

Bowls Devon



Minutes of Bowls Devon Annual General Meeting held at the Exeter Golf & Country Club on Saturday 2nd December 2017 at 10.00am.

Presidential Team : Mr. C. Healy MBE., (Men's President), Miss V. Hingston (Lady S.V.P.) Mr. M. Birch (Men's S.V.P.), Mr A Howle (Men's J.V.P.), Mrs M. Jones (Lady J.V.P.)

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 Melluish (Men's Match Secretary), Mrs S Trott (Ladies Match Secretary), Mrs S. Silcox (Bowls Development Officer) , Mr H. Riley (Bowls England Delegate), Mrs. A. Coyne (Minute Secretary).

Honorary Members: Mrs M Robertson, Mr R Robertson, Mr. D Coyne, Mr. D Counter, Mrs. H. Pickard, Miss P Adams, Mr. G. Thomas, Mr. D. Mercer, Mr. A. Horwell, Mrs. J. Howle

Section Delegates: 5

Club Delegates: Voting 34

Non-Voting Members 17

Action

1 Chairman Alan Mann opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance. He then asked for a Minutes silence for those members who had passed away, particularly remembering President Ruth Voysey,.

2 Apologies

There were 8 apologies.

3 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 3rd December 2016.

The minutes of the last A.G.M. having been circulated were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising.

4. Presentation of the Order of Merit Awards

Chairman Alan announced the recipients of the 2017 Order of Merit Award and the members presented with this award, from the nominations received, for their dedication to their Club and County were Marie Anderson of Totnes Bowling Club and Pauline Manfield of Buckfastleigh Bowling Club.

Administrator Carol expressed her delight that both Marie and Pauline should receive this award, having worked very hard in the background for the benefit of their clubs for many years and said that both ladies were really worthy recipients of this award.

Both Marie and Pauline thanked all the members of Totnes and Buckfastleigh Bowling Clubs for their nominations and were delighted to receive the award.

5. Administrators Annual Report :

Administrator Carol's report was circulated and Carol had nothing further to add. However, Chairman Alan pointed out that Carol had stated in her report that she would be standing down as Administrator at the 2018 Annual General Meeting. A replacement Administrator will be needed and this is an opportunity for someone to come forward and stand alongside Carol. The Chairman thanked Carol for the tremendous amount of work she has put in throughout the year.

6. Treasurer's Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for year ending 30th September 2017 :

Treasurer David presented the examined Statement of Accounts for year ending 30th September 2017, a copy of which had been circulated. The Membership number is 6068 a decrease of only 16 over the previous year, which reflects the work and effort put in by the Bowls Devon Alliance recruitment campaign.

The sum of £2000 has been received from the Patrons which help to support the Amy Rose and Under 25s and thanks must go to Gordon Thomas and Vicky Hingston for their work with Patrons.

Travel expenses are down, an area which fluctuates each year.

Nett match income shows a loss of £934 which is lower than anticipated,

There will be no increase in fees, competitions, matches and diaries for 2018.

2017 has been a very successful financial year.

Amenities Fund - Money is readily available to be loaned to clubs for development and other beneficial purposes. Just contact us.

The benevolent fund is for any member or past member that has a problem of one sort or another or in any financial need and we are here to help. At Christmas time a little gift could be so much appreciated. This is, however, restricted to two members per club.

In conclusion Treasurer David wished to thank all the Finance Committee, our Accountants, Haines Watts and to fellow Officers for their co-operation during the year.

The Chairman thanked David for his extremely hard work as our Treasurer.

7. Appointment of Account Examiners :

The appointment of Haines Watts, Chartered Accountants was proposed by David Counter and seconded by Brian Baker and was approved..

8. Reports from Bowls Devon Patrons Association :

The Patrons report from Gordon Thomas, Administrator, had been circulated and Gordon pointed out that over the last two seasons the Patrons have used the e-mail system, for contacting everyone, and will continue to do so.

After many years of Administrator/Treasurer to the Patrons Association, Gordon confirmed that he would be standing down at the end of the 2018 season. The Chairman thanked him for his expertise and hard work undertaken for the Association.

9. Fees, Grants and Allowances :

Treasurer David and the Finance Committee proposed a 2% increase across the board of allowances and expenses. Proposed by Alan Horwell seconded by Jacky Howle. Agreed

10. Proposal to update the following rules as follows :-

Item A

Add

2.2 Full playing members of Bowls Devon Clubs, on payment of the appropriate fees, are affiliated members of Bowls Devon and Bowls England.

2.3 Officers and delegates of a club must be affiliated members of Bowls Devon.

2.4 Players in club, section and county matches, including friendly and Patrons matches, must be affiliated members of Bowls Devon.

Item B. Correction to Rule 7.12

Rulers becomes “ Rules.”

Item C

Rule 19

Title becomes “Alteration to Constitution and Rules”

Add

19.4 Schedules to the Rules deal with matters and practices which require adjustment from time to time when it is not warranted or practical to wait for a General Meeting to implement changes.

Schedules may be amended or added to by the Executive Committee without reference to a General Meeting of Bowls Devon.

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	David. Butterworth	H. Riley	E. Melluish
Match Secretary (Lady)	Sue 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 2017

12. Installation of Presidential Officers :

Bowls Devon Lady President.	Miss Vicky Hingston	J. Gillard	P. Adams
Bowls Devon Men's President.	Mr. Michael Birch	A. Horwell	E. Leason.
Bowls Devon Lady SVP	Mrs. Margaret Jones	M. Slinger	D. Mercer
Bowls Devon Men's SVP	Mr. Tony Howle	C. Healy	D. Coyne
Bowls Devon Lady JVP	Vacancy		
Bowls Devon Men's JVP	Vacancy		

Jackie Gillard, on behalf of Ruth Hocking Chair of Oreston B.C., was pleased to propose Vicky Hingston for the position of Bowls Devon Lady President. She stated that Vicky had been a member of Oreston for the past 14 years and in that time had worked tirelessly for the Club in numerous rolls. Vicky had played an integral roll in ensuring that Oreston remains open. She has been enthusiastic, humorous and a team player. We have never found her lacking in responsibility, honesty and commitment to hard work. Ruth and all Club members had no hesitation in recommending Vicky as Lady President for Bowls Devon.

Pat Adams in seconding Vicky for Lady President of Bowls Devon said that Vicky had risen to the challenge of the extra duties caused by sad death of Ruth and certainly dedicated the time needed whilst caring for her seriously ill mother. Pat was sure Vicky would carry out the duties required of her very successfully throughout 2018.

Vicky told the meeting that she was extremely honoured and privileged to be given this responsibility and emphasised that she has learnt a lot during the last season and could not have carried out this roll without the support and encouragement of her own club and Section 8 for which she thanked them all very sincerely. She was looking forward to meeting up with old friends and making new ones and was sure that 2018 would be a huge success.

Alan Horwell (Kings B.C.) in proposing Michael Birch as the 2018 Bowls Devon President

said that Mike had been involved in bowling for many years and since taking over as Section 6 Secretary in 2003 had done a very good job, overcoming difficulties with amazing responsibility. He and the Section had much pleasure in proposing Mike as the 2018 Bowls Devon Men's President and had no doubt that Mike will do his utmost to uphold the traditions of this position.

Eric Leason (Torquay B.C.) as Secunder for Michael as Bowls Devon President said he can only endorse everything Alan has said. He was sure Mike would be an asset for Bowls Devon in 2018. Everyone who knows Mike is delighted he will be taking over the position of Men's President.

Mike, in acceptance, thanked Kings Bowling Club, Section 6 and the Management Committee of the County for all their support during the 2017 season and for the guidance and support from Colin in showing him 'the way'. He said he was honoured to be nominated and accepted with great pride and confirmed he would strive to represent this Association well. Mike very much looked forward to meeting everyone as President of both the Indoor and Outdoor Associations in the same year.

