



# WESSEX BOWLS LEAGUE

**Chairman**  
**David Murley BEM**

**Treasurer**  
**Debroy Gregory**

**Secretary**  
**Peter Stewart**

## **Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the League held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 11:00 am at Cotswold IBC, Golden Jubilee Way, Dudbridge, Stroud GL5 3HQ**

### **Attendees**

|                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D.Murley – Chairman & Rugby A&B   | S.Murray – Swindon Manor     |
| D.Gregory - Treasurer             | T.Billington - Nailsea       |
| P.Stewart – Secretary & Westlecot | L.Elliott – Cotswold A       |
| K.Pearson - Atherley              | Cotswold B                   |
| B.Forse - St Andrews              | R.Giles - Thornbury          |
| R.Venn – St Andrews               | J.Bailey – Oxford & District |
| R.Young – Swindon Manor           |                              |

### **1. Apologies:**

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|-----------------|-------------|
| Banbury         | Gloucester  |
| Bournemouth     | Loddon Vale |
| Bristol         | Malvern     |
| Bromsgrove      | Mid Glos    |
| Carterton       | Moonfleet   |
| Chipping Norton | Moonfleet B |
| Church Gresley  | Nomads      |
| Clevedon        | Plymouth    |
| Daventry        | Purnell     |
| Dolphin         | Rivermead   |
| Dolphin Blues   | Solihull    |
| Dorchester      | Welford     |
| East Dorset     | West Berks  |

### **Clubs absent with no apology (Fine as per 2016-17 Rules)**

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| Bridport        | Kingsthorpe          |
| Christie Miller | North Wilts          |
| Clarrie Dunbar  | Oxford City & County |
| Exonia          | Shrewsbury           |
| Fairford        | Torbay               |
| Five Rivers     | Torquay Utd          |

## **2. Chairman's opening remarks.**

*Officers, gentlemen, a warm welcome to the first meeting of the new season that commences on the 1 October. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new League Secretary, Peter Stewart. I should imagine that most of you know of him but have never met him, from my position of Chairman I am delighted that we have found yet another excellent Secretary to continue with and develop the League further going forward.*

*As you can see from today's agenda, there are many new angles of approach that we are seeking your approval of, for which you will receive ample time to consider and debate where necessary, before asking to cast your vote.*

*Last season's final between the eventual winners Clarrie Dunbar and Kingsthorpe which was held at Bristol, lived up to its expectation as a spectacle and was played in the usual spirit one has come to expect of a Wessex League final. It was a shame that one team had to loose, on this occasion it was Kingsthorpe.*

*Bristol provided an excellent venue and made everyone most welcome and looked after all who attended in what has become the byword for this club's hospitality.*

*Sometimes, all the good things happen at once, but normally there is a downside and this occasion is no different. We have again lost our sponsor, who for reasons best known to himself has declined to continue for this coming season. We have been in this position before and survived and I have no doubt that we will survive this set back as we have done in previous seasons. The Executive will be doing their utmost to attract another sponsor during this coming season, if any delegate should have any leads about any sponsor if they could send the details to our League Secretary, we will be pleased to follow them up.*

*Finally in closing, could I extend a warm welcome to Atherley and wish them well in their first season in the League; and also to Clevedon and St Andrews who after a break of many years have decided to rejoin. The Executive wish both teams well in their respective regions and hope that they will enjoy the competitiveness of the Wessex league. Obviously that same desire goes for all our member Clubs and we look forward with anticipation to the Play off draw in late February 2018.*

*Thank you for your attention and attending this meeting.*

### 3. Minutes of A.G.M. held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015

These minutes were passed as accurate proposed by D.Murley and seconded by D.Gregory

### 4. Treasurer's report

*I have little to say last seasons accounts are balanced but not yet audited and we do show a healthy profit. This was partly due to Moonfleet and Oxford City & County hosting the semi finals without any charges for green usage. Our new Secretary's expenses are much less than the previous Secretary's. More on this when I present accounts at the AGM in February 2018.*

*24 clubs have already paid subs this year and clubs are reminded that subscriptions for the 2017-18 season are due by the 2<sup>nd</sup> October.*

*With the loss of sponsorship the prize money for 2017-18 will obviously have to be reduced.*

Atherley asked for profit figure – Treasurer replied around £700.

Thornbury asked for amount in hand figure – Treasurer replied around £5000.

### 5. Proposals

| Proposal  | For | Against | Abstain |
|---|-----|---------|---------|
| <b>1. Addition to the Bowls Sponsorship Wessex League Rules replacing current Rule 14 and Rule 23:</b> An Annual General Meeting of the League will be held each February on the Sunday following the League matches and before the play-offs commence. Agenda for the AGM shall be circulated to all Member clubs not less than three weeks (21 clear days) prior to the meeting. Attendance at an AGM is compulsory for all League Clubs. A fine of £5 will be imposed on any club absent without an apology from the AGM/EGM. (Rule 4 also applies here). Prior to this meeting the draw for the play-offs will be made. | 19  | 1       | 1       |
| <b>2. Amendment to Bowls Sponsorship Wessex League Rules Para 27.</b> End sentence after ...during season. Delete rest of paragraph.  | 21  | 0       | 0       |
| <b>3. Amendment to Bowls Sponsorship Wessex League Rules Para 30.</b> Change to the references to Law 54(b) should be Law 52(b)   | 20  | 0       | 1       |
| <b>4. Amendment to Bowls Sponsorship Wessex League Rules Para 35.</b> To be amended to read 21 ends or 4 hours. Delete current note.  | 20  | 1       | 0       |

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| <b>5. Proposal put forward by Cotswold.</b> To facilitate reasonable reserves for the “A” team, where clubs enter two teams in the League, players may be called upon from the “B” team if needed but any player having played more than once in the “A” team may not then play in the “B” team. | 20 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>Proposal from the League Executive.</b> To produce merchandise that will mainly be stationery items identified with Wessex Bowls League logo. Aim is to publish and sell on website at prices to be agreed given a further small income stream for the League.                                | 20 | 0 | 1 |

All Proposals tabled were carried. In respect of Proposal 5 this will have to be policed by clubs not by the League Executive.

#### **6. Election of Officers for 2017-18:**

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were elected en bloc with a majority vote.

#### **7. Election of Regional Representatives.**

A debate was held in relation to Regional Representatives and it was felt that these could be dispensed of. The Secretary was tasked to remove reference in the Rules.

#### **8. League administration:**

- a) Reporting results. – the Secretary reminded all of the 3pm deadline for results and Thornbury asked if this could be extended to 3.30pm. This was rejected as the Secretary has to turn the results round to get to the local media outlets by 5pm. The Secretary affirmed that results can be received by telephone, mobile messaging or e-mail whichever is the most convenient.
- b) To update contact list – details confirmed by clubs attending meeting.
- c) To re-affirm that no alterations can be made to the confirmed fixtures for this season – Rule 26a has to be applied for any changes to fixtures now.
- d) Website – the Secretary thanked Reg Tibbles for his work on the previous website. We now have a new site [www.wessexbowlsleague.co.uk](http://www.wessexbowlsleague.co.uk). All results, tables and Wessex League information will be displayed on this site.
- e) Sponsorship – as alluded to during the meeting Bowls Sponsorship has stepped down leaving us with no Sponsor. If any club knows of anyone showing an interest please let the Secretary know.

#### **9. Any other business**

The Chairman updated the meeting regarding the on-going situation at Mid Glos and potential closure of the club. (Watch the website news page for updates)

#### **10. Date of next meeting**

**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 11.00AM VENUE TBC**