

GLoucestershire Bowls Association – Men's Division

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MANAGEMENT MEETING.

Held on Saturday 3rd March 2019, at the Barnwood Bowling Club.

The meeting was opened by our Acting Chairman Ken Manns at 10.07am. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for turning out, and explained that we had to arrange a different venue, due to there being a meeting already booked at Cotswold BC.

In attendance were: Keith Bedford (P), Gareth Tarplee (Snr VP), Martin Bevan (Jnr VP & Sec), Ken Manns (Cm), Roger Harrison (Fix Sec), Ian Gauld (C/Comps Sec), Rob Griffiths (M'ton Team Manager), Bob Garton (Stroud Sec) & George Thomas (Chelt Sec.)

Apologies were received from: Dave Williams (IPP), David Rolls (County Coach), Derek Turner (Bristol Sec), Keith Hawkes County Trsr)

The Chairman KM, then addressed the attendees on the issues and problems our new secretary faces, as he is new to the role, and made the point that any help that we can give him, now and in the future, would help him enormously.

KM then asked MB to sort out dates for this forthcoming season for both Management and Delegates' meetings, and to then let everyone know about them via e-mail. MB to look and ask if we can hold the meetings at Cotswold BC, he must make sure that they do not clash with JEC meetings, and to liaise with Lindsay Collin, about the dates.

The last meeting's minutes could not be located, and it was thought that they may have been mislaid after they were handed over.

Therefore, there being no minutes available we could not address "Matter's arising".

Chairman's Report

KM thanked everyone for their support, and stated that he hoped things would improve with time, as we move forward into the new season, and promised that he will do his utmost to help ALL clubs within the County, and would be there to guide MB as our new Secretary.

Secretary's Report

MB stated that he was in discussion with Lindsay Collin with ref to the Bowls England matches. LC has indicated that we should send our completed availability forms to her, to forward to Bowls England. However, there is a statement on the form requesting the user to forward their availability sheets direct to Bowls England.

Action: M Bevan to resolve.

Treasurer's Report

KH has sorted out the budget for the 2019 season, and this was approved at the Finance

meeting held on 27/02/19.

KH has also looked into the "allowances" that everyone receives, and it was felt that the secretary's allowances were too high, now that his role has decreased, MB said he agreed and would be happy to take a reduction. We then approved the change into an allowance for the County Competitions Secretary, from a fixed expenses value. The Delegates meeting on 9th March, to be notified accordingly.

KH had also emphasised that no further purchases must be made on behalf of the GBA, until it had been authorised by him and the Management Committee.

Fixtures Secretary

RH advised that we have got another fixture booked for 21st July v Victory Park B.C. in their Centenary year, 4/5 rinks.

The game against Monmouthshire, venue is still TBA, and the Under 25's trial on 21st April is cancelled.

County Competitions

IG tabled a query concerning a player who had left his club, from where he still wished to play his competitions, if he got a "social membership" from that club, could he still play his competitions out of it. The answer was "NO", as he would not be a full member of that club. He can only play competitions out of a Club of which he is a full affiliated member.

Issue's.

1. Could we purchase a cabinet and display the GBA trophies in it at the Cotswold IBC.

We were advised we would have to write to the Cotswold Board of Directors first to get their approval, and we would have to pay the insurance for cover of our trophies.

RG did say that some of our member's did like to hold onto the trophy that they have won, and display it in their home. The matter will be further discussed once we have the Cotswold response.

IG has also been looking into this issue.

2. RG asked if GT could still be match official for the Middleton Cup matches. The reply was that we now have a new match official in KM, and he now has all equipment (scorecards, stickers, \county shirts, etc), and he was willing to help.

3. Nomination forms for those players wishing to play for the County has not been sent out yet, to the individual club secretaries.

4. Development of the youth within the County. KB stated that he knew that at the Bowls Development Alliance (BDA), there was talk of having an "Open day" for new people to play bowls, this is also being looked into by our JEC.

5. We need to help our Secretary, and give him a job description so he knows what to work to. KM promised to put together some notes for the guidance for MB.

6. MB asked if the Press Officer & Webmaster could attend the Management meetings.

The reply was "NO" unless they were co-opted to attend. There is a list of whom can attend in the GBA handbook as in Rule 6.1 on page 66 and Rule 9 on page 71.

7. There were various comments made about the website not being up and running, this was due to the fact that Reg Tibbles has now retired from running our website, and the new webmaster is learning how to get a new one up and running with help from Lindsay Collin, to date one section has been done covering the Bristol section competition draw.

Please bear with our new webmaster, thank you.

Date of next Management meeting is Saturday 4th May 2019.

There is a Delegates meeting on Saturday 9th March '19, starting at 10.00am at Cotswold IBC.

The Chairman, KM, then thanked Barnwood Bowls Club for hosting our meeting at short notice, and closed the meeting at 11.34 am.