

<p>NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC) MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR GOLF CLUB, WELLINGTON 4 MAY 2019, COMMENCING AT 8.30AM.</p>
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PRESENT: Nigel Warnes (in the chair), Michael Lawson, Barry Chapman, Graham Low, David Edgar, Neil Anderson, Sharon Hook & Ngaire Drake.

President Nigel welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for their contribution at the informal meeting held the previous night.

APOLOGIES: Kevin Wilson (attending Tennis NZ Club Forum)
That the apology be accepted.

Edgar/Low

Carried

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2019 as circulated, were taken as read and approved.

Chapman/Hook

Carried

MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED LATER: -Nil

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 30 April 2019 be accepted with direct debits, credit card and automatic payments approved.

Edgar/Chapman

Carried

That the \$200,000 investment due to mature on 7 May be reinvested on a similar term

Lawson/Anderson

Carried

That the employment contract for Kevin Wilson be approved.

Warnes/Low

Carried

All Districts should be aware that Kevin has been facilitating planning sessions with NZIB in an attempt to create a solid base to move the sport forward. There is much work to be done and it is felt Kevin's experience in governance, marketing and sponsorship will be invaluable. Plans are already in place for him to make visits to Manawatu to seek bowler's feedback and get a better understanding of our sport. There will also be visits to other districts and clubs and it is important that all understand and 'buy in' to the concept that is being created.

That NZIB apply to NZCT for a grant of \$60,000 to assist with employment contacts.

Edgar/Anderson

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent to District Secretaries

- Minutes of Executive Meeting 16 February with financial position.
- Revised rules for all 2019 National events.

- Nomination forms and information for Academy and Masters events and Island teams
- 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

SUMMERSET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

As the closing time is later this year, the final number of entries is still unknown.

That Nigel Warnes, Graham Low and David Edgar be the Match Committee and the Tournament Committee will comprise of NZIB Executive with the Local Organising Committee

Edgar/Low

Carried

That the remit passed July 2018 be revoked and the Section Play rule of Section winners and those with six or more points shall qualify for post-section play with draws being played out, be reinstated.

Edgar/Lawson

Carried

Neil Anderson is to draft wording relating to Rule 25

The programmes will only be available at the event and Districts are reminded that they will not receive them prior to it.

When the full draw has been finalised it will be posted on the Website and Facebook.

NZ Academy and Masters Event

As Districts will now be aware which of their bowlers are attending the Summerset Nationals please encourage them to complete nomination forms for this event.

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 both National, Local and Measurers attending the Nationals are asked to be available to assist and attend the pre Nationals meeting which would be held at 7.30pm on Friday 7 June upstairs at the Rotorua Energy Event Centre.

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.

A Celebrity roll up/ opening of the event is being organised by the Event Centre and it is hoped that it will involve the Mayor, Councillors, MP's

Summerset representative and other dignitaries. The media will also be present

That unless there is a significant swing in open/ masters entries the vouchers will remain the same with a total prize value for the event \$7,200. If desired winners, runners up and third equals can be refunded their entry for that event at the following Nationals.

Chapman/Lawson

Carried

Those bowlers who wished to be refunded following their success at the 2018 event could do so by completing a refund form available at the event. Note reimbursement will be made by direct credit after the event.

This year Ron and Rae Inglis will be sponsoring the "Feature Game" which was introduced by Kevin Boothby. It is a very generous gesture with bowlers on one mat every session receiving their entry fees back.

District Challenge

That Michael Lawson be the Event Controller

Edgar/Anderson

Carried

The reviewed rules for the District Challenge, so successfully introduced last year will be sent later in the month with the entry form. The Rotorua Energy Event Centre's foyer will be set up like a pub to enhance the atmosphere with drinks and food available. It will commence at 6.30pm on the Thursday night and it is hoped that all Districts with teams and spectators will support it.

HAVE YOUR SAY AT THE NATIONALS-FORUM:

Kevin Wilson will facilitate this session, which will include discussion on the Strategic Plans and affiliation fees. Mark it in your diaries now - Monday afternoon at the conclusion of the Pairs qualifying- approximately 6.30pm.

