Minutes of Bowls Devon Executive Committee Meeting held at the Exeter Golf & Country Club on Wednesday, 29th October 2014 at 7.00 pm.

Present : Presidential Team: Mr. D. Butterworth (President), Mrs. C. Sliney (President), Mr. J. Theedom (S.V.P.), Mr. D. Mercer (J.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 (Assistant Administrators), Mrs. S. Silcox (Development Officer). Mr. T. Howle and Mrs. R. Mayne (Match Secretaries), 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 Mrs. S. Harriott (Section 3), Mr. B. Baker and Mrs. J. Martin (Section 4), Mrs. M. Jones (Section 5), Mr. M. Birch and Mrs. B. Leach (Section 6), Miss S. Parnell (Section 7), Mr. P. Chudley and Mr. M. Hobbs (Section 8)

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1.<u>Welcome:</u> **Chairman Alan opened the Meeting and welcomed all in attendance and then asked for apologies.**	
2. <u>Apologies:</u> **Mrs. V. Hingston (Patrons Secretary), Miss P. Adams (Section 8), Mrs. Leonie Joachim-Rowe (Section 1).**	
3. <u>Minutes of Meeting held on 24th April 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> **There were no matters arising.** **<u>5. Correspondence :</u>** **Administrator Carol, prior to the commencement of the Meeting circulated a list of correspondence received. A letter of complaint had been received by Presidents David and Charlotte from a member of**	

Seaton Bowling Club. However, in reply, Administrator Carol wrote back to say that as the matter had nothing whatsoever to do with the County we could not step in and give advice as it is something the Club must deal with themselves.

Nominations for Order of Merit - Nine nominations had been received to date which would be presented to the Life Membership Committee to decide upon.

Hertfordshire touring side to Barnstaple will be staying at the Manor in Exmouth and not Sidmouth. Montgomeryshire tourists had not yet confirmed their tour to North Devon.

Topsham now have several junior players and the Club have been asked by the County for all details of the juniors so that they can be considered to play in various matches. The Club was not prepared to give this and consequently Carol had sought advice from Bowls England which had been circulated to all Clubs. Treasurer David stated that Topsham had seen the advice on this matter from Bowls England and were quite satisfied. It was agreed the County would amend the junior information form circulated for 2015.

6. <u>Finance and General Purposes Committee Report :</u>
Treasurer David's reported on the Finance and G.P. Committee just held and confirmed the Minutes would be circulated.

7. <u>Competition Committee Report :</u>

The Minutes of the Competition Committee had been circulated and a discussion took place on a number of items. Harry Riley said that some of the matters touched upon will have to go back to Bowls England for further consultation and be discussed again in January.
Harry did express his disappointment with the Coronation Cup and said that this is not as popular as it used to be, in that not all Sections were able to provide a team. A decision as to whether this competition should be cancelled was deferred.

8. <u>Report from Bowls Development Officer :</u>
The Development Officer's report was circulated prior to the Meeting. Sue asked for all Clubs to be encouraged to organise Open Days and to apply for a BDA Silver Package for recruitment. The next window for package applications on the 1st November. Sue was very pleased to hear from Treasurer David that Bowls Devon have agreed a sum of £400 to help the Devon Bowls Development group to also help recruitment drives and Open Days, this season's results having been very effective. There is a need for more Level 2 Coaches.
At the moment there are 5 names put forward for another Level 1 course. Hopefully Devon can run another coaching course at the beginning of next year. Exeter would be a good place to hold this. The fee is £90 for the course but 50% can be reclaimed from Bowls England.

Safeguarding Course - Sue said that the BDA run course would be organised and held in the County. The course fee would be £25 and this special course had been devised specifically for bowlers. It was felt important that Club Welfare Officers and Coaches attend a safeguarding course.

9. Report from Patrons Association :
Vicky Hingston's report was circulated prior to this Meeting.

10.Year Book and Diary Secretaries Report :
Brian Baker reported that all the forms had now gone out for Clubs to update. Most of the information comes back by the end of the year.
It was agreed that Competitions which have not been played since 2011 should be deleted from the Diary and Year Book.

11. Nominations for England Junior Vice President :
The nominations for the England J.V.P. have been received and standing are :-
Viv Tomlinson of Lancashire, Freda Thomas of Peterborough and Hazel Jean Marke of Hampshire.

