



MINUTES of the Bowls Devon Executive Committee meeting held at the Exeter Golf & Country Club on Wednesday 25th October 2017 at 6.30pm

Present: Presidential Team : Mr. C. Healy MBE., (President)

Executive Officers : Mr. A. Mann (Chairman), Mrs. C. Horgan (Administrator), Mr. D. Tucker, (Treasurer), Mrs. R. Mayne (Assistant Treasurer), Mrs. K. Page (Ladies Administrator), Mr. D. Butterworth (Men’s Administrator), Mr. E. Melliush and Mrs. S. Trott (Match Secretaries), Mr. H. Riley (B.D. Delegate to Bowls England) Mrs. S. Silcox (Development Officer), Mrs. A. Coyne (Minute Secretary).

Section Representatives :- Mr. M. Rowe and Mrs. L. Joachim-Rowe (Section 1), Mr. R. Evans (Section 2), Mr. B. Baker and Mrs. J. Bishop (Section 3), Mrs. C. Sliney and Mr. D. Mercer (Section 5), Mr. M. Birch and Mrs. R. Rogers (Section 6), Mr. P. Chudley (Section 7), Mr. M. Hobbs and Miss. P. Adams (Section 8).

	Action
<p>1. <u>Welcome by the Chairman</u> :</p> <p>Chairman Alan opened the Meeting and welcomed all in attendance.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Apologies</u> :</p> <p>Miss C. Jones. There were no representatives from Section 4.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Minutes of the last Meeting</u> :</p> <p>The Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 19th April 2017, having been circulated were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	

4. Matters Arising :

There were no matters arising.

5. Correspondence :

Administrator Carol circulated a copy of correspondence received and made mention of the following :-

The Rev. Kate Edmunds , our Bowls Devon Chaplain, is retiring. It was, however, decided that a new Chaplain is not thought necessary at this time.

Oreston B.C. asked why a lady about to receive her badge was not able to have it on the day arranged as she was not able to play on that particular day and it was stated that a new badged player will only receive the badge when they actually play in the game and this lady will therefore still get her badge on the appropriate day next year.

An e-mail has been received from Suffolk Bowls asking for support for Randolph Ford being nominated as Bowls England Junior Vice President for 2018. It was decided that David Tucker, Carol and Harry will discuss this matter and vote accordingly. The Committee were happy with this decision.

6. Report on the Constitution and Rules Committee – including Proposals of the following changes to the Rules:

Item A

Add

2.2 Full members of Bowls Devon clubs, on payment of the appropriate fees, are affiliated members of Bowls Devon and Bowls England.

2.3. Officers and delegates of a club must be affiliated members of Bowls Devon.

2.4. Players in club, section and county matches, including friendlies and Patrons matches, must be affiliated members of Bowls Devon.

Item B

Correction to Rule 7.12 “Rulers” becomes “Rules”.

Item C.

Rule 19

Title becomes “Alteration to Constitution and Rules”.

Add

19.4 Schedules to the Rules deal with matters and practices which require adjustment from time to time, when it is not warranted or practical to wait for a General Meeting to implement changes. Schedules may be amended or added to by the Executive Committee without reference to a General Meeting of Bowls Devon.

It seems that some people who play in Patrons matches are not affiliated. If a person plays bowls they MUST BE affiliated. Please make sure that clubs know this.

The amendments to the Rules and Constitution will be put to the A.G.M. All agreed.

David Tucker put forward to this Committee that it is recognized the pressure which is put on some Officers who have far too much work. It is therefore necessary to have job descriptions reviewed which will be done during the winter months.

Harry has kindly offered to come back and assist David Butterworth in Presidents Matches and Assistant Treasurer, Rosemarie has agreed to do the administration work for the Presidents mixed matches.

7. Finance and General Purposes Committee :

Treasurer David gave his report and the Minutes from the Finance Committee would be circulated.

8. Report from Competitions Committee :

The Competitions Committee met recently with Section Competition Secretaries. The Minutes from this very thorough Meeting have been circulated . A discussion took place following which Kay did go on to say that several items would need looking into further and the Committee will meet again in January and will report back to the Executive Committee.

Under Items 14 and 15 Amendment to Schedule 6 Clause 1.2a – Amend to read “Senior Fours”.

Amend Appendix to read Senior Fours (Both Men and Ladies)

Amendment to Schedule 7 Clause 10.2: (Penultimate sentence)

“One and the same male and/or one and the same female player may be used as a substitute at any time providing that they have not already played or entered the Competition.”

For clarification purposes to be amended to read “A maximum of one male and one female player may be used as a substitute providing that

he/she has not already entered the competition”
All agreed.

Both Kay and David felt that these meetings prove to be very worthwhile and they will be happy to hold them again.
Chairman Alan expressed thanks to our Competition Secretaries for a substantial job very well done.

9. Report from Bowls Development Officer :

The Report from B.D. Officer, Sue was circulated with little to add except to once again encourage everyone to use the funding which we have left for the next two years. Sue went on to thank the B.D.A. Committee for the hard work they put in.

