



# **Annual General Meeting**

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**held at Owley Wood Bowls Club on Saturday 19th January 2019**

### **1 Welcome by the President**

The President, Keith Andrews, opened the meeting at 1pm and welcomed once again those who had stayed following the morning's Rules Revision Meeting.

### **2 Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting**

On a proposal from Staffordshire CBA, seconded by North Lancs & Fylde CBA, the minutes of the previous meeting held on Saturday 20th January 2018 were unanimously approved as a true record with the Chairman signing the minute book accordingly.

### **3 Matters Arising**

There were no Matters Arising.

### **4 Chief Executive's Report**

The Interim CEO, Mark Bircumshaw, said it was not in his plans to be standing here today presenting a Chief Executive's Report but it had been an interesting year since John Crowther's retirement in early 2018. He thanked all those who had supported him – fellow Officers, Management Committee, County Secretaries and the many volunteers - in what had been a steep learning curve. He praised the work of our Safeguarding Officer, Paul Ashmore, for his dedication in rolling out Safeguarding across the Association.

He went on to say that we have joined with the Sport and Recreation Alliance, the Youth Sport Trust, Coach Bowls as well as progressing with the National Database through Go Membership. He felt that we have many challenges ahead as we strive to modernise the Association and will need to have many conversations as to where everyone wants the sport to go and how we finance the organisation for the future.

In 2018 he issued 223 Open Contest Certificates, slightly down on the previous year, and a full list of all BCGBA competition results from the 2018 season will be made available soon.

### **5 Financial Officer's Report**

The Financial Officer (FO), Graeme Underhill, began his report with special thanks to the outgoing President, Keith Andrews, who he had enjoyed working with on various committees and competitions during 2018. He also thanked his fellow Officers and Management Committee for their support over the past twelve months and County Secretaries and Treasurers who have dealt with his requests in a timely fashion.

He then went through all the pages of the Financial Statement, highlighting a number of items on each page. After each page he stopped to allow questions from the floor and he did his best to answer many of the numerous questions he received.

He had hoped to break-even on the year but unfortunately the accounts showed a deficit of £5,448.67. He thanked the Safeguarding Officer, Paul Ashmore, who alongside the Interim CEO, Mark Bircumshaw, raised £1,000 from their Safeguarding Training Courses. Worryingly, almost every item of expenditure on the Competitions Account showed an increase on the previous year with the cost of TV and Internet

Coverage amounting to some £41,000 over the 2017 and 2018 seasons. The Finance Committee have therefore recommended that this is shelved in its current format to establish if cheaper options can be found.

As of the end of October 2018 the Association had available internal funds totalling £7,497.41. Putting it bluntly, he said this was not enough and the Association could not carry on in this manner and was sorry that he had to finish his report on a disappointing note.

## **6 Financial Statement 2018**

On a proposal from Merseyside CCGBA, seconded by North Lancs & Fylde CBA, the meeting approved unanimously the 2018 Financial Statement.

## **7 Accountant's Report**

Ian Dutton, of Reporting Accountants, Worton Rock Limited, had nothing further to add to what had already been said and read out his report on the Financial Statement for the year end 31st October 2018.

## **8 Elections**

The retiring President, Keith Andrews, thanked his fellow Officers and members of the Management Committee for the help in what he described as 'a wonderful year as President'.

He offered his thanks to all the counties he had visited, for their kind hospitality and for making him so very welcome. He then went on to highlight his busy schedule and closed by thanking our sponsors who have contributed to an excellent year.

He then invited nominations for the position of BCGBA President in 2019.

### ***President:***

Calvin Jackson, on behalf of Derbyshire CCGBA, said he was a proud Son to be able to nominate his father, Graham Jackson, as the 2019 President of the British Crown Green Bowling Association. He gave a humorous power point presentation to outline the many skills and talents his father possesses, where, in his working life, he had been a Teacher. His Crown Green Bowls journey started in 1974 at Littleover Bowls Club where he was secretary for 20 years. He has held almost every position available on the South Derbyshire Association committee and last year received their Services to Sport award and has been on the Derbyshire CCGBA committee since 1990.

Phil Brown, on behalf of the North Midlands CCGBA, was pleased to second Graham's nomination as BGCBA President in 2019.

Graham was unanimously elected and received his President's blazer from the retiring President, Keith Andrews, and in his first duty presented him with his Past President's badge.

Graham thanked his son, Calvin, and Phil Brown, for proposing and seconding him and to Derbyshire for giving him the opportunity to take on this prestigious position. He enjoyed his year as Deputy President and hoped to enjoy his year as President even more.

He then invited nominations for the position of BCGBA Deputy President in 2019.

### ***Deputy President:***

Joe Wardman, on behalf of Cumbria CCGBA, said he was delighted to propose Ken Howarth for the position of Deputy President of the BCGBA for 2019. Ken, he said, was introduced to bowls by his father and played his first game in 1959, winning 21-9. He went on to outline his heavy involvement in all aspects of our game and asked the meeting to support his county's nomination.

Phil Brown, on behalf of North Midlands CCGBA, said he had known Ken for some years through his work with the Federation of Crown Green Bowls where he does a great job. He was more than happy to second Ken's nomination.

Ken was unanimously elected and thanked Joe and Phil for their kind words with a special thanks to his colleagues at Cumbria for giving him this opportunity. He said he had attended three Management Committee Meetings as an observer and felt the Officers do a good job and with our support the Association will grow from strength to strength.

***Reporting Accountants***

On a proposal from the BCGBA Financial Officer, seconded by South Yorkshire CCGBA, the meeting unanimously agreed that Worton Rock Limited should continue as our Reporting Accountants.

**9 Officer Appointments**

This item was no longer applicable.

With no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, wished everybody a safe journey home and then closed the meeting at 3.05pm.

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