

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF THE 69th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE
BRENTWOOD HOTEL, WELLINGTON ON SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER,
2017 COMMENCING AT 10.30AM**

WELCOME: President, Barry Chapman welcomed District delegates to the 69th AGM ending his three-year term as President. As in previous years, he expressed disappointment at the absence of some districts as the sport needed to work together and be part of the discussion on how to move the game forward.

APOLOGIES:

Michael Lawson (Family Health reasons)

The following proxy votes were recorded.

Buller and Hokitika - to Sheryl Anderson

Otago, North Otago and Central Otago- to David Edgar

GB- Motueka- to Nigel Warnes

Northland-to Sharon Peters

Clubs NZ- to Graham Low

That the apology be accepted and proxies approved.

Brendon Kenny/Greg Veale

Carried

PRESENT:

Barry Chapman, President, Nigel Warnes, Deputy President, David Edgar, (Life Member), Trevor Rayner, David Lynn (PB-EC), Graham Low, (Clubs NZ), Executive Members; Ngaire Drake, Executive Officer; Carol Wright, Auckland; Delwyn Hughes, Patron, Life Member, Bay of Plenty; Mike Fouhy, Bush Ruahine; David Bullock, Canterbury; Kath Arvidson, Counties; Dora Warren, Hawkes Bay; Rosie Penn, Ruth Munro, Horowhenua, Wayne Thomas, Hutt Valley; Wayne Richards, Greg Veale, Manawatu; Steven Grant, Marlborough; Brian Fletcher, Nelson; Sharon Peters, North Harbour; John Zittersteijn, Kevin Barriball, North Taranaki; Avon Compton, Stacey McKenzie, North Wellington; Ross Brayshaw, Roskill and Districts; Suzanne Mackie, Southland; Barbara Reid, Tick Reid, South Canterbury; Gordon Duthie, South Otago; Jenny Hamley, Gordon Hamley, Taranaki; Dave Crockett, Tauranga; Jenny Williams, Mary Holmes, Upper Hutt Valley; Jenny Chapman, Waikato; Donald Leighton, Janice Leighton, Wairarapa; Sue Hackett, Brendon Kenny, Wanganui; John Manchester, Veronica Hogan, NZ Blind & Visually Impaired IBF.

OBITUARY:

President Barry asked the meeting to stand in memory of those bowlers who had passed away during the year and condolences were extended to their families. Special mention was made of former Executive Member George Anderson HB and the more recent passing of Northland bowler Judy Johnston.

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the 68th Annual General Meeting dated 3 December 2016, are taken as read and approved.

Suzanne Mackie/Brian Fletcher Carried

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET:

That the 69th Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.

David Edgar/Paul Walker Carried

President Barry said that even though the Executive had worked hard over his three years in the role the game still had the same problems as when he took over. He added unless major changes were made the downward trend would continue. He concluded by thanking his wife Jenny for her continued support.

That the proposed budget for the year ending 30 September 2018 be accepted.

Avon Compton/Ross Brayshaw Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

PATRON:

Life Member Delwyn Hughes was re-elected unopposed.

PRESIDENT:

Nigel Warnes, Golden Bay-Motueka was elected unopposed.

Nigel thanked Barry for his three years as President. He said it had gone so fast it was a tribute to Barry's unflappable manner. He added it was an honour and privilege to now lead the organisation. Acknowledging the problems the sport faced he said everyone had to work together, communicate much better and make changes to move the organisation forward.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT:

Michael Lawson, Ashburton (in his absence) was elected unopposed.

EXECUTIVE:

The following Executive Members were re-elected unopposed.

David Edgar	South Otago
Graham Low	Southland
David Lynn	Poverty Bay-EC
Trevor Rayner	North Wellington

Barry Chapman was elected to the Executive unopposed.

Executive Members were given the opportunity to address the meeting.

All spoke of their passion for the sport and wanting to give something back. Trevor Rayner announced it would be his last year on the Executive and unless changes were made a total restructure would have to happen sooner rather than later. He said it was significant milestone that Nigel's father had been President 36 years ago and then Patron 1986-1996. Graham Low said as he was retiring in March he looked forward to having more time to assist.

Considering there was arguably no better game, which allowed complete diversity for all who wanted to participate, the lack of diversity in the sport's governance and lack of interest in nominations for positions, was a concern.

Executive members gave honest answers when asked how many hours were required- it does vary amongst members and David Edgar said he could not have been involved for so long if he had not been self-employed.

