



**MINUTES of the BOWLS DEVON FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
meeting held at the Exeter Golf & Country Club on Wednesday 24 October 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), Paul Chudley (Section 7), Martin Hobbs (Section 8) and Kay Page by invitation.

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

	Action
<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>Were received from Mike Birch Section 6</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting held on the 18 April 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that Presidential fixtures had been reduced for the coming season.</p> <p>He also reported that Bowls England had agreed that any coloured shoes were now part of the official uniform.</p>	
<p>4. Treasurer's Reports</p> <p>Treasurer David confirmed that the County books were with the Accounts Examiners and he circulated his draft annual account. The County had affiliated 6044 members only 24 less than in 2017. He reported that there had been a surplus on county competition entries and the Diary sales. A loss had been made on match expenses but the County had entered two Amy Rose Teams in 2018. Travel expenses had risen a little as had Miscellaneous expenses the latter</p>	

being due to the web site update. There had also been an increase in Umpires expenses. Kay explained that Umpires had been paid £15 a session this season an increase of £5 per session.

On behalf of the Assistant Treasurer, Rosemarie, David reported on the Amenities Account and confirmed that two applications for loans had been received and it was confirmed Clubs could now borrow up to £10,000 repayable over five years. Christmas gifts of £35 would continue to be sent, on application, to no more than 2 members per Club.

The Committee agreed that the County should again enter two Amy Rose Teams for 2019.

It was reported that Dunkeswell Bowling Club would be closing and Carol was asked to obtain confirmation in writing as affiliations would be due for members as at 1 October.

5. Administrators Report

At the County Luncheon on 28 October, 138 people would be attending including guests. Carol reported that in 2017, 144 had attended and in the two years previous 199 and 235 attended showing a marked decline in attendance.

Nominations to take over as Administrator at the AGM have been received along with a nomination for Assistant Treasurer. David Butterworth would be standing down as Men's Administrator and a nomination for this post has been received from Kevin Phillips. Kay Page was also standing down as Lady Administrator but at the moment no nomination for her replacement has come forward. The number of Presidents' matches has been considered and has been reduced for 2019.

Carol reported that the White Rose competition was changing in 2019 to a single rink competition and Devon would be entering two teams. England has asked for the teams to be given names and the current Selectors had decided these would be called Devon Hawks and Devon Eagles.

The Amy Rose will remain a two rink competition and Devon entered two teams this year. The teams were named The Belles and The Debutants. Entering the two teams was very successful in as much as it gave those who had never played to represent the County, or been to nationals, a wonderful insight into this competition and being part of a County squad. Although the newer team did not win a game their enthusiasm was second to none.

6. Allowances for Officers and the Presidential Team.

Treasurer David confirmed that Officers allowances were paid respectively. It was agreed the Officers and Presidential allowances be increased by 2%.

7. Any Other Business

David reported that he had met with Ray Stringer of City of Plymouth Bowling Club who had been nominated for the post of Assistant Treasurer. Ray was a recently retired accountant and the Treasurer was happy to recommend him for the post.

The Treasurer had met with St James Place Management Company who had shown an interest in sponsoring the County. Discussions were ongoing but they had intimated an initial sponsorship of £2,000 a year for five years with a sponsorship of £4,000 in the first year. Kay made a presentation of possible blue coloured trousers being adopted as County Uniform. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that if the Executive Committee agreed and sponsorship was forthcoming this could be used to subsidise the cost of the new part of the County uniform for players. This would be an item on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Paul asked about the wearing of shorts and after discussion it was agreed that shorts were an official part of Bowls England and Bowls Devon uniform and Clubs should be made aware of this.

Section 7 had asked Paul to raise the question as to why affiliations for the next season had to be paid in October and the Treasurer explained that Bowls England required all Clubs to register their members as at the 1 October for affiliation for the following season.

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 17 April 2019 unless an earlier meeting was necessary.

In closing the meeting Treasurer David thanked Administrator Carol and Assistant Treasurer Rosemarie, who were standing down from office, for their contribution and hard work for Bowls Devon.

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

Signed Dated

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