

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR GOLF
CLUB, WELLINGTON 5 MAY 2018, COMMENCING AT 8.30AM.**

PRESENT: Nigel Warnes (in the chair), Barry Chapman, Trevor Rayner, David Edgar, David Lynn, Michael Lawson & Ngaire Drake.

In the absence of the President due to flight re schedules, Dep President Michael Lawson welcomed Members to the meeting.

APOLOGIES: Graham Low due to UK travel and Nigel Warnes for lateness.

That the apologies be accepted.

Edgar/Lynn

Carried

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2018 as circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Chapman/Rayner

Carried

MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED LATER: -Nil

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 3 May 2018 be accepted with direct debits, credit card and automatic payments approved.

Edgar/Chapman

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent to District Secretaries

- Minutes of Executive Meeting 17 February with financial position.
- Revised rules for all 2018 National events.
- Nomination forms and information for Academy and Masters events and Island teams
- Code of conduct
- Updated list of District Secretaries
- Schedule of Tournament and AGM Expenses
- National Championships electronic links and instructions to use-final entry numbers and request for programme requirements
- Membership Returns
- NZ Junior Singles Entry and Information Form
- North Island SS and NZ Secondary Schools Information and entry form

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Final entries are:

Open Singles 250; Pairs 150; Triples 105; Fours 90

Masters Singles 170; Pairs 105; Triples 55; Fours 45

Total number of entries 980

The starting times for qualifying rounds as follows.

Singles:

Saturday 8.30am and 12.15pm Open Singles
3.45pm Master Singles

Pairs:

Monday: 8:30am Open Pairs and Masters Pairs at 1.30pm
Both Triples: 8.30am Wednesday
Both Fours 8.30am Friday

The full draw has been posted on the website and programmes will sent to districts within two weeks.

Please note entries are still being accepted for the Master Pairs, both Master and Open Triples & Fours. Contact National Office if you have any bowlers wishing to fill these spots.

As last year, the 'user friendly' online system operated well and Bruce Christie with the help of Lynda Wightman produced the draws extremely quickly. Their continued support is very much appreciated.

That the closing date for future National Championships be two weeks later with the programme being made available at the event.
Edgar/Lynn Carried

This will allow clubs more time to get their entries organised. Now that the draw is readily available on the Website and Facebook, the extra work required for District Secretaries to distribute the programme prior to the event was considered unnecessary.

NZ Academy and Masters Event

Nominations for all teams were being finalised with the teams being announced later in the month. The fixture will be held approximately 3.30pm on the Wednesday afternoon, followed by the presentation of trophies. There will be no official dinner to follow but bowlers will be advised a recommended venue for an informal gathering.

Umpires attending the Nationals are asked to be available to assist and attend the pre Nationals meeting which would be held at 7.45pm on Friday 8 June at the MSA Club.

Umpires who had officiated in two or more sessions can continue to seek reimbursement of their entry fee by applying to the Controller of Umpires for an appropriate form. Payment will be made after the event by direct credit to a nominated bank account. It would be appreciated if all umpires assisted in their bye rounds especially for the triples and fours, which will be held in one session.

That the total prize money for the event be \$7,200 with all winners, runners up and 3rd equals being refunded their entry for that event at the following Nationals.

Rayner/Lawson Carried

Those bowlers who wished to be refunded following their success at the 2017 event could do so by completing a refund form available at the event. This is for only those who were winners, runners up or semi-finalists and reimbursement will be made by direct credit after the event.

Controller David Edgar had approached the sponsor of last year's inaugural "Feature Game" Kevin Boothby and it is extremely pleasing that he has agreed to continue with it this year. It is a very generous gesture with bowlers on one mat every session receiving their entry fees back.

The rules for the new event the District Challenge will be sent out with the Minutes and districts are asked to confirm their entry with team members before the Nationals commence.

This social, fun yet no doubt competitive event will be held at the MSA Club commencing at 6.30pm on the Thursday night. It is hoped that all Districts with teams and supporters will support it.

HAVE YOUR SAY AT THE NATIONALS

This will be an opportunity for all bowlers to give their views of the Island Tours, the Paterson/Welch, National Championships and the Champion of Champions event. Mark it in your diaries now -Monday afternoon at the conclusion of the Pairs qualifying- approximately 4.30pm.

