



**MINUTES of the Bowls Devon Executive Committee meeting held at the Exeter Golf & Country Club on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 6.00pm**

**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), Mrs. R. Mayne (Assistant Treasurer), Mrs. K. Page (Ladies Administrator), Mr. E. Melliush and Mrs. S. Trott (Match Secretaries), Mr. H. Riley (B.D. Delegate to Bowls England) Mrs. S. Silcox (Development Officer), Mrs. A. Coyne (Minute Secretary).

**Action**

<p><b>1. Welcome by the Chairman :</b></p> <p>Chairman Alan opened the Meeting and welcomed all in attendance.</p>	
<p><b>2. Apologies :</b></p> <p>Mrs. Ruth Voysey (President), Mr. D. Tucker (Treasurer), Mr. D. Butterworth (Men's Administrator), Mrs. J. Bishop (Section 3).</p> <p><b>3. Minutes of the last Meeting :</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017, having been circulated were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p><b>4. Matters Arising :</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	

## 5. Correspondence :

Administrator Carol circulated a copy of correspondence received but made mention of the following :-

Mrs. R. Mayne (Assistant Treasurer) new address – **18 Hammett Road, Cullompton, Devon EX15 1HP.** [rosmayne@supanet.com](mailto:rosmayne@supanet.com)

We have received an enquiry from Tozers, Solicitors regarding possible sponsorship. David and Carol are meeting with this Company next week to discuss the matter further.

Carol reported on a further letter from Rick Purnell (Devon County Bowls Coaching Association) asking for associate membership of Bowls Devon to be reconsidered. This matter was discussed at length and it has been decided that this application could not be accepted. Carol will write to Rick Purnell accordingly.

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## 6. Report from Bowls Development Officer :

A report from the B.D. Development Officer, Sue Silcox, had been circulated. Sue confirmed that Clubs that do not have a BDA coach could use one from elsewhere as there are now sufficient coaches in the area. Clubs not having a qualified coach should not be a limited when applying for a package. Several Section Secretaries thanked Sue for attending their section meetings and said how very much this is appreciated.

Following the B.D.A. report Sue Trott reported on the following :

### **New Markers Course Up-date :**

A Markers Course is due to take place at Sidmouth Bowling Club on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The Course is now full with 30 Members attending and there is a reserve list.

Sue is trying to arrange another course in July but it is a very intense day and Sue cannot do it on her own. She feels the best way to do it would be over a weekend.

Possible future venues TLH in Torquay and/or Kingsley IBC at Westward Ho!

Umpires A.G.M. Sunday 23rd April at Leamington Spa at 12. Noon.

New Area 6 Regional Officer is Mr. Alexander Wilson telephone number 01305 251673 – e-mail [wilson.berwick@btinternet.com](mailto:wilson.berwick@btinternet.com).

John Davies has retired as Area Organiser.

A new EBUA Development Officer, Vic Perry, is due to be voted in at the AGM as Allan Thornhill is moving onto World Bowls level.

The new EUBA Secretary replacing Vernon Findell will be Mrs Phyl Jones.

All of the above will be voted in at the AGM. Mavis Wellington is continuing as Chairman and Vernon Findell will remain as Treasurer of the EUBA.

#### **7. Bowls Devon Patrons Association Report :**

The B.D. Patrons report had been circulated with nothing further to add.

#### **8. Bowls Devon Web Site Report :**

The Chairman suggested that this item be dealt with later in the Meeting.

#### **9. Report from Bowls England and West Group Consultative Meeting**

Harry Riley's report and the Minutes from the West Group Consultative Meeting have both been circulated with nothing further to add.

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

Section 1 - Nothing to report.

Section 2 - Sue Trott said they would be holding their Spring Meeting shortly and were looking forward to Sue Silcox attendance.

Section 3 - Nothing to report.

Section 4 - Joan Martin reported that Section 4 do not have a male representative to attend Executive Meetings. At this moment they are not able to get competitions on the web site.

Section 5 - Charlotte Sliney says nothing to report but did thank Sue Silcox for her Attendance at their meeting.

Section 6 - Mike Birch reported concern in the Section regarding ERBID. He has just attended a meeting of the Torbay Licencing Forum following which he has been asked to provide information from clubs in his section on the following :-

Outdoor Clubs - How many touring teams have been booked for the

coming season ? How many of these were as a result of ERBID ?  
Indoor Clubs - How many touring teams did you have during the season coming to an end? How many were made as a result of ERBID?

Both - Were you aware of an industry survey that showed 83% in agreement with ERBID activities?

Both - Have you received a monthly Performance Monitor report on their activities?

Both - Have you received a bi-monthly newsletter from the ERBID

For general information - extracts from the report. No mention was made of sports clubs or bowls clubs anywhere in the reports which related only to Accommodation, Public Houses, Food and Restaurants, day visitors from Exeter and notification that the final bills will be sent out at the end of this week and anyone still not paying will be taken to court!! They are being asked for money which they cannot understand for what reason and why.

Mike has an upcoming meeting with this organization and the Chairman asked him to keep us informed.

Section 7 - Nothing to report.

Section 8 - Martin Hobbs says they now have a new Men's Selector. Their biggest problem in the Section is getting all the clubs to pay for their active members.

### **11. Any Other Business :**

David Mercer pointed out two errors in the diary and web site Whereby there is no mention of Sam Tolchard winning the National Two Wood Singles and Stuart Evans was runner up in the Over 55's and not Over 60's and these points need to be amended.

David also was very pleased to remind us all of the success with both the indoor "Liberty Trophy" and the outdoor "Middleton Cup" for the first time both being won by Devon in the same season. The Chairman asked Mike Birch to pass on Bowls Devon's official congratulations to the DCIBA

Carol wishes to remind everyone regarding the Safeguarding Course to date only three Clubs had shown interest. Those present were asked to encourage Clubs to reply.

Carol also confirmed that a form has been circulated to Clubs to name any badged players who have either joined or left the club.

**Item No. 8 - Bowls Devon Web Site Report :**

The Chairman congratulated our Web Site Manager, Bob on the Bowls Devon web site. Bob had prepared a comprehensive report which had been circulated and asked for views and ideas on updating the site.

A lengthy and interesting discussion took place and suggestions were put forward on ways we could perhaps improve the Bowls Devon Web Site especially the Home Page which amongst other things, could be made more attractive and of interest to Touring Clubs. It was suggested photographs of County winners as well as National winners should also be on the web site.

The Chairman, on behalf of all the Committee present, thanked Bob for attending the meeting and going through everything so thoroughly. He asked the Executive to encourage all members to make full use of the web site as it is developed and improved.

The date of the next Meeting is 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Exeter Golf and Country Club.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman Date .....

