

Men's Divisional Management Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on Saturday 22 September 2018 at 10:00 at Cotswold IBC

Present	IPP/BE Rep	Clive Bennett	Secretary	David Skeats
	Fixture Sec	Roger Harrison	Stroud Section	Bob Gartan
	Senior VP	Keith Bedford		

Apologies Dave Williams, Gareth Tarplee, Keith Hawkes, Ian Gauld, Derek Turner, Mike Longley

In the absence of the President, the IPP chaired the meeting.

18/22 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May were approved and signed by the Chairman.

18/23 Matters arising

The Secretary reported that there was general agreement to change the handbooks to a County A5 handbook containing all County information for Clubs plus two divisional A6 handbooks for competitions for members and that detailed costings were being sought.

18/24 Chairman's Report

The Chair noted that Gloucestershire had won the Three Counties Autumn Festival for the first time in 12 years. It was a pleasing way to end his term as President of the Three Counties.

18/25 Secretary's Report

The paper providing the changes necessary to the Constitution to meet the objectives previously discussed was considered. The question of whether the Bowls Development Officer should be a member of the Management Committee (section 7.16) was raised and it was agreed that this could be returned to next year. The meeting agreed to the proposed changes going forward to the Joint Council and AGM.

18/26 Fixture Secretary's Report

Fixture arrangements for next year were progressing. The Middleton Cup group included Warwickshire, Dorset and Devon, the Balcomb Cup was against Herefordshire. There were two celebration games, GB Britten and Bristol Arrow.

18/27 Competitions Secretary's Report

This was tabled. It was noted that the County would be taking responsibility for the Ken Griffin Trophy from 2020 and would be able to nominate the location of the finals.

There might be a problem as the County Cup final was down for 18 August which is in the middle of National Finals (Junior Pairs and preliminary round of the Senior Fours on at that time). Gloucester City would host the final as current holders.

The Competition Secretary was looking to have a County Trophy cabinet, hopefully at Cotswold IBC. It was suggested that either Averil Craddock (Club Secretary) or Bob Gartan be contacted about this. The issue of insurance would need to be addressed.

It was hoped that holding the two-wood singles at a single location next year would reduce the non-attendance of players at this competition which previously has shown a high drop-out rate.

18/28 Team Manager's Report

Concern was expressed at a number of instances where teams had been disrupted by the late withdrawal of people from teams or finals which undoubtedly disrupted performance. Despite this, the White Rose team had performed superbly at Leamington and were unlucky to go out to Northamptonshire in a very close match.

The 18/29 Section Reports

Stroud Section raised the issue of County friendly matches being shortened by omitting trial ends and playing one shot on the first two ends when a full game was the expectation. This was a matter for the two Presidents to decide and weather might be a deciding factor.

Gloucester Section noted that there had been problems with the Nailsworth green during a ladies' final though the green had been passed for competitions. Greens will always be subject to variation according to the weather and players had to be able to cope with variable conditions.

18/30 Development Program

The letter from Cotswold was noted. The Secretary noted that there was a possibility of external funding to support club open days which could be successful in bringing new members into clubs. This matter will be returned to when this situation was clearer.

18/31 Officers and Officials

It was reported that elections would be needed at the Delegates' Meeting for Junior Vice-President (three candidates – Dave Hopkins, Martin Bevan, Robin Giles) and Match Official (Gareth Tarplee and Ken Manns). Single nominations had been received for Chairman (Dave Williams), Secretary (David Skeats) and Treasurer (Martin Bevan). Other sectional appointments would be updated at the meeting.

It was noted that the constitution expected nominations for divisional officers and officials to go direct to the divisional secretary and not to go through section meetings (section 6.3).

18/32 Date of next meeting

This will be set after the AGM when the full officer membership was known.