



Minutes of the 72nd Annual General Meeting held at the Brentwood Hotel, Wellington on Saturday 5th December 2020 at 10.30am

WELCOME:

Acting President, Michael Lawson welcomed District delegates to the 72nd AGM with special welcomes to Life Member David Edgar and Sport New Zealand Partnership Manager Craig MacFarlane.

APOLOGIES:

Delwyn Hughes, Mike Fouhy, Nigel Warnes, Bay of Plenty, Central Otago, Greymouth, Hawkes Bay, Northland, North Otago, Poverty Bay East Coast, Thames Valley, and Wayne Cockburn.

The following proxy votes were recorded.

Bay of Plenty to Brian Pointon; Bush Ruahine to Donald Leighton; Greymouth to Marg Milne; Hawkes Bay to Sharon Hook; Northland to Cindy White, North Otago, Central Otago and Thames Valley to David Edgar.

"That the apologies be accepted and proxies approved."

Taken by Agreement

PRESENT:

Michael Lawson, Acting President (Ashburton), Craig MacFarlane, Sport New Zealand; David Edgar, (Life Member), Barry Chapman, Sharon Hook, Neil Anderson, Graham Low, Executive Members; Helen Stallard, Administration Officer; Kylie Jenner, Auckland; Marg Milne, Buller; David Bullock, Canterbury; Cindy White, Karen Watson, Counties; Rosie Penn, Janet Lewis, Horowhenua, Marcus Trlin, Mark Jacombs, Hutt Valley; Paul Walker, Marlene Walker, King Country; Wayne Richards, Greg Veale, Manawatu; Steven Grant, Marlborough; Brian Fletcher, Nelson; Doug Campbell, North Harbour; Bryan Whittaker, Kevin Barriball, North Taranaki; Kyle Waldron, Stacey McKenzie, North Wellington; Andrew Thompson, Otago; Carol Dawson, South Canterbury; Suzanne Mackie, Southland; David Fenton, South Otago; Karl Hughes, Nicole Hughes, Taranaki; Brian Pointon, Tauranga; Wayne Tough, Upper Hutt; Joy Archer, David Archer, Waikato; Donald Leighton, Janice Leighton; Wairarapa; Sue Hackett, Brendon Kenny, Wanganui.

OBSERVERS: Ann Cole, Maree Crighton, Kevin Crighton, Denise Clarkson, Hutt Valley.

OBITUARIES:

Acting President Michael asked the meeting to stand in memory of those bowlers who had passed away during the year and condolences were extended to their families. David Edgar spoke on the passing of Life Member Ivon Pash.

MINUTES:

"That the Minutes of the 71st Annual General Meeting dated 30th November 2019, are taken as read and approved."

Otago/Canterbury

Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil

ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET:

"That the 72nd Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted and the proposed budget for the year ending 30 September 2021 be accepted"

Michael Lawson / Suzanne Mackie

Carried

Michael Lawson thanked those who have worked on the Live Streaming and commentators and reiterated his thanks to the districts that ran National events this year. There were no further questions.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**PATRON:**

Life Member Delwyn Hughes was re-elected unopposed.

PRESIDENT:

Michael Lawson, Ashburton was elected unopposed.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT:

Graham Low, Southland was elected unopposed.

EXECUTIVE:

The following Executive Members were elected unopposed.

Neil Anderson Horowhenua

Barry Chapman Waikato

David Edgar South Otago

Sharon Hook Tauranga

Wayne Tough Upper Hutt

FUTURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2021 Marlborough: Venues for event, quiz night and district challenge booked, looking for sponsorship at this stage

2022 North Wellington: Porirua venue booked talking to Council starting sponsorship proposals in New Year and accommodation deals. Details will come later

2023 North Taranaki: Proposal received this morning for the event. TSB Stadium has been booked.

"That North Taranaki's bid to host the 2023 National event be accepted"

Moved Manawatu / Taranaki

Carried

ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:

2021 Bay of Plenty: Posters are being finalised Entries close 30th April, 2020

2022 Southland: New lighting in hall, steering committee to be set up in the New Year

2023 Timaru/South Canterbury: Information to come at a later date.

SPORT NEW ZEALAND: Graham Low welcomed our Sports New Zealand Partnership Manager, Craig Macfarlane, to the meeting and invited him to speak.

Craig said that the Sport New Zealand Vision was "Every body active" and he stressed that every body was two words. He was pleased to announce that due to the Covid situation NZIB would receive the same funding for the current year as had been received last year. So we will get \$64,000 again rather than the \$15,000 proposed. This was a situation that would be reviewed again this year. Indoor Bowls clubs had received \$28,000 in the first resilience round and \$26,000 on the second. There will be considerable challenges in obtaining funding this year through Trusts and Gaming Machines and it should be noted that due to the sinking policy most councils have, there is a good probability that the Trusts will not exist in 5-10 years. Craig spoke on the declining membership most sports are experiencing and the increase in eGames as an acceptable form of sport. The challenge for all was how to become more resilient, face the changes in society and where do we want to end up.