12. Report of the Rules and Constitution Sub-Committee :
Chairman Alan went through the final proposals recommended by the Rules and Constitution Committee item-by-item, and a paper on these had being circulated before this Meeting. The object of the review, four years after Unification, has been to generally tidy up the wording, make specific references to Bowls England procedures and extract items that are no longer relevant. It was agreed to submit the proposals as drafted to the AGM for approval. The following points were discussed:

7.15 General Selection Committee's : Don Coyne indicated that Section 3 considered that, bearing in mind the death of Francis Newton earlier this year, it is necessary for a Deputy Selector to be in place. As it is no longer mandatory for Selectors to appear at The Middleton Cup and John's Trophy etc., he felt that individual Sections could decide for themselves whether they require a deputy or not. This was accepted by the meeting, but the function of the two posts (Selector and Deputy Selector) would now be fulfilled by one person in the proposed changes.

7.15.2 It was suggested that this rule change relating to Presidents Attending Middleton Cup and John's Trophy Selection Committee should not be amended as it was felt that this diminished the responsibility of the Presidents. On a show of hands this suggestion failed.

Schedules:

Schedule 11 Proposed Amendments to the Executive Officers duties had been circulated prior to this Meeting and were carried. One particular change was discussed further: County Ladies Assistant Administrator and

County Men's Assistant Administrator will now be called .... County Ladies Administrator and County Men's Administrator, the word Assistant being felt not accurately describing their duties as listed in the Schedule. It was noted that the County Administrator was against this change.

<u>Schedule 3 Proposed Amendment to the name of the Patrons</u> : It was agreed by the Committee on a recommendation of the Review Sub-committee that the name of the Patrons should be .... The Bowls Devon Patrons Association.

<u>Schedules 4 to 8 Amendments as tabled by the Competition Committee:</u> These were agreed as drafted.

13. <u>Bowls Devon Annual General Meeting – 6th December 2014 at Isca.</u>
On the draft Agenda all current officers had been proposed and seconded. Assistant Administrator Kay informed the Meeting that she would like, eventually, to step aside from this position and Chairman Alan asked all present to go away and give this matter some thought. Men's Match Secretary, Tony, would not be seeking re-election at the end of 2015.

14. <u>Report from Bowls England :</u>
David Tucker had nothing to report on this matter.

15. <u>Reports from Sections :</u>

Section 1 - Nothing to report.

Section 2 - Nothing to report.

Section 3 - AGM is 17th November

Section 4 - AGM in two week's time. Joan Martin is taking over as Secretary.

Section 5 - President Charlotte is standing as Section Secretary.

Section 6 - Have had their AGM and there are no changes on the Committee.

Section 7 - The AGM is 20th November. The Men's Competition Secretary has resigned from that position which means, that unless someone comes forward to take over, there will be no men's competitions in 2015. Several of the ladies clubs have attracted new members.

Section 8 - AGM 10th November. Martin Hobbs is the new Secretary and there is a new Treasurer.

16. <u>Any Other Business :</u>
Gill Ainslie of Plymouth was prepared to become Bowls Devon Coach Co-

ordinator. If agreed she would take on the role with effect from the AGM. Gill will be a point of contact for every Club with any coaching queries and represent Bowls Devon at BDA coaching meetings. The Committee agreed this appointment.

David Mercer brought up the subject of the Centenary Award presented at the mixed luncheon on the 26th October and it was noticed that one of the nominees did, in fact, receive this award previously. The award can only be received once and therefore the names of previous winners must not go forward a second time. It was also felt that nominees should be invited to attend the luncheon.

S.V.P. John Theedom asked that the nominations for the Presidential team be told at this Committee meeting. The Presidential team are :-

Bowls Devon Lady President - Miss Margaret Brotheridge
Bowls Devon Men's President Mr. John Theedom
Bowls Devon Lady SVP - Mrs. Jacky Howle
Bowls Devon Men's SVP - Mr. David Mercer
Bowls Devon Lady JVP - Mrs. Ruth Voysey
Bowls Devon Men's JVP - Mr. Colin Healy

17. Date of the next Meeting <u>Wednesday 14th January 2015.</u>
Other Meeting dates for 2015 - Wednesday 22nd April and Wednesday 28th October at Exeter Golf Club. The Annual General Meeting Saturday 6th December 2015 at Isca.

This Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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