

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 Tuesday 13th February, 2018

Present: Ken Woodcock (KW) (Chairman), Rod McBeth (RMc) (Hon. Secretary), John Abbott (JA) (Treasurer), John Kinnard (JK) (President), Gordon Leaman (GL) (Vice President), Roger Day (RDa) (Jun. Vice President), Lindsay Bangs (LB) (Hon Assistant Secretary), Robin Llewellyn-Powell (RL-P) (Hon. Competition Secretary) Roger Dear (RDe) (Hon. Match Secretary), Tony Sharman (TS) (Div. 2 Rep) and Mike Bright (MB) (Div. 3 Rep).

Prior to the commencement of the meeting both the Chairman and the President welcomed all to the meeting, especially the new members, Gordon, Roger and Roger.

- | 1. Apologies. | Action |
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| <p>a) Apologies were received from: Derek Budd (DB) (Imm. Past Pres.). Don Kent (DK) (Div. 1 Rep) and Dave Bowles (DB) (Div. 4 Rep).</p> | |
| 2. Minutes of the GPC Meetings held on Tuesday 6th September, 2017. | |
| <p>a) The Minutes of the last Meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting subject to two minor amendments to correct President to Chairman.</p> | |
| 3. Matters arising from the above Minutes. | |
| <p>a) The Secretary reported that there was still one outstanding badge to be presented.</p> | |
| 4. Officers Reports | |
| <p>a) Reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretary, Competition Secretary and Assistant Secretary were all accepted.</p> <p>Additions to reports:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">RMc reported that he had now received the Presidential Jewel for the Imm. Past President.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">RL-P reported that he had checked the numbers of competition entries against last year and our entries had increased by 10 this year.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">JA expressed his concern that our membership members had decreased by about 250 this year.</p> | |
| 5. Dress Code | |
| <p>a) Following the withdrawal of the proposal on dress code from the papers submitted to the AGM, a revised proposal had been drafted and forwarded to members for consideration prior to the meeting. After considerable discussion the document as attached was agreed for submission to the Executive Meeting.</p> | RMc |
| 6. Data Protection. | |
| <p>a) As a result of changes to the General Data Protection Regulations that become effective in May 18, RMc presented a paper indication what information was currently collected and on the County Website - and what he believed it would be necessary to maintain in future – a considerable reduction. It was resolved that clubs should be informed at the next Executive Meeting.</p> | RMc |

- 7. Competitions - Registration of Players & 2 Wood Competition**
- a) Concern had been expressed that certain players who had played in County Competitions last year, were perhaps not registered members of the club. Currently the County only receive details of the names of club members at the end of the season - when the list of members and relevant fees are submitted by which time it is too late to check. It was agreed that in future clubs would be asked to supply a list of all registered playing members (names only) - by 30 April in each year - and only those member would be eligible to play in County Competitions. Updated would be required to be forwarded as members joined and if a club played any player who was not on that list then the team/individual would be disqualified. **RMc**
- b) The extension of the closing date for the 2 Wood Competition was discussed.
- 8. Umpires Fees**
- a) Umpires Fees as agreed between the EBUA and Bowls England were discussed and the FP Document updated. **RMc**
- 9. GPC Appointments**
- a) It was resolved that Geoff Fitch – Eastbourne BC – would be appointed Middleton Cup and Home Counties League Manager for 2108. **RMc**
- b) It was resolved that as there was no Under 25 Manager that all Under 25 fixtures for the season would be cancelled and that all clubs, Counties and Bowls England would be notified accordingly. **RMc**
RDe
- c) It was resolved that Mark Broadway – Ringmer BC would become the Division Two VP Controller. **RMc**
- 10. Presidential Jewels**
- a) It was resolved that RMC would order a further stock of 5 Presidential and 5 Honorary member Jewels from Toye, Kenning and Spencer. **RMc**
- 11. Old County Flag**
- a) It was resolved that an old County Flag would be taken to the next Executive Meeting to see if anyone wished to purchase it. **RMc**
- 12. County Stitching Disc**
- a) It was resolved that a suitable embroiderer in the north of the County (Crawley/Horsham area) should be sought to enable embroidery of the County badge to be carried out in three locations East, West and North. **MB**
- 13. Circa 1930 County Spoon**
- a) The County had been offered the opportunity to purchase an old, pre war, silver County Spoon for the sum of £25 and it was agreed by the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer to purchase the item. The purchase was ratified by the GPC.
- 14. Executive Match Selection**
- a) It was resolved that the procedure for Executive match Selection that had been introduced for the indoor matches played during the winter season would be extended to the outdoor Executive matches and that when selecting teams for both indoor and outdoor matches in future the aim would be to initially attempt to select six Delegates for each match and then continue with the priority arrangement as previously agreed (a. - Presidential Team, b. - Officers, c. - Past Presidents and Hon. Members and d. - other Committee Members). **LB**
- 15. Letter to the President from a Club Member**
- a) It was resolved that the Secretary would reply to the member and to the club with the decision of the County and also remind the player and the Club that such **RMc**

letters should be forwarded through the Club Secretary or Delegate to the County Secretary.

16. Job Responsibilities

- a) Updated Job Responsibilities for the Presidential Team and the Match Secretary were agreed (removal of the requirement to attend at Selection Committee meetings).

17. Appointment of Delegates to HCBA and SCIBA

- a) It was confirmed that the delegates to the HCBA are the Chairman and the President and to SCIBA it is the Secretary.

16. Any Other Business

- a) KW stated that we currently have two vacancies for a selector in Division One and Division Four and that Paul Chuter – Midhurst BC had been approached re Div 4. It was resolved that the GPC would make temporary appointments to fill the vacancies in accordance with the Constitution and that Paul Chuter would be appointed as a Selector for Division Four. A suitable candidate is being sought for Division One. RMc

- b) KW continued to report on a Law Committee Decision concerning players leaving the green which is being circulated to all clubs.

- c) RMc reported that we had been asked to nominate players for Junior International nomination and following discussions with the Under 25 Manager had nominated Ajay Morphett and James Brennan. A further player had been considered but as RMc had been unable to contact the player to complete the relevant form he was not nominated.

- d) RMc reported that Sutton BC had re-affiliated to the County and an inquiry had been received on behalf of Fairlight BC. He continued to report that we appear to have a large number of non affiliated clubs that some clubs are playing fixtures against and that it appears that certain leagues allow non-affiliated clubs to partake. It was resolved that the matter should be raised at the BE Counties Meeting. RMc
KW

- e) JK raised a query as who attended at Leamington for the two additional days early in August.

Secretary Note: It was confirmed after the Meeting that it had been agreed in the Minutes of the meeting in February 2017 that the President and Imm. Past President would both attend and two night overnight stay would be authorised.

16. Date of Next Meeting.

- a) The date of the next Meeting will be at 10.00 hours on Tuesday 24th April, 2018 at Adur IBC.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 12:35 hours.

Signed:

Ken Woodcock (Chairman)

Date: 24th April, 2018