



Bowls Hampshire Executive Meeting

19th September 2024

1. **Apologies**

Liz Bingley, Colin Bingley, Lesley Taylor, Kim Harris, David Brindley, Ric Newsom, Mandy Orchard, Maxeen Fletcher. Lyn Booth, Allan Leppard.

In attendance: Richard Shelley, Kay Kerley, Carl Taylor, Wendy Brown, Jim Marsland, Mary Varndell, Charlie Bumstead, Min Wright, Geoff Jessup, Sue Lewis Parkes, Michael Andrews, Sheila Andrews, Margaret Leppard, Paula Haynes, Michael Squires, Doug Nazer, David Wildman, Sue Ward, Adie Booth, Chris Brett, Mandy Wilde, Margaret Holden, Alex Tymon, Tony Ingram, Dave Brown, Brian Jones, Tim Orr, Hazel Marke.

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** (28th March 2024) were reviewed, proposed by Min Wright and Seconded by Charlie Bumstead and were unanimously agreed by all attendees.

3. **Matters Arising**

Item 6 - Dave Wildman asked if BE has informed us of Capitation fee increase. *Carl stated no and he was unsure as to which figure they would use.*

Item 5- Dave Wildman asked for an update on the BE position with regard to Club safeguarding officers. The latest information from BE is as follows;
BE will be continuing with the deadline of May 2025 for all clubs to have access to a named Safeguarding Officer. The parameters around accessing a SO have been broadened to allow clubs to share and also gain support from other sources. BE look forwards to continuing to work with you to meet this challenge head on. We will be sending out further information and support.

4. **Financial Update – Carl**

We are expected to make another loss this year of approximately £3,000 although the figures are not finalised. The main reason is the investment in the new Data App and a loss on competitions due to an unadvised reduction in the Bowls England travelling expenses for players reaching Leamington. Carl also informed the meeting that that it had been a number of years since the last honorarium review and there were a number of anomalies. A subcommittee of Carl Taylor, Hazel Marke and Sue Lewis Parkes will meet to review the current payments and also include match fees, umpire fees, green fees and competition prize money. They will then report back to the Management & Finance committee following the AGM.

Currently Member Affiliation to Bowls England is £9.50 per person or which £7.00 is paid to Bowls England and the County receives £2.50. Bowls England have been asked what the fee will be for 2025 as it is now inflation linked but they have not replied as yet. We have agreed that Bowls Hampshire would not increase our affiliation fee in 2025 but as there hasn't been an increase for a number of years, there will be an increase in 2026 Bowls England will be charging £4.00 for all County competitions leading to the National Finals. Currently the County charge £4.00 of which £2.50 goes to Bowls England and £1.50 is retained by the County to cover green fees, umpires, prize money and trophy

engraving. As a result of this increase by Bowls England we have no choice but to now increase the fee to £5.00, with £4.00 going to Bowls England and £1.00 being retained by the County which is a reduction of 50p. All County club competition entry fees in 2025 will be £20.00'

5. **BH Officers Nomination.**

Hazel thanked the Officers who attended for letting her know that they are willing to continue in their positions.

Kim Harris West Area Ladies Secretary has emailed to say, she would like to stand down. She is willing to continue in 2025 with someone shadowing her and taking over officially at the 2025 AGM. At the moment no one in the West has come forward.

Hazel informed the meeting that an email had been sent to all clubs with reference to nomination for the key Officers and no one had come forward.

Hazel informed the meeting that she was delighted to announce that two people had been nominated by their clubs for the position of Ladies and Men's Bowls Hampshire Vic Presidents for 2025.

Philip Smith Secretary of Old Basing has nominated Tom Regan-Atkins on behalf of the club. Tom has accepted this nomination of Men's Vice President.

Colin Johnson, Chairman Meon Valley has nominated Marian Bailey on behalf of the club. Marian has accepted the nomination for Ladies Vice President.

6. **New website**

Hazel gave an update from the recent Management and Finance meeting when it was agreed that there would be two road shows per area with a third one as a catch up.

Presentation material needs to be pulled together so that each area is giving exactly the same presentation. Hazel will initially pull this together and then Richard agreed to look at it and ensure the right messages were being given and all clubs would be able to see the benefits.

Two to three people each area will be responsible for these road shows.

North – Carl Taylor, Jim Marsland and Hazel Marke

South – Richard Shelley and Sue Lewis Parkes

West – Doug Nazer and Tim Orr

East – Mandy Wilde, Wendy Brown and Hazel Marke.

Should anyone else would be willing to assist to come let Hazel know.

7. **Changes to competition regulations**

Following distribution of the changes to the regulations, which had been agreed by the Management and Finance committee. A number of points were raised by the Executive members. Following the discussion Richard Shelley proposed the changes and Charlie Bumstead seconded the proposed changes. Richard then asked the Executive members to vote, this was taken and the changes were passed unanimously.

Both David Wildman regulation 5(e) and Mary Varndell regulation 7(b) had emailed with additional changes. Following discussion, it was agreed that the regulation 5(e) should remain unchanged. Regulation 7(b) should be reworded to clarify only one substitute can be used during any competition.

7(b) The players taking part in the first game of the respective competition shall constitute 'the team' for the remainder of the competition. ~~One additional and the same player~~ Only one additional player may be used as a substitute at any time providing, he/she has not already played in the competition.

Action: Hazel to email all clubs informing them that the competition regulations have changed and that the BH County finals from 2025 onwards, will be week 36, so that there is no misunderstanding moving forward.

8. **U25 Manager & changes to Junior competitions**

Hazel informed the meeting that she had a meeting with Leo May U25 Manager and he had given her a letter which he asked to be read to the Executive.

Hazel read the letter, which was his letter of resignation from his position of U25 Manager, with his reasons. The members of the Executive were sad to be informed of this news, particularly after Leo having made such a tremendous success in his management of the team, this year reaching the final of the White Rose at the National Championships and for a second year winning the Junior Home Counties League against Kent.

On behalf of the County, the Chair, Richard requested Hazel write a letter of thanks to Leo for his dedication and commitment during his time as U25 Manager.

With a view to finding another U25 Manager, it was agreed that the vacancy be posted on the website with the job description requesting applicants to apply.

9. **Safeguarding**

As per matters arising above.

10. **Bowls Hampshire Luncheon**

Hazel gave a brief update for the forth coming County luncheon to be held on Sunday 20th October to be held at Fleming Park BC. At the moment 80 people have replied with their menu's. A number of clubs who have indicated they are going to attend are yet to send their numbers but I will send a chaser as the deadline has now passed.

****Since the Executive meeting**, I have been informed that David King Taylor President of Bowls England has accepted the invitation to attend the Bowls Hampshire luncheon as our guest of honour.

11. **Any Other Business:**

Richard closed the meeting at 18:45pm

This meeting was followed by a demonstration of the new BH online system given by John Tucker Bowls Surrey.

****Since the Executive meeting** - Hazel has written to John thanking him on behalf of the Executive for attending our meeting and demonstrating the new system as well as answering any questions raised.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 21st November at approximately 14:30 following the BH AGM at Bannister Park