

NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD MIRAMAR GOLF CLUB;
WELLINGTON, 19 OCTOBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 9.20AM

PRESENT: Nigel Warnes, Michael Lawson, Barry Chapman, David Edgar, Graham Low, Sharon Hook, Neil Anderson, and Ngaire Drake. Kevin Wilson attended the meeting from 11am-12.15pm

President Nigel welcomed all stating clearly that a new approach was required if the sport was to survive the challenging times ahead. He requested input from all members as changes needed to happen.

APOLOGIES: Nil

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 13 July 2019 as circulated were taken as read.

Chapman/Hook

Carried

MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED LATER: Nil

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 17 October 2019 is accepted and cheque number 5785-94 plus direct debits, credit card and automatic payments be passed.

Edgar/Lawson

Carried

A draft copy of the NZIB's Financial Statement for the year ended 30 September 2019 was discussed and there was general satisfaction at a deficit around \$40,000 which had been forecasted. However the 4 yearly funding arrangements with Sport NZ finishes next April and there is also uncertainty over obtaining funding from other sources. This means that all expenditure will now be even more closely monitored. The annual accounts will now be finalised and audited for inclusion in the Annual Report with a copy being sent to all Districts at least two weeks before the AGM.

Over recent years, fewer districts have requested individual copies of the Annual Report for their Clubs. Please let National Office know by 5 November if you wish this to happen. Otherwise, one copy will just be sent to all districts, available for AGM delegates and uploaded to the website.

The Audit Engagement from Moore Stephens was tabled and accepted.

The retirement of Executive Officer Ngaire Drake was acknowledged and accepted. Ngaire commenced working for NZIB in 1994 and this year will be her last AGM with a finish date still to be determined.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent to District Secretaries

Minutes of Executive Meeting 13 July 2019 with financial report
Letters to districts requesting they host 2020 National events and tour matches with host district duties attached
Draft 2020 National Programme
Final details and mat draws for districts hosting 2019 tour matches
AGM information including remit form, delegate's registration, and nomination of officers
District Membership Numbers

REPORTS OF NATIONAL EVENTS:

All events were well organised with no issues reported.
Host districts were thanked for their valuable help in ensuring it was an enjoyable experience for all those who attended.

Satisfaction was expressed at how well the two new events- Masters 4's and 1-5 Pairs went in their inaugural year and all agreed that with Districts and clubs support they would become very popular in the future. There was disappointment that residents of Summerset Retirement Villages had not been approached to play in the Open event that preceded the Summerset Master 4's. The Open event will be trialled again next year with Auckland IBC being asked to host.

All the other National events were fully reviewed as it is quite evident that the funding level for all these events cannot continue in the future.

That from 2021 the North v South Test match will be played annually with the Island Tour being scheduled bi annually.

Chapman/Lawson Carried

The Island Tours were originally set up as a promotional tool but this has diminished and tour games are generally very poorly supported. Some players have also lost interest with nominations for teams fewer each year. It is hoped with the tour being every 2 years interest will rekindle.

That the Individual Test medals be disposed of.

Warnes

Nigel spoke strongly saying the N v S was a Teams event but some players were putting more emphasis on their individual medal which was wrong. However there was no seconder to this remit and therefore it was lost.

Disappointment was expressed at only 20 Districts being represented at the Junior Singles event.

That from 2021 two representatives from each district will be accepted in the NZ Junior Singles event if appropriately chaperoned. However NZIB will continue to pay for only one to attend and not the travel and accommodation for any second entrant.

Lawson/Anderson

Carried

It is hoped this will increase numbers for this event and the NZ Secondary Schools which follow.

A donation towards the ongoing costs of the Welch Trophy in memory of George and Elsie Welch from their daughter Anne Cole was noted with thanks.

That in 2021 the Welch Trophy will be converted to a challenge event with districts being placed in groups of 6 according to ranking. This selection process will be determined by the 2020 Paterson Results. All expenses will be met by the Districts.

Warnes/Chapman

Carried

It was agreed that the interest of Districts in the current Paterson format was diminishing with many not ever having a chance of progressing. It is thought that playing against new bowlers in new districts will much improve the enthusiasm and the bowls with all districts having a chance to advance to a higher group with a 2 up 2 down rotation.

