



Minutes of Bowls Devon Executive Committee Meeting held at the Exeter Golf & Country Club on Wednesday, 28th October, 2015 at 7.00p.m.

Present : Presidential Team: Miss M. Brotheridge (President), Mr. J. Theodom (President), Mrs. J. Howle (S.V.P.) Mr. D. Mercer (S.V.P.)

Executive Officers : Mr. A. Mann (Chairman), Mrs. C. Horgan (Administrator), Mr. D. Tucker (Treasurer), Mrs. K. Page and Mr. H. Riley (Ladies and Men’s Administrators), Mrs. S. Silcox (Development Officer), Mrs R. Mayne and Mr. T. Howle Ladies and Men’s Match Secretaries) Mrs. A. Coyne (Minute Secretary).

Section Representatives: Mr. M. Rowe , (Section 1), Mrs. S. Trott and Mr. T. Broom (Section 2), Ms. J. Grant and Mr. D. Coyne (Section 3), Mrs. J. Martin and Mr. P. Martin (Section 4), Mrs. C. Sliney (Section 5), Mrs. B. Leach and Mr. M. Birch (Section 6), Miss S. Parnell (Section 7), Mr. M. Hobbs (Section 8).

	Action
<p>1. <u>Welcome:</u> Chairman Alan opened the Meeting and welcomed all in attendance.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Apologies:</u> Mrs. L. Joachim-Rowe (Section 1), Mrs. M. Jones (Section 5).</p>	
<p>3. <u>Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd April 2015.</u> Having been previously circulated the Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. There was a spelling error - - Section 3 Assistant Secretary/Treasurer is Mrs. Shirley <u>Hiscocks</u> and not as printed.</p>	

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

5. Correspondence :

Administrator Carol , prior to the commencement of the Meeting circulated a list of correspondence received.

A letter had been received from the Past Presidents and Life Members Association and a letter from Plymstock Ladies Bowling Club.

Both items had been discussed at the Finance Committee and would be reported on later at this Meeting.

There had been a query from two clubs who wish to register different designed shirts for the men to those worn by the ladies but where the colours are the same and the meeting was asked if two designs was accepted and could be worn for mixed games/matches. A discussion took place on this matter.

It was agreed that the rule had to be strictly applied that we all wear the same shirt both in design and colour - one shirt for one club. Carol does keep on record the designs and colours of all club shirts.

An e-mail received from Yelverton B.C. requesting surplus trophies to be used annually for their junior competitions. However, Treasurer David did say that no decision has yet been made on trophies.

6. Report from Finance and General Purposes Committee :-

The Treasurer reported on a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held earlier in the evening. The Minutes of that Meeting would be circulated.

This Meeting was asked to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation that the Presidential and Officers allowance be increased by 2%. Agreed.

'Bowler of the Year Award'- This award has been received by Sophie Tolchard in the past. However, It was agreed to award Sophie a gift of £50 in recognition of her outstanding achievements throughout the year.

Julie Grant, as Section Selector for the ladies, brought up the matter of ladies driving long distances to games, mentioning in point the journey to Gloucester and wonders if coach travel could be considered. It was agreed that the Ladies Match Secretary would endeavour to have games played half way between Counties when appropriate.

David was pleased to report that the Association accounts are in a very healthy position. The end of year examined accounts showed a surplus of £1,500 and Devon's name is really at the top of National bowls.

7. Report from Competitions Committee :-

The Competitions Committee report had been circulated prior to this

Meeting.

Men's Administrator Harry reported that the Men's Major Competitions had one or two alterations to fit in with the new ruling from Bowls England. He went on to say that he has tried to centralise the games.

Match Secretary, Tony did say that some clubs are reluctant to host competitions but others complain they do not have the opportunity to host any.

The Meeting accepted the recommendations on the revised Programmes.

Lady's Administrator Kay highlighted the recommendation that the Interclub Competition was being brought into line with the Men's Foxlands and this recommendation was accepted.

Harry mentioned that the new format of the County Trophy finals worked quite well this year.

Julie Grant raised the problem which occurred with Madeira B.C. and the Grace Matthews Top Club Competition. The problem arose this year because of a clash of dates with the final of the National Top Club at Leamington. Julie raised this so that steps could be taken to prevent a recurrence of this happening in the future. A lengthy discussion took place on this matter and it has been resolved.

Julie thanked Kay for her clarification.

At this point in the Meeting Kay expressed her thanks to Harry for his insight, knowledge and guidance given over the years, not only to the Competitions Committee but to Bowls Devon in general. Chairman Alan said that we all endorse everything Kay has said

8. Report from Bowls Development Officer :

Bowls Development Officer, Sue's report was circulated prior to this Meeting. BDA packages are still ongoing to 2017 and the National Committee are putting forward a plan to gain more money to continue for a further four years beyond 2017.

A lot of work is going on with disabled bowlers and clubs are able to apply for the specific package for this.

