

NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE MIRAMAR GOLF CLUB, WELLINGTON 13 JULY, 2019 COMMENCING AT 9.30AM

PRESENT: Nigel Warnes (in the chair), Michael Lawson, David Edgar, Barry Chapman, Graham Low, Sharon Hook, Neil Anderson, Kevin Wilson & Ngaire Drake.

President Nigel declared the meeting open welcoming Executive members and Independent Contractor Kevin Wilson.

APOLOGIES: Nil

MINUTES:

That the minutes of the executive meeting held on 4 May 2019 as circulated were taken as read.

Chapman/Anderson Carried

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 12 July 2019 is accepted and credit card, direct debits plus automatic payments are passed.

Lawson/Hook Carried

It was pleasing to note that NZCT had granted \$12,000 toward the Executive Director's salary.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following information was sent to District Secretaries.

1. Minutes of Executive Meeting 4 May 2019 with Financial Position
2. Membership forms to be returned by 31 July
3. Henselite Champion of Champions entry form and information
4. Paterson Hosts –requesting draw requirements and advising to let other districts know full details of event
5. Districts hosting NZ Mixed Fours/Pairs – copies of draw and requesting they advise other districts in their zone and National Office of their plans

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Sharon Hook reported that there had been no issues at the Summerset National Championships. Districts are reminded that they should have documents for all their events including the Island Tour fixtures. The simple template for this is available on the website

Kevin Wilson then facilitated a session to finalise the Strategic Plans and after debate it was decided to release these with the new Website on 1 August. It would be desirable to wait and have presentations to groups of districts but a more urgent timeframe was accepted. Executive members on the Island Tour will have the opportunity to discuss with host districts and presentations will also be done at other Regionals meetings.

All districts will be asked to buy into the plans so that the sport can be united as it moves forward. The importance of Clubs to the game was again emphasised and an Award will be made this year for "Club of the Year" as well as the usual Volunteer of the Year. More information around these awards will be circulated shortly and the nominations forms will be available on the Website. The closing date for nominations will be 14 October.

Few people would argue that there are not similarities between bowls and outdoor bowls and a short session was spent discussing advantages and disadvantages of the two organisations partnering in some way. It was agreed that a meeting between NZIB and Bowls NZ would be arranged to explore avenues that could be beneficial to both organisations. A Memorandum of Understanding had been signed off in 2002 but had not been actioned in any way.

WEBSITE:

As mentioned previously the new website will be launched on 1 August. There will be many changes going forward to enhance the site but in the meantime there is much urgency in obtaining from Districts the playing address and nights/times of all their clubs.

An excel document will be sent to all Districts very soon to obtain this information and it must be returned as instructed within a week. This is extremely important so the Website can go live.

EVENT REPORTS:

Summerset National Championships:

This is the flagship event for NZIB and again David Edgar controlled the event well with the support of Executive members and the Bay of Plenty Centre.

That the Academy game held at the Summerset National Championships be changed from a North v South Island to a Northern v Southern zone fixture.

Edgar/Low

Carried

The reason for this is the lack of nominations for the Southern region teams and Horowhenua and Wairarapa will be added to their territory.

There was considerable discussion about handing the books out at the event and it was agreed to do this again next year as it allowed a later closing date for entries. The host district will be asked to provide a list of advertisers as they come to hand and this will be widely circulated so the businesses get maximum exposure.

Kevin Wilson attended his first Indoor Bowls Nationals and his overall impression of the event was very positive. More thoughts from Kevin are available on the website and in the newsletters.

He facilitated a successful forum attended by about 100 bowlers and gained much knowledge about the sport by taking the opportunity to talk to many bowlers.

DONATIONS TO NZIB VOLUNTEERS:

An agreed amount was approved to be given to Bruce Christie for his ongoing support for the google spread sheets and online entry system and Paul Voorend for his role as Webmaster.

ISLAND TOUR:

A duty list will be sent to all host districts of Island tour fixtures and they will be requested to supply the name of their event controller and umpires. Districts are also requested to promote the tour game with all their clubs and good support will be expected. Executive members on the tour will be able to be used as mentors and will be willing to answer any questions- make use of them.

