



## ENGLISH BOWLS UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

Executive Meeting held at Oxford City & County IBC

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010

<b>Present:</b>	R White	Chairman
	M Wellington	Deputy Chairman
	R Moore	Secretary
	J Clark	Deputy Secretary
	A Thornhill	Development Officer
	P Jones	Executive Member
<b>Apologies:</b>	V Findell	Treasurer
	M Taylor	Executive Member

Minutes held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2010 were signed by the Chairman

### Matters Arising:

- Cloth Badges are selling well
- Women's stock, valued £1500 is still being held in Lincoln but there is no sale for it. Men's stock held by Treasurer totals £1200 made up of zip tops ties, cravats, lapel badges and tie clips.
- Bowls England did not pay travel expenses for International duties, appointments were made on that understanding.
- The situation with regard to Women members in Hereford and Worcester had been sorted out by the Zone Rep.

### Correspondence:

It was noted that a number of E-mails concerning the new uniform were circulating within the Association some of which contain invalid comments. . Concern was expressed that some of the e-mails were of the opinion that uniform makes players respect the Association .It is hoped that the manner in which the umpires carry out their duties earns the respect of players no matter what clothes are being worn.

A letter had also been received from Somerset members, the contents of which had been noted and replied to accordingly

### **Secretary's Report:**

Karen Wood had volunteered to undertake the position of Stock Controller; her offer was accepted by the Executive committee.

Rick Moore and Jessie Clark had attended the Bowls England Competition Committee in Sept and were involved in all discussions, which mainly concerned changes to be made to the National Championships and will be propositions for the B.E. EGM

The Secretaries had been invited to EIBA Ltd Competition Committee but unfortunately the date clashed with the date of this meeting.

The Association had been approached to provide Officials for the British Isles and International Series to be held in Stanley County Durham

11<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> March 2011. The International selection committee will approach suitable Umpires,

### **Treasurers Report:**

The position of In/Active members was raised by the Treasurer, the Deputy Secretary would be glad to keep records of these members if that would help the situation.

J Clark confirmed that the EWUA insurance policy covering stock was cancelled with effect from the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Uniforms:**

The Secretary commented on area meetings which he had attended.

Midland Area- there was no particular feeling against the new uniform just a concern that there had not been more consultation.

South Central- members accepted the new uniform and appreciated the 5 year changeover period.

The Executive agreed to place on record that the new shirt was agreed by them from several examples of designs and materials and the choice was recommended to the Council which is made up of all Area Secretaries and Zone Reps and the Executive Committee. The shirt was on display and by a unanimous vote was accepted; only one Area Secretary was missing from the Council.

The Association has 1200 members and less than 150 were involved in National Championships during 2010, all other members can take advantage of the 5 year changeover period. The Executive agreed that Association Officers would wear the new shirts and any members umpiring a National Final either at Leamington, Worthing or Indoors. It would also be the only uniform available to new members.

A decision was taken not to pursue coloured waterproofs but that Navy Blue waterproofs would be acceptable; these waterproofs can be purchased from various outlets and not necessarily through the Association.

### **Areas and Zones:**

It was decided to begin considering the future of the geographic areas; whether to follow the six Middleton Cup Zones or the four Johns Zones or an entirely new system.

A special Executive was arranged for this purpose on the 29<sup>th</sup> December to formulate proposals to put forward to the Council at the February meeting, suggestions and comments would be welcome by the Secretary in time for the December meeting.

### **County Co-ordinators:**

The Executive agreed that County Coordinators are the point of contact for issuing duties to members. The DO stated that they would also assume a more involved role under the new Development programme as mentors and club trainers. A job description will be written which will be added to the procedures document, and would be signed off at the special meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Umpires Expenses:**

The Secretary felt that it was necessary to resolve the manner in which Umpires expenses are paid in time for next season. Three suggestions are as follows:

- Payment made by the parties using the Umpires at the time the duties are performed
- Umpires to claim from the various parties at the end of the season by invoice.
- The Association to Invoice all Counties for a £50 annual payment and all clubs for a £5 annual payment and then payment is made by the Treasurer from these collected funds.

Suggestions and comments would be welcomed by the Secretary in time for the December meeting.

### **Development Officer:**

Approximately 50 members had applied for the various positions which were advertised on the web. The DO was waiting response from those chosen before publishing names.

It is anticipated that the first courses and exams would be held in April 2011. The training material should be ready in February. There was already a waiting list.

The Executive formally agreed to accept the Training Programme as publicised, proposed by P Jones and accepted by M Wellington.

### **National Finals Administration**

**Leamington** Jessie Clark and Mary Taylor    **Worthing** Vernon Findell and Ray Keen

### **Any Other Business:**

- It is hoped that a few men will be selected to work at Leamington and a few women to work at Worthing, but National Finals would still be given to appropriate members.
- 74 women undertook the last Examinations of the EWUA during the autumn, including new members, up-grades and requalification.
- A Newsletter will be published in the next few weeks; items would be welcomed by the Association Secretary.

### **Dates of Next Meetings**

Executive	29th December 2010 at Oxford City & County at 11am
Executive	27th January 2011 at Leamington at 11am
Council	27 <sup>th</sup> January 2011 at Leamington at 2pm
A.G.M.	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2011 at Leamington