



MINUTES OF THE 74th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC., HELD AT THE RYDGES HOTEL, WELLINGTON AIRPORT ON SATURDAY, 3rd DECEMBER 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.

WELCOME:

President, Michael Lawson, welcomed District delegates to the 74th AGM with a special welcome to Life Members David Edgar and Delwyn Hughes.

APOLOGIES:

Auckland, Bush Ruahine, Mike Fouhy, Golden Bay-Motueka, Greymouth, Horowhenua, Central Otago, North Otago, Taranaki, David Fenton and David Webb

The following proxy votes were recorded -

Auckland to Counties, Bush Ruahine to Wayne Tough, Central Otago to David Edgar, Golden Bay-Motueka to Michael Lawson, Greymouth to Margaret Milne, Horowhenua to Wayne Tough, North Otago to David Edgar, Otago to David Edgar, Taranaki to North Taranaki

"That the apologies be accepted and proxies approved"

Manawatu/King Country

CARRIED

PRESENT:

Michael Lawson, President (Ashburton), David Edgar (Life Member), Graham Low, Barry Chapman, Liz Morrow, Roy McCurdy, Wayne Tough, Executive Members; Helen Stallard, Administration Officer; Delwyn Hughes (Life Member) Bay of Plenty; Margaret Milne, Buller; David Bullock, Canterbury; Jason Parker, Counties; Bruce Dalton, Hawkes Bay; Marcus Trlin, Mark Jacombs, Hutt Valley; Paul Walker, Marlene Walker, King Country; Greg Veale, Wayne Cockburn, Manawatu; Steven Grant, Marlborough; Brian Fletcher, Nelson; Lyn Brittain, Northland; Kevin Barriball, Meryn Wright, North Taranaki; Kyle Waldron, Stacey McKenzie, North Wellington; David Lynn, Poverty Bay-East Coast; Colin Cooper, Timaru-South Canterbury; Suzanne Mackie, Southland; Brian Pointon, Tauranga; Lisa Gould, Upper Hutt; Lesley Monk, Waikato; Donald Leighton, Janice Leighton, Wairarapa; Brendon Kenny, Sue Hackett, Wanganui.

OBITUARIES:

David Edgar spoke about past members - David Philpott, Canterbury; Peter Carnie, Southland; Graham Brittain, Northland; Joy Hollamby (Otago); Colin Cumming (Tour Driver).

MINUTES:

"That the Minutes of the 73rd Annual General Meeting dated 4th December 2021 are taken as read and approved"

Timaru-South Canterbury/Canterbury

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil

ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET:

It was noted that the draft accounts only could be circulated as they had only been received from the auditors late Thursday afternoon. While they had been circulated on Thursday Hutt Valley commented that this was far too late to be able to be read in detail. It also appears that the notes do not match with the accounts. The auditors will be asked about this. The final certified copy of the accounts had been received, Friday lunchtime. No Annual Report could be printed although the draft version had been circulated.

"That the Annual Report, Balance Sheet be adopted and the proposed budget for the year ending 30 September 2023 be accepted"

Michael Lawson/Barry Chapman

CARRIED

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:

Appointment of Scrutineers: Marlene Walker and Janice Leighton were elected as scrutineers.

The following Executive Members were elected:

Barry Chapman, Waikato

David Edgar, South Otago

Elizabeth Morrow, King Country

Roy McCurdy, Waikato

Wayne Tough, Upper Hutt

"That the voting papers be destroyed"

Barry Chapman/Waikato

CARRIED

President Michael congratulated the re-elected Executive and thanked Colin Cooper for allowing his name to go forward for election.

FUTURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2023: North Taranaki - venue booked; badges have been sourced and shirts will be available.

Further details will come later.

2024: Northland - venue booked

2025: Ashburton

2026: TBC

ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:

2023: Timaru-South Canterbury - two halls are booked for event. Further Information to come in the New Year.

2024: Ashburton

2025: Bay of Plenty

2026: Otago/Central Otago TBC

REMITTS:

1. Remit from Bay of Plenty:

“That the 2023 Interprovincial tournament be scrapped and the Welch and Paterson be reinstated”

Robust discussion took place on the remit. North Taranaki questioned the naming of the trophies for the Inter-Provincial Competition and would Division 1 be presented with the Welch Trophy. The President replied that the Executive would be looking at this at their meeting and no new trophies would be purchased. Rumours of a levy on the event have been circulating on Facebook and the President said that this had not been part of the presentation last year and that funding for the venues for Division 1-3 would be sought from Trusts. All districts can apply to a Trust for funding for travel and accommodation. Hutt Valley stated that the proposal was carried at 2020 AGM and then overturned in 2021. Last year the smaller centres had not spoken out against the proposal, and it should at least be given a chance.

