



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 30th July 2020 (7pm) – Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

In Attendance:

England – Jon Cockcroft (Chair) and Alistair Hollis
Ireland – Gwen McCormick and Barbara Cameron
Jersey – Greg Davis
Scotland – Alan McMillan and Claire Johnston
Wales – Hazel Wilson and Jean De Souza

1. Opening Remarks by the Chair

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

None

3. Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the AGM held on Friday 14th June 2019 and EGM held on Saturday 20th July 2019 as a true and correct record.

4. International Series – Format

The BIWBC had discussed potential changes to the format of play for the Women's International Series and consulted widely with players and officials.

Bowls Scotland and Bowls England had circulated proposals in advance of the AGM.

A ballot was held and votes recorded as below:

- Scotland – Five votes (Scotland x 2; Wales x 2; Jersey)
- England – Four votes (England x 2; Ireland x 2)

It was **RESOLVED** that the format proposed by Bowls Scotland would be adopted for the Junior and Senior International Series.

5. Senior International Series – Timescale for Change

England and Ireland requested that the introduction of the new format for the Senior International Series be from 2022 in line with unification discussions.

A ballot was held and votes recorded as below:

- 2021 – Five votes (Scotland x 2; Wales x 2; Jersey)
- 2022 – Four votes (England x 2; Ireland x 2)

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the new format would be adopted for the Junior and Senior International Series in 2021.

6. **Junior International Series 2021**

Ireland had submitted a proposal to extend the age limit for the Junior International Series in 2021 only following the cancellation of this year's event due to Covid-19.

The proposal read:

"For one year only (2021) players must have been aged 25 or under on 1st April 2020"

A ballot was held and votes recorded as below:

- In favour – Six votes (England x 2; Ireland x 2; Scotland x 2)
- Against – Two votes (Wales x 2)
- Abstained – Jersey

It was **RESOLVED** that the age limit extension would be adopted for the Junior International Series in 2021.

7. **2021 Events – Confirmation of Dates/Venues**

It was **RESOLVED** to note the dates and venues for 2021 as previously agreed:

- Senior Championships: Friday 18th & Saturday 19th June (Royal Leamington Spa , England)
- Senior Series: Sunday 20th to Tuesday 22nd June (Royal Leamington Spa, England)
- Junior Series: Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th July (Llandrindod Wells, Wales)
- Junior Championships: Sunday 25th July (Llandrindod Wells, Wales)

It was **RESOLVED** that a review of all BIBC and BIWBC events should be undertaken as part of the unification discussions.

8. **BIWBC Officers for 2020/21**

It was **RESOLVED** that Bowls England would continue to offer administrative support to the BIWBC for the period to 31st December 2021. 1st January 2022 is the target date for unification of the BIWBC and BIBC, and future administration of the new body would be a key part of those unification discussions.

9. **Any other business**

Future Meetings

It was **RESOLVED** to arrange quarterly meetings of the BIWBC in order to progress discussions on unification and the home international programme.