

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BOWLS ASSOCIATION – MEN'S DIVISION

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Men's Division Management Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Saturday 5th February 2022 at 10:00 at Cotswold BC

1. Attendance:

11 members as per the Sign In form held by the Secretary. The Chairman welcomed George Bevan, the newly installed Cheltenham Section Secretary.

2. Apologies:

Gareth Tarplee, Martin Bevan, Graham Phillips, Keith Bedford.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 25th September 2021.

Accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising.

Valuation and Insurance of Trophies. Permission given to Ian Gauld to proceed with obtaining a quote for a valuation and photographic record.

(1) Action Ian Gauld

Schedule F (Green's Committee Protocol) With the Green's Committee members for assessment. Concern was expressed that the Green's Report Forms were going out of use, and the Chairman offered to supply the Secretary with the forms for distribution.

Post Meeting: Forms supplied and distributed.

Stroud Section County Match Selectors. Dave Hopkins (Cheltenham Selector) had offered to take on this role, with the Stroud Secretary's approval. Roger Harrison (Bristol Selector) said that he had offered to take on the role at the meeting on the 25th, but this had not been recorded in the minutes. A Stroud member now had come forward to consider taking the role. The Committee was unanimous that should the Stroud member refuse the role, then Roger Harrison take it on.

Post Meeting: David Rolls has taken on the role of Stroud Section Selector, assisted for this season (he has only recently moved to Frampton) by Roger Harrison.

5. Chairman's Address :

The Chairman referred to the actions of the Joint Executive Committee (JEC) in holding a vote on the Men's proposal re selection for County Friendly matches. He believed the JEC did not have this power, and the action was unconstitutional. The proper course was for the Men's and Ladies Divisions to talk the matter through and reach agreement. He was concerned that the Men on the JEC had voted against the Men's Proposal. The JEC had no right to interfere in matters which only related to one Division. David Rolls intervened to say that there were occasions, when for the good of the game a wider view had to be taken, and if the 5 men and 5 ladies always voted in line with their Division's stance, then nothing would be achieved. The Chairman reiterated his view that a vote should not have

been taken. The action of the JEC in holding such a vote reflected that they considered they were the ultimate arbiters on the Constitution. The Constitution was so vague and complicated in certain areas, that a re-consideration of the Constitution was needed. Especially in the lack of detailing the powers of the JEC, and restriction on input by the Clubs at the AGM, the lack of scrutiny of Schedules being an example. The Chairman was instructed, on behalf of the Men's Division to write to the JEC detailing our concerns over their application of the Constitution .

Post Meeting: Letter sent and circulated to Management Committee members.

The Chairman expressed concern that the Men's BE Representative had failed to attend either JEC or Men's Management Meetings in the previous 12 months, failing to give apologies or reports. The Secretary was instructed to contact the Representative and ascertain his willingness to remain in the role.

Post Meeting: BE Representative assures Chairman that he wishes to diligently pursue this role, ill health has prevented him from doing so. But he has improved.

6. Secretary's Report:

The Men's 2022 Yearbook had gone to the Printer's and the Secretary thanked all the contributors for their work and also the assistance he received from the County Administrator in the compilation and proof reading of the Yearbook.

The dates of Management and Delegates meetings for 2022 was raised and the meeting was of the opinion that meetings should not be held in the playing season. Accordingly, meetings would be held as listed at the end of these minutes. Should other meetings be required, they can be arranged.

7. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer wished permission to change the signatures on the Building Society and cheque accounts, as two of them were no longer involved on the Management Committee. He also wished to update the membership of the Finance Committee:

The following decisions were taken:

Building Society Account: Signatures – Les Hanley, Roger Harrison, George Thomas.

Proposed: Derek Turner, Seconded: Ian Gault. Approved Unanimously.

Cheque Account: Signatures – Les Hanley, Roger Harrison, George Thomas.

Proposed: Robin Giles, Seconded: Ian Deakins. Approved Unanimously.

(1) Action: Les Hanley

Composition of Finance Committee: Les Hanley, Roger Harrison, Ken Manns, George Thomas

Proposed: Ian Deakins, Seconded: David Rolls. Approved Unanimously.

The system of recompensing the Umpires & Markers through Ian Gault worked well.

Financial matters requiring resolution by the Finance Committee included an allowance to the Chairman for storing County items, setting the President's allowance, ordering numbers for the newly designed County competitive shirt and purchasing flashes for the Men's Competitive matches, both Senior and Junior.

The Treasurer would compile a list of retained stock to accompany these minutes. (Appendix A)

8. Fixture Secretary's Report :

The locations of the following matches were confirmed:

Men's v Ladies at Cam BC

Bedford Touring Side at Tewkesbury BC

Civil Service at Moreton in the March BC

9. Competition Secretary's Report:

It was confirmed that the Men's County trophies were not covered by Insurance.

10. Team Manager Report

In the absence of the Team manager, the Chairman read his report. The Middleton Cup trials would be on the 7th May against Oxford and 21st May against Wiltshire; and an internal trial on the 15th May. Round One is on the 18th June against Hereford at Worcester BC.

11. Bowls England Representative Report:

In the absence of the BE Representative there was no report.

The Secretary will represent the GBA Men's Division at the Bowls England Annual Meeting on the 19th February at Leicester. There are three proposals to be voted on, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, together with a commentary on them by Bowls England. These were briefly discussed and then voted upon with the following result:

Proposal 10.1 Reinstate the Presentation Evening – 7 in favour, 3 abstentions

Proposal 10.2 Reinstate medal presentations at Nationals – Unanimous in favour.

Proposal 10.3 Reinstate Middleton Cup to 2019 League format – Unanimous in favour'

The Secretary will act in accordance with this vote.

(1) Action: George Thomas

12. Report from Sections:

Bristol Section reported that no Clubs had disappeared as a result of the initial excessive rental rise place on them by Bristol Council. Thanks mainly to the intervention of the County Administrator a more realistic rental had been arrived at and appeared affordable to the Clubs concerned.

Gloucester Section would have to make arrangement for the reporting of County Competition results if their Competition Secretary was still indisposed in Hospital.

Post Meeting: Chairman and Gloucester Competition Secretary confident that he will be able to carry out his duties.

Cheltenham and Stroud had nothing to report.

11. Any Other Business:

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.30pm

12 Date of next Meetings:

Delegates Meeting: 26th March 2022 and 15th October 2022

Management Meeting: 24th September 2022

APPENDIX A

Gloucestershire Bowls Association.

Stock Take of Match Official's holdings as at 23rd October 2021.

Designation	Number held	Amended number based on usage/re-supply
Free of charge items.		
County Flag	1	
County Badges	61	
50 Games Badges	19	
100 Games Badges	12	
150 Games Badges	4	
200 Games Badges	11	
Colts Badges	92	
Middleton Cup Flashes	28	
Life Member Flashes	3	
Rink Cards	Qty held	Adequate
Rink Cardholders	8	
County Stickers	Qty held	Adequate
Presidents Flashes	2022- 2025	
Glasses	496	
Saleable items.		
Shirt Small	3	
Shirt Medium	6	
Shirt Large	6	
Shirt Extra Large	10	
Shirt XX Large	5	
Shirt XXX Large	4	
Shirt XXXX Large	2	
Shirt XXXXX Large	3	
Jacket Small	4	
Jacket Medium	4	
Jacket Large	4	
Jacket Extra Large	3	
Jacket XX Large	2	
Jacket XXX Large	2	
Jacket XXXX Large	1	
Ties	26	

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