

Agenda Item 13

Proposed Changes to the Constitution (2018)

Items in **Red** are additional to the Constitution and those in **Blue Strike-through** are deletions

- 2.10 Ensure that the Association and all affiliated members comply with United Kingdom **General** Data Protection **Regulations** ~~legislation~~.

6 Association Officers and Officials

6.1 Divisional Officers

- President
- Vice-President(s)
- Immediate Past President
- **Chairman (Men's Division)**
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Match/Fixture Secretary
- County Competition Secretary (Men's Division only)
- Bowls England County Authorised Representatives (Bowls England Council Members). **In the Men's Division, this post will be held by the Secretary**
- Section Secretaries (Men's Division only)

6.2 Divisional Officials

- Team Manager
- Section Representatives (Women's Division only)
- Section Competition Secretaries
- Elected Divisional Representative to Joint Executive Committee
- Section Selectors
- County Match Official (Men's Division only)
- Bowls Development Officer
- Child Protection Officer
- Benevolent Secretary & Trustees
- County Press Officer
- Web Site Manager
- County Records Officers
- County Greens Advisor
- County Greens Committee members

In the Men's Division, the Team Manager, JEC Representative, County Match Official, Bowls Development Officer, Child Protection Officer, Benevolent Fund Secretary, County Press Officer, Website Manager, County Records Officer, Greens Advisor along with the Chairman of any committee or sub-committee will carry the designation of Executive Official.

- 6.3 Divisional Officers and Officials already in post do not need to be newly nominated and seconded each year. New nominations always need a proposer and a seconder. The ~~Team Manager~~, Bowls Development Officer, County Press Officer and Web Site Manager are appointed **by the Management Committee**. Nominations to be received by the Divisional Secretary at least 14 days prior to the relevant October Divisional Delegate Meeting. Nomination forms will have been circulated by the Divisional Secretary.

7 Committee Structure

7.1 GBA Joint Executive Committee

The affairs of the Association will be conducted by the GBA Joint Executive Committee, comprising of the Executive Officers listed in 6.11, **the Chairman of the Men's Division** plus one non-Officer from each Division as elected at their October Divisional Delegate Meeting. They will hold office on this Committee (only) from the end of the GBA Annual General Meeting following their election at the October Divisional Delegate Meeting until the end of the GBA Annual General Meeting after which they relinquish divisional office.

Divisional Management Committees

7.16 The composition of the two committees shall be as follows:

Men's Division: President, Immediate Past President, Vice-President(s), **Chairman**, Secretary, Treasurer, ~~Bowls England County Authorised Representative~~, Competition Secretary, Match Secretary, ~~Middleton Cup Team~~ **Team** Manager, four Section Secretaries and the Men's Joint Executive Committee Representative.

Women's Division: President, Immediate Past President, Vice President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, Bowls England County Authorised Representative, Match Secretary and one representative from each Section.

These Officers and Officials will be elected and take office as described in Clauses 6.3 to 6.8.

7.17 The **Women's** Divisional Management Committees shall be chaired by the Divisional President or an Immediate Past President, **the Men's by the Chairman or the President**. The Divisional Secretary shall ensure that minutes are taken, which must then be ratified at the following meeting. Ratified minutes will be placed on the GBA Web sites.

Divisional Delegate Meetings

9.3 In the **Men's Division** only, a proportion of divisional responsibility is devolved to Section Committees, sections being defined as in 3.3. This will broadly cover the organisation of men's competitions, selection for men's matches and finance. **The Division Secretary may attend section meetings (section 7.21).**

9.5 GBA Men's Divisional Delegates Meetings will be attended by Divisional Officers & **Executive** Officials and a ~~maximum of two authorised~~ delegates from each affiliated club having members of the relevant gender. Past Presidents who have passed from office by less than five years ~~and members of sub-committees raised from time to time for specific purposes~~ may attend meetings but without power to vote.

In Sections 12.2 and 12.7, change Middleton Cup Manager to Team Manager

17 County Life Members

17.1 This honour may be awarded to a member who has given exceptional service to ~~either their Club and/or to~~ the Association. A member may be proposed by ~~their club and, if seconded by another club~~ **a Management Committee and if approved by a Delegates' Meeting** will have their nomination submitted to the GBA Joint Executive Committee for consideration. If approved, the candidate will be declared a County Life Member by the GBA Joint Executive Committee Chairman at a GBA Annual General Meeting.

Summary of Proposed Changes to the Constitution (2019)

The reasons for the changes shown in the sheet '**Proposed Changes to the Constitution (2019)**' following on from the discussions at the last Delegates' Meeting. These will go the Joint Council meeting on 10 November and then to AGM on 12 January 2019.

- 2.10 Simply changed to reflect the new nomenclature
- 6.1 Addition of the Chairman of the Men's Division as an Officer and designation of the Secretary as BE Representative
- 6.1 Men's Division Secretary also to be the Division's BE Representative
- 6.2 The new designation of Executive Official is necessary to enact the decision to restrict the membership of the Delegates' Meeting to Chairman of a committee or sub-committee meetings, not all the members. See also section 9.5
- 6.3 Change of Team Manager to be an elected post and to clarify who appoints these posts
- 7.1 Addition of the Men's Division Chairman to the JEC. This does not affect the gender balance or size of the JEC as the Men's Secretary also holds the post of BE Representative as happens in the Women's Division
- 7.16 Addition of Chairman to the Management Committee and removal of BE representative as this post is held by the Secretary
- 7.17 This reflects the different arrangements in each division. I have suggested that the President should chair in the absence of the Chairman though, if preferred, this could be the Immediate Past President
- 9.3 The section meetings are effectively a sub-committee (9.3) and as such the Secretary has a right to attend (section 7.21). This is included to clarify this issue
- 9.5 To reflect the changes to a single delegate from a club attending and the variation so that only the Chairman (or a nominated substitute) can attend meetings, not the whole committee for the Men's Division
- 12.2 The post is called the Team Manager earlier in the constitution (6.2), not the Middleton Cup Manager
- 12.7 Again, to use the correct title of Team Manager
- 17.1 Life membership to be restricted to those who have given exceptional service to the GBA. It is for clubs to award the honour of life-member of the club to those who have given the club exceptional service. Given this, the route for the honour therefore needs to shift from clubs to the management and delegates' meetings