



Minutes of Bowls Devon Executive Committee Meeting held at the Exeter Golf & Country Club on Wednesday, 18th April 2018 at 7.00p.m.

Present: Presidential Team: Mr. M. Birch, (President), Mrs. V Hingston (Ladies President)

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), Mrs S Silcox (Development Officer) Mrs. A. Coyne (Minute Secretary).

Section Representatives: Miss C Jones (Section1), M. Rowe (Section 1) Mr. A. Broom (Section 2), Mr. B. Baker and Mrs C Macauley (Section 3), Mrs. J. Martin and A Lamey (Section 4), Mr. D. Mercer and Mrs. C. Sliney (Section 5), Mrs. B. Leach and E Leason (Section 6), Mr. P. Chudley (Section 7), Mr. M. Hobbs and P Adams (Section 8).
B Smith (Web Site Manager)

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<p><u>1 Welcome by the Chairman</u></p> <p>Chairman Alan opened the Meeting and welcomed all in attendance. He also extended a welcome to Bob Smith the Web Site manager and Eric Leason Asst. Secretary to Section 6</p> <p><u>2 Apologies</u></p> <p>Harry Riley and David Butterworth.</p> <p><u>3 Minutes of the last Meeting.</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 25th October 2017 having been circulated were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman</p> <p><u>4 Matters Arising</u></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	

5 Correspondence

Administrator Carol circulated a list of correspondence. Carol did go on to say that both Beacon Down and New Plymouth Bowling Clubs have registered new club shirts. However it would be useful in future if clubs changing shirts would send photographs of the new shirt to Carol. Rick Parnell has once again applied for Associate Membership to Bowls England, who have asked us to confirm to them in writing that we were not happy to give them Associate Membership of Bowls Devon.

6 Report from Competitions Committee

The Minutes from the Competitions Committee have been circulated. However, after discussion with the Officers a conclusion was reached that there are matters which require further discussion. Item 5 and 6 have been deferred to a meeting which will take place at the Topsham Room The Exeter Golf Club on 4th October.

David Mercer brought up the subject regarding County Trophy when bowlers change clubs. Kay will be reporting back on behalf of the Competitions Committee with a definitive answer on this matter.

7 Report from Bowls Development Officer

Development officer Sue's report has been circulated. Sue is very pleased to say that 24 clubs have taken up and applied for B.D.A. packages with one pending. Also the Level 1 course is up and running.

Bowls England are extending their bursary on Coaching courses. Now the criteria for awards has been revised to enable two members of any affiliated club to apply for a bursary within any two year period-meaning that two members of the same club wishing to attend the same course can now apply for funding.

Sue hopes to organise two Marking Courses but the problem is getting Indoor venues which have to be used because of weather problems on courses held outdoors, Sue is working on the problem of indoor/outdoor venues and will come back to this Committee with her findings.

<p>8 <u>Bowls Devon Patrons Association</u></p> <p>Brian Baker reported on a letter which has been sent from a bowler to the Patrons Association, the contents of which appeared to be somewhat worrying. However Brian was pleased to say that after discussion with Gordon Thomas the matter appears to be resolved.</p>	
<p>9 <u>Financial & General Purposes Committee</u></p> <p>Treasurer David told this Committee that the main discussion was our financial situation and the recommendation is that no increases will be made in either affiliation, competition or match fees in 2019.</p> <p>10 <u>General Data Protection Regulation</u></p> <p>A discussion took place on this subject, Clubs seem to be reacting in different ways. The Chairman is said we should be happy to fall in line with Bowls England guidance since BE have access to expert legal advice. Bowls Devon will be distributing forms in due course for all clubs to use at the start of next season.</p> <p>Brian Baker did point out because of the Diary and Web site matters the sooner updating is done the better.</p> <p>A meeting of the R&C Committee is arranged for 1 May to discuss GDPR, with a view to producing guidelines for Clubs, Sections and the Association to manage members' and officers' personal data in compliance with the new Regulations. It was agreed that Ciss Jones would join the Committee for these discussions.</p>	
<p>11 <u>Reports From Sections</u></p> <p>Section 1 Ciss Jones asked if permission had to be obtained for a Section Flag, such flag to be used at certain games throughout the season. There was considerable discussion on this matter. The Chairman decided that a vote should take place as to whether Section 1 be allowed to display a flag. The majority of those present voted against.</p> <p>Section 2 Nothing to report</p> <p>Section 3 Nothing to report.</p> <p>Section 4 Anita Lamey said at their recent meeting rule changes were discussed. People expressed their disappointment at the very poor</p>	

television coverage on bowling at the Commonwealth Games.

Section 5 Charlotte Sliney said that all were re-elected en bloc at the Section AGM. The ladies voiced concern regarding the cost of matches in particular County games which they felt were too expensive. It was felt this is a major reason for lack of support.

Section 6 Eric Leason said that disappointment and concern is shown with the lack of 'new blood' particularly at the younger end. The Chairman pointed out that this is where the B.D.A. come in and he feels that this is a major problem.

Following on from this subject David Tucker pointed out that Lifestyles have changed from the 1950's. Could later starting times, reduction in the number of ends be a good idea? Ladies Administrator, Kay thought this a good idea and the matter can be discussed at the October Competition Meeting.

Section 7 Paul Chudley. Ladies Competitions will be on the Web Site this year.

Section 8 Martin Hobbs. At their recent meeting a long discussion took place regarding the County Badge and County Trophy. Central Park is being refurbished and the Club house is also to have refurbishment. However, two weeks ago Martin had a meeting with the Council. The Council said they were closing the Clubhouse on the 1st June this year. Therefore, a bowling green but no Clubhouse. There may be a portacabin!

12 Any Other Business.

David Mercer (Publicity Co-Ordinator) pointed out his telephone number is incorrect on the reverse of the 2018 Bowls Devon Contact Details. This should be 01626 870770.

Rosemarie Mayne suggested, to help the Chairman, Carol and Avril to see and hear better that we might try a change of seating at the next Meeting.

David Tucker has inherited, among other things, lots of DCBA handbooks from John Smerdon and he would like to get rid of them. The Committee agreed to this. Carol also has lots of Ladies yearbooks. However, Kay finds these useful and she will take them off Carol's hands.

Administrator Carol reported that Kevin Newcombe had resigned as a Junior Selector and Gordon Nickerson of Babbacombe Bowling Club had been proposed. The Executive agreed to co-opt him onto the Committee with immediate effect. Gordon is one of our Umpires and keen to help the juniors.

13. Web Site

Bob Smith put the Bowls Devon web site on screen and ran through all the changes that had been made to improve its appearance and, most importantly, its ease of use.

He was congratulated on the results, which were seen as a great step forward.

Everyone was asked to encourage all members to regularly visit the Site and to keep information and news flowing through David Mercer, who has been busy working with Bob keep it up to date and interesting.

Date of Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th October 2018

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The Meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed.....Chairman Date.....2018