



ENGLISH BOWLS UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

Executive Meeting held at Leamington Spa

Sunday 8th August

Present:	R White	Chairman
	M Wellington	Deputy Chairman
	R Moore	Secretary
	J Clark	Deputy Secretary
	V Findell	Treasurer
	A Thornhill	Development Officer
	P Jones	Executive officer
	M Taylor	Executive officer

Minutes of meeting held on 2nd June 2010 were signed by the Chairman as were the minutes of the 25th April 2010.

Matters Arising:

Cloth Badges; Val Coldwell has been successful in making the cloth badges to the new design. She has made them slightly larger than the badges on both the present men's and women's tops; therefore they can be sewn over the embroidered badges. They are for sale at £5. The executive's thanks were expressed to Val for her work.

Uniform:

A shirt, zipper jacket and waterproof/fleece in yellow, with blue side panels and red piping, made of a climacool material, was exhibited and approved. It was agreed to recommend the garments to the Council as the new uniform for the EBUA.

The tops should be worn with navy blue trousers, crops or skirts, and navy or white socks. It was hoped that the uniforms would be available from 1st January 2011 and would be on sale as follows

Shirt	£14 plus postage
Zipper Jacket	£17 plus postage
Waterproof/fleece	£25 plus postage.

A circular will be issued in due course giving details of sizes etc and instructions as to the ordering procedure.

Hopefully a Stock Controller will be appointed in due course to deal with the ordering.

Disposal of the Burgundy and Blue uniforms.

It is estimated that there is £2000 men's clothing and £1500 women's clothing held. The Treasurer will collect all this stock and it will then be available for sale, at cost prices, for member's use at club level or until the exchange period expires i.e. 31st December 2015

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

- Rick expressed concern that travel expenses had not been paid by Bowls England to Umpires officiating at both the Men's and Women's Internationals held during July at Worthing. He would raise the subject with Bowls England.
- Rick Moore and Jessie Clark would be attending a competition committee meeting with Bowls England on 3rd September to discuss 2011 championships.
- EIBA system with regard to choice of umpires for their events remains the same, although it is usual for EBUA representatives to attend a competition committee with them, sometime in autumn.
- The Secretary will write to all counties to explain the system of paying for umpires which the Umpires Association would like to introduce.
- A joint list of International Umpires will be drawn up and reviewed.

Treasurers Report

Present funds £33000, including £13000 of advanced subscriptions. Outstanding bills amount to £1000. £2300 had been received from the EIBA.

The Development plan with regard to examinations etc would need to be financed in the short term.

Development Committee's Report.

Grade of Umpires will be Club Umpire

Regional Umpire

National Umpire

International Umpire.

All current members of the EBUA will be assimilated into the respective grade as from January 2011. All new applicants, on initial qualification, will be club umpires.

The anticipated costs are new applicant £35, including purchase Home Study Pack and a DVD, and £15 for requalification and upgrade

The timetable, as outlined in the previous minutes, is on schedule.

Any examination seminars for 2010 will be suspended except for those already arranged.

Mavis Wellington raised the subject of individual counties running tests. and using their own markers for County events. Allan Thornhill stated that Surrey, Middlesex Kent and Hampshire had such lists, and the tests were carried out under the auspices of the County Coaching scheme. Rick Moore will write to the Coaching scheme secretary Guy Byham to clarify the situation.

The Executive expressed the Associations thanks to Allan and his committee for all the work they have achieved.

Any other Business

- Rick Moore, Jessie Clark and Mary Taylor will meet during the winter to establish a common system for obtaining umpires for both Leamington and Worthing, whilst accepting that the present systems at both venues do work.
- Eileen Haddleton, Match Secretary, is pleased with the initial response to the winter match programme, which was published in the Newsletter; she would however welcome more names. The programme is available on the web site.
- Women members in Worcester and Hereford, who are not on E-mail, have complained that they have received no information from the Association.

From Previous Minutes

Life Members from EBUA.

John Fulcher Lincs, Keith Thorne Bedford, Norman Chadwick Notts, Norman Deeprose Worcs, Peter Down Sussex, Reg Henery Wilts, Allan Higgins Lancs, Mel Hunter Northants, Percy Kimber Surrey, Dick Northam Somerset, Bill Sammons Sussex.

Date of Next Meeting.

2nd November 2010 at Oxford City and County at 11am.