



# GLOUCESTERSHIRE BOWLS ASSOCIATION

A Member of Bowls England.

## G.B.A Joint Executive Committee

### Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Falcon B.C. : 10.30 a.m.

1. **Members present:** Chair - Peter Langley (County Administrator) PL, Lindsay Collin (Deputy County Administrator and WD BE Delegate) LC, Maddie Hale (County Treasurer) MH, Bryan Fox (MD BE Delegate) BF, Glyn Marriott (MD Delegate) GM, Myra Savage (WD Match Secretary) MS, Avril Hole (Deputy County Treasurer) AH, Roger Harrison (MD Match Secretary) RH
2. **Apologies** Angela Harris (WD Delegate) AH, Anne Beaven (WD co-opted Delegate) AB, Keith Hawkes (Deputy County Treasurer) KH
3. **Minutes of Executive Meeting of 11 October 2016** Accepted as a correct record
4. **Matter arising** from previous minutes
  - 4.1 (Item 4.1) Both LC and BF had voted for Hazel Marke (Hampshire) as BE 2017 JVP. She was elected in that position.
5. **Notes on GBA Joint Council Meeting of Saturday 12 November 2016** Accepted as a correct record
6. **Matters arising from JCM notes**
  - 6.1 GM expressed great concern – reiterated several times - that the outcome of the JCM and the subsequent club evaluations of the proposed new GBA Constitution & Rules, would be unavoidably biased by the notes that had been produced by LC. LC countered by saying that the whole intent of the JCM was to allow informed input by club delegates, with a view to influencing the Joint Executive to look again at any points of contention. The points arising during the JCM debate would also then be taken back to the clubs, so that they would – hopefully after further due consideration in their club - make an informed decision whether or not to vote for the proposed new Constitution & Rules and also whether or not to themselves propose amendments. As a point of fact, LC also noted that there could be no bias, because the notes produced were for the benefit of the Joint Executive, and had not been generally circulated to clubs. They were intended as the primary input to today's meeting.
  - 6.2 Other members contributed to this exchange in full measure, and were happy that the correct procedure had been followed.
  - 6.3 As a point of subsidiary interest, no other amendments had been put forward by clubs within the permitted period up to 1<sup>st</sup> December.
  - 6.4 On the specific points relating to Clause 6.3, there was debate on whether the 3 year limit should be applied to officers and officials having no need to seek re-nomination in every year. After a thorough discussion, it was proposed that the reference to 3 years be removed, this proposal being carried by 7 votes in favour to no votes against (1 abstention).
  - 6.5 The Dissolution Clause (20) was the subject of an extended debate, centering on the various options available for the distribution of Association or Divisional monies in the event of dissolution of either the Association or of one division. During the debate, GM proposed that Clause 20 was not necessary at all, but there was no other support for this suggestion. However, a further full debate determined that there was also no consensus whatsoever on the Committee for including in Clause 20 how the money should be distributed in the event of dissolution. As a result, a much simpler Clause 20 was agreed, with the mechanism for undertaking dissolution remaining as previously, but the decision as to how the Association of Divisional monies would be disbursed to be taken at the time of the dissolution, decided democratically from options outlined by the Joint Executive at that time.

6.6 LC would incorporate the agreed changes in (6.4) and (6.5) into the document to be circulated to clubs prior to the AGM. (Action LC)

## **7. Finances**

7.1 In relation to the GBA Presentation Luncheon, MH noted that an overall surplus of £204 had been made, this judged exactly to cover the £200 deposit required to secure next year's booking.

7.2 MH presented the GBA Consolidated Accounts for 2015/6 to date (see separate sheet). The MD Accounts are currently with the Examiners, the WD Accounts having been examined.

7.3 MH also presented the summary of the situation re GBA affiliations (see separate sheet). Only 5 clubs are now outstanding (3 in Bristol), though another (a prominent club) is the subject of an inquiry, as their numbers are known to be incorrect. Further details of the issues were given by MH.

7.4 Thanks were proposed to Maddie, for her incredibly detailed statistics and the amount of effort she put into chasing up clubs and questioning those returns that manifested problems. This led on to some discussion about how to obviate these problems in the future, but this was terminated, as the Committee had agreed to consider this topic in detail in the early new year.

## **8. Annual Luncheon**

- Feedback reviewed. Some minor issues with food this year. Also service was much slower than last year. LC to talk to the hotel. (Action LC)
- Next year already booked – 14 October 2017, and a deposit paid. We have a menu, so can look at this possibly at the next meeting.
- Debate on cost. After quite a long discussion, decided to set tickets at £22 and retain the raffle as per this year. Need to know ticket cost so that it could be incorporated in 'adverts' in handbooks. (Action PL & LC)

## **9. 6<sup>th</sup> GBA Annual General Meeting, 14 January 2017, Cotswold BC**

- PL ran through what was required to go out in the AGM package to clubs. LC would now prepare the paperwork and pass to PL to circulate this week. (Action LC)
- LC presented a draft agenda. Short discussion on content of meeting. Nominations for County Treasurer need to be made at the actual meeting.
- LC would send PL a resume of BF's work in the Association. (Action LC)

## **10. Dates of JEC Meetings in 2017**

Two dates only agreed : Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00 am and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 10.00 am

## **11. AOB**

11.1 Letter of resignation from Page Ladies BC, including details of their amalgamation with Page Park BC, the latter name being retained. Accepted.

11.2 Discussion on venue for future AGMs. Quite few positives for Cotswold, as well as Stroud being the official centre of our county.

**Date of next meeting - Saturday 4th February, 10.00 am - Falcon B.C**