



# Bowls Scotland

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## **Bowls Scotland Board Meeting**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, 1730 hrs**

### **Zoom Meeting**

#### **Present:**

1. Sue Beatt - Chair (SB), Alan McMillan – CEO (AM), David Scouller (DC), Kim McAully (KM) Andrew Upton (AU) Sarah Pryde-Smith (SPS) Tom Hamilton (TH) Arlene Ewing (AE) Michael Cavanagh (MC) Ron McArthur (RM) Marella O'Neil (MO) John Anderson (JA)
2. Apologies: Fiona Lilley (FL) Margaret Halliday (MH)
3. Chairs Opening Remarks- SB extended her congratulations to all the athletes that have been chosen for the Commonwealth Games. SB shared she has attended her first World Bowls meeting and as Chair of the Scottish Sports Association would be in a meeting with the minister of sport in the following week to discuss the Government's sports strategy.
4. Declarations of Interest- There were no declarations of interest.
5. Approval of Previous Minutes- AM spoke with Commonwealth Games Scotland regarding adding the EWIB logo on the shirts of the players. CGS confirmed that this would not be allowed under the tight advertising criteria set for sports. SB will send out an email on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March regarding the board annual appraisals. The board unanimously approved the previous minutes.
6. Proposals

#### **6.1 Finance Report**

Due to staffing challenges and the extra work involved in the capitation process for finance a more detailed finance report will be produced for April.

AM explained, **sportscotland** gave Bowls Scotland investment for elite coaching for the high-performance coaches. The support didn't start and therefore Bowls Scotland have had to pay back the supplementary investment of £3,500.

AM to circulate the National Championships tender excel sheet on all the tender contracts for 2022.

### Volunteer Approval

The board unanimously approved the Empowering Women in Bowls group. This was previously done electronically. SPS shared with the board that for International Women's Week, a profile will be done on each of the group members.

DS also shared that there had been a replacement for Sadie Godiva on the Equality and Diversity Group. The Board wished to thank Sadie for her input to the group and wished her well for the future.

### Business Plan

AM ran through the business plan, detailing all the actions and the RAG for each department. The plan was approved with TH wishing to discuss the Governance targets with AM following the Board meeting.

### Risk Assessment

TH suggested adding a lack of competitive play for players onto the risk register for the HP risk. It was felt that this was already covered in the risk and that it formed one part of the overall risk to the medal outcome. SB suggested having a specific risk around Cyber on the register. AM to draft a cyber risk for the register by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March and send the updated risk assessment to the Directors.

### Equality Policy

SPS explained the Equality and Diversity group have updated the Equality Policy.

Presidents and Vice Presidents leave the meeting

### Directorships Updates

SPS updated the board.

### Membership

SPS provided an update:

- The capitation paperwork deadline has been unofficially extended to middle of March
- 714 clubs affiliated
- 43,880 adult paying members (down 295 from previous years at this point)
- 11,050 junior paying members (down by 29)
- Around 4/5 clubs this year who have closed their doors
- 200 clubs used the CRM system last year, this year all the clubs have used the system

### Competition & Events

AM updated the board, explaining there was a meeting with BIBC/BIWBC. The outcome was:

- BIBC/BIWBC Championships (Champion of Champions) will take place in Llandrindodd wells, Wales from 30<sup>th</sup> June-3<sup>rd</sup> July
- There will be no Internationals in 2022
- England will invite Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and Jersey to a test event

- U25's has changed to teams of 12 men and 12 women which will take place in Belmont, Ireland in September 2022.

#### European Bowls

AM explained Bowls Scotland have been able to get £3000 from the World Bowls development fund to go towards providing coaching courses for other European nations prior to the European Championships.

#### AOCB

Board away days will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> & Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Discussions regarding World Bowls to happen at the retreat.