



BTBA NATIONAL COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
2nd March 2019

I. Call to order

Meeting of the National Tenpin Bowling Council in Holiday Inn, Luton South.

II. Roll call

Present), Terry Searle, Clerk to the Meeting (TS), Martin Webster Chair (MW), Lisa John (LJ), Simon Herbert (SH), Paul LeManquis (PL), Jo Cundy (JC), Vicky Harmon (VH)

Apologies: Ron Griffin (RG) Andy Penny(AP) ,Daniel Bonfield (DB), Mark Stoner (MS)), Helen Tamblyn (HT)

MW welcomed VH to the National Council

Declaration of Interests

JC to circulate

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

MW asked, and it was confirmed that all had read the last minutes (AGM), approved as read: Proposed MW. Seconded JC. **unanimously approved and signed**

IV. Divisional Reports

V. MW Office of the Chair

Communication needs to be improved all round, use of Slack etc. HT offered to train council members.

MFA- they have kept 6 centers, Greenway were buying 12 MW had contacted them offering help, 2 days later due diligence revealed several non-disclosed debts and items, a deposit was paid for the 12 bowls and is being recovered by placing the group into administration by Greenway.

26-02-19 update was a group of 8 bowls, Chatham, Lewisham, Nottingham, Nuneaton, Scunthorpe, Southend and Sunderland have been purchased by Disco Bar group under the company name of Disco Bowl LTD, the MD is Pete Terry

Issue with old MFA sites is the short-term leases. **MW to Contact** Pete Terry

PLM all the centers listed have sanctioned leagues apart from Weymouth, there were also events booked for Sunderland that have been moved to Washington.



No events are booked in MFA centers, it is possible the Midland Scratch league has a booking.

Hollywood Maidstone have made approaches to the Chatham leagues. MW to discuss with Hollywood **TS to contact Maidstone**

Members equipment was locked in at Chatham, we have no responsibility but would do all we could to help. Equipment has now been recovered.

VH asked what is a moral Sanction? It was explained that there are a number of uncertified centers that have leagues and the players are members, with the Moral Sanction they could continue to play but we could not recognise high score awards.

Bowling Clubs

Shipleigh, the bowl has started a club membership scheme, we would recognise all leagues and competitions within Shipleigh bowl, they have 300 members and their encrypted details will be passed to LJ for inclusion on the club bowling database in Go Membership. Shipleigh bowl have paid £5.00 per person for their members to join the Club Bowling Membership

Guildford now have a revised proposal with 3 different levels of membership, Leisure £5.00, Guildford Bowling Club £15.00 or Guildford League Bowler £40.00 including full BTBA membership.

Hollywood group membership

MW to contact Carl Boyland

PLM has been told that Portsmouth has no further need for certification, there are 5 leagues, the inspection budget is with Technical MW to clarify with Carl Boyland

Schools program, MW met with AP, this included RG and TS. AP explained the funded issues to date, the changes in how funding would be sought, he circulated the current program and leaflets (**AP to ensure BTBA logo is included on any document**)

The program, funding and where we are now was discussed at length, the next steps are with **AP** working with Luton and Dunstable education and presenting the Schools Program to the proprietors Association meeting on 28th March

We have extended the delivery of the Schools program by 2 years due to changes in how funding is obtained and AP's commitment to Team England.

All future material to be sent to HT to ensure compliance with Corporate Branding Guidelines.

Communication, tutoring on use of slack to be arranged by

HT

TBPA the next meeting is on the 28th March, **MW** to discuss the National Bowling Week planned for Sept or Oct, also to offer the infrastructure of the BTBA to help and promote.

JC to update the Conflict of Interest form and send out to all Council Members to sign.



VI. LJ Membership

New Member scheme. To be proposed where 50% of any new membership payment would be returned to the league at the end of the first year, year 2 would also see 25% returned.

There is an urgent requirement to get RO's working with Local Associations, LJ to send list of lapsed members to RO's and Local Associations for them to follow up and hopefully re-join the Association.

There is again a need to show perceived value for the membership fee received, the ongoing work of the BTBA as a Sports Governing Body, MW suggested a SWOT analysis of the sport of Bowling in the UK **MW and LJ**

MS northern report was read

Progress since last NC meeting
<p>Progress with communications is progressing along. I believe the counties are now using the @btba.org email, although it still seems hit and miss with replies etc.</p> <p>There was an issue with Staffordshire committee members which now appears to be resolved. Thanks to the help of Lisa and Jo with this one</p> <p>I am still trying to look at organising a northern regional conference, but I am still in the progress of formulating it</p> <p>Lincolnshire are looking for a new committee set up and are in the progress of carrying out the elections</p>
Activities planned
<p>Setting up a northern regional conference</p> <p>With the assistance of my own county we are looking at seeing if we can arrange any other tournaments which can involve county teams. Although finding dates in an already busy calendar is a bit of a struggle.</p>
Issues / Challenges
<p>Issues within the northern region are still mainly with the lack of sanctioned centres reducing and junior bowling struggling.</p> <p>Following on from Yorkshire trials we had a few complaints about how we held the trials and selections. Yorkshire didn't appear to be doing anything incorrect and further guidance was sought which clarified there were no rules breach. Moving forward Yorkshire will make it more clearer on their trials entry form what the bowlers are entering in for.</p> <p>Communication is still an issue. For example I only found out by accident that Lincolnshire committee had stood down and were in a bit of a pickle. Thankfully it is now progressing but I wasn't aware and would have thought they would inform the RO of the situation. (it is more frustrating than a major issue)</p>

