

## Bowls Devon



**Minutes of Bowls Devon Annual General Meeting held at the Isca Centre, Exeter,  
Saturday 3rd December 2016, 10.00am.**

**Presidential Team : Mr. D. Mercer and Mrs J Howle (Presidents) Mr C. Healy MBE.,  
(Senior Vice President), Mr M. Birch (Junior Vice President)**

**Executive Officers: Mr A. Mann (Chairman), Mrs C. Horgan ( Administrator), Mr D. Tucker  
(Treasurer), Mrs R Mayne ( Assistant Treasurer), Mr D Butterworth ( Men's Administrator ), Mrs  
K. Page (Ladies Administrator), Mr E Melliush (Men's Match Secretary), Mrs S Trott (Ladies  
Match Secretary), Mrs S. Silcox (Bowls Development Officer)**

**Honorary Members: Mrs M Robertson, Mr R Robertson, Mr J Theedom, Mr D Coyne,  
Mr D Counter, Mrs. M. Shillabeer, Mrs. H. Pickard, Mrs. C. Sliney, Miss P Adams**

**Mrs. V. Hingston (Ladies Patrons Secretary)**

**Section Delegates: 7            Club Delegates: Voting 59, Non-Voting Members 22  
38 Clubs represented out of 104**

### Action

**1 Chairman** Alan Mann opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance. He then asked Administrator Carol to read out the names of those no longer with us, sadly there were 43. The Chairman asked for a minute's silence.

#### **2 Apologies**

There were 15 apologies. Lady President-Elect Ruth Voysey was unable to attend due to ill health. We all wish Ruth well.

#### **3 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015.**

The minutes of the last A.G.M. having been circulated were accepted as a true record.

#### **4 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

<p><b>5 Presentation of the Order of Merit Awards</b>  Chairman Alan announced the recipients of the 2016 Order of Merit Award and the members presented with this award, from the nominations received, for their dedication to their Club and County were Brian Parker from Heavitree Bowling Club and Roger Warne from Beacon Down Bowling Club. Brian thanked all the members of Heavitree B.C. and emphasised that this award was for them. Roger also thanked his Club and both gentlemen were very pleased to receive the Award.</p>	
<p><b>6. Administrators Annual Report :</b></p> <p>Administrator Carol's report was circulated and Carol had nothing further to add. The report was unanimously accepted and the Chairman thanked Carol for the tremendous amount of work she has put in throughout the year.</p> <p><b>7. Treasurer's Annual Report and Statement of Accounts :</b></p> <p>Treasurer David presented the examined Statement of Accounts to year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016, a copy of which had been circulated. The Membership number of 6084 is an increase of 80 over the previous year. This is the first time in a decade that membership has gone up. However, recruitment has still to be a priority and it was noted that Sue Silcox's involvement with the Bowls Devon Alliance has been hugely successful in obtaining new members.</p> <p>The Patrons had transferred £2,500 to Bowls Devon and this sum goes towards the Amy Rose and Under 25's. Thanks here must go to Gordon Thomas and Vicky Hingston for their very hard work.</p> <p>Income from competitions fell by £1,500. As this is one of our main sources of income we must keep a close eye on the matter.</p> <p>Travelling costs have increased, an area which fluctuates each year, but this is the price we have to pay for our success. This has been a very successful year financially and there will be no increases for 2017. The assets of Bowls Devon remain in a healthy position.</p> <p>Amenities Fund - Money is available for development and other beneficial purposes. Remember the fund is there to assist clubs.</p> <p>Treasurer, David, thanked all the members of the Finance Committee, all his fellow Officers and especially Ben De Cruse of Haines Watts for the quick and helpful way in which the accounts are approved.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked David for the extremely hard work he puts in for Bowls Devon and Bowls England.</p>	
<p><b>8. Appointment of Account Examiners :</b></p> <p>The appointment of Haines Watts, Chartered Accountants was approved.</p> <p><b>9. Reports from Bowls Devon Patrons Association :</b></p> <p>The Patrons reports have been circulated with nothing further to add. The Chairman thanked both Gordon Thomas and Vicky Hingston for the hard work put in</p>	

throughout 2016.

**10. Fees, Grants and Allowances :**

Treasurer David and the Finance Committee proposed a 2% increase across the board of all the allowances and expenses and this was agreed and carried.

**11. Appointment of Officers :**

The undernoted appointments were accepted en bloc. Carried

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

The Chairman thanked all the Officers for the very hard work throughout 2016.

**12. Installation of Presidential Officers :**

A vote took place for the position of Lady Senior Vice President between Miss Vicky Hingston and Miss Ciss Jones and the result was as undernoted.

Bowls Devon Lady President.	Mrs. Ruth Voysey	M. Ewings	J. Martin
Bowls Devon Men's President.	Mr. Colin Healy MBE.,	D. Macauley	D. Coyne
Bowls Devon Lady SVP	Miss Vicky Hingston	R. Hocking	P. Adams
Bowls Devon Men's SVP	Mr. Michael Birch	A. Horwell	R. McDonald
Bowls Devon Lady JVP	Miss Ciss Jones	I. Everell	P. Churchman
Bowls Devon Men's JVP	Vacancy		

Margaret Ewings, (Topsham B.C.) as Proposer for Ruth Voysey said that Ruth has served as both Junior Vice and Senior Vice President and been very supportive to both Presidents. She has served on various committees and held positions at Topsham Bowling Club for many years and been dedicated to those positions. She will be as much committed and dedicated to the Ladies Bowls Devon County President.

Joan Martin, (Crediton B.C.) said that on behalf of Section 4 she has very great pleasure in seconding the proposal for Ruth Voysey to be Bowls Devon Ladies President. The determination Ruth has shown to the Presidential team will undoubtedly continue through 2017 .

David Macauley, (Madeira B.C.) said what a great honour and privilege to propose Colin Healy as Bowls Devon President for 2017. Colin has served Topsham Bowling Club in many positions over the years.

Colin was awarded an MBE., in 1981. His leadership and skills will allow Bowls Devon to move forward. He gives 100% to every task. He will be supported by his wife, Elizabeth and I would like to propose Colin Healy as the 2017 President.

Don Coyne, (Section 3) said what a great pleasure it was to second the Proposal for Colin to be President for Bowls Devon for 2017. Don is certain that Colin will bring the same dedication to the position as he has brought over the last two years as Junior and Senior Vice President and he will be an excellent ambassador for Bowls Devon.

Colin thanked Madeira Bowling Club and Section 3 for the tremendous support shown to him over the last two years. He said he has spent the time listening, watching and learning and it has been a privilege to meet so many people as Senior Vice President.

He thanked all the members present at the Meeting for their acceptance and now giving him the opportunity to put something more back into the game which means so much to us all.

Ruth Hocking, (Oreston B.C.) in proposing Vicky Hingston as the 2017 Bowls Devon Ladies Senior Vice President said that Vicky had worked tirelessly for her club in numerous rolls and played an integral part in ensuring that Oreston B.C. remained open. She has been Bowls Devon Patrons Secretary and President of the Plymouth & District Ladies Bowling League. Vicky has always been enthusiastic, humorous and a team player. All the Club members have no hesitation in recommending Vicky Hingston as the 2017 Bowls Devon Ladies Senior Vice President.

Pat Adams, (Section 8) said that she agrees with everything already said about Vicky and all the work she has done for both the Patrons and the Plymouth & District Ladies League and for the encouragement given to all new members. Vicky has certainly served her apprenticeship well and will be an excellent Ladies Senior Vice President.

Vicky, in acceptance for B.D.S.V. Ladies President wished to thank all Section 8 for their support but particularly to Oreston Bowling Club and looks forward to assisting the Presidential team in 2017.

Irene Everall, (Combe Martin) said that Ciss Jones has been bowling for many years having started her bowling career in Kent. She then moved to Herefordshire and continued successfully to be runner up or winner in many competitions and gained her County badge in 2011. Ciss has held many positions at her various clubs and became Bowls Herefordshire Ladies President in 2015.

Irene went on to say that Ciss was approachable, friendly and a good communicator. Combe Martin and Section 1 have no hesitation in proposing Ciss.

In the absence of Martin Rowe, Peter Churchman (Section 1) on behalf of Section 1 was pleased to second the proposal for Ciss Jones

Alan Horwell, (Kings B.C.) as Proposer for Michael Birch for Bowls Devon Men's Senior Vice President said that Michael has been a very hard working member of Kings B.C. for



## **Open Forum following the Annual General Meeting**

David Tucker said that on our success this season, thanks must go to the team of three Selectors and could not let this opportunity go by without saying a big “thank you”  
To Tony Broom

Harry Riley (Bowls Devon Delegate to Bowls England) gave a verbal report on a recent Meeting attended by himself, Administrator Carol and Bowls Development Officer Sue Silcox in Coventry.

The Counties meeting provides an opportunity for County Associations to discuss motions that Bowls England has received for the Annual General Meeting and is an open discussion between Bowls England and the County Associations.

The Bowls Development Alliance Director, Susan Cooper, highlighted that all targets had been met and that the B.D.A. was eligible to apply for the next stage of funding from Sport England.

The NSPCC Advanced Safeguarding Standard has been achieved with input from Bowls England, EIBA Ltd., BDA and several other bowls-related organisations.

### **National Championship Schedule from 2019**

The pros and cons of fully integrating non gender Championships for 2019 were discussed with the majority of the meeting supporting retention of the current 30 day format for the foreseeable future.

### **Regional Meetings –**

The Chair of Policy and Management, David Tucker, presented plans for regional meetings scheduled to commence in 2017.

Some concern was expressed at the planned regional group but it was explained that these had been drawn up to reduce travel for those who were to attend.

Bowls England Academy - The Independent Director, Adam Tanner, had given a brief resume on Bowls England’s current progress with Youth Development aimed at our young bowlers, aged 18 and under. This included the Sutton Winson Tournament, the Test Match with Wales, an Academy weekend (practical skills/drills, theoretical sessions covering safeguarding/social media and match play).

David Tucker reported on the new H.Q. move from Riverside House. A property at Leamington Spa could be available soon.

Regional Meetings. David also stated that the Board felt the present structure is out dated. The message is not getting down to Club Level. It was hoped that next year, as a trial scheme, regional meetings would be held and each County can send four delegates.