10. Report from the Bowls Devon Patrons Association :

The Patrons report was circulated with nothing further to add. However, at this point in the meeting David Mercer did say that there was a need to look at the number of Presidents games being played during the season as during 2017 there were 29 Presidents, Mixed Matches and Patrons all booked for the same day .

David Butterworth did, however, go on to say that we have more than reached saturation point with so many matches. People get to the point where there is only so much bowling they can do and this is where difficulties occur.

Gordon Thomas will be retiring at the end of next season and the Patrons will be looking for someone to take over Secretary/Treasurer.

11. Report from Bowls England :

Harry's report on Bowls England Special Consultative Meeting was circulated. Harry went on to say that the key findings, set out on the first page of his report, will provide the opportunity for a wider skill base to be utilized.

Job descriptions for the seven proposed portfolios have now been received along with job descriptions in support of the portfolios for coaching and development.

Also received are the terms of reference for the Audit and Review Committee along with a job summary in support of that Committee.

It is recommended that Bowls Devon supports the recommended changes which will be discussed at a Special General Meeting on

Saturday the 25th November 2017.

12. Report of the Website update (attached) :

Bob Smith, the Website Manager's report was circulated. Carol informed the Committee that Bob is very pleased with the usage of the site over the last season. Sections must continue to use the website.

There were, however, several errors of one sort or another and it was suggested that we have a person who will be prepared to look into all aspects of the website. David Mercer had run through a number of features on the website which were currently very much out of date. He undertook to be the receiver of information and results, and work with Bob Smith to ensure the website is kept as fully up to date as possible.

13. Report from Sections :

Section 1 - Nothing to report.

Section 2 - Sue Trott informed the Committee that the A.G.M. will be on the 13th November. The draw for the 2018 competitions will be done in December and then everything is completed for the following year.

Section 3 - Brian Reported affiliations are in with just one Club to come. Membership is up by 4%.

Section 4 - No representative here.

Section 5 - Charlotte Sliney said that everything is going well. Section 5 Put in a strong contingent at Leaminton. Everyone has been re-elected en-bloc. Umpire, Roger Joint has retired.

Section 6 - Mike Birch said their A.G.M. will be held shortly and Competitions will be dealt with soon after. Affiliation fees are in but the names of the affiliated players are missing and this will be dealt with. The Section will be actively seeking an Assistant Treasurer who will be able to attend Bowls Devon Meetings.

Section 7 - Paul Chudley. The A.G.M. is in two weeks time. They do not have a Treasurer at present.

Section 8 - Martin Hobbs. All competitions are in. The Ladies draw has been done and the Men's draw will be dealt with after the A.G.M.

14. Appointments for 2018:

The undernoted appointments were made

(a) The County Competitions Committee

The Ladies and Men's Administrators, The Ladies and Men's Match Secretaries plus two others - Nominated David Counter and Charlotte Sliney

(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, Sue Silcox and Kay Page.

(d) The Patrons Committee - Nominated.

Chair - Margaret Shillabeer.

Administrator/Treasurer - Gordon Thomas

Secretary - Vicky Hingston

Fixtures Secretary - John Hogger

Committee Members - Chris and Jill Beer, John and Ken Berry and Tony Wills.

Match Co-ordinator - No nomination.

(e) To appoint :

Safeguarding Officer – David Bateman

Diary Secretary – Brian Baker

Web Site Manager – Bob Smith

Publicity Co-ordinator - David Mercer agreed to take on this position

County Coach Co-ordinator - John Ward

Minute Secretary - Avril Coyne

The above was approved and appointed en-bloc

(f) To appoint the two General Selection Committees .

The Presidents (non Voting), The Men's and Ladies Match Secretaries plus a Selector from each Section. Nominated by Sections following their A.G.Ms.

(g) To appoint the Middleton Cup and John's Trophy Selection Committees.

Middleton Cup Selectors -

Alan Mann (Serving until the end of 2019), David Tucker (Serving until the end of 2018) Alan Horwell (Serving until the end of 2017)
Nominated Alan Horwell.

John's Trophy Selectors.-

Committee Beryl Leach (Serving until the end of 2019),

Sue Silcox (serving until the end of 2018), Maureen Robertson (Serving until the end of 2017), Maureen Robertson is not seeking re-election. Nominated Liz Healy.

(h) To appoint the Junior Selection Committees.

Men's Junior Selectors -

Kevin Newcombe (serving until the end of 2019), Jamie Herd (Serving until the end of 2018), Peter Churchman (serving until the end of 2017) Nominated Peter Churchman.

Ladies Junior Selectors. -

Committee Sue Silcox (Serving until the end of 2019), Carol Horgan (Serving until the end of 2018), Sue Trott (Serving until the end of 2017) Nominated Sue Trott.

15. Annual General Meeting :

At this Meeting no proposals were put forward for the A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting will take place this year on Saturday 2nd December at 10.00 am at **the Exeter Golf and Country Club and NOT AT ISCA.**

16. Any Other Business :

No other business.

17. The date of the next Meeting

Wednesday 18th April 2018.

The Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman Date2018
