



Bowls Hampshire Executive Meeting Minutes

29th September 2016

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from 11 members, 30 members were in attendance.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2016 were approved on a proposition by David Wildman, seconded by Keith Taylor

3. Matters Arising

All matters arising was covered by Agenda items.

4. Changes to Competition Regulations

The Executive approved, subject to a few minor alterations, a paper, from the Management Committee, proposing some changes to bring County Regulations in line with those of Bowls England and to give clarification on a few issues. In addition, the meeting agreed:

- That it is necessary to set out the rules to apply to any club which has both a grass and synthetic green.
- Para 10 needed amendment to ensure all non-badged players representing Bowls Hampshire at the National Championships are awarded their County Badge.

The Secretary was invited to draft the necessary changes and ensure that the Area AGMs are made fully aware of how the Regulations for 2017 have been altered.

5. Finance

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairman reported that, although there were still a couple of days left before the end of the year, the Treasurer was expecting the loss to be some £1k greater than the anticipated £5k deficit. A full report will be presented at the AGM but he expected to be able to forward draft figures to Area Secretaries in time for the Autumn meetings. He anticipated that Affiliation fees, Competition fees, costs of Yearbooks and Match fees will remain unchanged although the Match fees need to be reviewed given that Clubs are charging more to the County.

6. Last Eight Arrangements for 2017

The Secretary had, in advance of the meeting, circulated papers explaining the problems that had been experienced in constructing a programme for 2017. He said that what was before the meeting was his best effort but he recognised that the programme might need some tweaking, once we saw the number of entries in the new competitions. He thanked the Atherley and Banister Park Clubs for making greens available. The Executive recognised the problems and asked that Championship Last Eights dates be circulated to Clubs.

7. Appointment of Middleton Cup and Johns Trophy Managers

The Chairman reported there had been 2 applications (Derek Collins and Dennis Knight) for the Middleton Cup post and one (Kay Kerley) for the Johns. As the incumbent manager and having had just 2 years in post it was intended to re-appoint Kay Kerley for a three-year tenure. There would, however, be a need to interview the two prospective Middleton Managers and he had invited Spencer Kerley, Cynthia Abraham, Keith Taylor and Paul Robson to join him on the Interview Panel. He anticipated that the interviews would take place in mid-November after there had been an opportunity to discuss this year's performance with the 2016 Managers.

8. Bowls England Report

The Secretary reported:

- That there were two nominations for the Bowls England Junior Vice President posts and that Hampshire's 4 votes had been cast in favour of our own Hazel Marke. The electronic ballot would close on 13th November so he anticipated the result would be known before the BE Women's Dinner.
- On the results in the four International Championships, three of which had been won by England.
- He had that morning been notified that BE had changed the rules relating to how Counties qualify to have a third entrant at the National Championships. Hampshire would now have a third qualifier in most events and his initial view was that, as soon as semi-finals had been played it would be necessary to get the losing semi-finalists to agree an evening date and venue for the 3rd/4th place play off.

9. Bowls Hampshire Luncheon 2016

The Assistant Secretary reported that Mrs Marcia Dunstone, the Immediate Past President of BE and her husband Colin would be the Official Guests. To date 99 people – 56 women and 43 men had indicated they would be attending – an increase of 2 over 2015. She asked that if anyone else wished to go she be notified immediately as in the next week she would be putting together the seating plan

10. Officer Nominations

The Secretary had circulated a list of Officers nominated by their Clubs and those, not nominated, who had indicated a willingness to continue. He said that subsequently to his putting out the list Ken Eichen had been put forward by Cove for the post of Senior Vice President. Nominations were still needed for two Women's Area Secretaries' posts.

11. Any Other Business

A vote of thanks was given to Stuart Logan who is retiring as Umpire's co-ordinator – to be succeeded by Tony Prince. The Development Officer reported on progress with re-establishing the HBCA. She anticipated the body would be up and running following the AGM in January.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at Banister Park, following the AGM on 24th November 2016.