The Devon BDA Committee would like to appoint new members from North Devon and East Devon. They are working with Active Devon who are putting together a proposition to Sports England to have the County recognised as a 'hot spot'. Sue hopes to come back and say that there is more money available for clubs next year.

Sue is thanked for all her efforts with Bowls Development.

9. Bowls Devon Patrons Association Report :

The Patrons reports have been circulated and will go out with the A.G.M. agenda £1,900 has been received into the County funds this year.

10. Report from Bowls England :

David Tucker reported on the model Constitution for clubs who have CASC (Community Amateur Sports Clubs) which has been agreed with HMRC. Social membership must not exceed 50% of the club.

The England Counties Meeting on the 21st November will be an open one and having learned from last year when the meeting was rushed, will now start at 12.00 noon so that further time is allocated.

The Agenda has been put before the Board and the meeting will be entirely lead by Tony Allcock and his staff.

One question on the Agenda is the review of National Championships, Competitions and future formats. For 2016 the programme is the same as this year.

At present Competitions take 30 days - Can this be condensed to 3 weeks by changing the programme?

David will continue to push at Board level. When entering for competitions there must be no doubling up.

There are several topics up for discussion. The Amy Rose next year will be reduced to 15 ends and played on Saturday and Sunday. In some parts of the country it becomes part of the school curriculum time and there are proposals to have the Amy Rose played on a regional basis

Next year there is going to be a Celebration game on the 5th September at Topsham B.C. This arose because of the number of requests for celebration games in the next four years being rather small.

The number of Umpires has declined considerably in the last two or three years and Bowls England are going to introduce a bursary scheme to assist members who wish to become umpires.

11. Reports from Sections :

Section 1 - Martin Rowe - Nothing to report.

Section 2 - Sue Trott and Tony Broome - A.G.M. 16th November. To date there is no Ladies Competition Secretary.

Section 3 - Julie Grant and Don Coyne - Nothing to report.

Section 4 - Joan Martin and Peter Martin - A full compliment of Officers.

Section 5 - Charlotte Sliney – A.G.M. has been held. They have no Men's Selector. However, Chairman Alan has offered to Take on the role as Men's Selector.

Section 6 - Mike Birch and Beryl Leach - The main offices have been Filled and Mike is acting Selector for Section 6.

Section 7 - Sharon Parnell – There is now a new Treasurer but they do not have a Men's Selector. Sharon asked would it be possible for proposals which come from Bowls Devon to

be brought forward to August rather than the end of September which would enable discussions to take place before clubs close for the season.

Section 8 - Martin Hobbs and Pat Adams - All competitions are in and The draw will take place after the A.G.M. This year Section 8 did well in the Coronation Cup getting to the Final. The four rink format appeared to work well.

12. Appointments for 2016 :

The undernoted appointments were made.

- a) The County Competition Committee
The Ladies and Men's Administrator, Ladies and Men's Match Secretaries plus David Counter and Rosemarie Mayne.
 - b) The Life Membership Committee.
Two Immediate Past Presidents, The Chairman, The Administrator and David Tucker.
 - c) The Constitution and Rules Committee
The Chairman, The Administrator, The Treasurer, Tony Broom and Sue Silcox
 - d) The Patrons Committee
Chair - Margaret Shillabeer
Administrator/Treasurer Gordon Thomas
Secretary - Vicky Hingston
Fixture Secretary - John Hogger
Match Co-ordinator - Tony Howle
 - e) Safeguarding Officer - David Bateman
Diary Secretary - Brian Baker
Web Site Manager - Bob Smith
Publicity/Sponsorship Co-ordinator No Nomination
County Coach Co-ordinator - Gilly Ainslie
Minutes Secretary - Avril Coyne
Hon. Chaplin - Rev. Cate Edmonds
 - f) Middleton Cup Selectors
Alan Horwell (serving until the end of 2017)
Tony Broom (serving until the end of 2016)
David Tucker (serving until the end of 2018)
- Johns Trophy Selectors
Maureen Robertson (serving until the end of 2017)

Beryl Leach (serving until the end of 2016)
Sue Silcox (serving until the end of 2018)

Men's Junior Selectors

Peter Churchman (serving until 2017)
Following a vote David Butterworth was elected to serve
Until the end of 2016 and Jamie Heard until the end of
2018

Ladies Junior Selectors

Sue Trott (serving until the end of 2017)
Sue Silcox (serving until the end of 2016)
Carol Horgan (serving until the end of 2018)

13 A.G.M. Agenda :

The draft agenda for the Annual General Meeting was
Accepted.

14 Any Other Business :

Both outgoing Presidents, John and Margaret, expressed their
sincere appreciation and thanks to this Committee for all that they have
done to help them throughout this season.

15. Date of the next Meeting :

Wednesday, 13th January 2016.

This Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed..... Dated