Bay of Plenty/Thames Valley
10 votes for, 26 against, 1 abstention

LOST

2. Remit from Manawatu:

“That remits for the NZIB AGM close off by end of July”

Manawatu/Wairarapa

Discussion ensued on the timing of the cut off date. Manawatu commented that the decision-making process is very congested at the end of the year, and it is difficult to enable clubs to have discussion after the season has closed. An amendment to the remit was proposed –

“That the closing date for notices of motions be 15th August each year and that they be circulated to all districts no more than 14 days after the closing date”

North Taranaki/Wanganui

CARRIED (2 against)

PROMOTIONAL WEEK:

A promotional week to attract new members would be held 23rd April - 30th April 2023. Collective ideas are sought to create awareness of Indoor Bowls as a sport. Fliers and gifts will be supplied to all districts - it was suggested that each club could challenge another sporting code to play bowls, put a mat down in an unusual area, sausage sizzles etc. All ideas to be submitted by end January for consideration. Funding will be sought to cover costs.

AFFILIATION FEE RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE:

“That that the basis of affiliation fees to be charged for the 2023 season, and beyond, be reset to the level of the 2022 affiliations, as registered by each District”

Graham Low/Wayne Tough

CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

Cases of hardship would still be considered if a large drop in membership is experienced. This will be discussed on a case-by-case basis. This was to be applied for prior to the close of payment of fees.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

President Michael thanked those districts that had put forward nominations this year. The standard of nominations was very high this year which made the decisions very difficult.

Volunteer of the Year 2022

Jenny Williams - Upper Hutt

Jenny is the heart of everything Upper Hutt - Upper Hutt would fall flat on their face if it wasn't for Jenny. She single-handedly coordinated both the North vs South Event in August to the September Super weekend with its six events. She was the first to arrive in the morning and the one to lock up each night. Her contribution was not only on the playing days but in the lead up to the events, sorting meals, fruit and biscuits and everything else required. Her contribution to the Upper Hutt Association this year has been phenomenal and a testament to her character. A much-loved member by all who deal with her.

Congratulations Jenny - a very deserving winner of Volunteer of the Year.

Club of the Year 2022

The Mount Junior Club - Tauranga

Six years ago, a dream was mooted of having a club for Intermediate age children competing in the Aims Games. After introducing the concept to some 35 classes there was tremendous interest in a game which allowed all to participate. Along with new skills the players have learnt to govern their club with assistance from adults when and if required. Four members have achieved in Senior competitions. Junior Club members are now assisting in exposing the sport to local schools accompanying adults to 'Have a Go' days. Forming this club has allowed juniors to develop their skills through basic coaching procedures; to enjoy a sport which is non-physical but a mental challenge and to enjoy the social aspects of being amongst their own peers.

On accepting the award, Brian Pointon commented that credit must go to Alison Cowan and Roger Bartosh who have been the driving forces behind the project.

Special Award for Outstanding Services to the Sport of Indoor Bowls

Ev Bisset - Central Otago

Ev has been instrumental for organizing the Cromwell Bowling Club for over 16 years as secretary of the club. She has been responsible for organizing social bowls in Cromwell and over 6 years this has grown from 2-3 attending to over 35. Social bowlers are now starting to convert into playing members and playing in Central Otago events. Ev is also secretary for Central Otago a position she has held for 15 years. She organizes the calendar for the year, funding applications, transport and accommodation for travelling teams, organizes uniforms and has all trophies engraved. She participates in all Central Otago events and is a valued member of the Ladies 8's and Paterson Teams.

Congratulations Ev on being awarded a Special Award for Outstanding Services to Indoor Bowls

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. REPLACEMENTS:

Wanganui queried the reasons for replacements in National events. Work commitments, death, sickness, or in hospital were given as reasons. Wanganui questioned a replacement of a player

who sought to be replaced for a reason outside these categories. Michal Lawson stated that if it was the player that he was thinking of it was definitely because of work commitments.

2. INTER-PROVINCIAL COMPETITION:

North Taranaki queried the naming of the Division 1 Trophy to be presented at the Inter-Provincial event again. Hutt Valley agreed that it should be settled and moved a motion:

"That the Winner of Division 1 of the Inter-Provincial be awarded the Welch Trophy"

Hutt Valley/North Taranaki

CARRIED

3. CLARIFICATION FOR REPRESENTING DISTRICTS:

The October Executive minutes will be discussed at the Executive meeting this afternoon again. Players can only represent one district unless they physically move addresses or have a change in workplaces.

4. INTER-PROVINCIAL COSTS:

Canterbury requested that the Executive discuss costs for all Districts to the Inter-Provincial competition.

There being no further general business the President thanked everyone for their attendance and input to the meeting. He hoped they all had a Covid-free Christmas and looked forward to seeing them on the mats in 2023.

The meeting closed at 12:35 p.m.

Minutes Provisionally Confirmed

Michael Lawson

11th February 2023

Minutes Confirmed

Michael Lawson

2nd December 2023