

NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE
MIRAMAR GOLF CLUB, WELLINGTON,
15 FEBRUARY 2020 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

PRESENT: Nigel Warnes, Barry Chapman, Neil Anderson, David Edgar, Michael Lawson, Sharon Hook, Graham Low & Ngaire Drake.

President Nigel Warnes welcomed members stating it was a very important meeting with some serious decisions to be made about the game's future.

APOLOGIES: Nil

MINUTES:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2019 as circulated, were taken as read.

Edgar/Chapman

Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

The National Library advised that the Archives were holding 23 boxes of NZIB historical information, collected in 2014, but it had not yet been categorised.

Canterbury informed NZIB that the venue cost of hosting the 2020 Welch would be \$1,000. Sharon Hook reported that she had approached the Motorhome Association about their organisation affiliating to NZIB so that its members could play casually throughout the country. Discussions are ongoing.

Henselite had advised that there are supplies of blue and orange bowls available and the yellow bowls shipment, which are not the preferred, would be arriving Mid/Late March.

FINANCE:

That the Statement of Accounts as at 7 February 2020, be accepted and direct debits, credit card and automatic payments be approved.

Anderson/Hook

Carried

The audited accounts had been uploaded on the Incorporated Societies website. GST refund \$275.46

That commencing 20 March 2020 Kevin Wilson and Graham Low join Barry Chapman as signing authorities on all Bank Transactions.

Edgar/Anderson

Carried.

Sent to District Secretaries-

Minutes of 2019 AGM

Minutes of Executive Meeting 1 December 2019 with financial position

Venue notification for 2020 National events

District Secretaries deadlines for 2020

SUMMERSET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Tournament Controller, David Edgar would be visiting Whangarei to finalise details with the LOC and venue following this Executive Meeting. The naming rights sponsor for the venue will be announced next week that will allow the poster to be finalised and printed with the entry form. These will be posted to Districts Secretaries at the beginning of March for distribution to their clubs. The Summerset National Championships is the major promotional event of our sport and all districts should be encouraging new bowlers to attend. The support of local and surrounding districts is crucial for the success of the event and Kevin Wilson will be visiting these districts shortly to encourage participation. The promotion of the Academy/ Masters teams is also required and nomination forms should be readily available including on the website for all those who are competing in Whangarei.

That the Meeting go into Committee to discuss two letters which had been received from Auckland IBC.

Lawson/Low

Carried

That the Meeting come out of Committee.

Edgar/Anderson

Carried

UMPIRES:

Registration forms for those interested in sitting the first Umpires Exam for the year in May will be made available to districts.

The sample exam papers and the DVD link explaining the mat faults component is readily available on the website.

2020 EVENTS:

The rules for all National events with NZIB's Events calendar were reviewed, ratified and will be sent to districts shortly. The only major change will be the following:

That from 2020 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

This replaces the remit from the October Executive Meeting.

AGM and Tournament Expenses will also be sent out to districts at this time.

That the quote received from Ritchies Coachlines be accepted for the North Island's tour of the South Island in August.

Low/Chapman

Carried

David Edgar's offer to be the Coach Driver again at no cost was noted with thanks.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

That the Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

Low/Edgar

Carried.

The report included some of the work being undertaken:

- Numerous requests from Districts/Clubs stating they were an affiliated member of this NSO- required for funding agencies
- Numerous quotes of new bowls
- Wrap up from AGM and booking made for 2020
- Constitutional changes at AGM registered and accepted
- Discussions with Sport NZ and Drug Sport NZ
- Informal Meeting with Summerset
- Work on accommodation for 2020 events to assist with the transition

Neil Anderson was thanked for his work in preparing two discussion papers about the change in Affiliation fees and the Paterson/Welch Trophy. These papers will be finalised and sent out shortly.

DEVELOPMENT:

It was decided that as many other changes were currently being introduced to the sport this element was not rated as a top priority.

INTERNATIONAL:

That the proposal for NZ to instigate a World Cup at Potters Resort in the UK May 2021 be accepted.

Low/Anderson

Carried

Once confirmation was received from the UK that the venue was available draft Conditions of Play would be circulated to Australia and other interested countries. Teams of 10 players - 5 men and five women was envisaged and a minimum of six countries participating playing a round robin was mooted. The timelines were urgent with entries closing in September/October. If unsuccessful, the Australia / NZ competition for the Henselite Trophy would take place in Sydney May 2021.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Sharon Hook reported no issues but it is very important that all district hosting events have policies in place. A template for all events is available on the Website.

ADMINISTRATION ROLE:

Kevin Wilson joined the meeting at 11am.

Kevin spoke about the process and timings of actions/events that took place from the time the role was advertised 16 Dec – 10 Jan that resulted in 149 applications, the shortlisting and then the application/presentation made in person by Mark Cameron and Chris Lander Bowls NZ which Kevin and Ngaire thought was impressive and led to an invitation for Mark to make a similar presentation to the Executive.

Mark Cameron, CEO Bowls NZ joined the meeting and made his presentation around BowlsNZ providing the Administration services and also shared their willingness to support NZIB with growth strategies by way of sharing resources and leveraging off connections. Mark responded to questions from the 'floor'.

That Bowls NZ provide the Administration services.
Edgar/Chapman

This remit was carried five votes to two.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Michael Lawson asked for clarification regarding the use of the Air NZ Travel card. He was told that no fees were charged and bookings could be amended free of charge the day of purchase. Unfortunately, Jetstar do not offer the same service.

District visits:

This had been on hold however was now a priority

Newsletter:

There was discussion around content and format and that 'Mailchimp' may be used going forward.

At the end of the meeting Nigel Warnes chose to table his resignation, to take effect immediately, as President of NZIB plus all other associated positions. The reason stated was, that his conscience could not allow him to lead the sport in light of recent decisions.

In light of Nigel's resignation, Deputy President Michael Lawson will take over as NZIB's President and Barry Chapman will become Umpire's Examiner. These and any other necessary changes will be ratified at the May Executive Meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.30pm.