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSIPS:

The number of entries received for Pairs was 120, Triples 65 and Fours 55. Organiser Delwyn Hughes said it was a pleasing increase on last year's South Island Champs and the planning was going well for a great event.

ISLAND TOUR AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

Over recent years, the value of the Island Tours has been questioned due to the lack of District support. The tours were originally established not only to provide a pathway and top competition for bowlers but also to attract spectators and provide administrators experience at hosting games.

It is hoped this year all districts will promote the fixture and encourage other bowlers to attend. Not only should local bowlers gain from either watching or playing but also there needed to be benefits for the experience gained by local umpires/ measurers and Controllers.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

Delwyn Hughes's report stated she had sent out the preview for the Nationals and the UK trip and had contacted District Publicity Officer's to gather their updated information.

She requested that Bruce Christie provide Google spreadsheets for each Paterson zone event and Trevor Rayner will follow this up. It would then be necessary for each zone to nominate a person to record the results as they become available.

Two newsletters had been emailed to those clubs where details were known and uploaded to the Website. What is happening in your districts? -

Articles and success stories need to be shared with others so please provide information to National office.

DEVELOPMENT ROLE:

Michelle Watt's monthly report were tabled and accepted. It included her successful trip to Northland, sharing her experience of involvement with schools, and the local Sports Trust. The Whangarei Sub Centre should be congratulated for initiating this visit and they are wished well as they try and re-established a more flourishing game in their area.

UMPIRES MATTERS:

Nigel Warnes had received the mat fault DVD for final proof and it will be used in the National exam later in the year. Alex Reed had produced this valuable tool and the lengthy undertaking will be finalised after discussions with him at the Nationals.

Two districts have submitted six candidates for the Exam in May.

National umpire numbers had increased in some districts and those districts lacking in numbers will be targeted and encouraged to become involved.

NZ Junior Singles/ NZ Secondary Schools and North Island SS Events:

Entry forms and information for these events had been sent to all districts and the website. All entrants in the NZ Junior Singles, if still at school, are expected to stay on and compete in at least the singles and preferably in the pairs with another student from their school. It is important that districts promote both these events to their younger bowlers.

SPORT NZ:

Indoor Bowls continues to receive Sport NZ funding which requires a very extensive evaluation as to the success of their investment. This information is extremely hard to gather with the communication level within our sport at such a low level.

It is sad to receive so many requests from bowlers and clubs who had not even received any information about the Nationals.

The sport cannot move forward until all the contact information is gathered, as it is critical to have direct links with all the different administrators / development-coaches/umpires and all clubs. National office and your Executive will continue harassing all if the information is not provided.

COACHING:

Michael Lawson reported on the Sport NZ Coach Developers 3 day workshop, which he had attended. It had been hoped that more bowlers would have shown interest in the Regional Development Coach roles so please spread the word and ask any possible candidates to contact National Office for more details. Discussions will be had with Peter Carnie to take up this important role in the Southern zone.

INTERNATIONAL:

NZ Team Manager, Trevor Rayner reported that some members of the team had already departed for the UK with the majority leaving on 11 May. He will be sending back regular reports of both the ECBA event and the World Cup. A link to the ECBA website will be available on NZIB's website for up to date information.

The NZ team is wished well for a successful event- this initiative is considered a very important step in the development in our game, creating more International opportunities and lifting the sport's profile.

Nigel Warnes reported on a small but successful unofficial event for bowlers held in Norfolk Island. He said excellent feedback had been received and the Brisbane Travel Agent was looking to repeat the event for NZ and Australian bowlers again next year.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

Edgar/Lynn

Carried

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The importance of Health and Safety for all District / Club events was discussed and the NZIB Event Template will be distributed to districts again as well as being available on the website.

It is compulsory for all districts owning their own hall to have a separate and readily available document on hand.

The Health and Safety document for the National Championships was finalised and signed off.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Executive members summarised the discussions they had had with the various districts to whom they were responsible.

The common theme was clubs/ bowlers not affiliating and President Nigel asked Executive Members to give this much consideration as it needed to be a major discussion item during the July meeting.

David Lynn said he had researched the necessary equipment for live streaming of events and purchase approval was given.

Sponsorship negotiations with Summerset continue with a positive outcome likely to be announced soon.

Meeting closed at 3.45pm.