

# **English Bowls Umpires Association**

Minutes of an Executive meeting held on 26 March 2011 at Leamington Spa

## **Present**

R White – Chairman

M Wellington – Deputy Chairman

R Moore – Secretary

J Clark – Deputy Secretary

V Findell - Treasurer

P Jones – Executive Member

A Thornhill – Development Officer

## **1) Chairman's opening remarks**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all there. He then said that although the organisation was coming up to one year old we needed to look at ourselves and decide if we have moved forward. Have we made the correct decisions or are we in danger of becoming just a 'talking shop' and going over old ground.

He pointed out that committee all have access to the internet so that we can contact each other. He did not want to see items brought up at the last minute at meetings. We are able to contact each other between meetings to clarify things. The committee should not be making decisions 'on the hoof' and then changing them at the next meeting when an unforeseen problem arises.

With the expanded Executive Committee we must be aware of costs arising out of the number of meetings, and of any changes necessary if the decision to maintain equal numbers of ladies and men are maintained.

## **2) Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Mary Taylor (Executive Member)

## **3) Minutes of previous meeting**

Michelle Van Putt had tendered her apologies for that meeting, but these were not included in the minutes. Subject to this amendment, the minutes of the meeting of 27 January 2011 as previously been circulated, were proposed as a true record proposed Jessie Clark, seconded Phyl Jones and were duly signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### 4) Matters Arising

The questions of the uniform to be worn for various events was discussed and it was noted that a request that white trousers/skirts be worn for the internationals at Stanley had been received and agreed. The Secretary agreed that in future he would ensure that committee members were aware of such requests and consulted, not finding out about both the request and the agreement to change after the decision had been taken

The minutes of the previous meeting were clarified in that the uniform had been decided by a vote of the members and was not therefore to be 'ratified' by the AGM. The intention was that the 'expanded EC' (if this format was approved by the AGM) would plan the implementation of the new uniform.

#### 5) Correspondence received

The report of the Match Secretary was received by the committee and its content noted. It was proposed Rick Moore, seconded Phyl Jones that the EC announce to the AGM that in view of the additional expenditure these matches were causing and the lack of response from the members, for the time being the Association would be ceasing to have those matches.

#### 6) Secretary's report

- i) The Secretary said that he had forwarded the 'usual' entries for the handbook.
- ii) AGM – It was confirmed that all the arrangements for the AGM on 1 May were in place.

Propositions

- a) The Secretary reminded the EC that the following proposition had been agreed by the EC at their previous meeting

*"Section 3 Paragraph 3.3 -Delete paragraph 2 replace with the following:-*

*The subscription year for membership purposes shall run from 1 January to 31 December. Any member who has not paid their subscription for a year by 31 January in that year will be removed from the register of members on 1 February and shall not carry out any duties for, or act on behalf, of the Association"*

- b) He had received the following propositions from the membership for inclusion in the Agenda

*"Having read the newsletter I really do not feel that the feelings of the umpires in the Midlands was recorded accurately with regard to the overwhelming feeling regarding the uniform and badge that has been introduced by the Executive. I would therefore like to propose that the issue of the uniform and badge be put on hold and discussed as an agenda item at the next full AGM, where a more comprehensive feel for this issue can be aired and deliberated on."*

Proposed Moira Horriben and seconded by Alan Harvey

*"I propose 'that the Association badge be redesigned to principally incorporate the English rose(s)"*

Proposed Geoff Thomas and seconded by Malcolm Griffith

- c) After a discussion the EC agreed (proposed Jessie Clark, seconded Phyl Jones) to put the following motion to the AGM:-

*"In view of the fact that EIBA Ltd have adopted and registered a new logo consisting of a yellow and a red rose, we recommend that a new badge consisting of scales is confirmed and registered as the logo of the EBUA"*

- d) To put into place the necessary amendments to the Constitution to merge the EC and Council he proposed the following propositions would need to be put to the AGM.

#### Section 4

- a) *Wherever the word 'Council' appears in this section replace with 'Executive'*  
b) *In paragraph 4.2 replace the word 'once' with 'three times'*

#### Section 5

- a) *The heading – delete 'COUNCIL' insert 'EXECUTIVE'*  
b) *Whenever the word 'Council' appears replace with 'Executive'*

#### Section 6

- a) *Delete from '6. to 'balance'*  
b) *Delete from 'The Executive' to 'year'*  
c) *Renumber paragraphs 6.1 to 6.3 as 5.1 to 5.3*  
d) *Renumber following sections 7 to 11 as 6 to 10*

After a discussion it was agreed that these motions be included in the AGM agenda in the name of the EC.

## **7) Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer reported the bank position as

Deposit Account	£21121
Current Account	£ 447

He asked everyone to be more careful with their spending on behalf of the Association. Recent expenditure had included £8947 on the training DVD, the training meeting £1050, and the last meeting at Leamington had cost £1290, a further £500 had been spent on the ballot to select the new shirt as well as some £2700 of old stock being written off. This meant that if he had not received the £10,000 that the ladies had brought from their association then the finances would be looking sick!

He was issuing new membership lists to the area/zone reps showing the current membership. This did not include those who had resigned due to illness or old age

and he had also deleted those who had failed to pay their subscriptions despite various reminders. He had deleted 105 people from the membership list.

The membership figures were

<u>Active</u>	
Ladies	522
Men	491
<u>Inactive</u>	
Ladies	80
Men	<u>123</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1216</b>

#### **8) Development Officer's report**

It was agreed that this item be deferred to the Council meeting.

#### **9) Any other business**

The mechanisms previously used for selecting people to work at both Leamington and Worthing was discussed and it was unanimously felt that the following principle should be adopted

'The officials in charge of the National Championships at Leamington and Worthing will allocate on a selection basis. It is recommended that finals are marked / umpired by the same sex as the players'

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.15.

Chairman