

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS (INC)  
MINUTES OF THE 65<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE  
BRENTWOOD HOTEL, WELLINGTON ON SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER,  
2013 COMMENCING AT 10.40AM**

**WELCOME:** President, Martin Nordqvist said it was a pleasure to welcome District delegates to NZIB's 65<sup>th</sup> AGM and said the delayed start was due to the expected late arrival of two delegates.

**APOLOGIES:**

Central Otago, King Country, Thames Valley, Deaf Indoor Bowls N.Z, Roskill and Districts, Hokitika, Greymouth and Keith Waghorn

The following proxy votes were recorded.

Greymouth and Hokitika - to Dave Milne

Thames Valley, North Otago and Central Otago- to David Edgar

King Country- to the Chairperson

Northland -to Ivon Pash

Phyllis Fox was told she could not act as a proxy for Roskill and Districts as this information had not been received prior to the meeting.

*That the apologies are sustained and the proxies approved.*

Ron Blythe/Dianne Mackey Carried

**PRESENT:**

Martin Nordqvist, President; Barry Chapman, Deputy President, David Edgar, Trevor Rayner, David Lynn (PB-EC) Nigel Warnes (GB-Mot) , Bevan Matthews, (Umpires Representative) Executive Members; Ivon Pash, Patron/Life Member (North Harbour); Ngaire Drake, Executive Officer; Russell Ellis, Ashburton; Greg Baxter, Auckland; Dianne Mackey , Bay of Plenty; Dave Milne, Marg Milne, Buller; Marie Schroder, Karl Schroder, Bush Ruahine; Chris Moffitt, Canterbury; Ron Blythe, Counties; Diane Hardie, Hawkes Bay; Maree Crighton, Hutt Valley; Wayne Richards, Greg Veale, Manawatu; Mike Brown, Marlborough; Val Webster, Elizabeth Morrow, North Taranaki; Gwen Duggan, Gerry Macgregor, North Wellington; Pauline Gladding, Otago; Suzanne Mackie, Southland; Barbara Reid, Tick Reid, South Canterbury; Colleen Fenton, South Otago; Bill Schrader, Karl Hughes, Taranaki; Alison Cowan-Page, Tauranga; David Pollard, Colin Bell; Upper Hutt Valley; Alex Jones, Jenny Chapman, Waikato; Sue Hackett, Pam Dawson, Wanganui; Donald Leighton, Janice Leighton, Wairarapa; Phyllis Fox, John Manchester NZ Blind and Visually Impaired IBA; Kevin Crighton, NZ Catholic IBF; Plus Development Contractors- Michelle Watt, Sport Taranaki and Craig Whiteside. Viv Hudson- Observer

**OBITUARY:**

President Martin said as in any sport valuable indoor bowls members pass away during the year and condolences were extended to their family and friends. In particular the untimely passing of Trevor Gould, and Murray Grant and Graham Gerrand were noted and the meeting stood for a minute's silence.

**MINUTES:**

*That the minutes of the 64th Annual General Meeting dated 1 December 2012, are taken as read and approved.*

Dianne Mackey/Elizabeth Morrow

Carried

**ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET:**

Martin Nordqvist said it had been an enjoyable and successful year apart from the continued decline in membership. He indicated that the Development work being done by Craig Whiteside and Michelle Watt was encouraging and he was looking forward to their presentations later in the day. He spoke at length of the overwhelming win of the New Zealand team against Australia which was a combination of the work of the selectors, the preparation prior to departure and while away by Team Manager, Pat Hoult.

Martin thanked all districts who had successfully hosted tour matches and all the National events.

*That the Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.*

David Edgar/Ron Blythe

Carried

The draft budget showing a \$47,300 loss was discussed and it was confirmed that the affiliation amount shown had reflected the increase in fees to be voted on later in the meeting.

*That the proposed budget for the year ending 30 September 2014 be accepted.*

Colin Bell/Dianne Mackey

Carried

The question that remained unanswered was 'how can the unaffiliated bowlers be captured?'

