



# Bowls Scotland

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## **Bowls Scotland Board Meeting**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 1730 hrs**

### **Zoom meeting**

#### Present:

Sue Beatt - Chair (SB), Alan McMillan – CEO (AM), Bob Christie (BC), David Scouller (DC), George McCartney (GM) Kim McAully (KM) Fiona Lilley (FL)

1. Apologies: Tom Hamilton (TH), Andrew Upton (AU), Arlene Ewing (AE)
2. Chairs Opening Remarks- SB opened the meeting by thanking the staff for their continued hard work.
3. Declarations of Interest – BC declared an interest in 5.1.5.
4. Previous Minutes – None to present
5. Proposals

#### 5.1.1 Approval of Accounts

AM & KM to discuss further on the decision to leave money in creditors or bringing it down to reserves.

AM confirmed to the board that the figures will change within the accounts but the overall overspend would not change. The board unanimously approved the overspend.

#### 5.1.2 Capitation Fee for 2021

AM suggested that to fully support the members during unstable financial times, that there would be no increase in capitation for season 2021 and that this should be explained at the 2020 AGM as part of the financial report. It would then be recommended that there would be an increase in capitation proposed at the 2021 AGM for season 2022. The board agreed with this approach.

#### 5.1.3 Discussion re BDO as Accountants for 2020/2021

Board agreed anonymously to keep BDO on as the Accountants for 2020/21.

#### 5.1.4 Special Resolutions-

5.1.4.1 Articles- Virtual General Meetings- this resolution would allow for virtual general meetings if in the future they were deemed as necessary or a better way to deliver the meetings- fully agreed by the Board

Suggestion from FL, which was noticed by KM to review the articles and updating the language surrounding equality.

Action suggested from AM for the equality group and Harper Macleod, supported by sportscotland to have a gender-neutral review of how the articles promote empowering women within bowls.

AM to get confirmation from Harper Macleod on the articles surrounding appointed board members and opted board members and confirmation on which board members need approval at the 2020 AGM.

#### 5.1.5 Nominations-President/Hon Members

AM suggested that as was previously agreed by the Board, the current presidents and vice presidents be re-instated for season 2021. It was agreed to appoint the Presidents in the usual procedure at the 2020 AGM but propose the existing holders remain for another year, therefore only the need for approval at the AGM. Board approved to put the current Presidents name down on the AGM agenda for reappointment.

BC momentarily left the meeting.

The Board approved unanimously for BC to be given honorary membership for his 10 years spent on the Board as a Director and his services to the development of Bowls Scotland as Director.

BC returned where SB informed him of the decision. BC expressed his gratitude to the Board for his nomination and outlined how much of an honour it was to him and his family.

AM to discuss with Adam Martin, the new Coach and Volunteer Manager suggestions on honorary memberships and recognition of those that put so much into the sport.

AGM rehearsals- it was agreed that SB and AM would be part of the rehearsals for the AGM to make the new meeting structure as smooth as possible.

#### 5.3 Virtual AGM

##### 5.3.1 Process

AM stated:

Sarah Pryde-Smith, Gillian Boyle and Claire Johnston currently working on how the virtual AGM will work.

Was already discussed in 5.1.4

##### 5.3.2 Rehearsals

There will be two rehearsals to make sure everything works. The intention is to have SB & AM in the one place. AM suggest going to Northfield with Darren Weir and Ross Robertson setting up the camera to allow working off one machine but enough distance apart. AM to share dates of the rehearsals with board members. However potential date would be the week before the AGM or the week of.

## 6. AOCB

The meeting finished at 1930