

## Men's Divisional Management Committee

### Minutes of a meeting held on Saturday 12 May 2018 at 10:00 at Cotswold IBC

<b>Present</b>	President	Dave Williams	Junior VP	Gareth Tarplee
	IPP/BE Rep	Clive Bennett	Secretary	David Skeats
	Treasurer	Keith Hawkes	Fixture Sec	Roger Harrison
	Competition Sec	Ian Gauld	Cheltenham Section	Mike Longley
	Stroud Section	Bob Gartan		
<b>Apologies</b>	Senior VP/Glos Section	Keith Bedford	JEC Rep	David Rolls
	Bristol Section	Derek Turner	Team Manager	Rob Griffiths

#### 18/13 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 February were approved and signed by the Chairman

#### 18/14 Matters Arising

- 18/04** The Secretary reported that a group of the two divisional secretaries and competition secretaries would be reviewing the handbooks for next year
- 18/08** Noted that Middleton Cup Advisors for all sections have now been appointed and have met on several occasions to discuss the Middleton Cup team
- 18/12 c** Data Protection – The Secretary hoped that all clubs now had this in hand. A County policy was now being prepared
- 18/12e** Newsletter – It was reported that some club secretaries had not circulated the Newsletter. The Secretary would remind secretaries when the next one was produced

#### 18/15 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer confirmed that the match fee for games should be £8

#### 18/16 Fixture Secretary's Report

The Punchard Cup (played against the City and County of Bristol) had been won by Gloucestershire

#### 18/17 Competition Secretary's Report

It was noted that there was considerable discrepancy between the number of teams entering some competitions across the sections. For example, in the Over 55s Fours, a Bristol team could play only one game and be in the semi-finals, whereas a Stroud team might have to play four games to reach this point.

It was agreed that the Competition Secretary could adopt a County wide approach and combine competitors from different sections where necessary to ensure that the number of games played before the semi-finals was more balanced in all competitions

#### 18/18 Team Manager Report

A much-improved attitude and approach to the dress requirements was expected as a result of the adoption of the new rules/guidance on Middleton Cup games.

The trial next week against Oxfordshire would largely determine the team for the season

#### 18/19 County and Executive Matches

The Secretary noted that he had received very different advice from a number of people as to who was eligible for various County and Executive games and about how many games they were entitled to. No clear guidance seemed to be available as variations seemed to occur on an annual basis depending on officer holders.

Following discussion, the following was adopted as the arrangements for the future, subject to wider consultations.

- The President was entitled to play in all games (Friendlies, Executive, Mixed).
- For County Friendlies, forms would be circulated to clubs for them to nominate members who wished to play in these games – forms to be returned to Section Selectors who would select players. If a section was unable to field the expected number of players (usually six per section for a full six rink game), they should speak to the Fixture Secretary who would seek players from another section. Players could express a preference for a maximum of three games, two home and one away. Selectors, Officers and Officials should be treated as though they were ordinary club members with the same entitlement to express a preference for three games.
- For Executive, Mixed and Three County games (usually played by Officers and Officials), forms would be circulated to appropriate members to express a preference for three games, again two home and one away. The forms should be returned to the Junior Vice-President who was responsible for selection of teams.
- Proposed players (Friendlies) or teams (Executive, Mixed and Three Counties) should go to the Fixture Secretary who would send teams out with copy to County Secretary and the County Records Officer. The latter is responsible for alerting the Fixture Secretary of any badge entitlements.

This would go to the Delegates' Meeting for comment.

#### **18/20 Changes to the Divisional Delegates' Meeting Membership**

The Secretary introduced a paper which suggested possible changes to the membership of the Delegates' Meeting to reduce the size of the membership whilst ensuring that all interests were still represented.

The circulated paper had three suggestions

- The Chairman of a Sub-Committee attends a Delegates' Meeting but the other members do not.
- Clubs can send a single delegate to the meeting.
- A life-member who receives this honour as a result of exceptional service to the GBA should be entitled to attend Delegates' Meetings, The Joint Council and the AGM.

Following discussion, these were accepted subject to the nominee of an alternative representative to the Delegates' Meeting if the Chairman of a sub-committee was unable to attend.

These would now go back to the next Delegates' Meeting for approval.

#### **18/21 Date of Next Meeting**

Provisionally Saturday 22 September at 10:00 at Cotswold IBC