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**PATRON:**

Life Member Ivon Pash, North Harbour was elected unopposed

Ivon thanked delegates for their support and said he enjoyed coming to the AGM and meeting up with old friends. He still liked to contribute where he could and had liked assisting with the Umpires at the Nationals.

**PRESIDENT:**

Martin Nordqvist, Ashburton was elected unopposed.

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT:**

Barry Chapman, Waikato was elected unopposed.

**EXECUTIVE:**

The following Executive Members were elected unopposed.

David Edgar	South Otago
Nigel Warnes	Golden Bay- Motueka
Trevor Rayner	North Wellington
David Lynn	Poverty Bay-EC

The additional member of the Executive will be Bevan Matthews elected earlier by the Umpires' Associations.

All elected members thanked delegates for their support and said they looked forward to working together for the challenging year ahead. It was recognised that changes had to be made for the survival of the game and delegates were challenged to consider putting their names forward for future elections of positions.

**Updated Championship reports were received regarding:**

2014 National Championships in Napier  
2015 National Championships in Timaru  
2014 South Island Championships in Ashburton  
2015 North Island Championships in New Plymouth

**ALLOCATION OF EVENTS:**

**2016 Island Championships-**

The late application received from South Otago to host in Balclutha was confirmed.

**2016 National Championships**

After the remit was lost to host the 2016 National Championships in the July school holidays Alison Cowan-Page advised Tauranga would consider hosting this event at their next meeting.

**NOTICES OF MOTION/ REMITS  
FROM NZIB EXECUTIVE**

*That the Umpires Representative on the Executive be replaced by an additional Executive Member.*

Edgar/Warnes

**EXPLANATION**

Some years ago the Umpires Federation and the NZIB National Executive merged and it was agreed that there would be two Umpires Representatives on the National Executive. As the National body had amalgamated many districts followed suit and it became obvious that two members were not required and the number was reduced to one. Districts are continuing to see the advantages of one administration and it is felt with the declining number of umpires it is time for all Bowlers to have a say about who makes up the National Executive. David Edgar said it was not considered necessary to have a separate election to nominate an Umpire's representative and the election for the full Executive should be conducted at the AGM.

Much debate followed.

The motion was put and carried.

*That the Constitutional wording changes as detailed below be approved.*

Edgar/Warnes

Carried.

#### 2.4 Rules of Membership – District Umpires Associations

- (i) Each Centre or Association in a District may have a District Umpires Association established within its boundary.
- (ii) All members of a District Umpires Association shall be a financial member of an affiliated indoor bowls club.
- (iii) The umpire's representative on the NZIB executive shall be elected annually by the District Umpires Associations.
- (iv) Candidates nominated for election as the umpire's representative must be a National badge holder.
- (v) These elections shall be by postal ballot, administered by NZIB and will be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> of October each year.
- (vi) The election of the Umpires Representative will be confirmed at the AGM.

delete (iii),(iv),(v) and (vi) and replace with 2.4 which is below:

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#### 3.4 Annual General Meetings

D: Business

- (i) The business to be conducted of the Annual General Meeting, or any Adjournment thereof, shall ( provided the Chairperson may vary the order of such business).
- (ii) roll call
- (iii) confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual General meeting.
- (iv) the adoption of the annual report and balance sheet.
- (v) election of president, deputy president, four executive members and declaration of the district umpires representative.

Change (v) to the following:

- (v) election of president, deputy president ,and five executive members.

### **4 THE EXECUTIVE**

#### 4.1 Membership of the Executive

The executive of New Zealand Indoor Bowls Inc shall comprise of the president, deputy president, one umpires representative and four executive members elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Change 4.1 to the following:

- 4.1 Membership of the Executive  
The executive of New Zealand Indoor Bowls Inc shall comprise of the president, deputy president, and five executive members elected at the Annual General Meeting.

### **6 UMPIRES**

- 6.1 Umpires Representative
- A. The Umpires representative on the NZIB executive will be elected by the District Umpires Associations or the appropriate authority.
- B. The election will be by postal ballot, administered by NZIB and will be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> October each year.
- C. The election of the Umpires Representative will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting.
- D. The duties of the Umpires' Representative will be

Change 6.1 and D to the following and delete A,B,C and change D to A.