SUMMERSET SPONSORSHIP:

Discussions were currently taking place so that both parties have a much better understanding on how this partnership can grow to the betterment of both parties. It is felt that in these changing times NZIB will be well placed to offer significant value to Summerset.

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The entry numbers are being finalised and discussions are taking place between NZIB and the hosting district Canterbury regarding the draw and programme.

ISLAND TOUR AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

The increase in accommodation costs is evident and arrangements for all events had not been completed.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

It had been a slower start to the season due to the review of the sport that had taken place but a Newsletter and other information would be

distributed next week. The aim is to enhance the communication between NZIB/Districts and direct to clubs so all bowlers are aware of what is going on. It is felt NZIB has resources that can assist struggling clubs and a two-way conversation is necessary for this to happen.

NPO Delwyn Hughes had Facebooked information on the two New NZIB Events the 1-5 Year Pairs and the Summerset National Masters Fours with the Open Event the day before.

NZIB is to contact hosting district Roskill and Districts so that the events could be marketed to all including Summerset Retirement Villages.

UMPIRES MATTERS:

Nigel Warnes said there had been considerable interest in sitting the exam later in the year. He had encouraged this as it allowed time to evaluate feedback on the Mat Fault DVD, which is being introduced for the May Exam.

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

Entry forms and information for these events are being finalised and will be 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:

All reports relating to Sport NZ investment had been completed on time.

DEVELOPMENT COACHING:

Michael Lawson said it was good to see the Development roles gaining momentum with Alex Reed starting to get involved with the clubs in his region.

The Waikato workshop had gone well with excellent numbers attending and it was pleasing that Waikato district had followed up with a session of their own. Peter Carnie is also doing good work in the Southern area and there are possibilities of more Regional Development Officers being appointed soon.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

Edgar/Anderson

Carried

The report covered many aspects including insurance, Special Olympics and other agenda items.

To be added to the NZ Junior Rules

That the entrants can only enter in the district for which they are eligible to play representative bowls for at the time of qualifying.

Edgar/Low

Carried

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Sharon Hook stressed the importance of Health and Safety for all District / Club events 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.

It is especially important at the start of each event that the Emergency exits and Assembly points be identified.

The Health and Safety document for the National Championships is being worked on.

INTERNATIONAL NEW ZEALAND v AUSTRALIA:

Graham Low gave a very comprehensive report on the organisation for the International to be held in Invercargill 16-18 May.

There will be excellent live streaming of the event and details of the links will be readily available on Facebook and the Website. The up to date results also would be on the google spreadsheets. More details will be forthcoming soon.

NPO Delwyn Hughes had done the pre event publicity that all should have received.

WEBSITE:

Most of the content from the old website had been moved across and the development of the new site was currently being evaluated. The feedback to date had been impressive and it is hoped it will go live before the Summerset Nationals in June.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Executive members summarised the discussions they had had with the various districts to whom they were responsible and they welcome feedback at any stage.

Disappointment was expressed on the news that the Hawkes Bay Indoor Bowls Hall required repairs to bring it up to standard that were beyond the Centre's resources. However, they do have a few positive options to look at and they are wished well with these.

Wairarapa IBC's expression of interest to host the Mixed Fours/Pairs was noted with thanks.

Discussions were needed and will be arranged with Northland for an update on hosting the 2020 Summerset Nationals and Marlborough about their application of interest for the following year.

Enquiries had been received requesting old mats and bowls for use in schools. It is felt that Districts are much better placed to have knowledge of what could be available in their area. They should endeavour to collect any unused gear from Clubs that are no longer operating.

There was discussion around the use of bowling aids:

That when a bowling aid is required it must be used for the whole game and not part of it.

Edgar/Hook

Carried

Nigel Warnes again thanked Members for their input during the Meeting and all wished the Mat Blacks well in their endeavour to retain the Henselite Trophy against Australia.

Meeting closed at 2.00pm.