



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
BOWLS ENGLAND
(Company No. 06297656 England and Wales)
HELD AT 10.00am at the Goodwood Bowling & Social Club, Crofters Drive,
off Scraftoft Lane, Leicester LE5 2FH
on Saturday 27th February 2010**

1. Welcome

The Chair, David Mitchell-Gears, opened the meeting and underlined the fact that this was a formal meeting of the Company in accordance with the Companies Act 2006. As at the previous AGM, he stressed that the Counties, as guarantors of the Company, are in effect the owners of Bowls England. Should there be any issues with the company or its Directors, Counties should ensure that they speak direct to him. Any suggestions to be placed before a Committee, please inform the Chief Executive accordingly.

2. Notice Convening the Meeting – Chief Executive

The Chief Executive read the following:-

This is the third Annual General Meeting of the Company known as Bowls England whose company number is 06297656 which was convened by Notice dated 29th January 2010. This meeting has been called under Regulations of the Articles of Association. The notice of meeting will have provided you with the business which is to be dealt with on this occasion.

The Board has extended special invitations to attend this Company AGM to the following:-

Bowls England Presidential Team

3. Obituaries

The meeting stood in respect to the departed whilst the Chief Executive read the following:-

Roy Burton	President – Leicestershire 1972
Ces Lightowler	President – Yorkshire 1998
Doris Rewcastle	President – Durham 1980, 1983, 1986, 1989
Eric Jones	President – Herefordshire 2001
Cliff Waterman	Bowls England President 2008

Paddy Dunican
Audrey Philpot

President – Suffolk 1997, 2004
EBA Assistant Secretary
President – Middlesex 1988

4. Present

66 Delegates, 8 Directors, the Chief Executive, Administrative Staff and the Presidential Team.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Suffolk Women's Bowling Association and Alistair Hollis (Bowls England Development Officer)

Absent

Bowls Northumberland (Women's Delegate)
Worcestershire Bowls Association (Men's Delegate)
Yorkshire Bowling Association (Women's Delegate)

5. Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 21st November 2009

It was **resolved** that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

The meeting adjourned to invest the Presidential Team 2010

6. Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive addressed his Report as circulated.

In addition, to avoid unnecessary appeals and challenges, he strongly recommended that Counties refer their own Disciplinary Regulations within their Constitutions to those of Bowls England. The said Regulations were compiled by a sports lawyer and will be regularly updated on an annual basis as part of Bowls England's service to each County Association.

There was a request for a Year Book from every County Association to be submitted to Bowls England Headquarters as soon as possible.

It was **resolved** to adopt the Report.

7. Development Officer's Report

In the absence of the Development Officer, the Chair asked for any questions.

It was **resolved** to adopt the Report.

8. To receive the audited Accounts of Bowls England

The Office Manager addressed the Audited Company Accounts to 30th September 2009.

It was **resolved** to approve the Accounts and to reappoint Spofforths Worthing (Accountants and Auditors).

9. To receive reports from the following Committee Chairs for the purpose of considering recommendations

The Board Chair informed the meeting that, within the Chief Executive's report, were

submissions from the Board which in some instances would constitute their report to this meeting. It was noted that the said report would be published in the 2010 Bowls England Year Book.

9.1 Finance

The Chair addressed his submitted Report.

Finance Report Resolved

9.2 Policy & Management

It was noted that the Policy & Management Committee had not met since the EGM and therefore there was nothing further to report.

9.3 Development

The Chair gave an update on the current situation with respect to the EBYDS and the 2010 Club of the Year.

9.4 Competitions

It was noted that some general diaries had published incorrect standardised weeks of the year and the Chair informed the meeting that the published Bowls England weeks were correct.

A request was made for trophies to be returned at the Annual Conference.

9.5 International Events

The Chair once again appealed for support for the British Isles Events to be hosted by Bowls England in Worthing this year.

9.6 Member Services

The Chair addressed his submitted Report, highlighting the following:-

Insurance – In the Bowls England Civil Liability Cover, “abuse cover” had been included and there was no limit for the number of matches undertaken as a Bowls England affiliated Club playing indoor bowls.

It was noted that the Useful Information booklets had been updated and would be circulated to all affiliated Clubs in April 2010.

Member Services Report Resolved

At this point, the Board Chair appealed to all Counties to ask Clubs to check their own individual insurance policies to ensure that appropriate cover was in place, with particular emphasis on Employment Cover for Volunteers and Officers’ Indemnity.

