



**Minutes of Bowls Devon Executive Committee Meeting held at the Exeter Golf & Country Club on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.00p.m.**

**Present : Presidential Team :** Mr. C. Healy MBE., (President), Mr. M. Birch, (SVP), Miss C. Jones (Ladies JVP).

**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. E. Melluish and Mrs. S. Trott (Match Secretaries), Mr. H. Riley (B.D. Delegate to Bowls England), Mrs. A. Coyne (Minute Secretary).

**Section Representatives:** Mr. T. Broom (Section 2), Mr. B. Baker and Mrs. J. Bishop (Section 3), Mrs. J. Martin (Section 4), Mr. D. Mercer and Mrs. C. Sliney (Section 5), Mrs. B. Leach (Section 6), Mr. P. Chudley (Section 7), Mr. M. Hobbs (Section 8).

Owing to travel difficulties Chairman Alan was not present at the beginning of the Meeting and David Tucker took the Chair

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<p><b><u>1. Apologies :</u></b></p> <p>Mrs. R. Voysey (President), Miss V. Hingston (Ladies SVP), Mr. D. Butterworth (Men's Administrator), Mrs. S. Silcox (Development Officer), Mr. P. Martin (Section 4), Miss P. Adams (Section 8).</p> <p><b><u>2. Minutes of the last Meeting :</u></b></p> <p>The Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016, having been circulated were agreed as a true record and signed by acting Chairman.</p> <p><b><u>3. Matters Arising :</u></b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	

#### **4. Correspondence :**

Administrator Carol circulated a copy of correspondence and went on to report of the application from Devon County Bowls Coaching Association who wish to become an associate member of Bowls Devon. This matter was discussed at the Finance and General Purposes Meeting earlier in the evening and it was recommended that they cannot be accepted into associate membership at the present time. The recommendation was carried.

David Tucker told this Meeting that Bowls England is having an Anniversary Celebration event on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017. A game will take place on the day followed by dinner in the evening. Bowls England would like to recognise people who have done a lot of work over the years and a priority list will be put together. It is felt that this should be our Administrator, Treasurer, two Presidents, the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Bowls England delegates. All present were in favour.

#### **5. Finance & General Purposes Committee :**

The Minutes of this meeting have been circulated. It was recommended by Treasurer David that there be no increase in affiliation fees, competition fees or match fees. It was also confirmed that Bowls England were not increasing their fees.

The committee accepted this report.

#### **6. Report from Bowls Development Officer :**

Sue Silcox was unable to be present at this Meeting but her report has been circulated.

Sue hopes that after last year's successful visits to Section meetings these can be repeated again this year to share the ongoing opportunities for Clubs. Sue would be delighted to attend Section Spring Meetings.

Carol reported on Level 1 Coaching Courses being organised if enough were interested in obtaining the qualification, details of which had been circulated to all Clubs. 50% of the cost of the course can be reclaimed from Bowls England and hopefully Clubs would also help out financially.

The new Coach Co-ordinator is John Ward from Ottery St. Mary and he would like the names of all coaches. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with John (Telephone 01404 814651) or e-mail [....terri.ward38@gmail.com](mailto:....terri.ward38@gmail.com) for any advice or help.

Bowls England is about to produce a bursary for bowlers wishing to become Umpires and again, 50% can be claimed towards the cost of the course.

Sue Trott would like Clubs to encourage markers to upgrade to becoming an Umpire. Sue tries to run the course in one day and most people have

found it very beneficial.

## **7. Report from Competitions Committee :**

Kay's January 2017 report was circulated prior to this meeting and she specially mentioned the following :-

**Draws** : Men's and Ladies draws have taken place and can be viewed on the Website and have been circulated to the Section Competitions Secretaries.

Competition dates have been extracted from the main calendar and shown as separate items on the website. See the drop down box under Competitions.

It was agreed that Section draws are viewable on the website and that Bob Smith be asked to set this up with Sections.

**Badged Players** : The names of our County badged players can be viewed on the website. This is stored under ADMIN.

At the end of March an amendment form will be sent to each Section for circulation to their Clubs. This is an amendment form and we would ask that each Club checks the names and completes the form. This then needs to be returned to Bob Smith by 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## **9. Report from Bowls England :**

Bowls England Representative Harry had little to report other than the West Group meeting which will take place in Clevedon in February and the Bowls England A.G.M. and Dinner is scheduled for the end of February – Devon Officers and players will be attending.

## **10. Reports from Sections :**

Section 1 - Nothing to report.

Section 2 - Nothing to report.

Section 3 - Brian Baker. There is still a vacancy for Ladies Selector. On the 21<sup>st</sup> May Ottery St. Mary Bowling Club are holding A game of 3 or 4 rinks for people with a disability. Ottery have received their Insurance Company's annual Renewal notice through their Insurance Brokers, Sutton Winston. The renewal comes with extra conditions For instance, all outbuildings have to have combination Locks and there must be no keys left lying around all of which points to tighter security.

Section 4 - Nothing to report.

- Section 5 - Charlotte Sliney. The section have had an enquiry asking if there was a booklet on etiquette and was told that Bowls England have such a book for new bowlers.
- Section 6 - The Section has a few officers missing. They do not have an Assistant Secretary or men's Selector at the moment.
- Section 7 - Nothing to report.
- Section 8 - Martin Hobbs. This Section are struggling for a Men's Selector. There has been a big turnaround of Club Secretaries. All men's competitions are on the Web Site. Players are only 4 down on last year.

**11. Any Other Business :**

Ciss Jones reported of a slight concern over the doubling-up of games at different Clubs but on the same day. Kay did say that this problem does happen from time to time but is always resolved.

Carol has drawn up a list of 18 mixed matches which will shortly be circulated and asks that we all support Presidents Ruth and Colin by putting names down. Carol specifically asks that bowlers play in as many games as possible.

Before the close of this Meeting we all send our very best wishes to President Ruth.

Chairman Alan gave a special vote of thanks to David who took the Chair at this Meeting.

**Future Meetings :**

It was recommended by David and all present were in agreement that we no longer hold a January meeting.

**Date of 2017 Meetings :**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at Exeter Golf & Country Club  
 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October " " " "  
 Annual General Meeting Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December also at the Exeter Golf and Country Club.

This Meeting Closed at 7.50 pm

**Signed .....**      **Date.....**
