

Bowls Devon



**Minutes of Bowls Devon Annual General Meeting held at the Isca Centre, Exeter,
Saturday 5th December 2015, 10.00am.**

Presidential Team : Mr. J. Theedom and Miss M. Brotheridge (Presidents), Mr. D. Mercer (S.V.President) Mrs J Howle (Senior Vice President) Mr C. Healy (Junior Vice President) Mrs R Voysey (Junior Vice President)

Executive Officers: Mr A. Mann (Chairman), Mr D. Tucker (Treasurer), Mr H. Riley (Men's Administrator) and Mrs K. Page (Ladies Administrator), Mr A. Howle (Men's Match Secretary), Mrs S. Silcox (Bowls Development Officer)

Honorary Members: Mrs M Robertson, Mr R Robertson, Mrs C Theedom, Mr K A Boobyer, Mr D Coyne, Mr D Counter, Miss J Grant, Mrs S Trott, Mr. E. Edworthy, Mrs. M. Shillabeer, Mr. D. Butterworth, Mrs. H. Pickard, Mr. E. Melliush, Mrs. C. Sliney

Mrs. V. Hingston (Ladies Patrons Secretary)

Section Delegates: 8 Club Delegates: 33 Non-voting members: 15

	Action
1. Welcome: Chairman Alan Mann opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance.	
2. Obituaries: Administrator Carol asked that the Meeting stand for a minutes silence to reflect on the passing of Members which sadly came to 38 and their names were read out.	
3. Apologies: There were 16 apologies.	

<p>4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 6th December 2014</p> <p>The Minutes of the last A.G.M , having been circulated were accepted as a true record.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
<p>5. Presentation of the Order of Merit Awards:</p> <p>Chairman Alan announced the recipients of the 2015 Order of Merit and the Members chosen from the nominations for their dedication to their Club and County were Brian Haywood of Shaldon B.C. and Tommy Thompson of Paignton B.C. Both gentlemen, in accepting the award thanked their Club immensely for the nominations.</p>	
<p>6. Administrators Annual Report</p> <p>Administrator Carol’s report was circulated prior to the meeting and Carol had nothing further to add</p> <p>The report was unanimously accepted by a show of hands</p> <p>Chairman Alan thanked Carol for the tremendous amount of work she has put in throughout the year.</p>	
<p>7.Treasurer’s Annual Report and Statement of Accounts:</p> <p>Treasurer, David presented the examined Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th September 2015, a copy of which has been circulated. At this point in the Meeting David referred to the very sad loss of Daphne Yeowell . She and David worked very well together and he wishes to place on record everything Daphne did as Assistant Treasurer. The accounts have been examined by the Chartered Accountants. After adjustments of the annual luncheon, and the unexpected windfall of £1,500 we are left with a small surplus. However, Bowls Devon is in a healthy position. The balance of funds is £57,823. David did stress, however, that as Membership numbers are down we shall have to continue to be prudent with financial management.</p> <p>In conclusion, David thanked the Accountants, Haines Watts for the speedy and helpful way in which the accounts are approved. His thanks also went to members of the Finance Committee and fellow officers for their help during the year.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked David for all he does for both Bowls Devon and Bowls England.</p> <p>8. Appointment of Account Examiners :</p> <p>The appointment of Haines Watts , Chartered Accountants was approved.</p>	

9. Patrons Reports:

Both Patrons reports had been circulated prior to this Meeting with nothing further to add. Chairman Alan thanked the Patrons Secretaries for their reports and on a very good job.

10. Fees, Grants and Allowances :

Treasurer David and the Finance Committee proposed a 2% increase across the board of all the allowances and expenses. Agreed.

11. Appointment of Officers :

Harry Riley is retiring this year as Men's Administrator and Tony Howle will also be retiring as Men's Match Secretary. Rosmarie Mayne is retiring as Ladies Match Secretary. The Chairman thanked Harry, Tony and Rosemarie for the very hard work they have each put in over many years.

		Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Alan Mann	D. Tucker.	C. Horgan.
Administrator	Carol Horgan	J. Dawson	M. Ewing
Treasurer	David Tucker	D. Counter	J. Brand
Assistant Treasurer	Rosemarie Mayne	S. Silcox	B. Leach
Lady Administrator	Kay Page	H. Riley	C. Horgan
Men's Administrator	David Butterworth	H Riley	E Melliush
Match Secretary (Lady)	Vacancy		
Match Secretary (Man)	Edgar Melliush	T Howle	D Butterworth
Development Officer	Sue Silcox	Y Maneer	S Parnell

The above appointments were accepted 'en bloc'

12. Installation Presidential Officers :

Lady President	Mrs Jacky Howle	E. Healy	J. Grant
Men's President	Mr. David Mercer	A. Davies	M. Slinger
Lady SVP	Mrs. Ruth Voysey	M. Ewings	J. Martin
Men's SVP	Colin Healy	I. Healey	D. Coyne
Lady JVP	Vacancy		
Men's JVP	Vacancy		

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Chairman Alan asked everyone to give thought to filling the vacant positions of Ladies Match Secretary and both Junior Vice Presidents. There is no reason, however, why the Ladies Match Secretary position could not be filled by a gentleman.

Liz Healy, as Proposer for **Jacky Howle** said that Jacky has shown herself to be an asset to the Presidential team of Bowls Devon supporting both Presidents at all times and is confident that she will continue to be a wonderful ambassador for the County. Liz has no hesitation, with the support of Madeira Bowling Club in proposing Jacky as Ladies

President of Bowls Devon.

