Minutes of Bowls Devon Executive Committee Meeting held at the Exeter Golf & Country Club on Wednesday, 9th January, 2014 7.00pm

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), Mr T. Howle and Mrs R. Mayne (Match Secretaries), Mrs. S. Silcox (Development Officer), Mrs. A. Coyne(Minute Secretary)

Section Representatives: Mr M Rowe and Mrs Leonie Joachim-Rowe (Section 1) Mrs. S. Trott and Mr. T. Broom (Section 2), Mr. D. Coyne and Mrs Sue Harriott (Section 3), Mrs. J. Martin and Mr. B. Baker(Section 4), Mrs. M. Jones and David Mercer (Section 5), Mr. M. Birch and Mrs B.Leach (Section 6), Miss S. Parnell (Section 7), Mr Paul Chudley (Section 8). Mrs. M. Robertson (Year Book Secretary) and Mr D. Viles (Patrons representative) in attendance.

	Action
1.<u>Welcome:</u> **Chairman Alan opened the Meeting, welcoming everyone present and asked for apologies.**	
2. <u>Apologies:</u> **Mrs. V. Hingston (Ladies Patrons Secretary), Mr. G. Thomas (Men's Patrons Secretary), Mrs. P. Adams (Section 8)**	
3. <u>Minutes of Meeting held on 30th October 2013</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.**	

5. Correspondence : **Administrator Carol, prior to the commencement of the Meeting, circulated a list of correspondence received. Carol reported that the proposal from Bowls Cornwall regarding the amendment to the Ladies S.W.C.L. rules had been accepted.**	
6. Finance and General Purposes Committee Report : **The Treasurer reported on a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held earlier in the day. It was confirmed that the Minutes of this meeting would be circulated in due course.** **It was agreed with the recommendation to increase the cost of the Year Book and Diary with effect from 2015 to £4.00** **It was also agreed to increase the affiliation fee for 2014/15 by 20p to £3.70.**	
7.The Appointment of Representatives to the County Competition Committee **The Competitions Committee is made up of the two Assistant Administrators and the two Match Secretaries plus two others. Nominated from Section 6 – Sue Davenport. Nominated from Section 4 – David Counter.** **8. Report from Competitions Committee :** **Assistant Administrator Harry reported that the draws for 2014 competitions have now been completed.** **Section 2 put forward a proposal that they be allowed to play 3 rinks in the section stages of the County Trophy matches . A full discussion took place and it was resolved that as the Competition Rules stated that each game shall be played by four teams of four players that this rule must be adhered to.** **9. Appointment of the Life Membership Committee :** **The Order of Merit/Life Membership Committee is made up of the two Immediate Past Presidents, the Administrator, plus two Honorary Members. The existing two Honorary Members are David Tucker and Alan Mann who were elected.** **10. To Appoint a Constitution and Rules Committee :** **Chairman Alan, Administrator Carol, Treasurer David, Tony Broom**	

(Section 2) and Sue Silcox (Development Officer) were appointed.

11. <u>Appointment of two General Selection Committees and two Junior Selection Committees :</u>

<u>Section 1 -</u> Jeanette Symons and Derek James.
Deputy/ Junior Selectors - Shaun Watts and Peter Churchman.
<u>Section 2 -</u> Maureen Robertson and Tony Broom
Deputy/Junior Selectors - Sue Trott and Martin Dear.
<u>Section 3</u> - Francis Newton and Julie Grant.
Deputy/Junior Selectors Tony Kury and Liz Smerdon
<u>Section 4</u> - Daphne Bright and David Counter
Deputy/Junior Selectors – Margaret Langlands and David Counter
<u>Section 5</u> - Jeanne Pinney - no man.
Deputy/ Junior Selectors - Jeanne Pinney - no man
<u>Section 6</u> - Beryl Leach and Alan Horwell
Deputy/Junior Selectors - Beryl Leach and Alan Horwell
<u>Section 7</u> - Sue Silcox - no man
Deputy/Junior Selector - Sue Silcox – no man
<u>Section 8 -</u> Pat Adams and Larry Ireland
Deputy/Junior Selector - Vicky Hingston – no man

12. <u>Appointment of Middleton Cup and Johns Trophy Selection Committees :</u>
<u>Nominations for Middleton Cup Selection Committee</u> : A vacancy existed for a three year period and nominated was Tony Broom who would serve with David Tucker (2 years) and Alan Horwell (1 year).

