

SUSSEX COUNTY BOWLS (Men's Section)

(Members of Bowls England & the Home Counties Bowls Association)

Minutes of a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at Adur I.B.C.

10.00 hours on Monday 24th April, 2017

Present: Ken Woodcock (KW) (Chairman), Derek Budd (DB) (President), David Ogley (DO) (Vice President), John Kinnard (JK) (Junior Vice President), Rod McBeth (RMc) (Hon. Secretary), John Abbott (JA) (Treasurer), Robin Llewellyn-Powell (RL-P) (Hon. Competition Secretary), Don Kent (DK) (Div. 1 Rep), Tony Sharman (TS) (Div. 2 Rep) and Mike Bright (MB) (Div. 3 Rep).

The Meeting commenced with the Chairman welcoming all to the meeting and notifying that the President would be slightly late in arriving.

- | 1. Apologies. | Action |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Apologies were received from: Terry Mitchell (TM) (Imm. Past President), Lindsay Bangs (LB) (Hon Assistant Secretary), Brian Henty (BH) (Hon. Match Secretary), Lew Mockett (LM) (Div. 4 Rep). | |
| 2. Minutes of the GPC Meetings held on the 13th February, 2017. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Minutes of the last Meeting and Emergency Meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting. | |
| 3. Matters arising from the above Minutes. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) RMc reported that the date and venue for the Hertfordshire game had now been confirmed. | |
| 4. Officers Report. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Officers reports from the Secretary and Assistant Secretary had been previously circulated, no other officers reports were provided as they were no different from those submitted to the Executive Meeting on 3 April. b) KW reported that Cranwell Wealth Solutions had ceased their sponsorship and no other sponsor had been arranged. | |
| 5. Attendees at Bowls England Celebration Match in August | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) KW reported that BE were celebrating 10 years in existence this year and had written to counties asking for 4 nominations to take part in a Celebration match to be played at Leamington, with the emphasis being placed on members who had been involved in the original inauguration of Bowls England or had given long service to the County. b) RMc reported that this had been discussed at the recent Management Committee Meeting where the ladies had indicated they would be sending two representatives, Wendy Davies and Kathy Flood and it was proposed that the Men's Section would nominate Ken Woodcock – involved at the time of the inauguration of Bowls England - and Alan Hilton our longest active past President who has indeed given long service to the County. It was confirmed that Alan had been consulted and wished to attend. The delegates unanimously supported these two nominations. Secretary Note – confirming date of Monday 21 August. | RMc |
| 6. Payments to Umpires and Markers | |

- a) RM reported that we had received a letter from BE concerning payment to umpires and markers and this had been discussed at the Management Committee Meeting held on 5 April and it was found that there were difference between the sums paid by the Men's Section and the Ladies Section and on certain occasions payment s were not being made. I had been agreed to rectify the non payments and to try and standardise. **RMc**
- b) Each County pays to BE a sum of £100 and BE then pay £3500 to the EBUA and as part of this agreement the local Umpires Co-ordinator will provide umpires for all County/Nationals Competitions (i.e. Competitions where the winners go through to play at Leamington in the Nationals) and the umpires are required to claim their expenses and payment from the EBUA. This includes the Middleton Cup matches, but excludes Home Counties League games (Senior and Junior) and events that are 'county only' - i.e. 2 Wood Competition, Ch. of Champion, Under 18's and the Double Fours (Abergavenny). The County are however required to pay a fee of £10 to umpires for all other events and the Match Official for all HCL matches and the Competition Secretary for competitions that are not being run a the same time as 'national/county' Competitions will need to ensure that these umpires a repaid. **HCL/JHCL Match Officials (RL-P)**
- c) In addition there is a requirement to either provide refreshments or to make a payment for these facilities. Currently the Ladies Section pays £6 per session to an umpire and £3 per game marked to a marker – who could mark two games in a session. Currently the Men's Section pay £5 per session to both an umpire and a marker and it was agreed that the Men's Section would move in line with the amount being paid by the Ladies Section so that both sections are paying the same amount to the same 'pool of umpires'. FP Document to be updated **RMc**

7. Ordering of BE Handbooks

- a) A further topic discussed at the Management Committee meeting was the ordering of the BE handbooks. This year clubs had been able to order through either of the two sections but all Handbooks had been delivered to the Men's Section Secretary and then the relevant amount passed to the Ladies Section Treasurer.
- b) The Ladies Section had asked if all copies could be ordered through the Men's Section on our Affiliation Form and they would note that on their form that this was the new procedure to be followed. This was accepted at the Management Committee Meeting and further agreed by the member of this GPC. **RMc**

