



# Bowls Scotland

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## **Bowls Scotland Board Meeting**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021, 1730 hrs**

### **Zoom Meeting**

#### Present:

Sue Beatt - Chair (SB), Alan McMillan – CEO (AM), David Scouller (DC), George McCartney (GM) Kim McAully (KM) Fiona Lilley (FL) Andrew Upton (AU) Sarah Pryde-Smith (SPS) Tom Hamilton (TH) Arlene Ewing (AE) Margaret Halliday (MH) Ron McArthur (RM) Marella O’Neil (MO) John Anderson (JA)

1. Apologies:
2. Chairs Opening Remarks-
3. Declarations of Interest- There were no declarations of interest.
4. Approval of Previous Minutes- Previous minutes unanimously approved by board.

CEO and SPS attended meeting with Presidents and Vice Presidents. The board had a lengthy discussion about the potential of the President and Vice Presidents to have another year in the role.

#### 5. Proposal

##### 5.1. Finance Paper

**sportscotland** have stated that from April 2021 to March 2022 the funding Bowls Scotland receive will revert back to being used in the specific areas that it was requested. AM confirmed the money from **sportscotland** was flexible up until March 2021. However, the money Bowls Scotland receive in investment in April 2021

will reverse back to the previous guidelines. The board unanimously approved the finance paper.

##### 6.2 Budget 2021/2022

KM detailed areas of where Bowls Scotland could increase income and reduce costs. ~~These~~

The board unanimously approved the draft budget.

### 6.3 Accountant Tender

CEO shared information regarding the Bowls Scotland tender process for a new accountant. Bowls Scotland received 4 notes of interest. CEO & KM went through a criteria and process. The board unanimously approved the recommendation put forward.

Business plan and 4-year budget were deferred from the meeting agenda.

### 6.6 Approval of position on EBU board

CEO explained to board members, Bowls Scotland board have been asked to approve John Halliday as Competitions & Events Director and Bob Christie as the President of the European Bowls board. The board unanimously approved.

### 6.8 COVID Update

SPS provided an update:

- Updated COVID guidance is out
- Only 1 club out of all clubs have not provided a COVID officer
- Bowls Scotland requested to come out of the return to training programme but was not approved from **sportscotland**
- No spectators are allowed at either of the Home Nation events in September.
- Third cohort of the club crisis fund had 13 clubs awarded funding. Over the three cohorts £32,000 has been awarded to clubs

### 6.9 Director Positions

The board unanimously agree to have further conversations with regards to the upcoming director posts vacancies.

### Staffing Update

SPS confirmed Gillian Boyce role has changed from Senior Admin Officer to Membership and Business Officer

### AOCB

CEO had meeting with Age Scotland to develop ~~join~~ a partnership to help promote people going into clubs and tackling isolation and loneliness.

The meeting finished at 2030