

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE BOWLS ASSOCIATION – MEN’S DIVISION

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Minutes of the Delegates’ Meeting held on Saturday 9th March 2019 at Cotswold BC at 10:00

Before the commencement of the meeting the Chairman (KM) outlined the changes to the officers that had taken place after the last delegate meeting.

Keith Bedford (KB) had called an emergency management meeting on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Barnwood BC due to the resignation of David Skeats the then secretary. Prior to this resignation Keith Hawkes (KH), the treasurer had also resigned. Martin Bevan (MB) had been co-opted into the treasurer position. Under the constitution Rule 6.9 this would result in MB carrying out the duties of both treasurer and secretary. The purpose of this meeting was to appoint a permanent secretary. KH had made it known to the committee that he would like to withdraw his resignation. MB stepped down as treasurer and KH was put in place, MB was then co-opted into the secretary position. KM was co-opted as Men’s Chairman. The constitution changes were discussed and passed at the Association AGM on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2019

Dave Hopkins (Bishops Cleave) addressed his concern that this meeting was unconstitutional as there were few officers present at this meeting. KB assured him that although some members of the executive were not available for the meeting a quorum was achieved. KH was not present at the meeting during the discussion and vote. MB was entitled to be there as Junior Vice President. Lyndsey Collin was present at this discussion and assured the delegates that the procedure had been carried out in accordance with the constitution. DH still voiced his concerns over this meeting and also that there had been difficult relationships within the committee, KM said that those problems should have been resolved by the then committee. To move on with the delegates meeting KM said that either the meeting continue with the current officers in order to keep the continuity of the association going throughout the year or the delegates could go away and form a new committee. The consensus was to carry on with the delegates meeting. The Chairman then introduced Sylvia Pearse to the delegates as minute secretary for the meeting.

1. Apologies: Keith Hawkes, Clive Bennett, Derek Severs, David Rolls, Steve Hopkin, Glen Wintle, Ian Gauld, Gloucester City BC, Henleaz BC. The secretary holds the signing list for the meeting.
2. In Memorium: A minutes silence was held for those no longer with us, Dave Jenkins, Ron Smith, Roy Jones – Page Park, Stan Elliot – Life Vice President of the GBA and Glos City, Dan Costillion – Caer Glow, Pat Main – Barnwood, Brian Hammett – GCSBC and Glos City, Dave Longley, Ken Summer-Hayes – Redland Green, Ian Bowser – Greenbank
3. Minutes: Some delegates voiced concern that they had not received the minutes of the last meeting. The Secretary, MB stated that he had emailed them to all delegates on the current mailing list, if perhaps a little later than usual. Gareth Tarpley, Senior Vice President and DH voiced concern that they used to receive minutes of all meetings but had not done so recently. Up until his resignation David Skeats had written up and distributed all minutes. The consensus was that draft minutes be written and distributed immediately after meetings and then emailed again along with the agenda prior to the next meeting. The minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were passed and signed by the Chairman
4. Matters arising: DS asked for an update on item 18.40, publicity officer and web master. The chairman confirmed Sylvia Pearse had volunteered for the posts. DH voiced his surprise as the Cheltenham section were to have proposed Stephen Hopkins for webmaster but it appears this was not conveyed to the management committee
5. Chairman’s report:

To aid the smooth running of the association, KM and KB would help the new secretary MB while he learns the required procedures.

6. Secretary's report:

MB apologised for his slow start in the position and is intent on getting to grips with the computerised filing system. DS has sent a helpful document for training in this. Dates have now been set for the management and delegates meetings. These may not correspond to the dates in the handbook owing to the venue not being available. In future years the venue will be booked so dates will not need to be changed. The dates for 2019 the management meetings are: May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The 2019 dates for the delegates meetings are July 6<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup>. (NB these are different to the dates mentioned in the meeting). It may be necessary to arrange extra management meetings.

7. Treasurers report:

In the absence of KH, hard copies of the accounts were presented to the delegates. The chairman presented a report from the finance committee the main talking point was a review of officers' allowances. They were deemed to be too inflated as there is less work to be carried out with minutes and agendas emailed rather than printed and posted. The secretary's allowance will be £700 (reduced from £1500) and the competitions secretary allowance will be fixed at £200.

DS voiced concerns that the association may be in breach of the equality law. As we are a combined association are these new allowances in line with those of the ladies' section? The fact that MB stated that the ladies are happy with the status quo may not be sufficient to satisfy the law and the practice is highly questionable. DS to take this up in writing with the county administrator.

8. Fixtures Secretary Report:

Roger Harrison, RH, reported a few alterations to the Men's Handbook, the Under 25 trial may not be played, management committee to follow this up. An extra game is scheduled on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at Victory Park for their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the match against Monmouth will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, venue still to be announced.

9. Competitions: Ian Gauld was not present at the meeting but had reported that everything was under control

10. Bowls England: Clive Bennett is still receiving treatment and is not at present able to drive. No report was submitted

11. Team Manager Report:

Rob Griffiths not present at meeting. RH said that officers should make every effort to attend these meetings and if unable to, to send a written report. MB to send reminders to this fact. As RH had already reported the U25's trial is unlikely to be run. Two new U25 bowlers have moved to Gloucestershire from Wales and Surrey so that will help the 'White rose' team. A query was raised about his advisors, the 4 existing advisors are still in place

12. Benevolent fund

In Derek Severs absence the chairman reported that one hamper had been sent out at Christmas. Derek as usual appealed for funds. DH proposed that perhaps the collection box should be sent around more or the delegates could ask their clubs for a donation, some clubs already do this. Also, club presidents have their own favourite charity. Phil O'Riley asked where the money is spent and the chairman replied hampers and flowers to widows.

13. Date:

Date time and place of next meeting is Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 10am, Cotswold BC. (NB this has changed from the date mentioned during the meeting.)

#### 14. Any other business:

1. Phil Beams, Cam BC and Stroud selector wanted to know who was the new selector for Cheltenham section. DH who was a Gloucester selector has moved from the Gloucester section to Cheltenham and put himself forward, Cheltenham section to discuss.
  2. Dave Williams, IPP, had not received an application for bowls England matches. MB stated he had sent an email to all eligible people including Dave. There was confusion amongst the delegates as to the proper procedure. Those receiving invitations should send the form back to bowls England if they are interested. If they are not interested, they should inform the secretary so the invitation can be reallocated. Individuals should not pass them on to another person themselves.
  3. In the past there has been a problem tracking down the trophies for the presentation lunch and some had been returned damaged. MB had asked Cotswold BC if they would house a cabinet provided and insured by the county so a central place could display county trophies. They declined stating lack of space. DH pointed out that this had been discussed previously and Pineholt and agreed to house a cabinet. It appears not to have been actioned. MB to follow up.
  4. SP, webmaster, announced the password for the competitions contact page will be set at 'comptact' lower case no spaces.
  5. The club yearbooks and men's handbooks were distributed prior to the meeting. The section secretaries collected for the clubs in their section who did not send a delegate. Extra books can be purchased from the treasurer, Keith Hawkes, for £1.50 a copy. (K.H to collect these from MB). Lyndsey Collin thanked Ian Gauld for his help in compiling the new format handbooks. At the time of going to print 17 out of 60 clubs had not sent updated information about their officers and delegates and few errors have been noticed and will be put on the errata page on the website
6. In his absence David Rolls submitted a Development report. Update on bowls coaching for the committee.
1. As part of my own work towards a Level 3 qualification in Bowls Coaching, I am delivering a bespoke coaching programme to a singles player, a Senior Pairs, and a Senior Fours group in addition to a wider ranging programme to the entire Johns Trophy squad of some 34 bowlers. This with the backing of the Women's Division and the support of Coach Bowls.
  2. From 1 April 2019, Coach Bowls Ltd will become a separate company with its own board. The company will be financially supported by the National Governing Bodies representing lawn bowls outdoors and indoors, and will be based in the premises occupied by Bowls England. The board will comprise representatives from Bowls England and the EIBA, the BE Director of Coaching, the Coaching Manager and others, including Penny McGuire and Alistair Hollis. Coach Bowls now provides coaching qualification courses for the indoor, outdoor, short mat and crown green codes of the sport which lead to recognised national qualifications.
  3. Within Gloucestershire the sport has around 30 Level 1 coaches (supporting new bowlers) and 2 Level 2 coaches (supporting the improvement of club bowlers). The latter will be joined by a further 3 or 4 Level 2 coaches who are currently going through training.
  4. If I am successful in my Level 3 course, I will be among the first few qualified coaches in the country at that level.

The chairman closed the meeting at 11:25.