



BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

BCGBA Management Committee Meeting Saturday 19th November 2022 – 9.30am – at Winnington Park Meeting Summary

Present:

All Officers were present. All County Associations were represented apart from the Isle of Man who tendered their apologies.

Minutes of the previous Management Committee Meeting

The minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Saturday 2nd July 2022 were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising from the previous Management Committee Meeting

The Chairman asked that any county that has not provided the National Administrator (NA) with the club, league and association email addresses do so as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the Federation of Crown Green Bowls would receive the same entry rights as the British Parks Crown Green Bowling Association in our competitions.

Relevant Correspondence

The Financial Officer (FO) will liaise with the British Crown Green Referees Society (BCGRS) over a request that the BCGBA consider paying their Secretary/Treasurer honorarium.

The incident at the 2022 George Masters is being investigated.

Support will be offered to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) following Brian Roberts continued barrage of letters which began some 25 years ago.

Chief Executive Officer Report

The CEO referred to the Discipline Policy and the proposed Code of Conduct and asked that members respond with any comments no later than Saturday 31st December 2022.

He advised that Steve Clamp (North Lancs & Fylde) will represent the BCGBA with Junior Development on Coach Bowls.

Executive Committee Report

The meeting agreed to the following Executive Committee recommendations:

- The award of Life Membership to David Williams in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the BCGBA, especially in his position as BCGRS Secretary.
- The meeting agreed on an Addenda to the footwear rule (10.3) in the Laws of the Game – 'No interpretation of this Law allows a player to play in socks/stockings or bare feet.'

Finance Report

The meeting agreed on the award of prize money for the 2022 Junior Six-a-Side Championship – Group A winners will receive £200 with the runners-up £100. Group B winners are to receive £100 with the runners-up receiving £50.

No additional payments will be made in respect of the 2021 Ladies Senior Merit as the prize money advertised was paid out.

Heaton Park

The CEO and Paul Murphy (Greater Manchester) gave an update on progress on recent meetings and were confident that the greens would be in good order by the start of the 2023 season. The Chairman asked for a 5-year plan to be available at the March Meeting.

Officer Reports

Safeguarding – It was noted that the National Safeguarding Officer (NSO) has brought in over £2,000 into the Association's funds through his tremendous work in carrying out DBS Disclosures.

Referees - It was suggested that an independent person be appointed for each county match to check players dress as this is not the responsibility of referees, some of whom have been subject to abuse.

Administration – It was agreed that the regions for the 2023 Veterans County Championship will remain as 2022. It was also agreed that the qualifying rounds of the October 2023 World Club Championship would be played on a regional basis. It was confirmed that the Laws of the Game will be reinstated in the 2023 Handbook but the Competition Rules will be removed.

Media - The Media Officer (MO) had nothing to add to his report.

Registrar - The National Registrar (NR) advised that we had 5,296 new members in 2022, a 1,542 increase on the previous year. She reminded members that Public liability renewals take effect from 1st January and the portal should be open from Monday 5th December.

Rules Revision

The meeting agreed on several proposals, mainly to add new rules to our competition rules. An Annual Player Registration Fee of £1 per player will be proposed as a Notice of Motion together with a proposal to increase the Open Contest Fee from £6 to £10.

Whilst not a rules revision matter, it was agreed to increase the Club Fee from £35 to £40 as this rule sits in our Membership Policy

Governance

The CEO gave an update on the Governance of the Association which should see things change following the Annual Meeting. He issued counties with some information documents.

Competitions

The Ladies Competitions Officer (LCO) congratulated Sue Todd on her appointment as BCGBA Ladies Competition Committee Deputy President.

A proposal will go forward to the Rules Revision Meeting to combine the Men's and Ladies dress codes into one document.

Counties were advised of the number of qualifiers in the 2023 BCGBA Senior Individual Merit on Saturday 29th July at Heaton Park (Greater Manchester). Counties will receive a copy.

Counties are to advise the CEO no later than Sunday 1st January of the intention to play in the 2023 Junior County Championship or Junior Six-a-Side Championship.

The 18 to 25 Open Championship will run in 2023 but the upper age will reduce to 23 years and the numbers on finals day will reduce to 32.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Saturday 11th March 2023 – via Zoom - 9.30am.

Any Other Business

The President, Ken Howarth, made the presentation of the Presidential Chain and Blazer to Deputy President, Martin Goddard, as he will be unable to attend the January Annual Meeting as he is visiting his family in Australia.

The meeting closed at 2.20pm.