



Bowls Scotland

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Bowls Scotland Board Meeting

Wednesday 27th of May 2020, 1630 hrs

Zoom meeting

Present:

Sue Beatt - Chair (SB), Alan McMillan – CEO (AM), Bob Christie (BC), Andrew Upton (AU), David Scouller (DC), Arlene Ewing (AE), James Laws (JL)

1. **Apologies:** Sheila Cowan (SC), Tom Hamilton (TH)
2. **Chairs Opening Remarks-** SB welcomed all to the meeting and advised that TH had submitted his apologies. SB asked for approval and this was agreed by all Board members.
3. **Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Board Members**
 - 4.1. SB advised that the discussions regarding with the potential Competitions and Events Director were continuing and that at this moment in time with COVID-19 affecting business, AM and Claire will provide an update regarding competitions and events and provide some further background information. Final approval / co-opting of the potential candidate will take place at a later date.
 - 4.2. SB advised that SC has resigned from the Board. The Board approved the resignation. AM will circulate the job remit to the Board for comment prior to advertising the post. AM will ask Darren to prepare a notification for publication.
5. **COVID-19**
 - 5.1. Guidelines for Phase 1 have been released following news of a return to tennis, golf and bowls.

The non-opening of toilets has generated a huge amount of discussion. The Government made it very clear that indoor facilities were to remain closed during this phase.

AM advised that many clubs do not intend to open during this phase.

AM asked the Board for feedback from their own clubs,

AM advised that he attended a meeting with Joe Fitz-Patrick MSP. AM advised that Bowls has an opportunity to help people coming out of isolation, shielding etc. and generally helping with wellbeing and mental health. AM advised that Bowls Scotland were keen to have a conversation with Andrew Sinclair, Head of Active Scotland regarding this and programmes that could be offered by Bowling Clubs.

5.2. All Staff Meeting

AM advised that three members of staff have been extended on Furlough until the end of June.

5.3. Management Meetings

AM advised that the management meetings have been reduced from three a week to two each week.

5.4. Club Survey

AM shared the findings from the club survey and discussed some of the recommendations. AM advised that Board members can read the results at their leisure.

5.5. Board report

AM shared the Board report and provided an update. A total of 341 clubs have been awarded Business Support Grant funding to date. The total amount awarded is £3,770,000. A total of 18 clubs have been awarded 3rd Sector Grant funding to date. The total amount awarded is £111,975. A total of 7 clubs have received both the Business Support and 3rd Sector grants to date. A total of 764 clubs have received refunds to date.

Following the release of guidance for phase 1 of our return to bowls, workshops have been arranged to start discussion on phase 2 with District Secretaries. The workshops are scheduled to take place on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th June with a one-off Facilities meeting taking place on the 9th June.

JL advised that it would be interesting to get stats showing what other sporting governing bodies have received from external funding. JL advised that that this is a good news story and show cases just what a good job the team have done in supporting clubs.

5.6. BIWBC

AM advised that discussions have taken place with England, Wales, Ireland and Jersey regarding the format for the senior ladies (over 25s) and also juniors to a top ten. This will result in a more competitive game. There will be further meetings to discuss it in more detail. The only caveat is from Wales who wanted to put in place a 55 and over International that would be paid for by the players themselves. AM

advised that we need to work towards a fully integrated approach including para bowls.

5.7. BIBC

AM advised that the BIBC have agreed to unify with the BIWBC to form a single body for competition delivery of Internationals from 2022 onwards. England will undertake the administration.

5.8. World CEO's group

World CEOs are meeting this evening. The group has on Board, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, England's new CEO and the secretary of the Welsh Women's Bowling Association. Each nation is sharing advice and resources to assist with;- "getting back on the greens", the "new start", survey information to get a World perspective and discussing how collectively all nations can get more people into the game of bowls

6. A.O.C.B.

BC advised there have been discussions with the EBU regarding format. Further information to follow.

7. Next meeting 17th June 2020.