

SUSSEX COUNTY BOWLS (Men's Section)

(Members of Bowls England & the Home Counties Bowls Association)

Minutes of a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at Adur IBC at 10:00 hours on Tuesday 7th September, 2021

Members: Tony Sharman (TS)(Chairman), Bob Markham (BM)(President), Mark Broadway (MB)(Vice President), Roger Day (RDa)(Imm Past. President and Match Secretary), Rod McBeth (RMc)(Hon. Secretary), Lindsay Bangs (LB)(Hon. Treasurer), Noel McAuliffe (NM)(Hon Asst. Secretary), Robin Llewellyn-Powell (RLP)(Hon. Competition Secretary) and John Bishop (JB)(Hon Safeguarding Officer). Plus 1 member from each of the Four Divisions: Div. 1 – Brian Henty (BH), Div. 2 – Chris Reynolds (CR), Div. 3 – Graham Scutt(GS), Div. 4 – Dave Bowles(DB).

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| 1. Apologies. | |
| a) Apologies were received from John Bishop (JB), (Noel McAuliffe (NM) and Dave Bowles(DB). | |
| 2. Minutes of GPC Meetings held on 29th June, 2021. | |
| a) The Minutes of the above meetings, were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting after one minor correction. | |
| 3. Matters arising from the above Minutes. | |
| a) There were no matters arising from the minutes. | |
| 4. Officers Reports. | |
| a) Reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretary, Competition Secretary and VP & Executive Match Controller and Safeguarding Officer were all accepted. | |
| b) RLP added to his Competition Report that since his report he had now received details of the Home Counties BA Finals Day, which was scheduled to be held on 15 May 22. All our competitors had been notified of relevant action required. | |
| c) The Chairman expressed his concern that the Safeguarding Officer had indicated that he would no longer be continuing in post and noted that he had experienced similar problems whilst attempting to obtain information from BE. | |
| 5. County Ties & Caps | |
| a) It was agreed that we need to obtain a further stock of county ties and that the Secretary should seek prices and place an order. | RMc |
| b) Additional Caps had been ordered and were due to arrive and the sale price would need to increase to £7.50 to cover increased production cost. | |
| 6. Competitions | |
| a) A proposal that the winner of the Unbadged Competition should receive his County badge was discussed and it was agreed that a proposal should be formulated for consideration by the Executive Committee. | RMc |
| b) A proposal that additional unbadged competitions be introduced, was discussed and unanimously rejected. | |
| 7. Revision of Men's Section Rules for Competitions | |
| a) Draft proposed amendments to the Men's Section Rules for Competitions to cater for changes that will be necessary when the county moves to an online system for entry to competitions in 2022 were discussed and approved for passing to the Executive Committee. | RMc |

8. Amendments to the Men's Section Constitution

- a) Amendments to the Men's Section Constitution – as attached were agreed for passing to the Executive Committee.

9. Meal Costs

- a) RMc Reported that subsequent to agreement of meal costs for fixtures in 2022 on which allocations were made, one club had submitted an increase in price. It was agreed that RMc should write to the club pointing out that they had submitted a price when bidding to host a game and that a match had been allocated on those terms and indicate that the County would be prepared to meet the increase half way. RMc
- b) A further discussion took place concerning the meal provided at one particular club and it was agreed that RMc should write to the club in question. RMc
- c) Meal cost in general were then discussed and it was agreed that Match fee for Executive/Presidential indoor meal matches would be increased to the same cost as those for outdoor County matches - £12 or £6.00 if only tea and biscuits. RMc
- d) It was agreed that the information on the form sent to clubs asking of they wished to host a County/Presidential Match should be updated to be more specific about meal requirements. RMc

10. Vice Patrons

- a) Following differing interpretations of the Billingham League rules due to the ambiguity considered to exist in those rules, and complaints received concerning various matters, TS set up a small sub-committee to review the VP Controllers Job Responsibilities and the Billingham League and Pullen cup Rules.
- b) The sub-committee met and after considerable discussion of various matter, proposed various changes which were forwarded to all GPC members for consideration prior to this GPC meeting.
- b) At the Meeting TS asked that, before discussing the sub-committee proposals and following receipt of a suggestion that all the Rules for the Billingham League be set aside and permit Controllers to pick their strongest team without having their hands tied by arbitrary regulations, the committee vote on this proposal. After discussion, the proposal was unanimously rejected.
- c) The proposals made by the sub-committee were then widely discussed, minor changes were made and the final draft was unanimously agreed to be published to the County website and to be forwarded to all the VP Controllers for their use in 2022 onwards. RMc

11. Appointment

- a) It was not possible to appoint a Safeguarding Officer as John Bishop had indicated that he was resigning and no other nomination had been put forward. RD
- b) The following continuing appointments were confirmed:
 - Hon Chaplain – Gordon Leaman;
 - Hon Auditor – David Bizat;
 - County Coach – Geoff Fitch;
 - HCL & Middleton Cup Manager – Mark Strong;
 - Under 25 Manager – Andy Clark
- c) The Following continuing appointments were confirmed, subject to acceptance of the revised VP Controllers Job Responsibilities:
 - Division 1 – Mark Bilsby;
 - Division 2 – Chris Sykes;

Division 3 – Brian Goatman;

Division 4 – Rod McBeth.

12. Any Other business

- a) RM was asked to arrange for the Obituary list on the website to be updated. RMc
- b) It was agreed that where players had qualified for their County badge and it had not been possible to present it at either the Quarter/Semi or Finals day, then the Secretary would write to the club and ask that the player be informed that it would be presented on the first occasion the player was selected to play in a County game. RMc

13. Date of Next Meeting.

- a) The date of the next Meeting will be at 10.00 hours on Tuesday 9th November, 2021 at Adur IBC.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 12:00 hours.

Signed:

Tony Sharman (Chairman)

Date: 9th November, 2021