



MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Wednesday 24 April 2019

Present: David Tucker (Treasurer/Chair), Ray Stringer (Assistant Treasurer), Harry Riley (Administrator), Tony Broom (Section 2), Brian Baker (Section 3), Jim Fenton (Section 4), David Mercer (Section 5), Mike Birch (Section 6), Sue Silcox (Section 7) and Martin Hobbs (Section 8).

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, introducing Ray Stringer as the new Assistant Treasurer.

1 Apologies:

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Ciss Jones (Section 1) and Paul Chudley (Section 7). It was noted that Sue Silcox was attending as Section 7 Deputy.

2 Declaration of Interest:

Mike Birch as a Director of EIBA Ltd.

3 Minutes:

The Minutes of meetings held on 24 October and ,electronically on 21 December 2018, were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed by the Chair.

4 Matters arising:

The Treasurer reported that the Contract with St. James's Place Wealth Management (SJPWM) had been signed. The initial sponsorship is £2,000 a year for three years with £4,000 in the first year. The SJPWM logo should be included on all team sheets.

As previously agreed, coloured bottoms will be provided, free of charge, to players in the 2019 Johns Trophy, Amy Rose, Middleton Cup and White Rose squads and their respective Selection Committee members. Only one set will be provided free of charge; replacements will be charged to the player(s) concerned.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that our Qualifiers should be allowed to purchase the new bottoms to wear at the National Finals providing that all members of the side or team wear the same.

5 Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported that there was £24,301.02 in the Secure Trust Account, £34,668.17 (including sponsorship of £4,000 from SJPWM) in Lloyds Bank and £655.19 in the Scottish Widows Bank. The 2 year Business Bond, in the sum of £30,000, had been opened in the Hampshire Trust Bank with monies from the Scottish Widows Bank.

It was noted that there are 5,798 Affiliated Members at the moment, a slight increase on numbers at this stage in 2018. It is evident that our membership has not fallen.

A number of late affiliations had already been received and, for the benefit of new members on the Committee, David explained the basics of the scheme pointing out that, where members have not renewed their membership, these can be transferred to new members but no refunds are allowed.

Late affiliations can be sent to him at any time with the names of the additions/subtractions being sent to the Administrator in order that the Master list can be updated.

Any member under 18 years of age at the 1st April in each year is classified as a junior and, although the England affiliation fee of £5 is payable, no fee is payable to Bowls Devon.

In his projections for the year, David explained that there is no interest at this stage from the Hampshire Trust Bank; the additional officers would create travel implications and the reduction in matches would result in less income.

Sponsorship money, stock and stock purchases have been excluded but there is an increase in receipts from competition entries.

It was noted that two teams had been entered in the Amy Rose competition.

Accordingly, he **RECOMMENDED** that there be no increase in Match fees, Affiliation fees or competition entry fees for 2020.

6 Assistant Treasurer's Report:

The Assistant Treasurer circulated a Financial Statement for the Amenity Fund for the six months ended 31 March 2019 resulting in a balance of £50,025.97.

It was noted that two Loans, to Yealmpton BC (3 years) and Ottery St Marys BC (5 years), had been made in the sum of £13,000.

Bank balances are £9,963.71 in the Lloyds TSB Current Account, £20,259.76 in the Scottish Widows Bank and outstanding Loans totalled £19,802.50.

7 Administrator's Report:

It was noted that the Langstone Cliff Hotel would be charging £26 per person for the agreed menu. The Treasurer advised that money received from the raffle goes towards the cost of the luncheon and, accordingly, it is **RECOMMENDED** that there be no increase this year – the charge to remain at £25 per person.

It was agreed that the following guests should be invited:

- Bowls England representative and partner
- Bowls Cornwall President and partner
- Bowls Cornwall Administrator
- Bowls Wiltshire President and partner
- Ben de Cruz, HWCA Ltd
- Two representatives from SJPWM

It was noted that Tony Atkins did not wish to attend the luncheon.

It was also agreed that tickets would not be issued which would dispense with the need to have bottles of wine for "lucky" ticket holders.

Clubs will again be asked to provide a raffle prize and a Draw table will be set up in the Washington Foyer as in previous years.

It is hoped that the Hotel will be able to store our trophies overnight on the Saturday – the Hotel have requested that delivery be as late in the afternoon as possible.

In view of difficulties experienced in controlling the reception for guests, Life Members and Honorary Members, it was agreed that this would not be held this year.

To recognize the services of the Life Members and Honorary Members they, and their partners, will be allocated a separate table with wine being provided by Bowls Devon.

8 Any other business:

The Diary Secretary, Brian, reported that sales of the Diary were going well. Including adverts a profit of £413 had been achieved.

9 Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 23 October 2019 commencing at 5.30p.m.

Signed

23 October 2019