10. Ballot Results

The Ballot Results were noted and it was **resolved** to appoint the following:-

Directors: 2010 to 2013

Howard Pryse: Chair Finance

Margaret Docherty: Chair Competitions

David Tucker: Chair Policy & Management

Committee Members: 2010 to 2011

COMPETITIONS		DEVELOPMENT	
Margaret Langley-Roberts	Buckinghamshire	David Parr	Cornwall
Carol Horgan	Devon	Ken Griffin	Gloucestershire
Ken Court	Northamptonshire	Glyn Williams	Herefordshire
Chris Smith	Nottinghamshire	Roger Kirkpatrick	Leicestershire
John Durston	Somerset	Bill Hatto	Surrey
Janet Scott	Warwickshire	Hedley Bowen	Wiltshire
Norman Deepprose	Worcestershire	Reg Sigsworth	Yorkshire
FINANCE		INTERNATIONAL EVENTS	
Ray Keen	Bucks	Pat Geary	Bedfordshire
Eric Johnston	Cumbria	Sue Alexander	Cambridgeshire
John Cleverley	Northumberland	Charles Frederick	Cambridgeshire
Arnold Goad	Warwickshire	John Scholey	Lincolnshire
		Brian Lee	Sussex
MEMBER SERVICES		POLICY & MANAGEMENT	
Pat Holton	Bedfordshire	Mary Trevennen	Cornwall
Cynthia Abraham	Hampshire	Foster Johnson	Durham
Freda Thomas	Huntingdonshire	Lindsay Collin	Gloucestershire
Dennis Cousins	Norfolk	Arthur Meeson	Hertfordshire
Jan Hunt	Northamptonshire	Jean Sorbie	Isle of Wight
		Norman Lockwood	Isle of Wight
		Pat Ostler	Oxfordshire

Selection Committee South: Men and Women 2010 to 2014

Kay Kerley (Hampshire)

Roy Lewing (Kent)

11. To received propositions, amendments or additions to the Rules and Regulations and Articles of Association of Bowls England

It was **resolved** that the following should form part of the Bowls England Regulations and Articles of Association:-

County Proposals to a General Meeting must be submitted to the Chief Executive by the Monday of Week 35 (EGM) and the Monday of Week 48 (AGM).

It was **resolved** that, commencing in 2011, Regional Finals for the following Competitions be abolished:-

Top Club (men), Club Two Fours (men), Champion of Champions (women and men)

and that the qualifying numbers for the National Championships be increased as follows:-

Top Club (men) 4 to 8

Club Two Fours (men) 4 to 8

Champion of Champions (both women and men's competition) 8 to 16

It was **resolved** that from 2012 playing season the Johns Trophy to be played at weekends.

It was **resolved not** to support the proposition from Hertfordshire County Women's Bowling Association that Champion of Champions revert to the format of 2008 and that the County Winner goes forward into the final stages at Leamington.

It was **resolved** to adopt amendments to Regulations 53 – 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3, 4.1.4 and 4.1.5 clarifying that grey skirts/trousers are permissible dress for rounds leading to the National Competition finals. (Middleton Cup, Balcomb Trophy, White Rose Trophy, Johns Trophy, Walker Cup and Amy Rose excepted).

It was **resolved** to approve new Regulation 70 from 2011

Tony Allcock Trophy (National Club Mixed Over 60 Double Rink).

This regulation should be read in conjunction with Regulation 53 – National Competitions

- 1. The competition shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to Bowls England. Clubs may enter more than one side. No player shall play in more than one of those sides entered.*
- 2. All players shall be aged 60 years or over on April 1st in the year of the competition.*
- 3. Players may play for one club in this competition and another club in the Top Club competition and/or the Men's National Club Two Fours Competition, providing they are bona fide members of both clubs. Players are not required to play from the club in which they play in their National Championships.*
- 4. The draw will be made by the Competitions Committee.*
- 5. A club side shall consist of 2 rinks of 4 players (2 men and 2 women per rink) and they shall play 18 ends, two bowls each player. The challenger shall have the*

choice of green and will make all match arrangements. Should any match involve a round trip of more than 160 miles (club to club) a neutral green should be agreed for use midway between the two clubs.

6. Failure to field 8 players will result in a walk-over.

7. Before the commencement of the match, the nominated managers will toss a coin to decide the choice of jack for the first and extra end (if required) and nominate the rink to play the extra end. The total number of shots on both rinks will determine the winner. In the event of a tie after 18 ends then an extra end will be played by the nominated rink to determine the overall winner.

8. Final Stages

8.1. The final stages consisting of the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and the Final shall be played on a straight knock-out system at a time set by Bowls England. The draw for the final stages shall be made by the Competitions Committee.

8.2. Each Club qualifying for the Quarter-Finals stage will supply to Bowls England the names of 2 fours and 2 reserves (one male and one female) no later than the Monday of week 31. The Final Stages shall be played during the Men's National Championships. All players involved at the National Championships will receive a National Competition Badge.

8.3. Bowls Stickers for the Final Stages will be provided by Bowls England.

8.4. The Winners shall receive a maximum of 10 winners medals and fleeces along with the runners-up receiving a maximum of 10 medals which will be presented at the Bowls England Men's Annual Dinner.

It was noted that the proposition circulated by Bowls Isle of Wight had been withdrawn.

12. To approve Board recommendations

It was **resolved** to appoint the following Bowls England representatives for 2010:-

- World Bowls – Chief Executive
- BIBC and BIWBC – Chief Executive/Board Vice Chair
- Commonwealth Games Council for England – Chief Executive
- Bowls Development Alliance Directors – Norma Hazzledine/Chief Executive

Chair's Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and for all their contributions and, in particular, the hosts of the meeting Goodwood Bowling Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.05am (after which an informal general discussion took place on various subjects of which due note was made)

Signed: Chair

Dated: