and discussion at the AGM. It was agreed that the current model was not producing the desired results so there will be a focus on creating a new position in the south. It is hoped the success of this will allow expansion into other regions.

INTERNATIONAL – UK:

Team Manager Trevor Rayner reported that the official team would consist of 6 men and 2 women and the total tour party with supporters would total 22. All air and accommodation bookings had been made.

Most of the group would play in the Festival of Bowls with the selected NZ Team playing in the World Cup against, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and England.

That the 2019 International against Australia in Invercargill be played on NZ's current International mats.

Warnes/Rayner Carried

The Executive are hoping the focus of future International development will involve European teams and it would be premature to purchase mats which are solely used in Australia.

The Executive Officer's Report was tabled and accepted. Most items had been covered throughout the day.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

There were no issues to report.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Norfolk Island Convicts Challenge

Unfortunately due to a change of Air Schedules it would now be necessary for bowlers from NZ to travel via Sydney or Brisbane. However, NZIB agreed to continue supporting this social indoor Bowls tournament to be held 7-14 April. The updated details will be added to NZIB's website or contact Go See Touring direct www.goseetouring.com or info@goseetouring.com

Nigel Warnes is to contact the organisers to offer help in the running of the event

NZ Masters Games-Dunedin

Indoor Bowls will be included with singles, pairs and fours competition 8-11 February. The minimum age for competitors is 40 years.

To register or for more information go to www.nzmg.com

A request from Auckland to purchase a Welch Trophy badge for their Manager was discussed and not supported. As the closing date for remits had passed no further action can be taken.

That Executive badges be discontinued except for the Life Membership award.

Warnes/Lawson Carried

Special Olympic Games-Wellington

Trevor Rayner who will control the indoor bowls section said there would be 91 bowlers involved. Special Olympics did the draws and recording with all bowlers receiving an award.

Lack of communication with districts and clubs continues to be a problem. It is hoped in the New Year all District Secretaries will make sure that all clubs have a workable email address which is provided to NZIB. Many new addresses will be required with Vodafone ceasing their networks.

Bowler's feedback is required so NZIB can provide assistance where it is required. A survey covering different issues will be sent out with Minutes and hopefully meaningful debate will follow at the AGM.

A discussion was held on a review of tournaments which included Sevens, Tens and a Paterson Challenge with possible final to be played at the Nationals. These ideas will be pursued further.

President Barry Chapman whose 3 year term finishes at the AGM thanked Executive for their support over his time in the role.

The meeting closed at 4.45pm.