REMIT:

Auckland and Hutt Valley spoke on their remit saying that their objective in putting the remit forward was to have it tabled and discussed at the AGM. Robust discussion ensued from a number of centres. Costs were raised as a concern and a tight timetable with more added and players taking time off from work. Wairarapa questioned what would happen to

Division 5 where nine districts may be playing. President Michael replied that they would play in two sections and sections winners play off after a round robin in the pool. King Country suggested that there was no time like the present to change. Taranaki said they would like to host the event and it was agreed that the data provided was an example only and nothing was set in stone. In the final comments from the Auckland delegate she stated that the current format “provides comfort for the Districts” and that the Paterson and Welch should stay in the current format for the foreseeable future.

The remit was voted on.

For 19; Against 13

Carried

CAPITATION FEES:

David Edgar said that the AGM were required to decide on the method used to determine fees. It was agreed to use Clause 2.7 a (1).

“That the capitation Fee for 2021 be set as \$20 per adult member and \$2 per student member”

David Edgar/ Graham Low

Another robust discussion ensued.

“That the capitation Fee for 2021 be set as \$15 per adult member and \$2 per student member”

North Taranaki/ Wanganui 21-4

Carried

SPECIAL AWARDS:

President Michael thanked those districts that had put forward nominations this year. He suggested that every club would have a “Volunteer of the Year”.

Club of the Year: St Pauls Indoor Bowling Club (Dallington) Inc

They have held a major membership drive at the beginning of the season as they were down to nine members Club nights are now at about 30. A successful coaching night was held; raffles supper on non-competition nights. A club dinner was held in July to get to know members and find out what they wanted in their club. A fundraising triples event was also held and raised \$1175 from 19 teams.

Volunteer of the Year: Wayne Richards

Greg Veale read the citation for Wayne.

Wayne has coordinated the Centre programme for many years and has been instrumental in and assisted with holding of two Blind and Two Deaf National tournaments. Hall controller for the North Island Championships in 2012. As President he oversaw the amalgamation of Palmerston North, Feilding and Rangitikei Associations into the Manawatu Centre. He has played representative bowls for Hawkes Bay, Wairarapa, Taranaki and West Coast and

received a Gold star in Manawatu in 2019. He still organizes the running of club, centre and representative events. Volunteers like Wayne are rare and priceless.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Changes to Presidents in Annual Report:** It was noted that King Country President should be John Whitehead and Counties Manukau Jason Parker.
2. **Live Streaming:** A query was raised as to whether any live streaming of disabled people had been undertaken and young people as this would be a good tool to have to recruit new members and younger people. Chris Moffatt may have some available or it will be considered.
3. **Coaching Tools:** Tauranga are producing a coaching manual and short DVD with money received from Kiwi Sport Funding. This should be ready for distribution prior to Christmas.
4. **Henselite Singles:** Hutt Valley commented that October Executive minutes *"That the Henselite Champion of Champion Singles event in 2021 be played as Zone Playoffs as played this year due to hardships which may be faced by Districts next year"*. Mark Jacombs queried this comment. President Michael said that all events are reviewed after each season but that until this week the Executive was only aware that Sport NZ would leave our funding at last year's level and this is uncertain for future years.
5. **Taranaki felt that the NZIB should pay for hall hire for Zone playoffs.** Other districts felt that attending zones should be asked to contribute to the hall hire. It was also felt that a hall for 3-4 zones should not be too expensive and that zone finals should be fitted in around other events.
6. **Hutt Valley queried a letter to Ann Cole** that appeared in October Executive meeting minutes but a reply had not been received. The Administration Officer said that a reply had been posted as only a postal address was known.
7. **Hutt Valley on remits:** Remits close on 5th October and the Henselite Singles was changed on 17th. Marcus Trlin said that he was disappointed that the format would remain for another year Districts had no chance to make decisions as they were unaware of it. President Michael said that the Executive is a body elected by the districts to make decisions. However, he did suggest that a forum be held throughout the season, possibly at the Nationals, to discuss events. Sue Hackett suggested that if people did not like the decisions made by the Executive they had the opportunity to stand for the Executive in the future.

8. **Calendar for playoffs:** It was requested that the Executive asks districts to host rather than expecting them to host.
9. **Roadshows:** Tauranga queried the roadshows and asked if they were to go ahead. President Michael said that details of what each district would like covered will be worked out. It was stressed that these roadshows would be for all bowlers not just the executive or club hierarchy.
10. **Poster to Promote Bowls:** Wairarapa said they would like to produce a poster to promote the sport but the cost of printing was prohibitive. They would like a generic poster to be produced where districts could add their details to a panel down the bottom. It was agreed that an A4 poster could be produced if a sample can be forwarded.

There being no further general business the President thanked everyone for their attendance and input to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.10pm

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