



MINUTES OF THE 73RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC., HELD AT THE RYDGES HOTEL, WELLINGTON AIRPORT ON SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

WELCOME:

President, Michael Lawson, welcomed District delegates to the 73rd AGM with a special welcome to Life Member David Edgar

APOLOGIES:

Auckland, Delwyn Hughes, Mike Fouhy, Counties, Golden Bay-Motueka, Greymouth, Hawkes Bay, North Harbour, Northland, North Otago, Wanganui, Neil Anderson, Trevor Rayner

The following proxy votes were recorded -

Auckland to Wayne Tough, Bush Ruahine to Wayne Tough, Counties to David Lynn, Golden Bay-Motueka to Michael Lawson, Greymouth to Margaret Milne, Northland to David Lynn, North Otago to David Edgar, Wanganui to Graham Low

"That the apologies be accepted and proxies approved"

Manawatu / Bay of Plenty

Carried

PRESENT:

Michael Lawson, President (Ashburton), David Edgar (Life Member), Graham Low, Barry Chapman, Sharon Hook, Wayne Tough, Executive Members; Helen Stallard, Administration Officer; Chris Guy, Joan Guy, Bay of Plenty; Margaret Milne, Buller; David Bullock, Canterbury; Matt Begg, Central Otago; Rosie Penn, Jan Bird, Horowhenua; Marcus Trlin, Mark Jacombs, Hutt Valley; Paul Walker, Marlene Walker, Elizabeth Morrow, King Country; Wayne Richards, Greg Veale, Wayne Cockburn, Manawatu; Steven Grant, Marlborough; Brian Fletcher, Nelson; Bryan Whittaker, Kevin Barriball, North Taranaki; Kyle Waldron, North Wellington; David Webb, Otago; David Lynn, Poverty Bay-East Coast; Colin Cooper, Timaru-South Canterbury; Suzanne Mackie, Southland; David Fenton, South Otago; Karl Hughes, Trevor Bourne, Taranaki; Brian Pointon, Tauranga; James Sullivan, Ashley Diamond, Upper Hutt; Roy McCurdy, Waikato; Donald Leighton, Janice Leighton; Wairarapa

OBITUARIES:

David Edgar spoke about Marg McKay who died on 29th October, 2021 - she was a former highly competitive player, a coach, secretary of the Manawatu Umpires Association before it was amalgamated into the Centre, an officer at Club level and Centre level and a friend to many. He 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 72nd Annual General Meeting dated 5th December 2020, are taken as read and approved"

David Edgar/ Southland

Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Manawatu noted the incorrect spelling of Wayne Cockburn in the 2020 Minutes

ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET:

"That the 73rd Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted and the proposed budget for the year ending 30 September 2022 be accepted"

Michael Lawson / Central Otago

Carried

It was commented that the Balance sheet and Annual report was only received on Friday morning and it was explained that there had been some issues with the auditors this year and the stamped version was only received by us on Thursday morning. Hopefully we will not have this issue next year.

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 -

Barry Chapman, Waikato

David Edgar, South Otago

Elizabeth Morrow, King Country

Roy McCurdy, Waikato

Wayne Tough, Upper Hutt

President Michael welcomed Elizabeth Morrow and Roy McCurdy to the new Executive and also thanked Sharon Hook and Neil Anderson for their contribution of time and service to NZIB.

FUTURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2022 North Wellington: Porirua venue booked talking to Council starting sponsorship proposals in New Year and accommodation deals. Details will come later. This will be an event where all competitors, official and visitors will require a vaccine passport and double vaccination to be eligible to attend.

2023 North Taranaki: TSB Stadium has been booked.

2024: Discussions are being held with a couple of districts for 2024 and 2025 Nationals.

ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:

2022 Southland: Details are being worked on at present. Players will be required to be double vaccinated.

2023 Timaru-South Canterbury: Information to come at a later date but vaccine pass will be required.

2024: To be confirmed.

REMIT:

"That the criterion for qualification to post-section play at the National Championships be reduced from 6 points to 5"

Tauranga / Timaru-South Canterbury

A robust discussion ensued, including a mix of alternate options of points and draws. Wayne Tough said that Upper Hutt would like to suggest a "cut type" qualification for consideration in the future, next year. It was generally agreed that this may appeal.

An amendment to the motion was proposed -

"That the criterion for qualification to post-section play at the National Championships be reduced from 6 points to 5 and that Rule 7 of the National Championships conditions be changed to remove the words 'Drawn games to be played out'"

Hutt Valley / Canterbury

Carried

The amendment became the substantive motion and was

Carried

LAW CHANGES

Remit 1:

"That Law 7 be amended to enable players to use an approved artificial device e.g. bowling arm, to deliver a bowl and/or jack"

Graham Low / Timaru-South Canterbury

Carried

Remit 2:

"That Law 12 be amended to remove Clause 12(g) and re-sequence Clauses 12(h) and 12(i), accordingly"

After discussion an amendment was proposed -

"That Law 12 be amended to provide only an approved torch may be held in the hand but must have no contact with the mat at any time"

Canterbury / North Taranaki

Carried

The amendment became the substantive motion and was

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Remit 3:

"That Law 14(f) be amended to allow all players to walk up the side of a mat on the change of ends, once the last bowl has been delivered"

Graham Low / Hutt Valley

Carried

Remit 4:

"That Law 25 be amended to clarify the procedure after a kill on a final end if Law 28 results in a drawn game"

It was agreed to vote for the rule change in its intent. The final wording is to be circulated to all districts.

