

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 26th June, 2017

Present: Derek Budd (DB) (President), David Ogle (DO) (Vice President), John Kinnard (JK) (Junior Vice President), Terry Mitchell (TM) (Imm. Past President), Rod McBeth (RMc) (Hon. Secretary), John Abbott (JA) (Treasurer), Brian Henty (BH) (Hon. Match Secretary), Robin Llewellyn-Powell (RL-P) (Hon. Competition Secretary), Lindsay Bangs (LB) (Hon Assistant Secretary), Don Kent (DK) (Div. 1 Rep), Tony Sharman (TS) (Div. 2 Rep) and Mike Bright (MB) (Div. 3 Rep).

In the absence of the Chairman, Ken Woodcock, the President, Derek Budd took the chair.

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| 1. Apologies. | |
| a) Apologies were received from: Ken Woodcock (KW) (Chairman) Lew Mockett (LM) (Div. 4 Rep). | |
| 2. Minutes of the GPC Meetings held on the 24th April, 2017. | |
| a) The Minutes of the last Meeting were signed by the President as a true record of the meeting subject to two corrections to typographic errors. | |
| 3. Matters arising from the above Minutes. | |
| a) There were no matters arising from the previous minutes. | |
| 4. Officers Report. | |
| All reports had been circulated to members prior to the Meeting. | |
| a) Secretary's Report: It was agreed that the cost for the sale of caps would be increased to £6.50. Other matters to be discussed as items on the agenda. | |
| b) Reports from the Treasurer, Match Secretary, Competition Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Bowls England Delegate, MC Manager, Under 25 Manager and County Coach were all accepted. | |
| c) Further to the reports as submitted, RL-P noted that Lindfield had considered submitting a request for deferment of the Abergavenny Cup match as four of their players were representing England. It was clarified that as this particular competition is a competition in which an unlimited number of players are able to represent the club, such a request would have been required to be refused, as had happened in the past. | |
| d) It was agreed that consideration would be given to seeking a date when the Under 25 Competitions could be played as one day events and that RLP would liaise with the Under 25 Manager. | RLP |
| After considerable discussion, it was also agreed that the closing date for entry to the 2 Wood Competition would cease to be 30 th October as for other competitions, but would become a date approx. one month before the date agreed for the County Two Wood Competition and that the draw would be carried out, approx. four days prior to the event. RLP to seek a suitable date and report back to the next meeting. | RLP |
| 5. Proposed Reduction of Selection Committee Members | |
| a) RMc reported that it had been proposed by one of the selectors at a recent Selection Committee Meeting, that the number of members at the Selection Committee be reduced and queried if it was necessary for both selectors from | RMc |

each division to attend. DK expressed his surprise that the number had now reached 15 as it used to be just the Divisional Selectors and the President and Secretary with team Managers invited as required. None of the other members of the Presidential team were in attendance. It was agreed that the members of the Selection Committee should submit a proposal to the GPC for a reduction in numbers.

6. Middleton Cup & HCL – Assessing, Food and Drink, etc.

- a) RMc reported that as written in his report he was concerned that procedures as agreed by this GP Committee, for the provision of food and drink to players and the provision of assessors and payments for these facilities had been changed without any notification or consultation with this Committee.
- b) He stressed that if the team Management considered that changes were required to be made, that was their prerogative and he was in full support of them proposing/making changes. However, he felt that where the provision of facilities - had been agreed by this Committee as a result of a request from the team Management – then there was an obligation and requirement to notify this committee of any changes to the provision of those facilities, before such changes were instigated.
- c) A supplementary report had been received from the MC Manager which addressed some of these issues and after further discussion concerning the role of assessors/scorers, DK/DB proposed that the MC Manager should be invited to the next meeting to discuss certain matters.

7. Award to Players who play over 50 Middleton Cup Matches

- a) It was agreed that a small memento in the form of a glass cube in a base should be presented to players who had completed over 50 MC matches. It was agreed that such awards should be recorded in the annual report.

RMc

8. Payment to Clubs

- a) It was agreed that where a club is asked to host Quarter and Semi Finals of competitions and thereby incurred charges from the local council, the County would reimburse reasonable costs if requested.

9. Presidential nominations for 2018

- a) It was resolved that the Secretary should write to all of the proposed nominees for the Junior Vice President position for 2018, asking for a one page, resume of their Bowling career, including a one paragraph “reason for applying” statement, in order that it can be sent to all club Delegates to enable them to have the necessary information to make a decision when the vote is taken at the Executive Meeting and ultimately at the AGM.

RMc

10. Match Secretary

- a) Following clubs being notified of the vacancy, a nomination had been received for the position of Match Secretary and it was agreed that the nominee should be invited to ‘shadow’ the current match Secretary.

**RMc
BH**

10. Divisional Competition Secretary

- a) It was agreed that RMc should double check and confirm if one of the Competitions Secretaries did definitely intend to resign and if so notify clubs that there will be a vacancy.

RMc

11. Proposed Changes to Competition Rules.

- a) Proposed changes as submitted after discussions between RMc and RL-P were discussed and one proposed change was made to the bottom of Page 4 in order to clarify that when the ‘Opponent’ become the ‘Challenger’ he assumes ‘home advantage’. The matter was discussed and it agreed we should be proposing to change the wording so that it is clear that when the ‘opponent’ does become

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the 'Challenger' he does also assume 'home advantage'. RMc to amend the draft.

- b) It was also agreed that SMS text message could be included as further option for the sending in of results of competitions. RMc to draft an amendment for the Executive. **RMc**
- c) All other proposals were accepted for going forward to the Executive committee. RL-P noted that there may be other minor changed being proposed for the next GPC meeting and RMC confirmed that following a further communication from Bowls England the procedure for the drawing of rinks will be simplified and clarified and a further proposal submitted. **RL-P**
RMc

16. Any Other Business

- a) DB noted that several people had asked why we had a 'no shorts policy' in rounds leading up to the quarter and semi finals. The matter was discussed and DB was asked to submit a proposal for the next Meeting for consideration and onward submission to the Executive Committee. **DB**

17. Date of Next Meeting.

- a) The date of the next Meeting will be at 10.00 hours on Monday 4th September, 2017 at Adur IBC.

There being no other business, the President declared the Meeting closed at 11:57 hours.

Signed:

Ken Woodcock (Chairman)

Date: 4th September, 2017