- 6.1 Executive Member Responsible for Umpires  
D which now becomes A will read: The duties of the Executive Member responsible for Umpires will be.

Delete current 6.3 re Life Members

- 6.4 Becomes 6.3

### **FROM NZIB EXECUTIVE**

*That the updated By-Laws for Umpires Examination be accepted.*

Edgar/Warnes

Carried.

### **FROM NZIB EXECUTIVE**

*That at the National Championships the rule to qualify be changed to 6 points with drawn games being played out.*

Rayner/Warnes

*That the remit be amended to "at the National Championships the rule to qualify be changed to 6 points or section winners with drawn game being played out".*

Edgar/Warnes

The amendment was put and carried.

The amendment became the Remit.

The following amendment was put:

*That at the National Championships the rule to qualify be changed to 6 points or section winners.*

Greg Veale/Kevin Crighton

The amendment to the remit was put and lost.

The Remit "at the National Championships the rule to qualify be changed to 6 points or section winners with drawn games being played out" was put and carried.

There was much discussion about this remit which originated after feedback that had been received expressing dissatisfaction at the number of arranged drawn games.

#### **FROM NZIB EXECUTIVE**

*That the 2016 National Championships be trialled in the July school holidays.*

Warnes/Rayner

#### **EXPLANATION:**

Nigel Warnes said the sport was dying and steps needed to be taken to try and revitalise the Nationals and reap benefit for the investment in juniors which was currently taking place.

After debate which identified the usual reasons against such as losing farmer support and higher accommodation costs in school holidays, the motion was put and lost.

#### **DEVELOPMENT ROLES**

Craig Whiteside and Michelle Watt, Sport Taranaki's Indoor Bowls Development Advisor addressed the meeting and both gave excellent presentations on the work they are doing. Further notes will be sent to districts. Craig told delegates that during the year he had introduced a total of 5564 students to the game.

Ngaire Drake reported that there is no reason why the NZCT funding model being used to support Michelle's role in Taranaki could not be duplicated in other districts. Interested districts should contact her.

#### **CAPITATION FEES:**

*That the affiliation fees for the 2014 year be \$12 per member; \$2 for Juniors and \$115 Associate Bodies. -all GST inclusive.*

Chapman/Edgar

Carried

#### **NZIB'S VOLUNTEER AWARD:**

President Martin announced the winner of this award- Jenny Chapman, for her work as Waikato's Sport Development Manager. She coordinated a very successful introduction of indoor bowls to over 600 students in addition to her role as District Secretary.

It was noted that Barry Chapman had not taken part in discussion or vote.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Topics around the Umpiring were one of the main discussion items.

Issues identified were:

- The May timing of the National exam
- Possibility of on line examination
- Investigation of technical assistance to eliminate having to bend down to measure
- Whether or not the mat faults exam needed to be on the same day as the National exam.

A review of the umpires will be undertaken at the February Executive Meeting.

Russell Ellis said some of the day's voting had been determined by proxy votes and said delegates should have to be present to vote. He was told that districts had supplied firm instructions on how they wanted to vote and therefore it was not considered to be a problem.

The question of having a Timer at the Nationals was again raised but no real value is seen in this.

Greg Baxter said consideration should be given to having the AGM every two years but Pauline Gladding disagreed and said it was beneficial to have one every year. It is generally felt that an AGM should be held annually and Sport NZ is to be asked if any sports hold 2 yearly and do they perceive any advantage in this.

Val Webster questioned about the NZ Mixed Fours being re zoned due to the withdrawal of Central King Country. However it was pointed out that many zones had only 4 teams and it was not considered necessary.

David Lynn said how impressed he was with the AIMS games and how important it was to continue with the promotion of juniors.

The old 'real estate' sign promoting the game were discussed and some districts wanted more. Trevor Rayner said there was a supply in the North Wellington hall so districts are asked to advise National office if they want any.

The meeting closed at 3.25pm with President Martin thanking delegates for their interaction during the day and wished them all a safe journey home and a festive holiday season.