

NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF THE 71st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE
BRENTWOOD HOTEL, WELLINGTON ON SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER,
2019 COMMENCING AT 10.45AM

WELCOME: President, Nigel Warnes welcomed District delegates to the 71st AGM with special welcomes to Patron and Life Member Delwyn Hughes, Life Members David Edgar and Trevor Rayner and Consultant Kevin Wilson

APOLOGIES:

Hayden Warnes, Mike Fouhy

The following proxy votes were recorded.

Greymouth - to Marg Milne

North Otago and Central Otago- to David Edgar

That the apologies be accepted and proxies approved.

Sue Hackett/Greg Veale

Carried

PRESENT:

Nigel Warnes, President (GB-Mot), Michael Lawson, Deputy President (Ashburton), Barry Chapman, David Edgar, (Life Member), Sharon Hook, Neil Anderson, Graham Low, Executive Members; Ngaire Drake, Executive Officer; Delwyn Hughes Patron, Life Member, Bay of Plenty; Steve Fisher, Auckland; Marg Milne, Buller; David Bullock, Canterbury; Matthew Ellis, Counties; Dora Warren, Hawkes Bay; Jan Bird, Janet Lewis, Horowhenua, Marcus Trlin, Hutt Valley; Paul Walker, Marlene Walker, King Country; Wayne Richards, Greg Veale, Manawatu; Steven Grant, Marlborough; Shirley Deerness, Lewis Dellabosca, Nelson; Doug Campbell, North Harbour; Bryan Whittaker, Kevin Barriball, North Taranaki; Kyle Waldron, Stacey McKenzie, North Wellington; Andrew Thompson, Otago; Ross Brayshaw, Roskill and Districts; Suzanne Mackie, Southland; Carol Dawson, South Canterbury; Gordon Duthie, South Otago; Karl Hughes, Trevor Bourne, Taranaki; Dave Crockett, Tauranga; Maurice Eccles, Thames Valley; Lisa Gould, Wayne Tough, Upper Hutt Valley; Joy Archer, Jenny Chapman, Waikato; Donald Leighton, Janice Leighton, Wairarapa; Sue Hackett, Brendon Kenny, Wanganui; John Manchester, Veronica Hogan, NZ Blind & Visually Impaired IBF.

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 70th Annual General Meeting dated 1 December 2018, are taken as read and approved.

Kevin Barriball/Delwyn Hughes Carried

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET:

That the 71st Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.

Nigel Warnes/David Bullock

The Annual Report had been distributed to districts and following changes were noted:

Gerard Mangan was incorrectly shown as the President of Greymouth not Hutt Valley. Sheryl Anderson was noted as Greymouth's President.

Paul Walker indicated that King Country had combined with Waikato for the tour game.

That the amended Annual Report be adopted.

Sue Hackett/Greg Veale

Carried

That the proposed budget for the year ending 30 September 2020 be accepted.

Wayne Richards/Marg Milne

Carried

There were no questions asked.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

PATRON:

Life Member Delwyn Hughes was re-elected unopposed.

Delwyn thanked delegates and Executive for their continued support and said it was an honour to be Patron. She added she enjoyed being kept involved with the sport and would continue to offer assistance and influence with publicity as required.

PRESIDENT:

Nigel Warnes, Golden Bay-Motueka was elected unopposed.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT:

Michael Lawson, Ashburton was elected unopposed.

EXECUTIVE:

The following Executive Members were elected unopposed.

Neil Anderson Horowhenua

Barry Chapman Waikato

David Edgar South Otago

Sharon Hook Tauranga

Graham Low Southland

FUTURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2020 National Championships in Whangarei –

Host's Northland IBA were not represented at the meeting but a report received earlier indicated a grant of \$5000 had been received from the Whangarei District Council towards the hall hire. It is possible that the venue will have a naming sponsor change shortly so the printing of the poster will be delayed until this is known. 60 mats could be accommodated.

2021 National Championships in Marlborough

Steven Grant representing Marlborough said their district had not hosted the Nationals since 2006 and they were already negotiating with the Council regarding possible sponsorship.

2022 National Championships

It was noted that no application to host this event had been received. Taupo District Council were keen for the event to return but no district indicated support to host it there.

FUTURE ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

2020 South Island Championships hosted by South Canterbury

Carol Dawson reported that everything was in place and a venue outside of their own stadium, if required had been pencilled in. There was confirmation that the draw was done electronically by NZIB who would also provide the format of the programme.

2021 North Island Championships hosted by Bay of Plenty

Delwyn Hughes said their district had successfully held the Summerset National Championships this year and they would focus on the Island Championships soon.

2022 SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

There was a discussion on whether Ashburton or Southland would host this event and a vote favoured Southland.

Notice of Motion from the Executive:

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)

Anderson/ Hook Carried

No discussion was required as it was needed to comply with updated Drugfree Sport NZ and Sport NZ regulations.

