



**NOTICE is hereby given that an  
Annual General Meeting of the Company Bowls England**  
(Company No. 06297656 England & Wales)  
Will be held at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
at Goodwood Bowls Club, Leicestershire, LE5 2FH

## **AGENDA**

### **1. Welcome**

### **2. Notice convening the meeting**

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company known as Bowls England whose company number is 06297656 which was convened by notice dated 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024. This meeting has been called in accordance with the Articles of Association. The Notice of Meeting will have provided you with the business that is to be dealt with on this occasion.

### **3. Apologies**

### **4. Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Bowls England held at Goodwood Bowls Club in Leicester on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023, already circulated, as a true and correct record.

### **5. To receive the 2023 Annual Report**

### **6. To receive any additional comments from the Board Chair**

### **7. To receive the 2023 Report of the Directors and Financial Statements**

### **8. To ratify the following for 2024 and 2025**

- 8.1 Affiliation Fee 2024 - £7
- 8.2 Affiliation Fee 2025 - £7 plus inflationary increase as of 1 October 2024

### **9. To formally ratify the following appointments**

- 9.1. Bowls England Directors – period 2024-27

Adam Tanner  
Mal Evans



## **11. To receive propositions or amendments/additions to the Rules and Regulations**

### 11.1 National Competitions Review Propositions

#### 11.1.2 BLUE RIBAND

Proposition 1. To elevate Blue Riband and Performance events at the Aviva National Finals

#### 11.1.3 PERFORMANCE

Proposition 2. To elevate top-level county competition consistent with international level

Proposition 3. To amend playing numbers and formats in White Rose Trophy & Amy Rose Bowl

Proposition 4. To standardise the age in all junior events to under 24 on 1 April annually for both genders

Proposition 5. To introduce under 17 singles events for both genders

Proposition 6. To create multi-county regional events

#### 11.1.4 TEAM SPIRIT

Proposition 7. To retain Middleton Cup and Johns Trophy in agreed format

Proposition 8. To introduce a Mixed Over 60 Inter-County event

Proposition 9. To revamp the Top Club event to attract more clubs

Proposition 10. To amend the Club Two Fours to an open event

Proposition 11. To restrict entry in the Champion of Champions to 'Club Champions ONLY'

#### 11.1.5 PARTICIPATION

Proposition 12. To remove the Two-Bowl Singles Championship from the Aviva National Finals programme

Proposition 13. To set the age limit for all senior events (excluding Senior Fours) to players aged over 60 on 1 April annually and permit daytime play in those events

Proposition 14. To retain the Senior Fours age limit in line with British Isles qualification requirements

Proposition 15. To introduce 'Novice Pairs' for new and less experienced players



Proposition 16. To change eligibility to the Family Pairs to anyone who has not played international or county level (Balcomb and Walker) representative bowls in the last 5 years

#### 11.1.6 COMPETITIONS MANAGEMENT

Proposition 17. To further investigate how to consolidate the administration for the benefit of players and administrators as part of implementation plan, taking into account the array of systems already in place at county level

Proposition 18. County Associations to continue to manage Championship events

Proposition 19. To introduce set dates in the later rounds of the Top Club as a trial for 2025 as part of national calendar

#### 11.2 COUNTY PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 20. *That, the Junior men's competition "The White Rose" allow Counties to put forward two teams each year, with effect from 2024.*

Proposed by: Bowls Hampshire

Seconded By: Bowls Surrey

Proposition 21. *That there is an addition to the current qualifying rules.*

#### QUALIFIERS FOR NATIONAL FINALS

We would like to ADD the following paragraph:

*The counties with TWO entrants (A & B) shall be shown in the championship draw to be in separate halves. Therefore, removing the "OPEN" draw that is now in place.*

Proposed by: Bowls Devon

Seconded By: Bowls Cornwall

Proposition 22. *That the area final stage of the Tony Allcock, Men's and Ladies Top Club and the Men's Club 2 Fours to be played on a neutral green.*

Proposed by: Bowls Cornwall

Seconded By: Bowls Devon

## **12. To announce Board appointments**

12.1 Bowls England Lawyers (Blythe Liggins)

12.2 Bowls England Accountants and Auditors (Dafferns)



### **13. Chair's Closing Remarks**

By order of the Board  
Jon Cockcroft, Company Secretary

### **Timings and business outside the Annual General Meeting**

Registration starts at 11.45 a.m. and refreshments will be available at the venue from arrival. Please ensure you bring your delegate form. The facility will not be open before 11.45 a.m. as the staff team prepares the room for the meeting.

The Presidential investiture will take place at 12.30 p.m. prior to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.

Following the Annual General Meeting, a meeting will take place for delegates to discuss "A Collective Approach to Data Management".

We anticipate that this will conclude by 2.45 p.m.

The Annual Awards event begins at the Athena, Leicester with doors opening at 6.15 p.m. County delegates are invited to the Drinks Reception.