Future Championships:

2018 National Championships in Ashburton

In Michael's absence Nigel reported briefly saying Ashburton IBA had been working hard and hoped to have other events during the week with the aim of making it the best ever Nationals to be held in the South Island. There was still plenty of accommodation available so spread the word amongst your bowlers young and old. The full support of surrounding districts was vital to the success of the event.

2019 National Championships in Rotorua –

Delwyn Hughes said the Island Championships next year would be good practise for the event. The contract with the Energy Events Centre had been signed off with NZIB.

2020 National Championships in Northland

Northland application to host at the ASB Stadium, Whangarei was ratified.

2018 North Island Championships in Rotorua

Bay of Plenty delegate and NZIB's Patron Delwyn Hughes said it was good to be back at the AGM having been involved with the sport for over 30 years. She said the NI Champs were being held at the Sportsdrome, which had been updated, and special care was being made to ensure the catering was appropriate food for bowlers. North Island entry forms and posters would be sent out with the Nationals material in February.

2019 South Island Championships hosted by Canterbury

David Bullock said Canterbury was looking forward to hosting and were running a large raffle plus seeking sponsorship to help fund.

He agreed with BP in keeping the entry fee at \$15 pp per event.

2020 South Island Championships

Gordon Duthie said South Otago was keen to host but they needed to ensure the venue heating, which was such a problem last time, had improved.

Barb Reid said South Canterbury was also interested and the two districts where happy to discuss between themselves and NZIB will be advised of the outcome in due course.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

That the Constitution of NZ Indoor Bowls be amended as follows:

- 1. Add the following sub-clause to the objectives/powers of the organisation:
1.3 Objects**

(vii) *to promote and manage compliance with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules made by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (as amended from time to time).*

(viii) *to promote and manage compliance with its Anti-Match Fixing and Sports Betting Policy.*

Moved and seconded NZIB Executive

The motion was put and carried

REMITTS:

Anti-Match-Fixing and related corruption

That NZIB accept the Anti-Match Fixing and Sports Betting Policy as was circulated.

Moved and seconded NZIB Executive

The remit was put and carried

That New Zealand Indoor Bowls is committed to protecting the integrity and reputation of indoor bowls. All relevant persons are bound by the NZIB's Anti-Match-Fixing policy/regulations/by-laws, which describe all prohibited conduct and the breach resolution process.

Moved and seconded NZIB Executive

The remit was put and carried

Anti-doping

The New Zealand Indoor Bowls adopts the Sports Anti-Doping Rules ("SADR") made by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (as amended from time to time) as its Anti-Doping Policy.

Moved and seconded NZIB Executive

The remit was put and carried

All the above Notice of Motions and remits are necessary to comply with the Sport NZ's investment schedule. They are made necessary due to the changes, which will be coming in Incorporated Society Law.

PATERSON/WELCH

This remit is in regards to the Substitution rule 12 concerning the Paterson and Welch Trophy competitions.

Any substitution for these events can only be made due to health reason (Illness, accident, and sudden bereavement)

Any substitution to the team is at the discretion of the hall controller.

If any Centre is found to breach the spirit of this law by the hall controller, they will be brought before the NZIB match committee and if found in breach a penalty may be imposed by the said committee.

Rule 12:

1. *No substitution shall be permitted during a singles game.*
2. *Any substitution must take the position of the player being substituted during a game. At the completion of that game that team may be re-arranged and submitted to the hall controller for approval. Once team has been re-arranged players must stay in that position.*
3. *The substituted player may not come back into the competition unless due to exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the hall controller.*
4. *If further substitutes are required, they will be permitted at the discretion of the Hall Controller.*

Proposer: North Taranaki Indoor Bowls Association

Seconder: Taranaki IBA

Kevin Barriball and Jenny Hamley outlined the reasons for the remit

The following Amendment to Welch and Paterson Trophy Rule 12 was put:

- a *Any substitution to the team is at the discretion of the Hall Controller. Substitution can only be made due to health reasons (illness, accident, sudden bereavement)*
- b *No substitute shall be permitted during a singles game.*
- c. *Any substitute must take the position of the player being substituted during a game. At the completion of the game, the team, that the player being substituted came out of may be re-arranged and submitted to the Hall Controller for approval. Once the team has been re-arranged, players must stay in that position.*
- d *The substituted player may not come back into the competition unless due to exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of the Hall Controller.*

- e *If further substitutes are required they may be permitted at the discretion of the Hall Controller.*

David Edgar/Delwyn Hughes

Districts supported this amendment, which was put and carried.

The amendment became the remit, which was put and carried.

