Minutes of Bowls Devon Executive Committee Meeting held at the Exeter Golf & Country Club on Wednesday, 14th January, 2015 at 6.30 pm.

Present : Presidential Team: Mr. J. Theedom (President), Mr. D. Mercer (S.V.P.), Mrs. J. Howle (S.V.P.)

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

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

	Action
1.<u>Welcome:</u> **Chairman Alan opened the Meeting and welcomed all in attendance and then asked for apologies.**	
2. <u>Apologies:</u> **Miss M. Brotheridge (President), Miss P. Adams (Section 8), Mrs. Leonie Joachim-Rowe (Section 1). Mrs. R. Mayne (Match Secretary), Mr. M. Birch (Section 6).**	
3. <u>Minutes of Meeting held on 29th October, 2014.</u> **Having been previously circulated, the Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.**	
4. <u>Matters Arising:</u> **Ladies Administrator, Kay referred to item 8 of the Minutes regarding the Bowls Development Level 1 Course in which a fee of £90 was stated but this has now been increased to £130. Sue Silcox (Bowls Development Officer) confirmed this figure is correct but went on to add that you can get a bursary towards this amount.**	

5. Correspondence :

Administrator Carol reported a very small amount of correspondence had been received. However, she went on to say that Dawlish had applied to have red trousers as part of their uniform but had since written back to say that they have now decided not to go ahead. Coombe Martin had registered new shirts.
Letters had been received from various people thanking Bowls Devon for their Christmas gifts . The sum of £975 had been given out in gifts.
A letter had been received by the Administrator from Sue Harriott and had been discussed by the Finance and G.P. Committee. Treasurer David reported on this later in the Meeting.

An e-mail had been received from Men's Administator Harry to say that this will be his last season as Men's Administrator. However, Harry has spoken with past President David Butterworth who had indicated that he would be most interested in taking up this post. Carol went on to say that this year will also be the last season as Match Secretary for Tony Howle and that Edgar Melluish would be very interested in taking up this post. The Committee were all sorry that both Harry and Tony will be stepping down and know that both will be "a hard act to follow". Chairman Alan did make the point that every post is open to all and nominations are invited at the Annual General Meeting.

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.
A letter has been received from Sue Harriott (Section 3) regarding the phasing out of the Section Levy - by 50% in 2015 and thereafter nothing. A lengthy discussion ensued and it was agreed that the decision made at a previous and ratified by the Executive should stand.
A special meeting of the F & GP Committee will be held in April regarding the Year Book and Diary to decide whether to continue with separate publications or to have just one. This will be discussed at all Section Meetings to obtain the views of their Clubs.

7. The Appointment of Representatives to the County Competitions Committee :-

The Competitions Committee is made up of the Ladies and Men's Administrators, the Ladies and Men's Match Secretaries plus two others. Nominated from Section 6 was Sue Davenport and nomination from Section 4 David Counter. Both nominees were appointed.

8. Report from Competitions Committee :-

Administrator Harry said that they have not yet met, other than to make the 2015 draws. However, Harry referred to two items discussed at the Men's Competition Committee Meeting of the 17th September 2014, after which he received correspondence from Bowls England advising of a new ruling to regulate the start times in all County rounds leading the National Championship finals. It was now clear that the Devon dates did not meet the requirements of Bowls England for 2016, the previous decision was therefore rescinded.
A discussion took place as to whether or not to continue with the Coronation Cup. Harry proposed that we cancel this competition, and Tony Howle seconded the proposal. However, after continued discussion on this matter, an Amendment was proposed by Derek Griffin of Section 6 that the Coronation Cup be reduced from 6 rinks to 4 rinks and the Chairman asked for a show of hands, and this Amendment was carried. The Chairman then asked for a show of hands on the original proposal to cancel this competition, and this was defeated. The Coronation Cup will continue in its modified format, and the Schedule 5 will be amended.

9. Appointment of the Life Membership Committee :-

The Order of Merit/Life Membership Committee is made up of the two immediate Past Presidents, the Chair, the Administrator, plus one Honorary Member. The existing Honorary Member currently on the Committee is David Tucker who was re- elected.

10. To Appoint a Constitution and Rules Committee :-

Chairman Alan , Administrator Carol, Treasurer David Tucker, Tony Broom (Section 2) and Sue Silcox , Development Officer were re-appointed.

11. The Appointment of two General Selection Committees :-

Section 1 - Jeanette Symons and Derek James
Section 2 - Maureen Robertson and Tony Broom
Section 3 - Julie Grant and Don Coyne
Section 4 - Daphne Bright and David Counter
Section 5 - Jean Pinney - no man.
Section 6 - Beryl Leach and Alan Horwell
Section 7 - Sue Silcox - no man.
Section 8 - Pat Adams and Larry Ireland

12. Appointment of Middleton Cup and Johns Trophy Selection Committees :-
Middleton Cup Selection Committee:

David Tucker and Tony Broom. Alan Horwell was re-elected for three years.

