

7. Action Points and Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere on Agenda)

Disability Bowls England

It was **RESOLVED**:

- a. To arrange a further meeting to discuss the integration of Disability Bowls England within Bowls England. **CE 19.06.20**

Club Loans Scheme

BSM advised that, following discussion with Bowls England's Solicitors, it had been agreed to register the Club Loans Scheme with the Financial Standards Authority and the necessary paperwork had been submitted.

8. Correspondence

None received.

9. Reports

9.1 Update by the Chair of the Board

9.1.1 Staff

The Chair reported that, on behalf of the Board, he had thanked all staff for their work and support over the past two months since the retirement of the former Chief Executive.

9.1.2 Sport & Recreation Alliance/Sport England – Covid-19

The Chair reported that he had attended a further meeting of NGB Chairs arranged by the Sport & Recreation Alliance. A number of NGBs had again expressed concern at the timing of the Government announcement on the reopening of outdoor facilities and the limited guidance available to national bodies. OSM reported that a request had been submitted to Sport England in the past week for additional marketing material and guidance documents to be available to clubs who wished to reopen. **OSM 12.06.20**

9.1.3 Bowls Development Alliance (BDA)

The Chair presented an update on the work of the Bowls Development Alliance. It was **RESOLVED**:

- a. CE contact the BDA Chair to discuss further opportunities for joint working. **CE 12.06.20**

9.2 Operational Update by the Chief Executive

9.2.1 Sport England Preparation Programme: Birmingham 2022

The HP joined the meeting and informed the Board that Sport England has set-aside additional resources (up to £2.65million) to enhance NGB preparation programmes for Birmingham 2022. Bowls England is one of 20 NGBs that have been invited to apply for a share of this money, which is only available to those athletes who do not receive UK Sport funding. The Preparation Programme submission had been circulated in advance of the

meeting. CE presented an update to the Board on the work that had been undertaken and thanked HP, BSM and OSM for their work on the bid. It was noted that the submission incorporated all para athletes throughout the Preparation Programme.

It was **RESOLVED**:

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| a. To include within the submission a contribution of £100,000 from Bowls England which includes allocation from within current budgets for staff time, British Isles international events and marketing initiatives. | CE | 04.06.20 |
| b. CE to prepare a Commercial Revenue Generation Plan. | CE | 01.07.20 |
| c. HP requested to identify priorities within current High Performance Plan to assist future Board deliberations should external funding not be secured. | HP | 01.07.20 |
| d. Board to consider additional funding of High Performance Plan at a future meeting once from the outcome of the Sport England submission is known. | CE | 01.07.20 |

HP left the meeting.

9.2.2 Covid-19 Club Survey (OSM)

OSM presented an update on the recent Covid-19 Club Survey that had been circulated to assess the impact on clubs of the current outbreak. A total of 982 responses were received from a total membership of 2,013 clubs. It was noted that only 20 per cent of clubs had applied for funding through the Sport England Community Emergency Fund.

It was **RESOLVED**:

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| a. An Executive Summary be produced for publication to all stakeholders | OSM | 12.06.20 |
| b. The results be used to inform development of a wider club support package | OSM | 01.07.20 |

9.3 Items submitted by Directors/Management Team

9.3.1 British Isles Bowls

COM presented an update on discussions with the BIWBC regarding the future format of the Women's International Series.

It was **RESOLVED**:

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| a. COM/CE/HP/OSM meet to discuss the outline proposal that had been prepared by Bowls Scotland and presented to all members nations for consideration. | CE | 19.06.20 |
| b. CE to discuss further with Bowls Scotland Chief Executive | | |

9.3.2 Webinars

DEV presented an update on the recent Social Media Webinars. It was noted that more than 200 people had attended and additional sessions had been requested.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- a. To arrange additional webinars at the earliest opportunity, with a focus on addressing the key priorities highlighted within the Covid-19 Club Survey. **DEV 01.07.20**

10. Next Meeting

It was **RESOLVED**:

- a. Chair and CE to discuss the timing and future format of Board Meetings and present an update. **Chair/CE 19.06.20**

Meeting closed: 7.05pm