

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BOWLS ASSOCIATION – MEN’S DIVISION

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MANAGEMENT MEETING.

Held on Saturday 29th June 2019, at Cotswold Bowls Club.

In attendance

Chairman: Ken Manns (KM) -----	Senior VP: Gareth Tarplee(GTar)	Junior VP: Martin Bevan (MB)
Secretary: . Martin Bevan (MB)-----	Treasurer: Keith Hawkes (KH)	Fixtures Sec: Roger Harrison (RH)
Cheltenham-----	Stroud	Bristol
Section Sec: George Thomas (GTh)	Section Sec: Bob Gartan (BG)	Section Sec: Derek Turner (DT)
Comp Sec: Ian Gauld (IG)		

The Chairman KM opened the meeting at 10am

1) Apologies for absence

President: Keith Bedford ----- Immediate PP: Dave Williams Team Manager: Rob Griffiths

2) Minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2019

ACTION

The following amendment had been submitted by IG referring to entrant’s qualification for County competitions.

“The matter has been resolved. All players who enter competitions must be affiliated, the player concerned states that he has paid an affiliation fee, included in his social+ membership, and also states that he has reached an agreement with the Club that he may play his competitions on their green. The Competition Secretary recommends a Constitution change to reflect that all competitors should be 'full playing members' which would avoid this situation arising again.”

The minutes and the amendment were accepted and signed by KM.

IG to review the competition rules and come up with a proposal

IG

3) Matters Arising

3.a.i.4 – Websites, the men’s website is up and running in the main but there are still concerns that information is not available in advance of matches. The website administrator is receiving competitions data (from IG), friendly fixture data (from RH) and results (from KM) on a regular basis but is not receiving match data re Middleton cup, Balcomb Trophy or Whiterose from RG.

IG to mention this to RG

IG

3.b – Meetings. There was a delegates’ meeting midseason last year as there was much to discuss re changes to the constitution. This year only the normal procedures need to be addressed.

Nominations for next years officers and officials need to be sent to the secretary 6 weeks before the delegates meeting.

After discussion DT and GTh proposed and seconded that there was no need for a July delegates' meeting. It was agreed by all that the delegates' meeting would be held as scheduled on the 19th October, 10am at Cotswold BC.

BG liaised with the secretary of Cotswold BC (CBC) over use of their facilities. The dates between October and April are confirmed. There is only a potential problem during the months May to September that the club may not be opened if there are no home games.

KM has discussed use of Barnwood BC facilities in the event of CBC not being available they are in agreement subject to perhaps meeting in the ladies' changing room.

3.b – Lindsay Collin, the county administrator, has corresponded with Peter Isles and will be discussed at the next JEC, so subject is ongoing

- 4) Chairman's report. KM said that the playing season was progressing well and as he has had nothing brought to his attention by the delegates all is OK
- 5) Secretary's Report. MB had very little to report very few people are reporting directly to him. Apologies for absence and other reports being relayed via other members of the committee. He had had an email from Warwickshire BA with an update about the team member, Andy Smith, who had collapsed at the Balcomb Trophy match. He had been admitted to hospital and was conscious and able to answer the doctor's questions. With the permission of the other clubs in the group and Bowls England the match is rescheduled for Saturday July 6th, 10am at Cheltenham BC. (Before the Middleton Cup)

In his apologies for absence email (he is playing a competition game) to MB, Dave Williams, IPP, stated that he would be resigning as the Bowls England representative and from greens inspection at the next delegates meeting. He also said he would not be available for any more of the 3 counties matches.

There has been consternation this season about who is selecting the 3 counties matches. This is usually carried out by the Junior VP (MB). MB was unwell and in hospital at the start of the season and had accepted Gareth's (GTar) offer of help for the first game. KB had also offered to help. Lists to eligible players were sent out by both the gentlemen which caused confusion. RH was unhappy that he was only selected for 2 of the matches out of the list he had returned, and that non-Officers and Officials had been selected. GTar had in fact made selections for all the games and sent emails to this effect to those selected. When MB recovered, he said he would like to see his selections and take over the selection process and GTar resent emails to those people a telling them they would no longer be playing. This has caused a rift between the Officers and confusion amongst players. MB to select all remaining 3 counties matches for the season.

- 6) Treasurers Report. KH reported that from decisions made by the finance committee, 30 ties to be ordered. (27 sold since 2016). Colts badges also to be ordered as stocks are low. (Northwick sent 4 new players to a recent county game). Cloth badges are being ordered but pins are to be investigated

as it is no longer obligatory to wear a county blazer. The price of the zip-up jackets is to be increased from £22 to £30 which is cost price.