Mavis Slinger (Abbrook Park) in proposing Margaret Jones as 2018 S.V.P. said it gave her great pleasure on behalf of Abbrook Park Bowling Club to propose Margaret and went on to say that Margaret had been Competition Secretary of Section 5 for a number of years and carried out her duties in a very efficient manner and would be a great assistant to Vicky. She therefore had no hesitation in recommending Margaret as Lady Senior Vice President for 2018.

David Mercer (Section 5) also said he has no hesitation in seconding Margaret for Lady S.V.P. mentioning the hard work she has put into the section as Competition Secretary. Margaret had fitted into the Presidential Team very well this year and he felt sure that her support for both Presidents would continue throughout 2018.

Margaret, in acceptance, thanked both Mavis and David, her Club and Section for their nominations. She will wear her badge with pride and looked forward very much to the 2018 season.

Colin Healy (Madeira B.C.) in proposing Tony Howle as Men's Senior Vice President said that Tony joined Madeira B.C. in 1999 and within one year became their Match Secretary, a position he held for 7 years. Tony was responsible for organising various Club tours and in 2007 he became the Men's County Match Secretary again a position he held until 2015. He became Men's Junior Vice President in 2017. Colin, therefore, was very pleased to propose Tony for Men's Senior Vice President for 2018.

Don Coyne (Section 3) in seconding Tony as S.V.P. said he had known Tony for very many years, initially as Match Secretary for his Club Madeira and more recently as Bowls Devon Match Secretary, a position he held for many years during which time he had been an excellent ambassador for the County. Don stated that he knew Tony valued the fine standards of office and that he will uphold these standards and traditions throughout 2018. It gave Don great pleasure to second Tony's nomination as Bowls Devon Men's Senior Vice President on behalf of Section 3.

Tony thanked both Colin and Don for proposing and seconding him as Senior Vice President and Madeira and Section 3 for their support. He looked forward immensely to being S.V.P. He confirmed he had enjoyed the last season as Junior Vice President giving support to the Presidential team of Colin, Mike and Vicky and looked forward to carrying on in 2018 with Lady S.V.P. Margaret as well and was sure this would be an equally successful Presidential team.

. 13. Presentation of Honorary Membership :

President Mike said that Colin had been a very good President this year and is to be thanked for his contribution to the County. It gave him great pleasure in presenting Colin with Honorary Membership of Bowls Devon.

Colin, in accepting this award, thanked everyone and said he had thoroughly enjoyed the last three years. The highlight of his presidential year and the season must have been winning the Middleton Cup, for the third year in succession, in addition to winning the Amy Rose and the White Rose. He particularly thanked the officers of Bowls Devon for their support. The support from all is needed and it has been there in abundance. Colin had been warmly welcomed at every club he visited and friendships had been made and he thanked all the clubs for making this year such a pleasure.

14 Vote of Thanks to the Chair

Administrator Carol thanked Chairman Alan who, she stated, did a huge amount of work for our Association which was greatly appreciated and on our behalf of everyone thanked him for his leadership and guidance as Bowls Devon Chairman.

At this point in the meeting Carol specifically mentioned that there were vacancies for two Junior Vice Presidents for 2018 - (male and female) and asked if there was anyone present or a member of a Club who would like to be Junior Vice President of the County. As Administrator she would be delighted to receive nominations.

15 The Chairman now closed the Meeting at 10.40 a.m.

Signed.....

Date

Open Forum following the Annual General Meeting

David Mercer enquired why the Bowler of the Year trophy had not been presented at the luncheon and it was pointed out that this trophy is not necessarily presented every year if no one is deemed suitable.

Following an enquiry regarding the Annual Luncheon it was considered that the luncheon was a huge success and the same venue has been booked again for the last Sunday in October 2018.

David Tucker updated the meeting on the latest information from Bowls England on the subject of Coaching and Development and the Bowls England Governance Restructure.

Coaching and Development will be two of the top priorities for Bowls England as it looks to build its support for clubs and county associations.

The County Associations that form Bowls England voted overwhelmingly in favour of the restructure at a Special General Meeting held on Saturday 25th November.

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