

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR GOLF
CLUB, WELLINGTON, 17-18 FEBRUARY 2018 COMMENCING AT
9.00AM**

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

President Nigel Warnes welcomed members saying he hoped they had had a refreshing break and were ready to contribute to the planning weekend ahead. Michael Lawson who was attending his first meeting as Deputy President was congratulated on this appointment made at the recent AGM.

APOLOGIES: Nil

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 and 3 December 2017 as circulated, were taken as read.

Edgar/Chapman Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

It was noted that the Nationals poster / and entry form would be posted to District Secretaries in March not in February as was stated.

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 15 February 2018, be accepted and direct debits, credit card and automatic payments be approved.

Lawson/Lynn Carried

The UDC funds had been reinvested.

For use in funding applications, many districts had requested confirmation they were affiliated to NZIB. It is recognised that grants are much easier to secure at this level and all districts should be seeking to obtain these available funds.

Sent to District Secretaries-12 December

Minutes of 2017 AGM

Minutes of Executive Meeting 2-3 December 2017 with financial position

Venue notification for 2018 National events

District Secretaries deadlines for 2018

Database information relating to each district for updating

DEVELOPMENT ROLE:

Michelle Watt addressed the meeting and reported on her current activities and plans over the next few months. She was given approval to assist with school development in the Whangarei area and while there will be maximising her time with the District and other key stakeholders. Some positive activity happening in Whanganui was reported.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Often new bowlers were not encouraged to attend the National Championships and all districts are asked to promote the event with all their clubs and members. It is an Open event and caters for all bowlers especially with the Masters grade becoming so popular. 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 Ashburton.

Bruce Christie, who has developed NZIB Draw packages and entry systems had suggested consideration of blocks of 8 at the Nationals. However, it was decided that there would be no change this year but it would be further investigated in the future.

That Graham Low be appointed to manage future draw development.

Rayner/Chapman

Carried

Bruce Christie would continue to assist but it was felt that NZIB should be taking more responsibility with the setting up and development of future draws.

All agreed that the National Championship was the "flagship" event of the sport. Progress had been made with the introduction of the Masters grades but to continue with growth and appeal it is hoped a Nationals District Challenge Championship will be introduced at this year's event.

David Lynn is working on a plan to ensure there is excellent social media coverage and live streaming at the Nationals and other events.

UMPIRES:

It was pleasing that some districts had approached Umpires Examiner Nigel Warnes about their members wishing to sit the National exam. A registration sheet for the May exam will be sent out with the Minutes. Nigel said he was attempting to create a direct email link with all National umpires and said the only way for the standard to improve was for all umpires to sit the National exam.

The link displaying sample exam papers is to be placed more prominently on the website. Discussions over finalising the DVD were ongoing.

2018 EVENTS:

The rules for all National events were reviewed and ratified and will be sent to districts soon.

Changes include:

- The enforcement of the Code of Conduct being signed by all under 18 participants and caregivers and included with the events entry form.
- The Northern v Southern zone fixture following the NZ Junior Singles to be revised to include all players
- The introduction of a yellow/red card for time wasting at the Welch Trophy and North v South fixtures.

- A clause added to all event rules and entry forms exempting NZIB for any liability.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

Rayner/Lynn Carried.

DEVELOPMENT/COACHING ROLE:

The importance of this position within each district cannot be over emphasised and there were lengthy discussions on the structure and the roles to be established.

Details around this are to be finalized and sent out soon. It will involve the appointment of Regional Development/Coach positions so please contact National office if you are aware of anyone who may be interested in these roles. The aim is to have all districts having the opportunity to receive and take advantage of the same development/ coaching message.

Executive Member head of Coaching Michael Lawson, has been selected to attend a 3 day Sport NZ Coach Developer Training Programme next week. It is hoped some of the learnings from this will be incorporated in the new Strategy that is being developed.

INTERNATIONAL:

NZ Team Manager Trevor Rayner reported on the preparation for the NZ Team's visit to the UK involving the Festival of Bowls and the World Cup. The current format was under review due to the late withdrawal of teams. There were 13 supporters also playing at the event.

The importance of live streaming and publicity in NZ of this event was imperative to add value to it.

Nigel Warnes recognised the work Trevor Rayner had put in so far to ensure that the event went ahead and within budget and he was thanked for his efforts.

The Norfolk Island tour, which had been advertised, had attracted 22 bowlers and will be led by Nigel Warnes.

AGM:

The Companies Office documents recognising the Constitutional changes from the AGM were signed off. This year's AGM will be on 1 December so districts should be looking to take advantage of cheap airfares when they become available.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

That David Lynn be in charge of NZIB's Health and Safety issues.

Rayner/Edgar Carried

There were no identifiable issues but this appointment was recognising the importance that NZIB puts on Health and Safety. All districts should be accepting similar responsibility and ensuring that they have policies in place for all of their events.

AGM SURVEY:

The purpose of the AGM survey was to get districts thinking about the future. However, the responses had been predictable and disappointing with no new ideas emerging.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Equipment- Henselite had advised new mats were available but they were not similar to the recognised indoor bowls mats. NZIB has secured a good supply of second hand mats, which are available for sale on request.
- Newsletter- the first edition will be produced in early March and interesting stories from your district would be appreciated.
- The North Island Championship entry form and poster will be included with the Nationals information.
- South Otago had withdrawn their interest in hosting the 2020 Island Championships and confirmation that South Canterbury would do so is pending.

The discussions around a revised North v South fixture and the lack of value Districts put on the Tour games will continue at the May Meeting.

DATABASE:

The breakdown in the communication between National Office/ District/ and Clubs continues to be one of the major stumbling blocks of our sport. It is apparent that information going to just one or two personnel is not working and it needs to be spread more widely.

Executive Members have been given the task to approach all districts that they are responsible for and ensure that email addresses are obtained for all clubs and District officers. This will include a District Umpires representative as well as the new role of Development/Coach.

President Nigel is leading this initiative as he sees it as the first important step to try and connect with as many members as possible.

Why are clubs no longer affiliating? Maybe because they see no value in what NZIB does. It is felt that if information and offers of help to re-energize the game filtered down to these clubs they would continue to support the game. Your Executive is working hard to make this happen and districts need to be doing likewise.

Meeting closed 1.30pm