INTERNATIONAL REPORT:

The excellent organisation of the NZ v Australia Test match by Southland IBC led by Graham Low was acknowledged. One of the highlights of the event was the high quality streaming provided by Jason Gutteridge and his Pits Media Ltd crew. It is hoped the content can be on sold to Sky. The main reason for next year's North v South Island fixture being held in Invercargill is to take advantage and build on the relationship that has been established with the Streaming company.

The Executive sees advantages of an Indoor Bowls World Cup involving more countries and an approach will be made to Australia to see if they support such an initiative in 2021. That would mean NZ would then travel to Australia in 2023 for the next Henselite Trophy fixture.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

Alex Reed's report was tabled and it was pleasing to hear he has been involved in club visits and coaching as well as making contact with other districts within his region. NZIB is very keen to see progress being made in this area and would like this model to be rolled out in other areas. Please contact National Office if you have ideas of people suitable for such roles.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

That the Executive Officer's report be ratified.

Edgar/Low

Carried

PUBLICITY REPORT:

Delwyn Hughes in her NPO's report expressed disappointment that the Rotorua Daily Post reporter had been on holiday and coverage of the Summerset National Championships was minimal.

She had been very busy with preparatory work for the Island Tour and the many events that are coming up.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

That a Special General Meeting be held at 10.30am 30 November prior to the commencement of the AGM relating to the changing of the Constitution 2.6b and 2.7- Affiliation and Fees.

Edgar/Chapman

Carried

The Executive Team wishes to reward Districts and Clubs who are working hard to increase their membership by attracting either new bowlers or getting unaffiliated clubs to join. A paper is being prepared on a new way of collecting affiliation fees which will be signed off at the October Executive Meeting and go forward as a Notice of Motion to the AGM.

It is important that your district is represented at the AGM as the Strategic Plan will be presented again for district feedback and the delegate needs to be well qualified to voice your district's views. If necessary take advantage and book air fares early as cheaper fares come up regularly.

2020 NATIONAL PROGRAMME:

The draft programme was discussed and the following districts will be asked to host National events and advise with venue costs.

22 August	Year 1-5 Pairs	Upper Hutt
29-30 August	Summerset Masters Open and Fours-	tba
29 August	NZ Junior Singles	North Wellington
30-31 August	NZ Secondary Schools Championships	North Wellington
4-6 September	Welch Trophy	Canterbury
12-13 September	NZ Mixed Fours Final	Wairarapa
	NZ Mixed Pairs Final	Wairarapa
19 September	Henselite Champion of Champions	Otago

The following Tour by the North Island team was approved and districts will be asked to host matches as follows:

Saturday 8 August to Sunday 16 August

Saturday 8 th	Fly into Nelson and play Marl/GB-Mot early afternoon and Nelson at night
Sunday 9 th	Travel to Christchurch and play Canterbury
Monday 10 th	Travel to Timaru and play Ashburton/South Canterbury
Tuesday 11 th	Travel to Cromwell and play Central/North Otago
Wednesday 12 th	Travel to Dunedin and play Otago.
Thursday 13 th	Travel to Invercargill and play South Otago/Southland at night.
Friday 14 th	Free day
Saturday 15 th	North/South Test.
Sunday 16 th	Fly home either out of Invercargill or Queenstown

That Michael Lawson replace Nigel Warnes as South Island Team Manager.

Warnes/Edgar

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Henselite had advised that there will be no more blue and orange bowls available this season due to faulty material being received.

Quotes can still be given however for Districts and Clubs who wish to apply for funding.

Districts are asked to consider hosting the 2022 National and Island Championships and to contact National Office for the application form if interested. An approach will be made to Taupo District Council to gauge the level of their possible support if the event was held there.

NZ Masters Games Dunedin 2020

The indoor bowls portion of these games will be played in the Otago IBA Stadium 6-9 February and full information will be available on the website.

Paterson Fixtures:

Disappointment was expressed that many district had not yet advised the host district of their team members.

The rules for lodging the Paterson Team members is under review.

That the Meeting move into Committee.

Edgar/Warnes

Carried

That the Meeting move out of Committee and no remits were Passed.

Edgar/Chapman

Carried

Meeting closed at 4.30pm.