

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> April, 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), Derek Budd (DB) (Imm. Past Pres.), Lindsay Bangs (LB) (Hon Assistant Secretary), Robin Llewellyn-Powell (RL-P) (Hon. Competition Secretary), Roger Dear (RDe) (Hon. Match Secretary), Don Kent (DK) (Div. 1 Rep), Tony Sharman (TS) (Div. 2 Rep) and Mike Bright (MB) (Div. 3 Rep).

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| <b>1. Apologies.</b>  | <b>Action</b>           |
| a) Apologies were received from Dave Bowles (DB) (Div. 4 Rep).  |                         |
| <b>2. Minutes of the GPC Meetings held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.</b>   |                         |
| a) The Minutes of the last Meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.   |                         |
| <b>3. Matters arising from the above Minutes.</b>   |                         |
| a) RMc reported that we still have not located a suitable embroidered in the north of the County.   |                         |
| <b>4. Officers Reports</b>  |                         |
| a) No reports were presented as the Executive meeting had only been held two weeks ago. An updated report from the Asst. Secretary had been circulated.   |                         |
| <b>5. White Rose Trophy</b>   |                         |
| a) Following discussion it was agreed that two Teams should be entered into the White Rose Competition for 2019. Details are required to be forwarded to Bowl England by 4 <sup>th</sup> May. <b>Secretary Note: BE notified by email 24 Apr 18 and receipt confirmed.</b>  | <b>RMc</b>              |
| <b>6. Indoor Executive Matches</b>  |                         |
| a) RMc reported that he had received a query from Grattons IBC, asking if we would like to play in Greys. It was agreed that all County games would continue to be played in whites. RMc to notify Grattons accordingly.  | <b>RMc</b>              |
| b) It was also agreed that we would continue with all indoor Executive matches at a match fee of £10.   |                         |
| c) Following a query concerning a recent team selection for an Executive match, the priority of selection for Executive Matches was discussed once again and it was resolved that groups c) and d) would be combined into one group giving all equal status. Revised priority is as follows: - a. - Presidential Team, b. - Officers, c. - Past Presidents, Hon. Members and other Committee Members.   |                         |
| d) GL reported that every year when we played the Indoor Executive game v SCIBA we are totally annihilated and after discussion it was resolved that the indoor match v SCIBA should no longer be classed as an Executive match but should be classed as a County Select match. The Vice President and Assistant Secretary when considering selections for the team should attempt to select as many as possible - outdoor bowlers - who are also competent indoor bowlers. | <b>Vice Pre.<br/>LB</b> |
| <b>7. VP Controller Division 1</b>  |                         |
| a) KW reported that due to the enforced absence of the current D1 VP Controller, when a volunteer came forward offering to assume the duties on a temporary   | <b>RMc</b>              |

basis he had taken action, which was subsequently supported by all GPC members following an email from RMc. Mark Bilsby was now Acting VP Controller and was making good progress.

## 8. Bowls Promotion Day

- a) A considerable discussion took place following the suggestion made by the delegate from Preston BC. DK reported that several years ago in his time as President a similar proposal had been placed before the delegates and rejected. It was resolved that a sub Committee of JK, RDa and DK would be set up to consider and report back to this Committee - with a proposal for 2020 - as clubs would already be making arrangements for 2019.

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DK

## 9. Match Costs by Clubs and Match Fees

- a) RMc expressed concern at the problems that the Match Secretary has in obtaining match costs from other counties and stressed how important it was that the Match Official for the day was in possession of such information when he attended at a match. It was resolved that the matter would be raised at the next HCL Meeting and that a standard form would be used to be sent to other counties.
- b) The match fee for MC/HCL matches was discussed and it was resolved that it would remain at £5.00. DK reported that following a survey that had been taken, most players would prefer not to have a meal but if a meal was to be provided it was preferable if it was a buffet. Players should continue to be asked if they intended to stay for a meal if one is provided and numbers notified to the host club should reflect this fact.

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## 10. Any Other Business

- a) KW stated that we need to be considering the position of JVP for 2019 and members were asked to consider who might be suitable and might wish to undertake the position.
- b) RMc reported that at the recent Management Committee Meeting (Joint Men and Ladies) the ladies had requested that we agree to increase the affiliation fee from £2.75 to £3.00 for 2019. The matter was discussed and rejected as the Men's Section, we had only just increased the fees for the 2018 season from £2.50 to £2.75 in order to have similar fees to the ladies as required by Bowls England. It was however resolved that a proposal to increase the fees to £3.00 for the 2020 season would be supported. RMc to notify the Women's Section Secretary.
- c) RMc reported that he had received a request for affiliation from Fittleworth BC and it was agreed to accept the club for affiliation subject to necessary paperwork being received. He also reported that Sutton BC who had affiliated earlier in the year had now submitted details of a further 9 members.
- d) Following this discussion on affiliation it was agreed that RMc should write to all clubs reminding them that they should not be playing matches against non-affiliated clubs and reminding them of the possible insurance problems if an incident occurred.
- e) RMc reported that we were now very short of VP lapel badges and asked if we should be ordering more stocks. This would also entail a new die being cast as we are now Vice Patrons not Vice Presidents and the current die also states Sussex Bowling Association. It was resolved that as we have already ceased purchasing County lapel Badges and County Colt Badges and few people wear blazers these days, that no further stock should be bought.
- f) RMc reported that after the last GPC meeting, he had as requested written to the person responsible for all junior players asking if they wished to be considered for full county games as all Under 25 matches had been cancelled. Two replies had been received. It was resolved that as we now once again had an U25

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manager who was trying to arrange fixtures it was no longer necessary to consider including these juniors in full County games - just to give them a competitive game – but that if they were of a suitable standard and had submitted the relevant Form F2a they would be considered along with all other players.

- g) DB reported that action was in hand for the Under 18 Competition.

**16. Date of Next Meeting.**

- a) The date of the next Meeting will be at 10.00 hours on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 at Adur IBC.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 12:15 hours.

Signed: .....

Ken Woodcock (Chairman)

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2018