

# **SOMERSET BOWLS ASSOCIATION**

**9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Appointment of Scrutineers**
- 3. In Memoriam (pre-advised names only)**
- 4. Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017**
- 5. Matters arising from that meeting - None**
- 6. Reports, having been circulated**
  - i) Chairman**
  - ii) General Secretary**
  - iii) Treasurer**
  - iv) Championship/Competition Secretary**
  - v) Performance Manager**
  - vi) Development Manager**
  - vii) League Secretary**
  - viii) Marketing Manager**
  - ix) Match Secretary**
  - x) Member without Portfolio**
  - x) County Coach**
  - xii) Report from Council**
  - xiii) Report from the Chairman of the Patrons Association**
  - xiv) Report on the Benevolent Fund**
- 7. ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS**
  - Main Account**
  - Tour Account**
  - Benevolent Fund Account**
  - Patron's Account**

## **8. PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENTIAL OFFICERS**

**Two Immediate Past Presidents**

**Hilary Leamon (Severalls Jubilee BC)**  
**Paul Davies (Portishead RBL BC Men)**

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR 2018**

**Presidents**

**Ailsa Midwinter (Purnell BC)**  
**David Bishop (City of Wells BC)**

**Senior Vice Presidents**

**Sue Cooper (Victoria BC Ladies)**  
**David Byett (Congresbury BC)**

**Elections of Junior Vice Presidents**

**Carolle Skeates (Wyrral Park BC)**  
**Tony Whitmarsh (Chew Stoke BC)**

## **9. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

**Applicants**

**(a) Chairman:**

**John Durston (Clevedon BC)**

**(b) General Secretary:**

**Ross Turnbull (Bloomfield BC)**

**(c) Treasurer:**

**Andrew Chappell (Bath BC Men)**

**d) Championship/Competition Secretary:**

**Brian Pocock (Victoria BC Men)**

**e) County Coach:**

**Vacant**

**f) Development Manager:**

**Vacant**

**g) League Secretary:**

**David Bendall (Keynsham BC)**

**h) Marketing Manager:**

**Peter Bissett (Clevedon Prom BC Men)**

**i) Match Secretary**

**Alan Gray (Portishead RBL BC Men)**

**j) Member without Portfolio:**

**Ken Leamon (Severalls Jubilee BC)**

**k) Performance Manager:**

**Edna Bessell MBE (Yeovil BC)**

## **10. ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICERS**

**Middleton Cup Selectors (two men)**

**Regions 1-4**

**Paul Davies (Portishead RBL BC Men)**

**Regions 5-8**

**Mark Denslow (Ilminster BC)**

**John's Trophy Selectors (two ladies)**

**Regions 1-4**

**Celia Soby (Fosseway BC)**

**Region 5-8**

**Nova Edwards (Bridgwater BC)**

**Men's General Selectors**

**Regions 1 & 3**

**Barrie Dando (Prattens BC)**

**Regions 2 & 4**

**Lionel Slatter (Portishead RBL BC Men)**

**Regions 5 & 6**

**David Bishop (City of Wells BC)**

**Regions 7 & 8**

**Don Bridges (Burnham-on-Sea BC)**

**Ladies General Selectors**

**Regions 1 & 3**

**Ailsa Midwinter (Purnell BC)**

**Regions 2 & 4**

**Marilyn Gozna (Portishead RBL BC Ladies)**

**Regions 5 & 6**

**Carolle Skeates (Wyrral Park BC)**

**Regions 7 & 8**

**Shirley Wederell (Isle of Wedmore BC)**

**Members of Council**

**Region 1**

**Grahame Starr (Bloomfield BC)**

**Region 2**

**Mary Northcott (Knowle BC)**

**Region 3**

**Celia Soby (Fosseway BC)**

**Region 4**

**Dave Byett (Congresbury BC)**

**Region 5**

**Mike Groves (Wellington BC)**

**Region 6**

**Derek Whitlock (Yeovil BC)**

**Region 7**

**Jill Price (Bridgwater BC)**

**Region 8**

**Chris Wilson (Banwell BC)**

## Patrons Association

Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Barrie Davis (Keynsham BC)

Carolle Skeates (Wyrral Park BC)

David Wederell (Isle of Wedmore BC)

## Life Membership

(Details withheld till AGM)

11. **CHANGES TO THE LEAGUE RULES.** These have been approved by the Board and are for information purposes only (new wording in green):  
Rule 4 (d): When a team has three games or fewer left to play in a season, it can field up to two players who have already played more often for any one higher team in the club so long as they have played at least once for the lower team. These players shall not play skip, nor shall they play on the same rink.....  
Rule 8 (b): .....Where cards are being posted, they should be sent to the appropriate Regional Secretary within 24 hours of the end of the match. Alternatively result cards.....
12. **MOTION FROM CONGRESBURY BC & SECONDED BY PORTISHEAD BC LADIES:**  
This Association should propose that the undermentioned clause be added to Bowls England's Regulation 9 (Disciplinary Procedures):  
'Should a banned or excluded bowler fail to appeal to Bowls England (within the timescale guidelines of Regulation 9) following the upholding of the ban by County, then County shall be obliged to inform all County clubs of the name of the bowler in question, and the club from which the bowler is banned'.  
The Board are unable to support this proposal because the current Regulations already adequately cover the situation and we feel an additional clause is unnecessary.  
See Appendix A.
13. **APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTS EXAMINERS**  
Proposed by the Board (except Patrons Assoc) Trevor Goodship & Associates of Keynsham  
Proposed by the Board for Patrons Association Read and Co of Martock.
14. **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

## APPENDIX A

Regulation 9.18 currently states:

- a) Any expulsion or suspension of a member, by the Club, shall be immediately reported to the County Association and to the Chief Executive of Bowls England.....
- b) Each County shall as cases arise, send to all Affiliated Clubs within the County and to the General Secretaries/Administrators of adjacent Counties notification of the name of any Club members who have been expelled or suspended.....

So, circulating details of expelled or suspended members is already the default option.

BUT a Club has the power to add a rider allowing the member to apply to other Clubs should it feel the circumstances warrant it.

Regulation 9 .17 states:

Unless the terms of the suspension decision in any particular case otherwise so provide, for example it could be stated that there would be no objection to the member joining another Affiliated Club, .....

To follow that through, should the accused appeal to the County Association and the appeal is dismissed, the initial finding of the Club Disciplinary Committee stands. The County Appeal Committee has the discretion to increase or reduce the penalty but it would only follow that route in extreme cases when the initial decision of the Club Disciplinary Committee was considered to be either too lenient or too severe. As a general rule the County Appeal Committee would not wish to interfere with the initial decision of the Club Disciplinary Committee.

The same would apply should the accused further appeal to Bowls England. However, should the appellant not further appeal or having appealed, fail to appear, then the decision of the County Appeal Committee stands. So if the initial decision included the rider that there was no objection to the accused joining another Club and the County Appeal Committee, without interfering with that decision in any way just dismissed the appeal then the original decision stands.

It follows that any question of informing all other Clubs of the initial expulsion rests with the Club Disciplinary Committee. If it does not add the rider, as stated above, all Clubs are notified, if it does then, for obvious reasons, they aren't. That initial decision therefore has to be carefully considered as there is no going back unless the County Appeal Committee considers the decision of the Club Disciplinary Committee either too lenient or too severe and increase or reduce the penalty and similarly should a further appeal be made to Bowls England and the Bowls England Appeal Committee considers likewise.