



**MINUTES of the BOWLS DEVON FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
meeting held at the Exeter Golf & Country Club on Wednesday 18 April 2018**

**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.

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. Apologies</b></p> <p>There were none</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of the last meeting</b></p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting held on the 25 October 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record.</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Treasurer David explained about the order with Bowls England for embroidered jackets for the White Rose Winners. These had not been ordered by Bowls Devon but he was pleased to report that the account had now been paid in full by the person who made the order.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that the Fixture Secretaries have been given guidance on reducing the number of Presidents and County fixtures which would be effective from the 2019 season.</p> <p>Carol confirmed that she had written to Bowls England to ask that consideration be given to the Walker and Balcomb rules being updated and brought in line with one another with both being played on a 'play on' date. Bowls England had replied that they would not be doing this but Treasurer David said the suggestion was still in hand with Bowls England.</p>	

#### 4. Treasurer's Reports

Treasurer David confirmed that there was £2,982 in the current account, £55,662 in Scottish Widows and £24,050.62 in the Secure Trust account. David also reported that he had now paid Bowls England all the affiliation and competition entry fees. 5811 bowlers had been affiliated, just 52 less than in 2017 but with late affiliations to come in he was confident the membership would increase shortly.

David had prepared a financial projection for the forthcoming season and he estimated a surplus for the year of around £300 and was happy with this. He expected additional expenditure this year with the County entering two Amy Rose Teams and new supplies of County Badges etc. With a break even financial position at the end of the year the Treasurer was happy to propose no increase in the affiliation fees, competition fees, Diary cost or match fees for 2019. Agreed.

The Assistant Treasurer, Rosemarie, reported that there was £20,259.76 in the Scottish Widows account and £16,526.11 in the Amenities Account. 22 gifts of £35 had been sent out at Christmas and all except two cheques had been cashed. These would be checked and resent if necessary. Rosemarie reported that no further loans had been applied for and it was agreed that Administrator Carol would remind Clubs, in the next Newsletter, that interest free funds were available for Clubs if required. Only a small admin fee was charged on loan made. The Amenities fund was available to any bowler who might need financial help and Carol would also make mention of this in the Newsletter.

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A small profit had been made on Diary sales this year and Brian, the Diary Editor, confirmed that profit was made on sale of Diaries without covers but a small loss was being made on those sold with covers.

#### 5. Administrators Report

County Luncheon. The Langstone Cliff had been booked for Sunday 28 October and a suggested menu was agreed. It was confirmed the Langstone would be charging us £25 a head, only 50p per head more than in 2017. It was agreed we charge £25 to our members.

Carol reported on the forthcoming Safeguarding Course on 31 May at South Molton B.C. which had 14 have booked in to date. She also confirmed that another level 1 Coaching Course was underway at Exonia.

It was noted that the County were very short of Umpires and that the Development Committee were looking to set up a Markers Course

which could be the first step to becoming an Umpire! Ciss of Section 1 asked if a Markers Course could be held in North Devon.

Carol also reported that Kevin Newcombe had resigned from the Junior Selection Committee and the Executive would be asked to confirm his replacement, Gordon Nickerson of Babbacombe B.C.

### **7. Diary Secretary's Report**

Diary Secretary and Section 3 Representative, Brian, stated that he was behind on the work for the 2019 Diary because of the new GDPR legislation. Discussion ensued and it was confirmed that the Rules and Constitution Committee would be meeting on the 1 May when hopefully further information would be available from Bowls England and a directive could then be sent out to all following the meeting.

Ciss had prepared papers for the Clubs in her Section on the new GDPR legislation which had been shared at the Officers meeting held recently and Treasurer David asked Ciss if she would be willing to attend the meeting on the 1 May.

### **8. Any Other Business**

There was none.

### **9. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 24 October 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

Signed ..... Dated .....