

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF THE 70th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE
BRENTWOOD HOTEL, WELLINGTON ON SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER,
2018 COMMENCING AT 10.30AM**

WELCOME: President, Nigel Warnes welcomed District delegates to the 70th AGM and said he looked forward to their contribution during the day.

APOLOGIES: Sharon Hook, Greg Veale, Tick Reid for lateness and Hayden Warnes.

The following proxy votes were recorded.

Greymouth - to Marg Milne

North Otago and Central Otago- to David Edgar

Northland -to Delwyn Hughes

That the apologies be accepted and proxies approved.

Barb Reid/Sharon Peters

Carried

PRESENT:

Nigel Warnes, President (GB-Mot), Michael Lawson, Deputy President (Ashburton), Barry Chapman, David Edgar, (Life Member), Trevor Rayner, David Lynn (PB-EC), Graham Low, (Clubs NZ), Executive Members; Ngaire Drake, Executive Officer; Delwyn Hughes Patron, Life Member, Bay of Plenty; Colin Williams Auckland; Marg Milne, Buller; Mike Fouhy, Bush Ruahine; David Bullock, Canterbury; Matthew Ellis, Counties; Dora Warren, Hawkes Bay; Rosie Penn, Janet Lewis, Horowhenua, Wayne Thomas, Marcus Trlin, Hutt Valley; Paul Walker, Marlene Walker, King Country; Wayne Richards, Manawatu; Steven Grant, Marlborough; Brian Fletcher, Lewis Dellabosca, Nelson; Sharon Peters, North Harbour; John Zittersteijn, Kevin Barriball, North Taranaki; Avon Compton, North Wellington; Andrew Thompson, Otago; Ross Brayshaw, Roskill and Districts; Suzanne Mackie, Southland; Barbara Reid, South Canterbury; Colleen Fenton, David Fenton, South Otago; Jenny Hamley, Ray Finlay, Taranaki; Dave Crockett, Tauranga; Sue Sheary, Maurice Eccles, Thames Valley; Lisa Gould, David Pollard, Upper Hutt Valley; Jack Hooper, Waikato; Donald Leighton, Janice Leighton, Wairarapa; Sue Hackett, Brendon Kenny, Wanganui; Phyllis Fox, NZ Blind & Visually Impaired IBF. Observers- Gordon Hamley (TA); Neil Anderson (HO)

OBITUARY:

President Nigel asked the meeting to stand in memory of those bowlers who had passed away during the year and condolences were extended to their families.

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the 69th Annual General Meeting dated 2 December 2017, are taken as read and approved.

Ross Brayshaw/Colleen Fenton

Carried

MATTERS ARISING: Marlene and Paul Walker were added to the attendees.

ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET:

That the 70th Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.

David Edgar/Matthew Ellis Carried

The Annual Report had been distributed to districts and no questions were asked.

That the proposed budget for the year ending 30 September 2019 be accepted.

David Edgar/Matthew Ellis Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

PATRON:

Life Member Delwyn Hughes was re-elected unopposed. Delwyn thanked delegates and Executive for the confidence shown in her and said she continued to enjoy being involved and helping where she could including with the National Publicity Role

PRESIDENT:

Nigel Warnes, Golden Bay-Motueka was elected unopposed.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT:

Michael Lawson, Ashburton was elected unopposed.

EXECUTIVE:

President Nigel thanked the two retiring Executive Members Trevor Rayner and David Lynn. As Trevor's contribution would be acknowledged later in the Meeting David Lynn spoke of his 6-year involvement on NZIB's Executive. Over that time, he said two of the highlights was getting Brodie Kane from TVNZ's Breakfast show to the Taupo Nationals and the successful introduction of the National Mixed Pairs event. He had enjoyed his involvement but considered it was time for a break allowing new Members to be involved with fresh ideas.

The following Executive Members were elected unopposed.

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| Neil Anderson | Horowhenua |
| Barry Chapman | Waikato |
| David Edgar | South Otago |
| Sharon Hook | Tauranga |
| Graham Low | Southland |

Newly elected Member Neil Anderson said he was honoured to be elected and thanked delegates for their support. He had been involved with the game for 30 years and was keen to give something back. His passion was to see the sport revitalised and to become involved with the Junior and Secondary Schools event.

FUTURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2019 National Championships in Rotorua –

Delwyn Hughes said that this year's Island Championships had been successful and provided good experience leading to next year's Nationals. She hoped that the Masters grade would be well supported by all districts especially those nearby like Tauranga.

The contract with the Energy Events Centre had been signed off with NZIB. It was confirmed that the popular District Challenge and quiz nights would be continued with.

2020 National Championships in Northland

No delegate present to report.

2021 National Championships

It was noted that no application to host this event had been received and South Island Districts were asked to consider hosting.

FUTURE ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

2019 South Island Championships hosted by Canterbury

David Bullock said that they had sponsors for all the events and was pleased to keep the entry fee at \$15 per event.

2020 South Island Championships

That the application by South Canterbury to host the 2020 South Island Championships be ratified.

Colleen Fenton/David Bullock

Carried

Barb Reid said South Canterbury had just elected a new Executive and they would soon be appointing an organising committee.

2021 North Island Championships

That the application by Bay of Plenty to host the 2021 North Island Championships be ratified

Avon Compton/David Lynn

Carried

Nigel Warnes confirmed that both Island Championships were taken into account when awarding the Island Gold Star

REMITTS

Due to the remits highlighted below, being passed at the Executive Meeting 12 October, all the remits were withdrawn.

That the following remit passed at the Executive Meeting 14 July 2018

From 2019 the Henselite Champion of Champions Singles and NZ Junior Singles be conducted on the same zonal basis as NZ Mixed Fours and Pairs with the host district rotation being the same- be rescinded.

New Remit:

That the Mixed Pairs be funded as per other National events.

Wayne Richards said he thought the Executive should have presented a remit to the AGM in the first place and was told that the change was introduced as suggested at the National forum. It is obvious that the players at that forum had different views from their district administrators, which is somewhat concerning.

REMIT ONE:

Waikato Indoor Bowls Centre

"That the decision of the NZIB Executive at the NZIB Meeting held on the 14th July 2018 to move the NZ Junior Singles Final to be conducted on a Zonal basis, be rescinded, and this event continue to be played as a one day event with all districts represented".

Withdrawn by Waikato and seconded by North Taranaki

REMIT TWO:

Bay of Plenty Indoor Bowls Centre

"That the motion to restructure the Henselite Singles and NZ Junior Singles to be conducted on the same basis as the NZ Mixed Fours and NZ Mixed Pairs with the host district rotation being the same **be rescinded**"

Withdrawn by Bay of Plenty seconded by Poverty Bay-EC

Bay of Plenty Indoor Bowls Centre

"That the NZ National Final of the Mixed Pairs from 2019 be funded on the same basis as other National events."

Withdrawn by Bay of Plenty seconded by Poverty Bay-EC

North Wellington Indoor Bowls Association

“That the rules and formats of the Henselite New Zealand Champion of Champion Singles and New Zealand Junior Singles remain unchanged as per the current formats for the 2018 season”

Withdrawn by North Wellington Seconded by Hutt Valley

North Wellington Indoor Bowls Association

“That a \$30 entry fee per person (including GST) is charged for each the following events (NZ Finals only):

- Henselite New Zealand Champion of Champion Singles
- New Zealand Junior Singles
- New Zealand Mixed Fours
- New Zealand Mixed Pairs
- Welch Trophy (including 1 reserve & 1 manager per team)

Withdrawn by North Wellington Seconded by Hutt Valley

CAPITATION FEES:

In an endeavour to get all unaffiliated clubs joining NZIB the Executive floated the idea of a complete change to the system of collecting the fees. They recommended the way forward was for Districts to be invoiced in advance for the amount based on current membership, which would then give them financial advantages to encourage unaffiliated clubs to join up. This idea will be pursued further and details sent to all districts and clubs early next year.

That the recommendation be put to the 2018 Annual General Meeting that the affiliation fees for the 2019 year continue to be \$15 per member; \$2 for Juniors and \$120 Associate Bodies.-all gst inclusive.

David Edgar/Barry Chapman

Carried

Kevin Barriball said he did not see the affiliation costs as being the game’s main problem but the atmosphere that is portrayed at most indoor bowls events. He added that if changes were not introduced quickly making the game more current and interesting un-officiated bowlers would not come back into the fold.

The disappointing aspect of the discussion was how so many districts acknowledged and accepted clubs not affiliating all their membership which, is the reason for the games demise. Those districts that enforce the rules and make all members affiliate are thanked.

