

Norfolk Bowls Association



Men's Clubs Meeting

2nd April 2017

Old Hall Leisure Centre, Ashill

In attendance:-

County Officers

- Alan Willer – Senior Vice President
- John Ottaway – Hon. Secretary/Bowls England Delegate
- David Naunton – Hon Treasurer & Hon. Match Secretary
- John George – Hon. Competition Secretary/County Administrator
- Don Whyatt – ECBA Co-ordinator/G4 representative
- Malcolm Struthers – Group 3 representative
- Roger Greef – Group 2 representative

Clubs

- Downham Market, Northwold, Hunstanton, Freethorpe, Swaffham Town, Diss & District, Wicklewood, GW Staniforth, Wymondham Dell, Dereham St. Nicholas, Hingham Rectory, Great Plumstead, Watton, West Winch, North Walsham, Feltwell

Club Apologies

- Upwell, Kings Lynn, Dickleburgh, Acle St Edmunds, Cromer Marrams, Norfolk BC, Shouldham, Bradwell, North Walsham

Notes on matters raised & discussed

PRESIDENT – the late Colin Brown

PRESIDENT	<p>Following the sudden death of our President Colin Brown, the County match programme for 2017 will continue in the memory of Colin with a “President” for the day appointed for each event. The County Tour will take place with similar arrangements. Colin’s nominated charity, Macmillan Cancer Support, will be supported by the County through the year. The position of Chairman of the Management Committee has been taken by Senior Vice President – Alan Willer.</p>
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HON SECRETARY – John Ottaway

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS (since the last AGM)	<p>Treasurer – David Naunton will assume sole responsibility Child Protection/Safeguarding Officer – Richard Chapple (RG Carter Group BC) has been appointed. Assistant Match Secretary – Barney Wymer (Caister BC) has been nominated and this will be ratified at the next Management Meeting Visiting Tourist Liaison Officer – Richard Banks has resigned due to health reasons and a review of this position & what it entails together with a possible replacement is under consideration</p>
SPONSORSHIP	<p>Hansells Solicitors sponsorship will continue in 2017 at the same level as it 2016. Another company expressed an interest in a joint sponsorship arrangement but this does not appear likely to come to fruition.</p>
DRESS CODE - SHORTS	<p>Most Clubs have indicated if they will allow the wearing of Bowls England approved shorts and details will be posted to the County website shortly. A note will be sent with each Competition scorecard (including those for the Bales Cup, Lord Fermoy Cup & Jermy Cup) explaining the rule change so all competitors are fully aware of the situation.</p>
BOWLS ENGLAND	<p>The following matters will be of interest to Clubs:- Affiliation fees – Bowls England have advised that these will be unchanged for the 2018 season i.e. £5.00 per playing member National Championship & Competition Entry Fees – these will remain unchanged for the 2018 season National Membership scheme – Bowls England have broad approval from Counties to develop a National Membership scheme and details are awaited. We will be putting forward our concerns particularly for those Clubs who have dual BE & Federation affiliations National Championships 2017 – the final stages of the Senior Fours & Junior Pairs will take place during the first 2 weeks of the Championships – that is during the “ladies” fortnight so as to avoid potential duplications during the “men’s fortnight” in the second 2</p>

	<p>weeks.</p> <p>The draws for the 2017 National Competitions (those entered direct to Bowls England) are now on the Bowls England website and competitors will be receiving details direct in the near future.</p>
BOWLS DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (BDA)	<p>Safeguarding – the BDA organise Safeguarding training courses and details are on the BDA website. Bowls England offer bursaries for 50% of the cost.</p> <p>Playbowls – Play bowls packages are available through the BDA to assist Clubs in recruiting new members with grants available to Clubs. Again details are on the BDA website.</p> <p>Coach Bowls – the BDA offer Coaching Courses at Play Bowls Activator, Level 1 & Level 2 and again details can be found in the BDA website. Bowls England offer bursaries for up to 50% of the cost of the Courses.</p>
COUNTY BENEVOLENT FUND	<p>Following the death of John Fox and George Butler confirming he wishes to stand down, two new trustees are required. Peter Bird (Cromer Marrams BC) & Richard Church (Freethorpe BC) have indicated their willingness to stand and this will be pursued and put to the Management Committee for approval.</p> <p>The current Committee members, Derek Talbot & Ken Ince have confirmed they wish to continue.</p> <p>The Constitution of the Benevolent Fund is to be reviewed and any changes will be put to AGM in December 2017 for adoption.</p> <p>Grant applications should be made to Hon Secretary including a repeat of any grant made in previous years.</p>
COUNTY SHIRTS	<p>New County Shirts will be introduced for the 2017 season for use in all County matches including County friendlies. The cost to the County is £25.00 but for the first year the purchase cost for players will be £15.00. However there will be no cost for players selected to represent the County in the Middleton Cup.</p>
ANNUAL LUNCHEON	<p>This will be at the Hilton Hotel Norwich Airport on Sunday 8th October and details will be issued to Clubs in due course.</p>
NBA MAIN AGM	<p>This was held on 12th March 2017 where the following business was conducted:-</p> <p>Constitution – the proposed changes were adopted. It was pointed out that all Disciplinary matters must be dealt with in accordance with Bowls England Regulation 9 which now forms part of our Constitution</p> <p>Administrator – John George was appointed for a period of 4 years</p> <p>Chairperson – Dennis Cousins was appointed for a period of 3 years</p>

HON TREASURER – David Naunton

TREASURER	<p>Following the death of the President/Joint Treasurer, Colin Brown, David Naunton will assume sole responsibility.</p>
AUDITOR	<p>A meeting with a potential new auditor of our accounts has been arranged.</p>

BANK ACCOUNT	The County's bank account is to be moved to a different bank.
FINANCES	The County's finances remain in good order.

HON MATCH SECRETARY – David Naunton

COUNTY FRIENDLIES	Nominations for the first batch of friendly matches have been received and selection will take place shortly.
ASST MATCH SECRETARY	Barney Wymer (Caister BC) has been nominated for this position and this will be taken to the next Management Committee for approval.

HON COMPETITION SECRETARY – John George

COMPETITIONS & RESULTS	Clubs were reminded that all results should be notified to the appropriate Competition Secretary immediately after each match. The Senior Fours & Junior Pairs competitions are on a "play by date" basis due to absence of free dates in our calendar.
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HON LEAGUE SECRETARY

In Mark Elliott's absence the Hon Secretary reported as follows

RESULTS	Clubs were reminded to post results through the website immediately following match to ensure league tables are kept up to date.
CATERING	Wymondham Dell has decided that they would not be providing post-match food for league matches.

MISCELLANEOUS

FUTURE MEETINGS	Those in attendance expressed the view that these meeting were very useful & informative and that they should continue. Hence the next meeting will be in September and details will be circulated in due course.
BOWLS TESTING	The issue of minimum bias bowls was raised. It was pointed out that this was a matter for World Bowls and that Bowls England had made representations to them on this matter
TRIFECTA BOWLS	Concerns were raised about the use of these "three" coloured bowls. Such issues have been investigated by the EIBA and its statement can be found at http://www.eiba.co.uk/news/2015/trifecta-bowls-statement-270715.pdf

John Ottaway
Hon. Men's Secretary
Norfolk Bowls Association
4th April 2017