VH Southern RO

Vicky was again welcomed, she is getting to grips with her new position, LJ to provide Database access



Any enquiries from new bowlers , we should direct them to certified centers.

VII. HT Communications

There is approx. 70% usage of the BTBA.org.uk email addresses by the counties, **JC** to distribute list of counties not using official email.

VIII. TS SPORT DEVELOPMENT

TS reported his disappointment at not being able to progress with Sport England and UKAD, this was because of personal issues over the last couple of months

SH NAYBC

The NAYBC activity report is freely available on Slack

New committee now in place

Every YBC will now have a free website from Create.net, thanks to Simon Kimber. The NAYBC website was shown and explained.

NAYBC certificates are now available for YBC to download, high scores will be recorded and published monthly.

BTBA and Youth bowling tour rankings are done by Bowltrack, (David Passmore), all results are sent to NAYBC for correct formatting and forwarded.

MW and LJ to meet with David Passmore to discuss league, tournament and average database.

Bowling vision partnership provides for a monthly draw for a bowling ball

The entry fee for the national academy includes provision of the Tenpin Toolkit App, a number have been given to the NAYBC for prizes.

A survey will be sent to all involved with Junior Bowling, Lime Survey will be used, feedback will be used to formulate 2020 planning.

Revision of the junior tournament calendar to include a replacement for the popular junior scratch tour, an inter-center handicap challenge with the regional winners playing in a final.

Youth Council now on the NAYBC website.

Neil Taylor and Martin Woodsworth are the Youth Development officers South and North respectively.



SH attended Club Matters workshop, where the problem of recruitment of volunteers, a suggestion to help with the shortage was the provision of Time Credits, these are collected by the volunteers against time given, to spend on a catalog of offers, there is no cost to the clubs.

SH and TS to meet with Tempo, reference time credits.

National Volunteer Week is the 7 to 13th April first announcement of Tempo by NAYBC should coincide

Junior membership should rise to £20.00 but that will also include NAYBC registration fees and Junior tour cards. **SH to collate presentation for AGM**

MW thanked SH for his work with Youth bowling.

PLM Technical

We now only have 50 certified centers. Aylesbury is now out of date, **PLM** to contact. Defective lane monitor has now been repaired.

A discussion followed on moral sanctions and the future of lane certification with Tenpin group no longer certifying lanes, leagues are now playing in non-certified centers so why would they want to certify. And what will the BTBA be willing to do re leagues playing in uncertified centers. **MW to take to TBPA meeting**

Total number of centers in England is approx. 145

Tenpin Millbrook was certified following support from their Technician

Safeguarding

JC to review and inform **TS**

TS to review Do-IT.org (Within 10 miles of Maldon there are 108 volunteering posts offered)

AP Coaching / Team England

New structure now in place

HT Women's National Council (WNC)

First meeting was held

IX. Finance

Forecast for AGM is the announcement of a loss of £22,471.00.

X. JC Legal and ICC



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ICC all counties were asked to vote on locations, Adults voted to move to Mansfield, South Normington Holiday Inn is the evening venue, with a Hog Roast as the meal. Still awaiting responses from a few counties, entries to date South 9 male and 9 Female, Central 10 male and 7 Female, and North 10 male and 4 Female. Registration fees have been reduced but finalist will now pay for the finals.

Senior has moved from Nottingham to Guildford, the vote was 13-5 to move, the hotel has offered £75.00 per night room rates and the meal will be £30 per head, entry fee is same as last year, finals will be funded by the finalists, entries to date are South East 7 male and 5 Female, South West 7 male and 3 Female, Central 6 male and 5 Female, and North 5 male and 2 Female., no response from Bedfordshire. PLM and JC with update the appropriate counties.

Youth County Championship, Emma Ashton is awaiting intent forms, U16 is the 27th April, U12 4/5 May, U22 6/7th July.

ETBF and Worldbowling meetings, ETBF LJ to attend and DS to be asked to attend in Las Vegas as he will be there with the Senior teams

TS to Arrange

AOB

PLM for those who get honorariums , what does it include? **PLM to write to TS**, then **TS to agree with RG** the format of the invoice going forward.

TS to ask for short high-level reports by the end of March, then a full report for the end of May, this will form the AGM report.

TS to circulate the 2018 AGM document to council

Next Meeting, 6th April 2018

Minutes submitted by: Terry Searle

Minutes approved by: Martin Webster



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