Minutes of the Hampshire Bowls Development Alliance Annual General Meeting 2014 held at Banister Park Indoor Bowls Club on Tuesday December 2nd 2014 at 10.00pm

- 1. **Apologies** ~ These were received from Don Goodwin, HBDA Secretary, (Alton Social/Chawton Park IBC), Susan Cooper, (BDA Director), Huw Evans (Southbourne), Mike Case, (Bedhampton), Norman Proudfoot (Leigh Park) Barbara Sparling, (HSMBA), Betty Blunden (Highcliffe) **Present** ~ Sheila Goodwin, Chair (Alton Social, Chawton Park), Carl Taylor, Treasurer, Cove, Ian Messer, Southbourne, Peter Bown, Oakley; Maurice Bates, Old Basing, Brenda and Malcolm Webb, Portchester; Maxeen Fletcher, Lockswood; Brian Baxendale and Roger Falkingham, Littleton; James Barlow, Southampton Old Green; Mike Stubbington and David Rennison, Banister Park; Chris Turner, Odiham and North Warnborough, Brian Bunker, HSMBA Nicola Wright, Sport Hampshire and IOW
- 2. **Minutes of the AGM 2013** ~ These were approved and signed
- 3. **Matters Arising** ~ There were none.
- 4. **Chairman's Report** ~ Chairman, Sheila Goodwin, presented her report for 2013/14 that had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting. It is attached to these minutes.
- 5. **Treasurer's Report** ~ Having circulated the financial report prior to the meeting, the Treasurer addressed points and answered queries. He further observed that, generally, he was disappointed with the "take-up" by clubs for Open Day and Taster Session amounts of £40. Discussion followed on possible reasons for the low response and the question of whether it was related to the paperwork involved was raised. However, information is available on the Bowls Hampshire and HIBA websites for clubs interested in applying for the now £50 allowance. The Chairman advised that approval had been given by the BDA for £100 of the money it has contributed to the HBDA to be put towards the purchase of a projector that can be used for meetings, coaching and training purposes. The meeting approved a further £100 of funds for the same purpose. A cheque for £200 will be forwarded to the HBCA Treasurer. The proposal by Roger Falkingham, seconded by Maxeen Fletcher that the accounts be adopted was carried.
- 6. **HBDA Initiatives~** As stated above, the amounts for the Come and Try Taster Sessions and Open Days, funded locally by the HBDA, has been raised to £50. Clubs may apply for either but not both.
- 7. **BDA Packages** ~ Money is available directly from the BDA for Silver, Gold and Platinum awards with grant amounts ranging from £290 to £600. Certain criteria have to be fulfilled for all packages. Full details are on the Bowls Development Alliance or the Coach Bowls website.
- 8. **Coaching** ~ BDA Level 1 and BDA Level 2. A Coach training course for 10 candidates was held at Chawton Park IBC in February 2014. Six of the coaches were from Hampshire and all were successful in obtaining a Level 1 Coach Assistant qualification. 8 further Hampshire coaches will be attending a Level 2 BDA Coach Qualification course in Dorchester, Dorset, starting in December 2014. The HBCA expressed it thanks to the County Sports Partnership for a grant of £750 towards training, to the HBDA for facilitating a loan of £900 prior to the course completion, when that amount will be repaid, and also to Bowls Hampshire, who have provided funding for coaches' DBS Clearance and for Safeguarding and Protecting Children and Vulnerable People and First Aid courses.

9. **CSP courses and funding sources** ~ Many courses are provided by the County Sports Partnership, Sport Hampshire and Isle of Wight. Apart from those mentioned above, it offers courses on coach development, equity, working with disabilities and subsidises them for Hampshire clubs and coaches, especially those signed up to its website, to Project 500 and to working with disability groups. Details are on the Sport Hampshire and Isle of Wight website and the CSP welcomes approaches from bowls clubs.

10. Election of Officers ~ Chair Sheila Goodwin Treasurer Carl Taylor Maxeen Fletcher Minute Secretary Representatives Outdoor Maxeen Fletcher Code Ian Messer Mike Stubbington Indoor No nomination Ladies **Accounts Verifier** Neil Fletcher

There being no further nominations, the above named nominees were elected.

11. **Clubmark Presentation** ~ Nicola Wright gave a very informative PowerPoint presentation on the updated version of CLUBMARK that does not require a junior section. She outlined the four requirement categories and gave information on sources for templates and guidelines as well as suggestions on how these tasks might be more easily accomplished if small working groups are formed to deal with each category.

Her advice was helpful and well received. Nicola said she would be pleased to assist with queries and is contactable on 01962 845163 and nicola.j.wright@hants.gov.uk

She emphasised that it is no longer the onerous task that it once was. It is more stream-lined and user-friendly with significantly less contact of there is no junior section. The benefits of such an accreditation of quality can be financially rewarding.

12. **Date of next AGM** ~ This was agreed for Tuesday December 1st 2015 at 10.00am.

Venue to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the Chairman expressed thanks to Banister Park IBC for the use of the premises, wished everyone a Happy Christmas, a safe journey home and closed the meeting at 11.57 am.