All agreed that the event controller needed to have the authority to act and be prepared to stand up and state their point. Also for it to work it was very important that the Managers supported the controller.

CAPITATION FEES:

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

Nigel Warnes/Delwyn Hughes

Carried

Greg Veale said the levy was too cheap but was told the Executive considered it was, better at this stage, for them to remain the same.

NZIB'S VOLUNTEER AWARD:

President Nigel announced that Josephine Wells, Auckland was the winner of this award. Known as Jo or Nana Jo to the younger members was 91 years of age. She still did a considerable amount of work for Western IBA and Auckland IBC where she has been Patron and Life member for many years. Even though she does not play the game any longer, Jo still works tirelessly behind the scenes, and donates many raffle prizes. Nigel urged all districts to next year give some recognition to their volunteers by nominating for this award. Other nominations received this year were of such high quality they will remain valid and will receive certificates acknowledging their contribution.

UMPIRES REPORT:

Executive Member in charge of Umpiring Nigel Warnes said he was pleased with the progress that had been made this year with 35 candidates for the National exam resulting in 27 being successful. The 'mat fault' video was still being developed but it was hoped to have it ready for use soon. When asked five districts indicated, they still had separate Umpires Associations. North Taranaki revealed they conducted their own local exams but as these are not recognised, they need to comply with sitting the National exam in the future.

COACHING REPORT:

In Michael Lawson's absence, Nigel said a considerable amount of work had been accomplished on a new coaching strategy, which would be finalised at the February Executive meeting. The coaching workshops coordinated by Michael Lawson had been well received and some good feedback had been received back from them. There is a strong desire to create a more direct link with a coaching/development person in each district and this will be continually followed up until achieved. A new position Regional Coaching/ Development Officer is going to be appointed down South and when successful it is intended to roll this model out in further regions.

INTERNATIONALS:

The Manager of the 2018 NZ team Trevor Rayner spoke of the history behind the selection of this team to attend the England Carpet Bowls' Festival of Bowls and World Cup in the UK next year. Although it is a different game, there is confidence that the team will perform well and create an excellent pathway for our top bowlers. This is not the only reason though as the event is regarded as an excellent investment to profile our sport on the world stage and nationally. Although the team is only eight bowlers, a touring party of 22 will be at the Festival of Bowls event.

NZIB has also been involved in creating a social event for those bowlers wanting to holiday in the Norfolk Island during April. Nigel Warnes an experienced traveller to the Island has agreed to act as organiser and all details are on NZIB's website. Flights are being held and need to be finalised by 21 December.

SURVEY:

Delegates were divided into 10 groups made up of districts of similar membership and asked to complete a survey about all aspects of the game. Bowlers' feedback is vital, as changes need to be introduced to try and stop the membership decline and reintroduce those clubs that are no longer affiliating.

The feedback will be evaluated and fully reported on after the February Executive Meeting. Delegates were thanked for their input and at the same time asked to look at their own district calendars as many were still operating the same as years ago when their membership was far greater.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Brendon Kenny asked if there was a back up date for the Paterson date but was told there was not.

He also asked if there were 2nd and 3rd recognition for plate events at the Henselite and again informed there was not.

Kevin Barriball spoke highly of the work being carried out by Michelle Watt in the North Taranaki District.

Jenny Chapman said it had taken 5 years of hard work but Waikato IBA were delighted that in 2018 they will have a Secondary Schools event in the sanctioned Sport Waikato calendar.

Trevor Rayner spoke glowingly of the AIMS Games and the work done by Tauranga IBA in coordinating the 350 indoor bowlers who play in it.

This year an inaugural Teachers Games was also held in Tauranga, which was attended by 550 teachers participating in five different sports. This event is sure to grow and every endeavour is being made to include indoor bowls in the schedule next year.

Wearing her National Publicity hat Delwyn Hughes requested that all districts set up a Facebook page linked to NZIB website. She also said the live streaming of the Australia Test matches had been very well received and requested that it is introduced to allow coverage of the National Championship finals. David Lynn will follow up with this.

The growth of Juniors in the PB-EC district was also acknowledged and David Lynn said they were pleased that their hard work was being recognised. The district was doing whatever they could to develop junior bowls even further.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm with President Nigel thanking delegates for their positive contribution during the day. Again he emphasised that to move the game forward better communication with districts was required. He identified unaffiliated Clubs as the number one target and challenged all districts to re affiliate at least one club as this could completely turn the sport around.

Nigel concluded the meeting by wishing all a safe journey home and a happy holiday season.