CAPITATION FEES:

That the AGM adopts option two of the updated Constitution stating that a Capitation fee paid by each Member District to New Zealand Indoor Bowls.

The fee would be the same as received this year.

Edgar/Lawson

This provoked much debate as it had when the Constitutional change had been made at the Special Meeting prior to the AGM.

There seemed to be a lack of understanding but the Executive reiterated the fact that it was not a revenue seeking exercise but a tool to encourage Districts to try and implement growth in their area by encouraging unaffiliated clubs to join.

The vote was put and passed 25/16.

All recognised that this is a significant change and every endeavour to make it work by both Districts and NZIB would be required. Help would be offered to districts if needed but it would be hoped that all saw it as a positive move.

NZIB'S VOLUNTEER AWARD:

President Nigel announced that Michael Dowling was the winner of this award and presented the trophy to Southland's *Chairman* Suzanne Mackie. Like many bowlers Michael was introduced to the sport at a young age and was a prominent representative bowler. He is now focussing his energies as an administrator and giving back to the sport which he has reaped so much satisfaction. The Southland Centre endorsed Michael's nomination saying he is a great bowler, a particularly competent organiser and a true gentleman of the sport.

A special certificate was awarded to Murray Harris who was in charge of the mats and bowls at the Summerset National Championships held in Rotorua this year. At 83 years of age he was always one of the first to arrive at the Events Centre each morning and one of the last to leave.

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.

The winner of the inaugural Club of the year was St Joseph's Indoor Bowling Club, Takapuna and North Harbour's President Doug Campbell accepted the award on their behalf. Each year the club holds a Charity night and nominates a local charity to be the recipient. This year \$969.50 was raised and donated to De Paul House which provides housing and family support services.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

Michael Lawson said 2019 had been a frustrating year and the plans to have Regional Development Officers positioned around the country had not eventuated. The South Island touring team had attended three different development/coaching sessions which were successful in their own way. It is known there are other isolated activities happening but sometimes the information is not shared. Thanks were expressed to Alex Reed for his work in the Northern region and Peter Carnie who continued to promote coaching in the South.

A Better Way Forward – presentation Kevin Wilson

Kevin challenged delegates in an interactive and motivating way to change the way they have been doing things, or the sport will die. Specifically he talked about; the need for a mindset change, what is working well, what must change, insights, Indoor Bowls ...the point of difference, what NZIB is doing and is going to do and District/Club relations.

Kevin mentioned that NZIB had agreed on a NZ-Wide 'Travelling Roadshow'. This would be in the form of a series of workshops held in the Districts with District and Club members present and would serve to grow capability, utilising the district/club tool kit, and would energise and inspire the 'Indoor Bowls Family' to do it differently and better, while at the same time build relationships between NZIB/Districts/Clubs. Likely to take place early 2020.

In his concluding remarks, Kevin thanked everyone for their contribution and challenged all attendees to share the presentation with their members and to make at least one change when they returned 'home'.

Kevin's power point presentation will be attached to the Minutes.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

From South Canterbury for discussion-

"that the reserve players for the AS Paterson play singles in a round-robin while the Fours are in progress. This would be a separate competition for Reserves only"

The response from NZIB was that it had no objection to this happening if all the districts in each zone agreed.

Clarification re the 1-5 year bowler event.

When this event was introduced it was always recognised that anomalies would occur especially in the first few years. It was stressed Districts were responsible for administering and if difficulties arose NZIB would rule where necessary. The aim of the event is to get new affiliated bowlers involved in the sport.

It was questioned why the Masters 4's National Final was a round robin and not the usual draw. No negative feedback had been received however and NZIB were keen to attempt to make changes that would appeal to more bowlers.

Welch/Paterson

The new concept as was agreed at the October Executive Meeting was disputed and again it was recognised that the reason for this was mis-communication. Once the Executive fully explained that it was to create a more even competition, opportunities to travel and play different bowlers at not a lot of cost difference the meeting were more supportive of the idea. Nigel Warnes spoke passionately about the sport needing change and asked that the new idea was given a chance. He said that when the Masters grades were first introduced at the National Championships there had been much opposition but now it was a huge success and growing each year.

King Country supported a letter received from Central Otago against the change but a consensus of delegates of the new concept was accepted convincingly.

Wayne Tough congratulated the Executive for their foresight and acknowledged that the sport had to change if it was going to survive.

President Nigel along with Past Presidents David Edgar and Trevor Rayner acknowledged the work done by Executive Officer Ngaire Drake over the past 26 years and she was presented with a generous gift. She will be leaving the organisation early next year.

Delwyn Hughes's contribution as being National Publicity Officer for 29 years was also recognised.

Delegates were thanked for their meaningful input and the meeting closed at 3.30pm. President Nigel stressed again the need for change and wished all a safe journey home and happy holiday break.