At present umpires receive an allowance based on the distance travelled to the match and this may not be enough to cover refreshment costs. The match official is to cover the cost of refreshments and either claim it from the county treasurer or take it out of the days income if there is enough to cover the costs. Umpires to be advised of this decision.

IG wishes to discuss with the treasurer what expenses players going to Leamington for the National championships will receive. Bowls England sends a contribution to the County Treasurer and the county then 'tops it up' and allocates amongst the players.

- 7) Fixtures Secretary's Report. RH has had a request from Gloucester Spa BC for a centenary match in 2020. They would also like to be considered to host county matches but need to be able to provide catering for these games.

The match versus Essex at Maidenhead BC will be in next year's fixtures list, despite the difficulties.

At the recent match against the English Civil Service at Barnwood BC, Barnwood caterers complained that they hadn't received the numbers to be catered for in time. RH stated that if the information wasn't passed to him, he could not be held responsible. The visiting team brought more visitors than they had originally stated. Campbell McColl did later phone and apologised for the mix up. All were catered for.

There appears to be a fluctuation in prices being charged for match meals. RH only has control over prices within the county which are between £6.50 and £7. Cotswold are an exception at £7.50 as the money goes to the caterers and not the club. However, they do not charge rink fees to compensate (BG). KM was concerned at paying £75 to the club in Oxford that hosted the Middleton Cup trial Match as he was led to believe it was supposed to be £50.

- 8) Competitions Secretary Report. IG reported that the competitions had been running smoothly until the 4's quarter final on 24th June. A team from Tewksbury BC were due to play but unfortunately one of the team was sick and so they were unable to put out a team as they had used a sub in an earlier round and that sub was also unable to play that evening. IG stated Championship and Competition rule 4.2, that only one sub was allowed, and the team would need to withdraw giving their opponents a walk over. The following Tuesday a written appeal was received and a meeting of the competitions committee with 2 representatives from the Tewksbury team was to take place immediately after the management meeting. IG had already discussed the problem with Lindsay Collin, the county administrator who agreed with his decision and the management committee also backed his decision but also advised him to hear the appeal with an open mind.

The 2 wood singles competition date clashes with the county league date. IG to inform the county league organiser to insure the dates don't clash next year.

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IG has sent out invitations to all clubs to host county competition games in 2020

- 9) Team Manager Report. No report had been received from RG. KM stated that the first Middleton cup team lost heavily overall by 47 shots, but the rink skipped by Nathan Kitchen won 22 to 12. Changes

were made to the team for the second game against Dorset and they had a good win 149 to 85. The same team has been selected for the next game on Saturday the 6th July against Warwickshire.

Concern has been voiced in the county about selection for the Middleton cup and whether the team manager is meeting with his advisors. There followed a discussion whether the way forward is to select the team manager via the delegates meeting or appoint by the management committee. No decision at this time.

10) Section Secretary's reports

- a) Bristol – DT reported that there may be a future problem with parking at Almondsbury where the coach picks up Bristol area players for county matches. Olveston BC has offered parking but it is deemed too far from Bristol and Derek Servers has advised DT that he has negotiated a days parking at the Interchange Hotel for £2 per day should parking become an issue.

Bristol City have distributed a consultation document about the upkeep of bowls greens owned by the council. For example, Begbrook Green may be issued with a rent rise from £4000 to £8000 per annum and some greens are threatened with closure altogether. The Bristol area has a greater number of council greens than other areas and therefore it is a worrying situation for the Bristol section and has knock on financial implications for all clubs in Gloucestershire, lack of games, match fees etc. and affiliation fees to Bowls England. Lindsay Collin is in touch with Bristol City Council and has forwarded the consultation document and her reply to MB, he will forward these to the Management Committee.

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- b) Cheltenham – No report
- c) Gloucester – No report
- d) Stroud – No report

- 11) Officers and Officials for 2020. Nominations for the posts need to be received 6 weeks before the delegates meeting so the cut off date will be Saturday 7th September. IG suggested that all posts are available for nomination but to also list the current holder of that post. MB to organise and email nomination forms to all clubs

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- 12) Date of next meeting. Saturday 12th October, 10am at Cotswold BC

- 13) Any other business. DW reported via IG that he was 'unhappy' that at a recent county fixture the rink from Cam Mills BC who were being presented with the top rink prize were 'fined' for the president's charity for not wearing a blazer. As it is no longer a requirement to wear a county blazer to matches the players were embarrassed by this. KM to discuss this with KB

There followed a discussion about giving County Champions and runners up and the county league winners a trial for the Middleton Cup team, possibles v probables format. This has been carried out in the past but has met with some scepticism, morale in this respect needs improving. The management committee are in favour. DW and IG to come up with a proposal.

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DW and IG

The chairman then closed the meeting at 12pm.