Graham Low / Hutt Valley

Carried

INTER-PROVINCIAL COMPETITION:

Wayne Tough outlined the proposed new Inter-Provincial competition. It was suggested by several districts that the prize money be removed. There was also a suggestion that all districts be levied and those who are disadvantaged in travel for the new format receive further help.

"The meeting was in favour of the concept of the new Inter-Provincial competition"

Wayne Tough / Poverty Bay East Coast

Carried

"That the Inter-Provincial Competition be first staged in 2023 with the Divisions based on the Paterson results for 2022 and that no Welch Trophy event be held in 2022"

Upper Hutt / Timaru South Canterbury

Carried

The weekend set aside for the Welch Trophy (2nd - 4th September 2022) will be used to play the postponed 2021 event in Hamilton.

CAPITATION FEES:

"That the NZIB recommends to the AGM a District levy system based on 2021 numbers for each district. This will remain for three years"

Barry Chapman / Hawkes Bay

Carried

For Districts facing heavily reduced membership numbers the Executive agreed to discuss a hardship dispensation.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

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

Club of the Year: Hedgehope Indoor Bowling Club

A small country club in the heart of Southland, with only 9 members at the end of 2019 season when the decision was made not to open in 2020 because of Covid-19.

On opening night for 2021, 26 players turned up after a flyer was circulated to the local community. Coaching sessions were held for 20 minutes prior to playing games and Suzanne Mackie, Gary Low and Brian Hotton travelled from Invercargill to help with the coaching.

Club members visited Invercargill and attended coaching sessions with Peter Carnie, Southland Coach, and also played in their Monday night tournaments.

At the recent annual club tournament 24 teams competed and the hall was buzzing. Hedgehope won the event with three of their new players competing.

Hedgehope is looking ahead to next season where they will be experiencing good numbers again from rumours going around.

Congratulations to the 2021 Club of the Year.

Volunteer of the Year: Delwyn Hughes

Delwyn has been involved in Indoor Bowls in Bay of Plenty and Rotorua for many years and has worked tirelessly in that time. She has served as President, secretary and Treasurer of Bay of Plenty, and served as president and on the executive of NZIB for many years. She managed the Bay of Plenty A representative team and has also been a selector for the North Island teams, New Zealand team and Bay of Plenty and Rotorua Rep teams.

This year Delwyn organized the North Island Championships. She also has organized all grants for the Bay of Plenty and Rotorua Associations.

Delwyn is fair, a team player but most of all she is driven by her passion for the sport.

Congratulations to the 2021 Volunteer of the Year.

For Outstanding Services to the Sport of Indoor Bowls:

A Special Award was presented for Outstanding Services to the Sport of Indoor Bowls.

This award is awarded for consistent, continued and entirely voluntary efforts to promote our sport.

Not only do they dedicate a lot of time to playing our sport at a high level but they also hold a number of offices between them at Club and Centre level. They have also embarked over the past few years in bringing our sport to the masses through visual media. Through their efforts they have presented our sport to literally thousands of people who would otherwise have no notion of our sport.

All this is done in a quiet and humble manner.

Congratulations on the Outstanding Services to the Sport of Indoor Bowls for 2021 to Joy and David Archer.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Covid-19 Resolution:** *"That New Zealand Indoor Bowls Incorporated, after considering the risk assessment relating to vaccinations within our sport and the introduction of the COVID Protection Framework ('Traffic Light System'), adopts the requirement of using My Vaccine Passes as a condition of attendance at all events run under the jurisdiction of New Zealand Indoor Bowls Incorporated, and as a consequence requires all persons (including, but not restricted to participants, officials, spectators, employees, and volunteers) to be fully vaccinated and be issued with a My Vaccine Pass, unless specifically exempted. This resolution to take effect from the date of the 2021 Annual General Meeting"*

Graham Low / Wayne Tough

Carried

2. **National Championships 2021:** Poverty Bay-East Coast congratulated the NZIB on the new innovations at the Nationals namely the music and general atmosphere.

3. **1-5 Year players paying levy to play in events:** Poverty Bay-East Coast felt that the \$100 for 1-5 Year should be removed.
"That the 1-5 Year Singles and Pairs be excluded from the levy on events"
Poverty Bay-East Coast / North Taranaki **Carried**
4. **Remits for AGM:** Manawatu would like to see remits close off in July and be circulated to Districts in August while Clubs and Districts are still playing bowls. A remit to the AGM next year is required.
5. **Chartroom:** NZIB used Chartroom for their draws and results. If any district is interested in using the piece of software please contact Wayne Tough.
6. **Districts with own hall:** Nelson queried whether groups using their hall were required to be double vaccinated. It was suggested that a notice be put on the wall indicating requirements to groups using the hall.

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

The meeting closed at 2:05 p.m.

Minutes Provisionally Confirmed

Michael Lawson

12th February 2021

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Michael Lawson

3rd December 2022