2020 NATIONAL PROGRAMME

The programme was finalised with the three date changes:

- 1-5 Year Development Pairs National Final- Upper Hutt Valley 8 August
- NZ Mixed Fours/ Pairs Masterton-22 August
- Henselite Champion of Champions-Dunedin -12 September

The 2020 Deadlines for District Secretaries will also be sent out with the calendar.

PUBLICITY:

Delwyn Hughes reported another busy year with all events being covered with google spreadsheets on Facebook and through the website which is what the bowlers now expect. With a new approach to publicity next year and Teri Anderson becoming involved. Delwyn will be missed but is sure to be available to help if required.

Matside- Live streaming of NZIB Events

An excellent report was received from David Archer detailing the extent of the streaming programme this year and the number of views for each event. Over 97,000 viewed the bowls this year which is a clear indication of the popularity of it. The work being done by this group of enthusiastic bowlers is very much appreciated by all and Barry Chapman is to discuss with them a more formal arrangement going forward.

The reason next year's Test match was scheduled in Invercargill was to build on the excellent relationship with Pitts Media and Graham Low is follow up with them regarding this.

Ngairé is to discuss possible funding opportunities with Kevin for new equipment.

A Better Way Forward

Kevin Wilson spoke to a paper he had forwarded to the Executive prior to the meeting, titled *A Better Way Forward*; The paper covered the past, the present and the future.

In response to a DRAFT "Statement of Intent" BowlsNZ and NZIB Kevin made a strong case for building a closer relationship with BowlsNZ...*The Executive however were much more conservative in their response and at this time favoured a 'baby steps' approach.*

Kevin went on to speak about the Challenges facing NZIB, including;

a.Community awareness of the game being available and where, NZIB website needs links to club, photos of clubs and location etc.; *this is 'work in progress'*

b.Branding awareness of how Indoor Bowls differs from outdoor bowls and is so much more inclusive, i.e. all genders and all ages play together etc.

c.Connection with all that participate in indoor bowls at all levels and in all places, internal and external and on a regular basis

d.Review of Association/sub Association/Centre/Zone/Club/School structure and ALIGNMENT who does what and when, how we complement each other, let's not duplicate but rather complement each other...work as a TEAM/Family. Kevin spoke also about another NSO who had just completed a Roles and Responsibilities Review

e.Build healthier and more dynamic Clubs through the provision of on-line 'tools', the likes of Strategic and Action Plan templates, Club Health checks, Funding Guides and more

f.Workshops; there is a need to revitalise and refresh the game, let's energise our clubs and districts through a series of interactive and innovative workshops. Show them how to use the tools by way of a "Travelling NZ Wide Roadshow" *it was agreed that a roadshow be scheduled next year for districts and clubs*

g.Funding model to be developed at all levels of the game for the game

Kevin also spoke to a Newsletter from Sport For Good Consulting, referencing "Changing Youth Sport for the Better" Australian Director Ian Sandbrook shared this

"In September in New Zealand there was a significant announcement in the sports industry. The country's five biggest sporting codes - NZ Cricket, NZ Football, Hockey NZ, Netball NZ

and NZ Rugby - signed a statement of intent to work together to make major changes to youth sport as they try to tackle falling teenage participation.

Personally, I applaud the statement of intent. The stats don't lie, youth participation has been falling for many years, and we simply have to stop kidding ourselves that the status quo is still fit for purpose.

I would also like to point out, as many well-informed people have already, that this isn't about stopping competition and not producing elite athletes. Kids are naturally competitive and those systems and opportunities will still exist and have importance, it is just making sure they are applied at the right time and in the right context.

*But perhaps what I most like about this, is that for the first time I can remember, high profile national sporting organizations' have publicly made a move that **prioritises the 99% of their participants, over the elite 1%. It will be fascinating to see what practical changes are made and how the collaboration will work in the coming years**".*

Over the past few months Kevin has gained a good understand of the sport through a range of activities. He appreciated how the "Indoor Bowls Family" made him feel welcome. Kevin is keen to continue his involvement, just how this will evolve is being worked on.

It was agreed to split Ngaire's current role into two with one person the more high level funding / sponsorship, engagement with Districts and Clubs and the other to handle accounts, meetings and all the National event requirements. Job description/s will be created and advertised late in January. There is the possibility of rental office space with Bowls NZ in Auckland but this is not considered to be a determining factor.

WEBSITE:

Hopefully you all would have noticed the new website which is still a work in progress with additions being made regularly. Please view and let us know what you think as it needs to be a useful and easy tool for all to use. Graham Low was thanked for his assistance in getting the website to this point.

