



Bowls Scotland

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Bowls Scotland Board Meeting

Wednesday 24th August 2022, 1700 hrs

Zoom Meeting

Present:

Alan McMillan – CEO (AM), David Scouller (DC), Kim McAully (KM) Tom Hamilton (TH) Andrew Upton (AU), Sarah Pryde-Smith (SPS) Gavin Smith (GS), Sue Beatt - Chair (SB), Arelene Ewing (AE), Rudi Urbach (RU), Fiona Lilley (FL)

In Attendance – Ron McArthur (RM), Margaret Halliday (MH)

1. **Apologies:** Michael Cavanagh (MC) Margaret Halliday (MH) Marella O'Neil (MO) John Anderson (JA)
2. **Chairs Opening Remarks:** SB started the meeting.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** (AU) Declares an interest in 6.1
4. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** The board unanimously approved the previous minutes. An action for SPS to send the policy framework document over to the Board. The updated Equality Policy was electronically approved by the Board
5. **Proposals**
 - 5.1. Finance Report - KM provided a summary of the finance report detailing the current projected slight surplus by end of the year, due to an underspend in staffing and programme budget. KM highlighted the Nationals did not make as much as projected but still a good return, post COVID. Affiliation returns in February/March next year will be a big indicator of financial position with **sportscotland** funding also being confirmed in February (FL)
 - 5.2. Finance- e-mail approvals – Board approved ~~the following~~
 - 5.3. Draft Budget 2022-23 - KM highlighted the revised budget, additional work to be done ahead of Septembers Board meeting.

5.4. Risk Register - The board unanimously agreed for AM, SB, DS and GS to work on this then bring to the next board meeting in September.

5.5. Business Plan- Quarter 4 – AM/SPS provided an overview and updated on the process for 2022-2023 Business Plan as we progress into the final year of the current corporate strategy.

6. Discussions:

6.1. Board Legacy – Board agreed to go out to recruitment for the position of Chair immediately with the Marketing and Communications Board Director put on hold until post AGM. Board agreed there is a need to review the articles to allow more flexibility in Board appointments, based on what is required as opposed to specific positions.

6.2. Business Plan- 2022-23 – Updated as part of 5.6

6.3. Strategy consultation – SPS provided an update on the Survey responses and consultation session uptake. Currently 2% of registered playing members have completed the survey, with a target of 5%. The survey will remain open for the duration of the face to face & online consultation sessions.

6.4. BIWBC/BIBC survey presentation – GS provided an overview of the survey results.

6.5. President and Vice President Structure paper – Board unanimously agreed to progress to the AGM with the amendment to article 7.1. SPS/DS to develop a proposal paper for AGM to support the amendment.

6.6. Affiliation Process change paper – Board unanimously agreed to progress to the AGM with the amendment to article 12.2. SPS/DS to develop a proposal paper for AGM to support the amendment.

6.7. Staffing Update - Daniel Baker has left Bowls Scotland and his post as NDO to join Scottish Fencing.

6.8. Competitions/Events – to be discussed at September meeting

6.9. Commonwealth Games – overview

6.10. World Bowls Biennial mtg - overview

6.11. AGM 2022 – Board agreed this year’s AGM should be held virtually to ensure more accessibility and that it remains as cost effective as possible. With strategy consultation sessions also taking place across Scotland, members will have an opportunity to discuss and meet Board members and staff in person.

7.4 Competition & Events Update

- (AM) disclosed that this will be discussed at the next meeting in September

7. AOCB

There was no AOCB

The meeting closed at 21.30