<u>Nominations for the John's Trophy Selection Committee :</u> A vacancy existed for a three year period and nominated were Julie Grant and Beryl Leach. Following a ballot Beryl Leach was duly elected to serve with Sue Silcox (2 years) and Maureen Robertson (1 year).

13. <u>Appointment of the Junior Side Selection Committee :</u>
<u>Mens Junior Selectors</u> - A vacancy existed for a three year period and nominated was Harry Riley who would serve with Tony Kury (2 years) and Peter Churchman (1 year).

<u>Ladies Junior Selectors</u> - A vacancy existed for a three year period and nominated was Sue Silcox who would serve with Carol Horgan (2 years) and Sue Trott (1 year).

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 at present.
County Coach Co-ordinator - No nomination at present.
Minute Secretary - Avril Coyne
Hon. Chaplain - Cate Edmonds.

15. Report from Diary and Year Book Secretaries :

Maureen particularly wished to thank Brian for his assistance and said that it has been a good year collating information. Everything is now in the hands of the printers. The advertisers for this year have been maintained. However, space can be found for anyone wishing to advertise whether a half or full page and this of course helps financially. Distribution will be 15th March.
Brian also said that a few teething troubles may be expected but he is very pleased with the start and went on to thank Section Secretaries, Harry and Carol for their help.
The Chairman wished to record his thanks to both Maureen and Brian for the very hard work they have put into these publications.

16. Report from Bowls Development Officer :

Sue's report has been circulated with nothing further to add other than to reiterate that funding packages are still available and asked us all to encourage clubs to participate – it does work and some clubs ultimately have 20% more members.

17. Report from Web Site Manager ;

Our Web Site Manager, Bob Smith's report has been circulated with nothing further to add. However, in Bob's absence Administrator Carol brought to our attention a serious corruption on the web site but stressed that no data has been stolen and the fault had almost been rectified.

18. Patrons Report :

In the absence of Gordon Thomas, Chairman Alan welcomed Derek Viles who spoke on Gordon's behalf. Both the Ladies and Men's patrons will be seeking help from the Section Secretaries to distribute renewal forms and fixture cards.

Vicky's Ladies Patrons report was circulated with nothing further to add.

19. Report from Bowls England :

David had nothing to report since the A.G.M. except to tell us that a geographical arrangement is under discussion regarding the John's Trophy

and Middleton Cup from which Devon should benefit with travel arrangements.

20. Reports from Sections :

Section 1 - Nothing to report.
Section 2 - Nothing to report
Section 3 - Nothing to report
Section 4 - Nothing to report
Section 5 - Need officers and a secretary
Section 6 - Nothing to report
Section 7 - Sharon reported that the Section has a lack of officers but Bowls Devon Chairman had agreed to attend their April Section Meeting in the hope that a solution can be found to sort out the situation.

21. Any Other Business

Carol reported on the many cards, messages of thanks from bowlers who had received Christmas gifts from the County.

Ladies President Charlotte reported that arrangements for her mini tour 5th to 8th May 2014 to Somerset were progressing well with 31 ladies tentatively booked to date.

22. Dates of the next Meetings :
Thursday 24th April, 2014
Wednesday 29th October, 2014
Wednesday 7th January 2015
At the Exeter Golf and Country Club.

23. Close of Meeting :
Chairman Alan in closing the Meeting at 8.30 pm thanked everyone for attending.

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