



GLOUCESTERSHIRE BOWLS ASSOCIATION

A Member of Bowls England

G.B.A Joint Executive Committee

Minutes of Meeting of Saturday 4th February 2017

Falcon B.C. : 10.00 a.m.

Members present: Chair - Peter Langley (County Administrator) PL, Lindsay Collin (Deputy County Administrator and WD BE Delegate) LC, Bryan Fox (MD BE Delegate) BF, Glyn Marriott (MD Delegate) GM, Myra Savage (WD Match Secretary) MS, Avril Hole (Deputy County Treasurer) AH, Roger Harrison (MD Match Secretary) RH, Linda Bennett (WD Delegate) AH, Anne Beaven (WD co-opted Delegate) AB, Keith Hawkes (Deputy County Treasurer) KH

1. **Apologies** Maddie Hale (County Treasurer) MH
2. **Minutes of Executive Meeting of 7 December 2016** Accepted as a correct record
3. **Matter arising** from previous minutes
 - 3.1 (Item 8) Confirmation of 2017 Annual Luncheon on Sunday 15 October, as advert needs to go in Handbooks now.
4. **Report on GBA Annual General Meeting of Saturday 14 January 2017**
 - 4.1 LC has AGM notes from MH and will formally write the minutes. (Action LC)
 - 4.2 Chair ran through the content of the meeting and the outcomes : New Constitution & Rules had been accepted by 38-1 votes. Affiliation problems were dealt with by MH, who has since done much detailed work on this matter; letter penned by MH ready to go out in the next few weeks to clubs individually with their affiliation 'issues', plus a raft of detail about how to avoid affiliation mistakes in the coming year. (Action MH and PL)
5. **Financial Matters**
 - 5.1 GBA matters
 - 5.1.1 LC drew attention to the various documents circulated by MH: Latest GBA2010 accounts; GBA consolidated accounts (provided after AGM); club affiliation numbers. LC also had a copy of the summary of GBA payments to Bowls England, for interest.
 - 5.1.2 A decision would be taken regarding a GBA 2010 levy on the divisions, at the next meeting.
 - 5.2 Brought forward by Assistant Treasurers
 - 5.2.1 No problems with Women's Division. Accounts had been examined. Main components were affiliations and competition monies.
 - 5.2.2 Men's Division. Discussion on coach hire, including comparisons made with WD costs. GBA mileage rate (currently 28p) to be considered at next meeting.
 - 5.3 County development matters
 - 5.3.1 Marker courses. Highly respected. Will be supported again by WD (£25); hopefully the MD can match this.
 - 5.3.2 Coaching. Long discussion on coaching generally, following upon an approach from County Coaching Co-ordinator David Rolls, regarding financial support for participants on Coach Bowls courses. Points made in discussion :

- County accept the commitment made to support coaching
- Possible sources of funding appear to be – Bowls England, GBA, club, the individual
- Level 1 courses – 50% bursaries from BE for 1 person in each club
- Level 1 coaches operate mostly in clubs
- Level 2 courses – 50% bursaries from BE.
- Level 2 coaches will operate County-wide
- Situation complicated by EBCS coaches in many clubs
- Divisions will match fund

Committee will return to this topic in next meeting, after some facts checked. Committee appears minded to concentrate a good level of funding on higher level coaches.

Definite support for David going for Level 3, if selected for the course. WD will offer involvement, through their Johns and Walker teams, but MD might also be interested (will discuss at next MD Management Meeting). (Action LC)

- 5.3.3 Recruitment and development. A small group of members have asked about these issues, which are also part of the County remit. Uncertainty on their aspirations and aims, and whether they are aware of existing BDA support for recruitment. LC will contact them, have preliminary discussion and go to one of their meetings. 'Development' is a different issue, so future of a Development Officer is a different matter. (Action LC)

6 Executive Committee organisation 2017

- 6.1 Committee positions Required post-AGM annual role consideration :
- Administrator / Deputy Administrator. Retain present roles – PL Administrator, LC Deputy Administrator
 - Chairman / Minute secretary. Retain present roles – PL Chair, LC Minute Secretary
 - For 2017, RH - County Match Secretary, MS - Assistant County Match Secretary.
- 6.2 Schedules. LC will undertake the schedules related to the Constitution & Rules (6), as possible, and present for consideration at later meetings. GM noted that schedules should be accessible to the members; they will be on the two GBA Web site in due course, as will the C & R. (Action LC)
- 6.3 GM wished to consider again the procedures involved in the formal proposal and acceptance of the new Constitution & Rules at the 2017 AGM. A lengthy discussion took place, but without any change from the views summarised in the 7 December 2016 minutes.

7 GBA mixed fixtures

Three such fixtures on 2017 list – Warwicks, Somerset, Hereford. Wiltshire and Worcester have expressed an interest for future seasons, though space on the fixture list is rather limited..

8 Bowls England Report

- 8.1 BE 10th Anniversary Celebrations. An invitation had been received for the GBA to send 4 nominated persons to the celebration on 21st August 2017 in Leamington Spa. Includes : Buffet lunch, matches for 96 people in the afternoon, plus an evening dinner-dance for the whole 140 county invitees and others. BE has requested that these be members who had made big contributions to the County over the past 10 years. Agreed for GBA that these should be two per division, so the divisions are to consider, make recommendations and the decision will then be taken by the Joint Executive (the formal invitations will go out in May).
- 8.2 LC and BF will attend the BE AGM and Men's Presentation Dinner on 25th February.
- 8.3 BDA 'Play Bowls' scheme has re-opened on 1st February and closes on 31st March. [Relevant to item 5.3.3.] (Action LC)

9 AOB

- 9.1 Fairford BC - new uniforms approved.
- 9.2 Ken Griffin Mixed Pairs. Flyer for 2017 provided by Mike Manns, but basic details only will be included in Handbook adverts. (Action LC, PL)

Date of next meeting - Saturday 11th March 2017, 10.00 am - Falcon B.C