Julie Grant, on behalf of Section 3 has no hesitation in seconding Jacky as Lady President for 2016 confirming what a nice lady Jacky is as well as a very good bowler and confirmed she is supported totally by her Section.

Jacky told the Meeting how conscious she is of the fact that both Presidents have done a brilliant job throughout the 2015 season. She, herself has thoroughly enjoyed this year and will do her very best to be a worthwhile representative of Bowls Devon. Jacky thanked Madeira B.C. and Section 3 for the enthusiasm and encouragement she has received.

Andy Davies, as Proposer for **David Mercer** said that David has been a member of Bitton Park since the early nineties and quickly became an integral member of both Club and Section 5. Andy assured the meeting that David would be a great ambassador for Bowls Devon and it is his pleasure to propose him for President.

Mavis Slinger said it is with great pleasure that she is seconding David for President of Bowls Devon 2016. Mavis said that in the time she has known him he has been most approachable and very dedicated Administrator for Section 5 and has no hesitation whatsoever in seconding him.

David thanked Bitton Park and his Section for proposing him as B.D. President. He said that he was the third President from Bitton Park and their first Men's President since Unification and has certainly learnt a lot during the last two years. 2015 has been an unprecedented year in the County but all the officers, players and selectors will be up for the challenge and he is looking forward to meeting everyone throughout 2016.

Margaret Ewings proposed **Ruth Voysey** as Ladies Senior Vice President for 2016. Ruth has been a member of Topsham B. C. Since 1999 serving on various committees and thoroughly enjoyed her year as Junior Vice President.

Joan Martin, on behalf of Section 4 said it was a great pleasure to second the proposition of Ruth for Senior Vice President who has greatly assisted the Presidents and officers of Bowls Devon and shown support for the John's Trophy team and she will continue to be a valuable member of the Presidential team.

Ian Healey, as proposer for **Colin Healy** as Senior Vice President for 2016 said that Colin has held just about every position at Madeira Bowling Club and knowing Colin he will certainly dedicate himself to being S.V.P. Ian said that on behalf of Madeira B.C. it is his pleasure to propose Colin as J.V. President for 2016.

Don Coyne on behalf of Section 3 said that he had known Colin for a number of years and is sure that he will bring the same dedication to the position of Senior Vice President and will support the Presidential team in the same manner that he has as Junior Vice President. On behalf of Section 3 Don said he was very pleased to second Colin as S.V.P. for the coming year.

Colin thanked Madeira Bowling Club and Section 3 for their tremendous support throughout the year. He said it was a pleasure working with both Presidents which made

his year such an enjoyable one. Colin particularly wished to thank everyone for giving him the opportunity to give something more back to the game which means so much to all of us and he is very much looking forward to supporting Jacky and David next year

At this point in the Meeting Chairman Alan reminded us that there are vacancies for both Junior Vice Presidents and it would be greatly appreciated if everyone could encourage people to think about coming forward for these positions.

The Chairman now wished to say that Bowls Devon has had many years service from Harry as Men's Administrator and Tony as Match Secretary and both have shown a deep commitment and energy needed week after week throughout each season. The Committee wishes to nominate Harry and Tony to become Honorary Members of Bowls Devon. Chairman asked for a show of hands in favour of these nominations which was unanimously agreed and both gentlemen were presented with their Certificates from President Jacky and President David.

Harry said that he had enjoyed his time very much and made good friends along the way. He thanked the Executive Committee for this honour and particularly thanked Kay and the rest of the Competition Committee. He went on to thank his wife Kath without whose support he would not be here.

Tony received his Honorary Certificate from Jacky and went on to say that when he was told of this recommendation he was rather taken aback joining such an illustrious group. He also went on to say how he had very much enjoyed being Match Secretary and the years with Devon County Bowling Association under the watchful eye of Ron Robertson and John Smerdon and thanked them both for the guidance they gave in those early days.

The Meeting now had the pleasure of asking Margaret and John to come forward and be presented with their Honorary Membership Certificates. Both retiring Presidents gave their thanks to their own Clubs and the County for their support and both said they had thoroughly enjoyed the season 2015.

13. Vote of thanks to the Chair :

Honorary Member, Charlotte Sliney thanked Chairman Alan for all that he has done and went on to say how lucky we are to have such a guiding force. Alan's expertise is very much appreciated and he works extremely hard behind the scenes and we know that Bowls Devon is in good hands.

14. The Chairman closed the Meeting at 11.15 a.m.
An Open Forum took place whereby questions and answers were given

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Open Forum following the A.G.M.

David Tucker gave a resume` on Bowls England matters.

<p>The subject of CASC (Community Amateur Sports Clubs) was discussed and CASC is essential where Clubs have social members, the number of which must not exceed 50% Also when the model Constitution was produced HMRC would not grant honorary membership. However, this has now been relaxed and Honorary and Life Members are allowed.</p> <p>The model Constitution is now on the Bowls England web site and has been sent to the Sections. It has been put together by Bowls England and approved by Lawyers.</p> <p>The National Championships were discussed, 2016 will remain as present but a review will take place to see if these championships can be reduced from four weeks to three weeks, perhaps some competitions have reached their sell by date. Priority will be given to avoid doubling up</p> <p>The Chairman said it was interesting to have an insight into what goes on at Bowls England and thanked David for keeping us up-to-date.</p>	