However, it is disappointing that some districts have not yet let him know the information to allow the Google being finalised. This is such an important tool as it would allow anyone who wants to know where their nearest indoor bowls club is and when they play.

2020 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

A report from Whangarei Indoor Bowls Association reported that planning was going well and it was pleasing that a grant of \$5k had been received from the Whangarei District Council towards the venue hire.

2022 NATIONAL AND ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

No applications have been made to host these important events so Districts are asked to give this matter consideration.

INTERNATIONAL FIXTURES:

A very promising response had been received from Australian Indoor Bias Bowls Council expressing interest in NZ's concept of the creation of a World Cup of Indoor Bowls in 2021. A format for such an event will be jointly worked on and agreement will need to be finalised by June 2020 if this is going to go ahead.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

As has been advised there will be a Special General Meeting commencing at 10.30am. The Notice of Motion to be put is as follows:

2.6 Affiliation

All clubs which are in turn members of an association or centre, and all Individuals who are in turn members of a club shall be affiliated to NZIB

2.7 Fees

A. The Annual General shall decide the amount for the following year of the:

- (i) Capitation fee in respect of each person who is a member of a club, and it shall be collected by Member Districts from each within their boundaries.
- (ii) Associateship fees in respect of each Associate Body.

Change 2.7 to the following.

2.7 Fees

A. The Annual General Meeting shall decide the amount and the way in which Capitation Fees are collected for the next year from either rule (i) or rule (ii).

- (i) Capitation fee in respect of each person who is a member of a Club and it shall be collected by Member Districts from each Club within their boundaries;
- (ii) A Capitation fee paid by each Member District to New Zealand Indoor Bowls Inc.
- (iii) Associateship fees in respect of each Associate Body.

The Special General Meeting will then close with the AGM to follow.

The Executive are very keen to introduce a new method of collecting Affiliation Fees and recommends that next year each District will be invoiced exactly the same amount as paid this year. It is felt this will encourage Districts to reconnect with all those unaffiliated clubs and also encourage all clubs to affiliate all their members which unfortunately they are not currently doing. If this is done Districts will be rewarded and will not have to pass on to NZIB. Having to pay one set amount also allows opportunities to look at funding from alternative sources.

That the recommendation be put to the 2019 Annual General Meeting that the affiliation fees for the 2020 year be \$20 per member; \$5 for Juniors and \$150 Associate Bodies.-all gst inclusive.

Low/Lawson

Carried.

No notices of motion or remits were received from Districts and it was questioned whether this was satisfaction with how the sport was being run or apathy?

The following Notice of Motion will be put by the Executive to comply with Sport NZ regulations.

That Clause 1.3 Objects (vii) of the Constitution be amended to
To promote and manage compliance with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules made by Drug Free Sport New Zealand, and any amendments to or replacements of those Rules..

And the following Clauses be added

(viii) NZIB adopts the Sports Anti-Doping Rules ("SADR") made by Drug Free Sport New Zealand pursuant to the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006, and any amendments to or replacements of those Rules, as it's Anti-Doping Policy.

(ix) NZIB agrees to be bound by the SADR and any amendments to or replacement of those Rules. All members of NZIB agree to be bound to the SADR through their membership of NZIB.

That (viii) to promote and manage compliance with its Anti-Match Fixing and Sports Betting Policy be renumbered (x)

Would those districts who have not advised their delegate please do so. This will be an important meeting with Kevin Wilson giving an interactive presentation on "A Better Way Forward" and ways to help Districts and Clubs. It is hoped that all Districts make the effort to attend and contribute. Full AGM papers will be sent out next week.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

There were no issues to report.

VOLUNTEER AND CLUB OF THE YEAR:

Nominations for these awards do not close until 31 October so there is still time to recognise anyone in your Club or District who has worked hard for the sport. Also we want to recognise those clubs that are making changes and satisfying the needs of their members. Don't be shy but your nomination in!

The Executive Officer's Report was tabled and accepted. Most items had been covered throughout the day.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

New blue and orange bowls- several backorders are being held and the expected date for new stock on hand is end of November.

That Sharon Hook be responsible for all trophies, bowls and banners.

Chapman/Low

Carried

Regional Development Role

A report from Alex Reed was tabled on his year's activities in the Northern Region.

The meeting closed at 4.10pm.