

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 3rd September, 2019

Members: Ken Woodcock (KW) (Chairman), Rod McBeth (RMc) (Hon. Secretary), John Abbott (JA) (Treasurer), Gordon Leaman (GL) (President), Roger Day (RDa) (Vice President), Bob Markham (BM) (Jun. Vice President), John Kinnard (JK) (Imm. Past Pres.), Lindsay Bangs (LB) (Hon. Assistant Secretary), Robin Llewellyn-Powell (RL-P) (Hon. Competition Secretary), Roger Dear (RDe) (Hon. Match Secretary), David Bizat (DB) (Div. 1 Rep), Tony Sharman (TS) (Div. 2 Rep), Mike Bright (MB) (Div. 3 Rep) and Dave Bowles (DB) (Div. 4 Rep).

The President welcomed all to the meeting and explained that due the absence of the Chairman he was in the chair.

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| 1. Apologies. | |
| a) Apologies were received from Ken Woodcock (Chairman) and Dave Bowles (Div.4 Rep.) | |
| 2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 25th Jun 19 and 6 Jul 19. | |
| a) The Minutes of the GPC Meeting held on 25 rd June, 2019, were signed by the President as a true record of the meeting together with the minutes of an Emergency Committee Meeting held at Atherley BC on 6 th July, 2019. | |
| 3. Matters arising from the above Minutes. | |
| a) There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not due to be covered on the agenda. | |
| 4. Officers Reports. | |
| a) Reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretary, Competition Secretary and Assistant Secretary were all accepted. | |
| b) i) It was agreed that an alternative storage location for the County shirts, fleeces etc. should be sought, in order that they can be removed from the house of the County Secretary prior to 3 December, 2019. | |
| ii) It was agreed that a suitable storage location should be sought by LB. | LB |
| iii) A discussion on the arrangement of outstanding fixtures took place and it was accepted that it was at times difficult obtaining information from outside Counties. RDe agreed to continue to pursue arrangements. | RDe |
| iv) Following discussion of the increased cost of indoor fixtures for next season it was agreed to increase the match fee for Executive matches to £11.00 with effect from the first match of the winter season. | LB |
| 5. County Finance. | |
| a) A short review of the Finance Policy Document was made as many changes had already been agreed at the previous GPC Meeting. | |
| i) A request for payments to players attending at Leamington was discussed but due to the current financial constraints and attempts to save money, it was considered not possible to make such payments but this could be reviewed if sponsorship was obtained. It was however agreed that the money that is received from Bowls England for players travel to | JA |

Leamington, which is broken down into a number of 'shares', (See FP Document) depending on how many people are travelling, would be increased to £50 per share which the Treasurer could pay on Finals Day.

- ii) A request from the Under 25 Manager, for a sum of £300 from the money specifically set aside for the benefit of the Under 25's, to facilitate prizes for a skills test and a buffet on 14 September, was agreed. **RMc to AC**
- iii) It was also agreed that the Under 25 Manager should be asked to present, through the Junior Vice President, a proposed budget for expenditure for 2020. **BM**

6. Revised Job Responsibilities.

a) Hon. Asst. Secretary, Hon. Match Secretary and Safeguarding Officer

The sub-committee comprising of Gordon Leaman, Tony Sharman and Lindsay Bangs, had considered and rewritten aspects of these JR's, which were accepted by the Meeting.

b) Divisional Selectors

- i) RMc had circulated a proposed, one-line amendment to the JR for Divisional Selectors clearly noting that matters discussed and comments made, at such meetings should not be divulged or discussed outside of such meetings. This was agreed as a change. With RMc to circulate to all selectors. **RMc**

7. Matches

a) Dress

- i) It was agreed that the dress requirements as advertised on team selection sheet for County matches, should be amended to stipulate that after matches all players are to change into white shirt and tie - and may not remain in their playing county. **RMc to Selectors**
- ii) It was agreed that for Executive games players would similarly be in white shirt and jacket and the President would exercise discretion in hot weather.

b) Selection Criteria

- i) It was agreed that the Selection Committee would no longer be obliged to select one of either the Vice President or Junior Vice President for each County game, but that they should be asked to consider using one of these as Match Official on occasions during the season. **RMc to Selectors**

8. New DCS for Div 4.

- a) With still no nominees coming forward it was agreed that RMc would again write to clubs in D4 and remind clubs that in the event of there being no Divisional Competition Secretary there was the possibility that there would be no Competitions in that Division. **RMc**

9. Safeguarding Officer

- a) It was agreed that in the absence of the Chairman the President, Vice President and Secretary would meet with the person who had offered to undertake this role. **KW RMc**

10. GPC Appointments for 2020

- a) GPC Appointments as per the attached sheet, were made and it was agreed that the Accounts Examiner should be contacted in order to ascertain that he still wished to undertake the role. **RMc**

- b) When considering attendees at HCBA Meetings GL proposed that the attendees should be amended to the Chairman and Secretary as other counties have the same members attending each year. This was agreed by the committee.

11. Coaching

- a) RMc reported on a recent letter from Kevin Conway of EBCS and the reply he had sent.

12. Development Committee Update

- a) RDa expanded on the report he had produced and reminded all that when he assumed the position of President at the AGM in December, he would be stepping down from his role on the Development Committee and a replacement Secretary for that sub-committee would be required.

- b) It was agreed that David Bizat was authorised to contact potential sponsors on behalf of the County and that any advertising on shirts would only be permissible by means of a sew on patch being provided.

DB

13. Competitions

a) Proposal to revise the Competition Schedule.

- i) After considerable discussion it was agreed that a small sub committee should be set up to consider possible changes to the schedule for 2021.

R L-P BM
AC

b) Venues for 2020 Events.

- i) Following initial comments concerning the notification to clubs who had been selected at the last GPC meeting to host events on 2020 RL-P left the meeting.

- ii) It was agreed that the 2 Wood day for 2020 would be on 28th June and that Wadhurst, Buxted Park, Horsham and Chichester should be urgently contacted to ascertain if they could host these events on that date. If Buxted Park was not able to host then Newick and West Hoathly were to be considered.

R L-P

- iii) As no information was available as to any possible central venue for the hosting of the County Competition Qtr and Semi finals on 2nd and 9th of July, MB was asked to check and see if it was possible to host at Horsham on those dates. If this was not possible an alternative venue of W Pavilion was to be considered.

MB

14 Any Other Business

- a) RMc reported that he had received notification the day before, that Hazel Marke the BE President would attend at our Annual Luncheon.

- b) RMc reported that following a considerable price increase when the menu for the Annual Dinner at the Hydro Hotel had been received, he had written to the hotel and received a reduction in the price. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to clubs to see if they were aware of a venue at a more central location that was able to host 70-100 people at a suitable price, perhaps in early January.

RMC

- c) RMc reported on a letter received from the Secretary of Adastra BC, concerning the playing of matches in hot weather. It was agreed to forward the letter to BE for comments.

RMC

- d) It was agreed that for 2020, an addition GPC Meeting would be held in early November, after the Management Meeting.

RMC

- f) RM query the attendance of the Secretary and Chairman on the Selection Committee and it was confirmed that this is as written in the Men's Section -

Rules, one to chair the meeting and the other to take minutes and notes of selections made.

16. Date of Next Meeting.

- a) The date of the next Meeting will be at 10.00 hours on Tuesday 11th February, 2020 at Adur IBC. .

There being no other business, the President declared the Meeting closed at 13:56 hours.

Signed:

Date: 11th February, 2020