



Bowls Hampshire Executive Meeting

21st November 2024

1. **Apologies received;** Allan Leppard, Alex Tymon, Mandy Orchard, Sue Ward, Paul Haynes, Margaret Holden, David Brown, Adie Booth, Wendy Brown, Tom Regan Atkins

2. **Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2024** (previously distributed)

Prior to the minutes being agreed, Hazel explained that she had missed the changes to the County Cup, Thornbery and two wood triples. As the calendar is very full it was agreed that these competitions should be run on the same day at Banister Park this would save two dates in the calendar. The competition regulations for the men's two wood triples competition would need to be updated as currently each area runs the semi and final in turn. This point has been added to minutes.

Richard asked for the minutes to be approved. Proposed by Jim Marsland, seconded by Mary Varndell and unanimously agreed.

Action: HM

3. **Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

4. **Provisional Calendar**

Hazel explained that due to the resignation of the Ladies Match Secretary the provisional calendar hadn't been completed but as soon as all the matches were confirmed the calendar would go out.

Action: HM

5. **New web application**

Hazel explained that the roadshows had to be delayed due to the system being updated. In October a counties user meeting for the new online system was held and there were a number of updates requested. These are currently being implemented but has delayed Hampshire to be able to show the affiliation process at the roadshows. We now have a demo system which will enable the roadshows to start. The first two are to be planned in December in the North with the rest taking place in January. At the end of this meeting there will be a demonstration of the presentation which will be given to the clubs in readiness for the system going live in January.

6. **BH Administrative Regulations**

Due to the Ladies Match Secretary vacancy and he need to provide the job description, the administrative regulations had to be updated to allow for the changes in the process due to the new online system. It was noted that other roles will need to be updated, this will be completed once the system is fully operational and in time for the next Executive meeting.

Action: HM

7. **BH Vacancies**

Following the resignation of Leo May U25 manager an advertisement was placed on the website, one candidate applied and an interview panel of Richard Shelley, Paul May and Charlie Bumstead interviewed the candidate. Following the interview the panel decided that the candidate wasn't quite right at this time for the position. The Management and Finance committee need to review the next steps for the U25 Managers role.

An advertisement is currently on the website for the Ladies Match Secretary with a closing date of the 6th December, at which time the applicants will be reviewed and it is hoped that the County will have a new Match Secretary in time to fully understand the new online system and prepare for the 2025 season.

Dave Wildman asked about the vacant position of Development/Communications Officer, it had been agreed at a previous meeting that this position wouldn't be advertised until the new online system was fully implemented.

With the introduction of a new Over 60's mixed knockout competition, it was felt that BH should look for a manager to take charge of this team of 12 men and 12 ladies plus reserves. The first match is Tuesday 17th June against Wiltshire at Salisbury Bowls Club at 2:00pm.

Action: HM

8. **To consider the Secretary's report on Meeting Arrangements for 2023/24 – BH Exec**

In reviewing the meetings calendar, it was agreed that the Executive meetings should be held in the upstairs room at Banister Park. Since the meeting I have been informed by Banister Park that there is a booking every week on a Thursday evening, so the two Executive meeting in March and September have been moved to the Wednesday evening, the dates being 19th March at 7:00pm and 17th September at 6:30pm. An updated calendar is attached.

9. **Date of Next Meeting / Any Other Business**

- Following receipt of an email with reference to the dress code for BH Mixed competitions. As the regulations currently allow for a men's only or ladies only club to join together to play in the BH mixed competitions then it has to be allowed that they wear their club shirts or should they decide both sides wear a white shirt.

- BH New over 60's Mixed competition this is covered above in section 7.

- As covered above in Section 2, the Competition regulations for the men's two wood triples need to be changed as below, to remove the last paragraph and add the wording in red.

(b) TWO WOOD TRIPLES

A competition of 18 ends with two bowls per player (extra end if necessary). ~~The winners from each Area final will play in the semi final and final on a neutral green in each of the Areas on an alphabetical rota basis on a day to be arranged by the Secretary/Assistant Secretary.~~ **ADD - The match should be conceded where it is not possible for the losing team to win the match**

- Gosport BC Centenary Match – after checking the provisional calendar and the availability of Gosport Bowls Club, this mixed match will be played on Thursday 1st May at 2:00pm. Hazel to notify the club.

Action: HM

- Berkshire are requesting a second ladies friendly match for 2025, as the programme is along agreed, one the new Ladies Match Secretary is in place, then the committee agree that a home and away fixture can be arranged for the 2026 calendar. Hazel to write to Berkshire to inform them.

- Two Ladies Touring sides will be visiting in May; Essex will be arranging matches in the South and both Area Secretaries have been informed. Hertfordshire also have a touring side visiting Hayling Island and have requested 3 matches including one with BH, a match has already been arranged with Emsworth BC and another is to be arranged hopefully with a club in the P&D area.

Next meeting Wednesday 19th March 2025 7pm at Banister Park.

Meeting closed 16:30pm

*** After the meeting Hazel gave a presentation of the New online system and answered any questions. This presentation would be used at the roadshows in December and January. The Area Secretaries to arrange locations which must have WIFI. Hazel to contact the area secretaries to assist with the dates for the roadshows so that they don't clash as the County only has one projector and screen.