

## Men's Divisional Management Committee

### Minutes of a meeting held on Saturday 26 September 2020 via Zoom

#### Present

Ken Manns (Chairman), David Skeats (Secretary), Les Hanley (Treasurer), Roger Harrison (Fixtures Secretary), Ian Gauld (Comps Sec), Graham Phillips (Team Manager), Martin Bevan (SVP), Robin Giles (JVP), Derek Turner (Bristol Section), George Thomas (Cheltenham Section), Bob Gartan (Stroud Section),

**Apologies** Gareth Tarplee (President), Keith Bedford (IPP & Gloucester Section), David Rolls (Div Rep)

#### 20/13 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of a meeting held on 29 February 2020 were approved and signed by the Secretary on behalf of the Chairman.

#### 20/14 Matters Arising

**20/02** – Emergency Contact Numbers. It was agreed that it would be better for the section selectors to collect emergency contact numbers and the guidance on county games would be amended to show this.

**20/03** – Les Hanley was welcomed to the post as Treasurer.

**20/04** – Selection Procedures. The County Games Selection and Procedures guidelines will be circulated before the start of next season.

**20/05**- Coaching Costs. The split of coaching costs between clubs and the division would need to go to the next delegates' meeting.

**20/08** – Team Manager. It was noted that there was now an additional trial planned for next year against Wiltshire in addition to the usual domestic and Oxfordshire trials.

#### 20/15 Secretary's Report

**a) Future Meetings** – At its meeting next week, the JEC will consider a proposal to defer all planned constitutional meetings until next year. That is, both of the Delegates' Meetings due in October will now take place in January/February with the Joint Council and AGM to follow as appropriate. Section meetings could still go ahead if seen as required but there was no need to tag a delegates' meeting on the end. The County Administrator will write to all clubs after the JEC to inform them of the proposals for future meetings.

**b) Handbooks/Yearbooks** – It is proposed that last year's pattern of a single County Handbook and two Divisional Yearbooks is to be repeated this year and work has started on the Men's Yearbook. One section (Bristol) has raised the issue that club delegates are not shown in the yearbook unlike the women's one. It was noted that many club delegates are not members of their club's management committee. Decisions should be made by club committees and then passed to their delegate for a meeting and hence papers are sent to the club secretary, not the delegate. It was agreed to continue this approach. The Secretary will write to the Bristol Section Secretary to explain this so it can be circulated to the clubs.

**c) Officers/Officials** – all officers and officials will continue in post until the next delegates' meeting. Les Hanley was welcomed to the post of Treasurer; it would be necessary to formally confirm his appointment at the next delegates' meeting.

**d) Meetings** – It was reported that EIBA has suggested that meetings of up to 30 people were possible but this did not seem to agree with BE advice.

## 20/16 Treasurer's Report

The draft accounts for 2019/2020 had been circulated. All county competition fees for the 2020 season had been refunded: apart from this there had been little financial activity this year. The end of the financial year is in a couple of days (end of September). There was a small loss of £2305 compared to last year. Affiliation fees (a county matter) has also been returned and the JEC would need to decide on affiliation fees for 2021. The Treasurer agreed to review possible adverts in the book which previously had brought in a small income.

Allowances – The accounts showed allowances claimed of £1,000. It was noted that an allowance of £750 had been claimed in advance by the President (for the purchase of gifts etc for games) which would be rolled over to next year and £250 by the previous Treasurer for work undertaken. No other officers had claimed any allowances for the year.

The accounts were approved and would now be sent to the clubs for review. It would be noted that, apart from the instances noted above, no officers had claimed an allowance for the year.

## 20/17 Fixture Secretary's Report

The proposed fixtures for 2021 had been circulated. There are five games requiring a coach. Fees would remain the same as planned for this year, namely £10 (£6 for under 18s). There may be a couple of Three County fixtures to be added. Coaches were dealt with by the Fixture Secretary.

## 20/18 Competition Secretary

**Dates and Venues** – The planned dates and venues have been circulated. The dates were simply those for this year rolled forward by six days to account for the calendar changes.

**The Champion of Champions competition** would follow BE practice with the 2021 competition containing both 2019 and 2020 winners provided that the 2020 club competition had followed county rules as a full, 21 ends competition. Where a member had won the club championship in 2019 and either the club had ceased to exist by 2021 or the member had changed club for 2021, they would be entitled to compete in the 2021 competition. The person would be entered under their new club. A person who won a club championship in 2020 and then leaves that club would not be entitled to enter the 2021 competition and any club runner-up in such circumstances would also not be entitled to enter.

**Timetable** – Competition entries should be with club competition secretaries by the end of September and then with section competition secretaries by the end of October. Any monies paid directly into the divisional account must show the name of the club concerned, not the individual making the payment so that refunds, if necessary, can be easily processed.

## 20/19 Team Manager's Report

**Middleton Cup** – a successful squad day had been held; 28 players attended with seven apologies. Five of these were bowlers new to the squad and the opportunity for the Team Managers to meet all the players was welcomed. Three trials were planned (Oxfordshire away, domestic at Cheltenham, Wiltshire at Cheltenham) prior to the Middleton Cup matches against Warwickshire, Worcestershire (both home) and Herefordshire (away).

**Academy Days** – Two junior academy days had been held by David Rolls and others with a total of 27 attendees over the two days. Further days are planned for next year as well as an indoor one before the start of the season. Some of the players were new to the Team Manager and a couple of juniors had been impressive and would be under consideration for the White Rose trophy. The two days were very successful and would be repeated.

## 20/20 Section reports

**Gloucester** – clubs were happy for section and county officers and officials to continue into next year

**Stroud** – papers will be circulated to all clubs and to see if a section meeting is seen as necessary

**Bristol** – no club had raised any issue for the delegates' meeting except that of the yearbook delegates mention above (20/15 b). It was unlikely that a section meeting would be seen as required

**Cheltenham** – the contribution that Mike Manns had made to bowls in Gloucestershire, both as a member and as an umpire was noted and it was recognised that his contributions would be sorely missed.

Previously, there had been a fund available (the GBYDS) to support Youth Development held by the Ladies division. These resources were still held by that division, but ring fenced for Youth Development and might be useful for future plans.

## **20/21 Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the date of the next meeting until the JEC had set a timetable for all county meeting in the new year.

## **20/22 Any Other Business**

It was noted that the rolling forward of post-holders to next year meant that members were taking up posts at an increasing age and being able to play in games was seen as important for the post. This was not a new situation and had been coped with in the past.

The Three Counties Presidential role had also been rolled forward as for county posts.

The Chairman and others noted that this Zoom meeting had been successful and felt that, if necessary, future meetings could be similarly held.

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