



Minutes of Bowls Devon Executive Committee Meeting held at the Exeter Golf & Country Club on Wednesday, 24th October 2018

Present : Presidential Team :

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 D Butterworth (Men’s Administrator) Mr E Melluish (Match Secretary), Mrs S Silcox(Development Officer), Mrs A Coyne (Minutes Secretary)

Section Representatives: Miss C Jones and Mr M Rowe (Section 1) Mr A Broom (Section 2) Mrs C Macauley and Mr B Baker (Section 3) Mr J Fenton and Mrs A Lamey (Section 4) Mrs C. Sliney and Mr. D Mercer (Section 5) Mrs B Leach (Section 6) Mr P Chudley (Section 7) Mrs P Adams and Mr M Hobbs (Section 8)

In attendance Mr H. Riley (B.E. Delegate) and Mrs S Cooper (Bowls Development Alliance)

	Action
<p>1. <u>Welcome by the Chair :</u> _Chairman Alan opened the Meeting and welcomed all in attendance. He also extended a welcome to Sue Cooper, Bowls Development Officer.</p> <p>2. <u>Apologies</u> Sue Trott , Vicky Hingston, Mike Birch.</p> <p>3. <u>Minutes of the last Meeting :</u> The Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 18th April 2018 having been circulated were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman</p> <p>4 <u>Matters Arising :</u> There were no matters arising.</p>	

5. Correspondence :

Administrator Carol circulated the list of correspondence , which mainly consist of incoming tours. There was also mention of club shirt changes for several clubs.

6 Report from Bowls Development Officer :

Sue Silcox, (Development Officer) circulated her report. Treasurer, David Tucker confirmed that well over 200 late affiliations came in. We are probably talking about 300/400 new members.

Sue went on to say that Level 1 Coaching course headed “Women Can” was fully subscribed.

The Devon Committee worked with the EBUA to arrange two Markers courses during the season, one held at Braunton Bowling Club and the other at Tavistock Bowling Club.

An additional course is being considered for next year and clubs are asked to contact the Development Officer if their members are interested to attend.

A Level 2 Coaching course is being held at Taunton Dean Indoor Bowling Club and a number of our Coaches are attending.

The new Level 3 coaching course for elite/international players is being piloted now through to the New Year.

The first Coaching Conference was held at Leamington Spa in March. Coaches from across the country attended and benefited from some excellent speakers working with other National sports and disciplines.

The B.D.A. has informed us that we have 57 qualified registered Level 1 coaches and 16 Level 2. – all good news for future bowlers.

At this point in the Meeting Susan Cooper talked of the progress being made. She told us that Devon is in the top 3 in the whole country with our recruitment packages and expressed her thanks to both Carol and Sue. Susan lives in Devon and therefore has a special interest with Bowls Devon.

Obviously she would like to see even more clubs applying and information can be obtained from the web site. Susan is available at any time for help and information.

It is hoped that through the National “Women Can” campaign the percentage of women will greatly increase the number involved not only in just the playing of the game but also in the coaching side , which, in turn will bring even more women into the game. It seems that the Women’s Institute are also coming into partnership with “Women Can”

Sue also talked on the subject of Safeguarding which is a number 1 concern in this country both for adults and children. If there is an ‘issue’ within clubs,

Susan will be there to help. The County Welfare Officer, Dave Bateman, is also available to help if needed.

Funding for the B.D.A. will continue to March 2021.

The Chairman thanked both Sue Silcox and Susan Cooper for their time and effort put into this task.

7. Finance & General Purposes Committee :

The Treasurer ran through the proceedings of the earlier F&GP meeting, and the Executive Committee approved the increase in officers and Presidential allowances by 2%. It was also noted that coloured shoes are now part of the official uniform.

8. Report of the Constitution & Rules Committee :

The Chairman took the Committee through the proposals recommended for Constitution and Rule changes to be put to the AGM on 1 December. In addition to the highlighted changes in the circulation, it was agreed to propose to change rule 8.1.3 to read one quarter instead of one third.

On a show of hands everyone agreed to the various changes. Alan will be writing up a fresh set of rules for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

9. Notice of Motion for the A.G.M. from the Executive to create the post of Assistant County Administrator :

David Tucker pointed out that we should be looking to the future whereby our Officers must give at least a year's notice of retirement. Succession planning is extremely important - the reason that this is on the Agenda is because Carol has given her notice to retire.

David also reported on his meeting with Ray Stringer of City of Plymouth Bowling Club who has been nominated for the post of Assistant Treasurer and who would be very capable and an ideal person to take over from David eventually. There will be no financial implications.