John's Trophy Selection Committee :
Beryl Leach and Sue Silcox . Maureen Robertson was re-elected for three years.

13. <u>Appointment of the Junior Side Selection Committee :</u>
Men's Junior Selectors - Tony Kury and Harry Riley. Peter Churchman was re-elected for three years.

Ladies Junior Selectors :
Sue Silcox and Carol Horgan. Sue Trott was re-elected for three years.

14. <u>Appointment of the Following :</u>

Safeguarding Officer	**-**	**David Bateman**
Year Book Secretary	**-**	**Maureen Robertson**
Diary Secretary	**-**	**Brian Baker**
Web Site Manager	**-**	**Bob Smith**
Publicity/Sponsorship Co-ordinator	**-**	**No nomination.**
County Coach Co-ordinator	**-**	**Gillie Ainslie**
Minute Secretary	**-**	**Avril Coyne**
Hon. Chaplain	**-**	**Rev. Cate Edmunds**

15. <u>Bowls Devon Patrons Associaion Report :</u>
There has been no response to the Chairman's enquiry regarding Officers of the Patrons to enable Bowls Devon Executive Committee to agree them. In accordance with the present Patrons Constitution there is a Men's Committee and a Ladies Committee. Administrator Carol indicated that that Terri Day had been proposed as Chairperson of the Ladies Committee.
It was noted that the Patrons do have an A.G.M and very little is known among the members of their Committee. It was agreed the Patrons is a worthwhile organisation which does very good work.
The Rules and Constitution Committee were asked to work on a revised schedule on the Patrons, following discussions to be initiated by David Tucker with the Patrons Officers.
This item to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting when hopefully a full list of officers and committee would be available.

16. <u>Report from Bowls England :</u>

There was little to report except on the subject of wearing shorts and it is stated that shorts may only be worn for Club friendlies.

17. <u>Report from Sections :</u>

Section 1 - Nothing to report.
Section 2 - Nothing to report.
Section 3 - This Section has not got a full complement of officers. They require an Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and Ladies Competition Secretary but the Competition Committee will run the Ladies competitions for one year. The Men's Competition Secretary has agreed to take over as Treasurer in respect of the men's competition fees.

Section 4 - No Assistant Secretary and no male delegate.
Section 5 - No Men's Selector.
Section 6 - Nothing to report.
Section 7 - No Men's Selector and no male delegate. The men have agreed to have a Competition Committee of three who will run the competitions and Colin George will run the Foxlands and County Trophy.
Section 8 - No Assistant Secretary. The Committee was asked to consider that under 18's pay no section affiliation fee.

18. <u>Any Other Business</u> :-

Martin Rowe (Section 1) reported that at one of Section 1's Clubs, Club members were asked to step down from their Committee because their Club meetings was held on a set night for which they were unavailable, which seemed to be unacceptable practice. Martin was advised by David Tucker to obtain advice on this matter from the Bowls England lawyer, and Martin will let Carol know the outcome of this very valid point.

Administrator Carol reported on an e-mail which had only just come in from Bowls England to say that the annual dinner in February is over subscribed and there are now no tickets available.

At this point in the Meeting the Bowls Development Officer, Sue Silcox, raised one or two points on the Bowls Development Report which had been circulated. (Chairman Alan apologised for not having this on the main Agenda). The window for new applications for the Silver package opens on the 2nd February. Sue, once again, reiterates the importance of Clubs coming forward for help.
The Plymouth Life Centre level 1 coaching course has been cancelled but the same course at Exonia is going ahead. Everyone who has applied will be contacted with details.
The Safeguarding course - Clubs will be contacted with a definite date for the course which is likely to be a weekend.

Ladies Administrator, Kay stated that she has been contacted by several lady members of Bowls Devon who are concerned about the change to only one County luncheon. It seems that they are in favour of the one

event but stress that for many years they supported the Ladies luncheon which was always on a Thursday, which has been changed to a Sunday. Many were also not happy at the £5 amount for the raffle. Carol pointed out that nothing has been decided as yet, except a date and venue had been booked, but the actual format for this event still had to be discussed. David also suggested that this subject could be discussed at Section meetings.

19. <u>The Dates of the next Meetings are</u> :-

Wednesday 22nd April 2015, Wednesday 28th October 2015 Wednesday 13th January 2016 at Exeter Golf and Country Club.

The Meeting closed at 8.15p.m.

Signed..... Date.....