



**MINUTES of the BOWLS DEVON FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
meeting held at the Exeter Golf & Country Club on Wednesday 25 January 2017**

Present: David Tucker (Treasurer/Chair of Committee), Rosemarie Mayne (Asst. Treasurer), Carol Horgan (Administrator), Ciss Jones (Section 1), Tony Broom (Section 2), Brian Baker (Section 3), Jim Fenton (Section 4), David Mercer (Section 5), Mike Birch (Section 6), Paul Chudley (Section 7) and Martin Hobbs (Section 8)

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and in particular welcomed Ciss Jones, the newly appointed Section 1 Secretary and Bowls Devon J.V.P.

	Action
<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>There were none</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting held on the 26 October 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct record.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising</p> <p>There were none.</p>	
<p>4. Treasurer's and Assistant Treasurer's Reports</p> <p>Treasurer David confirmed that the Bowls Devon Diaries were being distributed to Sections this evening. 741 Diaries had been ordered, 183 less than in 2016 but there was still a surplus of £590 for the County. Brian Baker reported that the County had made a slight loss on Diaries sold with covers last year and in order to cover ourselves in 2018 he suggested the County still made an additional charge for Diaries ordered with covers. The Treasurer was happy if Diary costs broke even.</p> <p>Treasurer David reported that the County Luncheon in 2016 had</p>	

broken even and that the 2017 Luncheon would again be held at the Langstone Cliff Hotel, Dawlish Warren on the 29 October as the first Sunday in November was not available at the venue.

He reported that the balance in the current account stood at £7740, in the Scottish Widows there was £50,644 and in the Secure Trust account there was £23,634. A cheque for £38,262 had been sent to Bowls England covering affiliations and competition entries.

5863 bowlers had been affiliated to date which was more than at the same time last year and with late affiliations to come he was sure this number would increase. Entries for some major competitions were down but with the new competitions income had held up. The County minor competition entries were on par with last year. The Treasurer forecasted that the County would probably receive around £2,000 from the Patrons Association this year and confirmed that he had budgeted for Devon to win through to the nationals in all competitions this year. If this was the case he predicted that the County would have a surplus at the end of the year of £1,000.

Treasurer David recommended that there be no increase in affiliation fees. Competition fees or match fees. He also confirmed that there would be no increase in the Bowls England fees.

Assistant Treasurer Rosemarie confirmed a balance in the current account of £10,417 and £..... in the Scottish Widows account. She also reported that she had sent Christmas gifts of £25 each to 16 members and flowers had been sent to President Ruth. Administrator Carol was asked to remind Clubs when appropriate that the County would be pleased to send Christmas gifts to members who would appreciate and benefit from these but no more than two members per Club should be nominated.

5. Administrators Report

Administrator Carol circulated a written report confirming that the County was still without a male Junior Vice President. She also reported that the Lady President was in hospital again but determined to undertake her duties during the season.

County players were now listed on the web site and Lady Administrator Kay had prepared a form to send out in March to all Clubs to update the site.

On behalf of the Bowls Devon Development Committee and the BDA she had written to all Clubs confirming that further Level 1 and Level 2 coaching courses would be arranged.

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A letter and cheque applying for associate membership of Bowls Devon had been received from the Devon County Bowls Coaching Association. Treasurer David read this to those present and after discussion it was agreed that the application could not be accepted. The Administrator would reply to the letter accordingly.

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Carol also reported an invitation from Bowls England to nominate 4 members to represent Devon at the Bowls England Anniversary Event at Leamington on the 21 August 2017. It was agreed to recommend the Administrator, Treasurer, Presidents, Chairman and Delegates be given the invitations if available to attend.

6. Patrons Association Accounts

The Treasurer confirmed that he had now examined the Patrons accounts and he circulated these for approval. These were agreed and thanks were expressed to Gordon Thomas and Vicky Hingston for all they had both done to ensure a healthy balance. Mr Broom pointed out that stock in hand should be noted.

7. Any Other Business

Mike Birch confirmed that Section 6's new Treasurer was currently not able to attend meetings as he husband was ill. If agreeable he would attend these meetings if necessary.

8. Date of next meeting

Chair of the meeting and Treasurer wondered if it was necessary for the County to hold three Executive meetings a year and after discussion it was agreed that he recommend to the full Executive that perhaps two meetings per year be held, April and October. Because this meeting had agreed no increase in affiliation or competition fees in 2017 the April Finance meeting might not be necessary. The date of the next meeting would be circulated.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.25 p.m.

Signed Dated