It is proposed we add the post of Assistant County Administrator to the list in Schedule 2 - Everyone agreed

The Chairman proposed the appointment of Paul Debnam as Assistant County Administrator for 2019 - Everyone agreed.

10. Report from the Competition Committee :

The following recommendations to Schedules were agreed by the Executive Committee:

Schedule 5

Rule 2.5b Senior Fours

Amend 21 ends to read 18 ends

Rule 6 Draws for Rinks

Add In a match requiring one rink then a minimum of two rinks shall be offered to the opponent . For a match requiring more than one rink the minimum of rinks offered shall be at least equal to the number required. The skips, their representatives or the Controlling Body must make the draw for rinks on which games are to be played. If, after the draw for rinks has been made, a player in a competition or game plays on the same rink before the start of play of the competition or game that player will be disqualified.

Rule 9.1 County Trophy

Add Rounds of last 8 to be allocated play-on dates

Delete Second paragraph. Each Section shall put forward two qualifiers....in the Round of 16.

Add All sections shall put forward one qualifier. Those Sections having 75% and above of their member clubs entering the competition shall be entitled to put forward two qualifiers.

Add Rounds of last 16 and 8 to be allocated play on dates. The competitions can be played before the date but if no agreement is reached the play on date will be the date of play

Amend Final paragraph. 48 to read 28

Add On a resumed match the scores of each rink will be carried forward unless the number of ends played total less than 20. In this instance the match will be declared null and void and replayed at a later date. Ends commenced but not completed shall not count.

Rule 9.2 Men's Two Fours Competition (Foxlands Cup)

Add Rounds of last 16 and 8 to be allocated play on dates. The competitions can be played before the date but if no agreement is reached the play-on date will be the date of play.

Amend Final paragraph to read 14

Add On a resumed match the scores of each rink will be carried forward

unless the number of ends played total less than 10. In this instance the match will be declared null and void and replayed at a later date. Ends commenced but not completed shall not count.

Rule 9.3 Coronation Cup

Amend Final paragraph to read 28

Add On a resumed match the scores of each rink will be carried forward unless the number of ends played total less than 20. In this instance the match will be declared null and void and replayed at a later date. Ends played but not completed shall not count.

Rule 9.6 Ladies Inter Club Competition.

Amend Final paragraph to read 14

Add On a resumed match the scores of each rink will be carried forward unless the number of ends played is less than 10. In this instance the match will be declared null and void and replayed at a later date. Ends commenced but not completed shall not count.

Rule 9.7 Jubilee Cup

Amend Final paragraph to read 28.

Add on a resumed match the scores of each rink will be carried forward unless the number of ends played is less than 20. In this instance the match will be declared null and void and replayed at a later date. Ends commenced but not completed shall not count.

Rule 11 Play Interruptions

Rule 11.1 All Other Competitions (including Top Club.)

Add Any unfinished competitions shall be played at the beginning of the following season. A player who has been an affiliated member of a club involved in the Semi Final or Final stage of an unfinished competition can play for that club in any rearranged fixture. A player who has played for another club in the like competition and has now joined a club in an unfinished competition shall not be allowed to play for his new club in re-arranged fixture.

UNFINISHED COMPETITIONS

The Men's Administrator reported that the 2018 County Trophy, Mixed Pairs

& Mixed Triples had not been completed. Although every effort is made to complete all competitions within the season, it was agreed at the Section County Competitions Committee meeting of 4th October that for players who change clubs during the closed season but were part of the unfinished competitions, the following shall apply. **Any player who had been an affiliated member of a club involved in a S/F or Final could still play for that club in that particular unfinished competition. It was also agreed that any player who had now joined one of the County Trophy clubs still involved in an unfinished competition But had played for their old club in a county Trophy match could not play for their new club.**

This ruling had been applied to the unfinished 2017 County Trophy competition (see Competitions minutes 6th February 2018)

INTERCLUB

That the Interclub be played as a 1 rink at home and 1 rink away competition had been referred to the clubs for discussion. The response received is to be fed back to the incoming competitions committee in time for reporting the findings to the April Executive Meeting.

11. Notice of Motion for the A.G.M. from the Executive.

Rule 7.14 to be amended to “The Men’s and Ladies Competition Committees” be merged into one to become the “County Competition Committee”. Everyone agreed.

12 Notice of Motion from Kings Bowling Club :

The proposition from Kings B.C. concerning times of play and schedules was discussed at length . It was decided that because they relate to Schedules and not to the Rules themselves they must be dealt with by the Executive Committee, not put on the A.G.M. agenda. Therefore it was decided to refer the proposals to the Competition Committee for their recommendations, Carol will write to Kings accordingly.

13. Reports from the Patrons

No report from the Patrons received. Gordon Thomas retires at the end of this year and he is to be thanked for everything he has done for the Patrons.