8. Hotel for Middleton Cup Qualifiers

- a) A letter had been received from Kent suggesting that hotel accommodation be booked at an early stage for the Middleton Cup qualifier and that whichever county won the regional heat and were then to attend at Leamington took over the responsibility for payment of the accommodation. Currently the booking is made so close to the event that prices are extremely high and a considerable saving could be made by this procedure as long as counties agreed.
- b) It was agree to notify Matt at BE that this county was in agreement with this suggestion and would accept such a proposal. **RMc**

9. Nationals Attendance

- a) It was agreed that the authorised attendees at Leamington - for this year only - would be President Derek and J Vice/Vice John for the entire authorised period. This does not alter the number of days attendances is paid for, but simply means that coverage will be by two, instead of three, members of the Presidential Team. **DB JK and JA**

- 10. Vice President and Junior Vice President for 2018**
- a) The matter was discussed.
- 11. Selectors Job Responsibilities - amendments**
- a) Minor amendments to the Divisional Selectors Job Responsibilities were proposed and agreed. RMc to issue to all Divisional Selectors. **RMc**
- 12. Competition Disputes and Appeals Procedures**
- a) With rounds of most competition being played on a weekly basic it had been it is essential that any matter is dealt with swiftly. It was proposed that a more precise timescale be inserted into the Competition Rules in order that all Competitors were fully aware of the procedure to be followed. The paper as proposed and attached was agreed and will be circulated to all clubs for the 2017 season prior to being formally included in the Men's Section Rules for 2018. **RMc**
- 13. Defunct Clubs – Effect on Competitions**
- a) When a player has entered competitions from a club that subsequently become defunct decisions need to be made as to how to proceed. A draft paper with guidelines was produced by the Competition Secretary a few years ago and this has been used under the terms of the Competition Secretary being the person who resolved disputes. **RMc**
- b) It is now felt that this procedure should be formalised and incorporated into the Men's Section Rules as an Appendix. This was agreed and will be presented to the Executive and the AGM for formal incorporation at a later date. **RMc**
- 14. Teams travelling to play as representatives of the County in HCBA matches**
- a) With one of the matches which this County is required to supply a team to play in this year, being a round trip of over 300 miles it was agreed that a sum of £15 for travelling allowance would be allowed and the standard allowance of £10 be paid for all other games outside of the County. Distances and allowance, for such HCBA matches to be reviewed each year. **JA**
- 15. Catering costs 2018**
- a) Catering costs for 2108 were discussed and it was agreed that the Hon. Secretary should once again write to clubs asking if they wished to host a County game in 2018 but should invite clubs to quote a price for catering without a specific limit being set and then the Committee would consider replies received. **RMc**
- 16. Any Other Business**
- a) KW reported that Steve Ireland had been judged suitable for Disability Bowls and Bob Henstridge has been removed from his category as rules on how assessments are made, have changed.
- b) KW asked for an update on progress on a new County website and TS reported that progress was slow as he was unable to incorporate the new proposals. After much discussion to was agreed that for the time being we should stay as we are and notify the Ladies Section that if they wished for information to be included on the current website, that is totally financed by the Men's Section, then it would need to be provided in the same format as that provided by the Men. **TS
Man Mtg**
- c) KW reported that where Under 18s were playing in MC and HCL matches we need to ensure that we have signed parents consent forms giving permission. **KW DK**
- d) KW reported that we had been approached by a TV company who were seeking grandparents who had children and grand children playing bowls to take part in a program. A check had been made and it was considered that the company was genuine and It was agreed that we would place the information on the website and forward the information to the clubs. **TS RMc**

- e) DK noted that the HCL match v Middlesex was being played on the day of the FA Cup final and that travelling to Hendon would be a nightmare as experienced on a similar occasion a few years ago. It was agreed that Don should approach Middlesex and attempt to change the date. DK
- f) RMc reported that the two Cups for the Under 25 Pairs Winner and Runners Up had now been engraved and re designated. DK reported that he had today given to RL-P the Senior Fours Cup which had been paid for by voluntary donations from Past Presidents and that the Past President's Association had agreed to cover the cost of a Plate for the Runner's up which Don would be purchasing soon.
- g) TS reported that the Past Presidents had asked for a section concerning Past Presidents to be put on the County Website and this had been actioned.
- h) It was agreed that for 'play by date' Competitions, there shall be a minimum of a two week period between rounds unless the number of rounds required makes this impossible to achieve. RL-P

17. Date of Next Meeting.

- a) The date of the next Meeting will be at 10.00 hours on Monday 26th June, 2017 at Adur IBC.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 11:45 hours.

Signed:

Ken Woodcock (Chairman)

Date: 26th June, 2017