NATIONAL 1-5 PAIRS

This new event to encourage new bowlers was discussed and final details will be available soon. All Districts are asked to support this new initiative.

NZIB'S VOLUNTEER AWARD:

President Nigel announced that Colleen Fenton was the winner of this award and presented her with the trophy. Colleen had always been actively involved both with playing at Island representative level as well as all levels of administration in South Otago. She is very astute in accounting and management and been SO's Treasurer for over 20 years. With her great organisational skills she was always willing to volunteer for extra work as well as coaching new players and giving encouragement to all members.

Colleen thanked the Executive for the award and congratulated the other nominees.

A special award for outstanding service to the game was awarded to Alistair Graham for his work in the Canterbury bowling hall organising mats, bowls and scoreboards. David Bullock accepted the award on his behalf.

The other nominations were also of high quality and they all will be acknowledged with a certificate.

All Districts are urged to recognise their volunteers by nominating them for this National Award

UMPIRES REPORT:

Executive Member in charge of Umpiring Nigel Warnes said he was very pleased that the Mat Fault DVD had been completed which now gave much more consistency to the exam process. His immediate aim was to rewrite the complete exam procedure to make it much more user friendly. All Districts are asked to encourage their bowlers to become National umpires, as NZIB's vision was to have more well qualified umpires, which improved both bowlers experience and enhanced the quality of events being run.

COACHING REPORT:

Michael Lawson said putting in place the coaching/ development structure had taken time to ensure it had been done correctly. NZIB was now in the process of appointing an Auckland/Paterson zone Regional Development Officer and it was hoped to make more appointments in other regions soon. A coaching workshop will be held in Waikato in March and more will be held as and when considered necessary.

INTERNATIONAL:

The 2019 New Zealand Indoor Bowls Team was announced to play Australia in Invercargill next May.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

That David Lynn and Delwyn Hughes be appointed as vote Scrutineers.

Marg Milne/Ross Brayshaw Carried

That Trevor Rayner be made a Life Member of NZ Indoor Bowls.
Nigel Warnes/David Edgar

The very impressive CV of Trevor who had been associated with the game of indoor bowls for close to 50 years had been circulated and Nigel spoke glowingly of Trevor's association with the National Executive which commenced in 2007 and saw him quickly made Deputy President then President 2010-12

A secret vote was held and it was unanimously voted for Trevor to become a Life Member.

Trevor addressed the meeting and gave a very comprehensive and entertaining account of his life in the game.

Some of the highlights mentioned were:

- being NZIB's President but the following year only making the Executive by one vote,
- his unbeaten record 12 year record as a North Island Selector,
- presenting son Grant his Nationals Gold Star,
- being instrumental in the developing relationship with England Carpet Bowls
- introducing the computer system / google spread sheets to the Nationals and other events.

Finally he thanked his wife Linda for her support, family members and the Executive, Ngaire and Delwyn who had been with him throughout his journey, before receiving a standing ovation from all delegates.

That the voting papers be destroyed.

Michael Lawson/Brendon Kenny

Carried

There was an in-depth discussion on future Island Tours and the Paterson competition. The points raised will be taken into account when the review of events and Island Tour is undertaken.

Nigel Warnes said that much work had been done on developing the National database, which was so vital to improve the communication between NZIB/Districts and Clubs. It was disappointing that some districts such as Auckland, Hawkes Bay and PB-EC had not responded to many requests for their email list of Club secretaries. Next year it is hoped regular contact will be made with all clubs This should enhance the profile of NZIB and what it was trying to do to help the game.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Barb Reid asked that the reserves of Regional Paterson teams be given the opportunity of a game amongst themselves and it was agreed to allow only if there was a mat available not being used in the competition.

David Lynn acknowledged the excellent work done by Alex Reid and Colin Williams developing the live streaming, which had become so popular and important part of the game.

Barb Reid said her District South Canterbury did not think it was right that their Champion of Champions entrant had to leave home at 4am. She was told he had been given the choice of travelling on the Friday but had

requested Saturday travel as he had already arranged to pick up the Ashburton entrant.

David Bullock requested that consideration be given at the Nationals to hold the Fours on the same day as the opening thus providing more atmosphere for sponsors and important dignitaries

The meeting closed at 3.00pm with President Nigel thanking delegates for their contribution during the day and told them that changes would definitely be happening next year to try and rebuild the game. He wished all a safe journey home and happy holiday break.