14. Uniform for Presidents Matches

At the Officers Meeting it was suggested that on Presidents’ matches all the teams are invited to wear County uniforms.

If we are going to allow rinks to play in their club shirts, then All on that rink must wear the same shirt. It was agreed to carry on with the more relaxed dress code, and not insist on the generic shirt for the time being.

15. Report from Sections :

Section 1 - Ciss Jones. Once again, the problem here is competitions. Travelling and the cost of playing in a County match.

Section 2 - Tony Broom. Dunkeswell B.C. are to close this year.

Section 3 - Brian Baker - There has been difficulty getting competition forms in on time. However all the entry forms went out and clubs were asked to have these returned, together with cheques for the 1st October and this has worked well.

Section 4 - Anita Lamey. Membership is up for next year and competition entries are increased by 13%.

Section 5 - Charlotte Sliney. Officers have all been re-elected en-bloc and all is going well.

Section 6 - Beryl Leach. The A.G.M. is on Saturday and it is hoped for all posts to be filled.

Section 7 - Paul Chudley. The A.G.M. is in two weeks time. All posts are the same as this year.

Section 8 - Martin Hobbs. The A.G.M. is in two weeks' time. All diary information is in.

16 Appointments for 2019 :

The undernoted appointments were made :-

(a) The Life Membership Committee.

The immediate Past Presidents, The Chairman, The Administrator, plus one Honorary Member. David Tucker re-appointed.

(b) Constitution & Rules Committee

The Chairman, the Administrator, the Treasurer plus currently Sue Silcox, Kay Page and Tony Broom. All three re-appointed.

(c) Patrons Committee – subject to confirmation

The Chair - Margaret Shillabeer.

Administrator - Vicky Hingston

Treasurer - Vacancy

Fixtures Secretary - John Hogger

Committee Members - to be confirmed.

(d) To Appoint :

Welfare Officer - David Bateman

Diary Secretary - Brian Baker
Web Site Manager - Bob Smith
Web Site Information Co-ordinator - David Mercer
County Coach Co-ordinator - Gillie Ainslie (new appointment)
Minute Secretary - Avril Coyne
Bowls England Delegate - Sue Silcox
Co-ordinator for Lady President's Matches - Charlotte Sliney
Co-ordinator for Men's President's Matches - Edgar Melliush
Co-Ordinator for Mixed Presidents Matches- to co-ordinate the selection and produce team sheets , for Mixed President's matches and attend as duty officer as required. Assistant Administrator.

(e) To Appoint the two General Selection Committees:

The Presidents (Non Voting), The Men's and Ladies Match Secretaries, Plus a Selector from each Section. Nominated by Sections following their A.G.Ms.

(f) To appoint the Middleton Cup and John's Trophy Selection Committees :

Middleton Cup Selectors – Committee Alan Horwell (serving until the end of 2020) Alan Mann (serving until the end of 2019) David Tucker (serving to the end 2018) Nominated David Tucker – Re-appointed.

John's Trophy Selectors - Committee Liz Healey (serving until the end of 2020) Beryl Leach (serving until the end of 2019) Sue Silcox (serving until the end of 2018) Nominated Sue Silcox – Re-appointed.

To appoint the Junior Selection Committee

Men's Junior Selectors Committee - Peter Churchman(serving until the end of 2020) David Butterworth (serving until the end of 2019) Appointed: Kevin Phillips (to serve until the end of 2021).

Ladies Junior Selectors Committee Sue Trott (serving until the end of 2020) Sue Silcox (serving until the end of 2019) Carol Horgan (serving until the end of 2018) Nominated Carol Horgan – Re-appointed.

17 Annual General Meeting

Saturday 1st December 2018 at Exeter Golf and Country Club
Commencing at 10.00am

18. Any Other Business :

18.1 A discussion took place regarding the office of Presidents. The Executive Committee has to approve any nomination for a Presidential office.

In this instance the Chairman will be writing to Buckfastleigh asking them to confirm in writing that they are willing to support Bob Dodwell as Senior Vice President. Subject to their reply in writing, if there is no support then this Committee agreed not to approve the nomination.

Note: Subsequent to the meeting: Buckfastleigh BC have confirmed by letter that they do support Bob Dowdell, so his nomination can go forward.

18.2 On the County web site obituaries are listed and accordingly names of people who have passed away this year have been submitted. Clubs will be asked in a newsletter that if anyone in their club has passed away will they let David Mercer (Website information Co-ordinator) know who will then have the information put on to the web site.

19 Future Meetings : The date of the next Meeting will be Wednesday 17th April 2019. 7.00 p.m. at the Exeter Gold & Country Club

The Meeting Closed at 10.00 p.m.

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