



**Minutes of a Meeting of the National Council  
of the British Tenpin Bowling Association  
Held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Part 1**

## Part 1 – General

### 1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Meeting of the National Tenpin Bowling Council in Rowstock, Oxfordshire.

### 2.0 Roll Call

2.1 Present: Terry Searle (**TS**) Clerk to the Meeting, Martin Webster (**MW**) Chairman, Jo Cundy (**JC**), Vicki Harman (**VH**), Mark Stoner (**MS**), Stuart Watson (**SW**), Chris Hillman (**CH**), Ron Griffin (**RG**), Paul LeManquis (**PLM**) and Ian Oakley (**IO**).

2.2 Apologies: Lisa John (**LJ**), Katie Tagg (**KT**).

2.3 **MW** explained **LJ** will be taking a break from her position as Vice Chair and Director of Membership Services for at least 4 months, this will not affect the administration role that **LJ** will continue to perform.

2.4 **PLM** said he will run with bowler of the year.

2.5 **IO** will be acting Vice Chairman.

2.6 Resigned: Simon Herbert (**SH**). **TS** read a short statement from **SH** stating family and work issues as the reasons for his resignation.

### 3.0 Declaration of Interests

3.1 Stuart Watson (**SW**) Owner of Talk Tenpin and UK Tenpin Hall of Fame.

3.2 **JC** to send relevant forms to all new National Council (NC) members to be returned to **MW** and **LJ**, distributed to NC then content published. **Outstanding action.**

### 4.0 Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

4.1 These had previously been approved and there were no live actions contained. Approved by **MW**. **TS** to send approved final copy of the minutes to **SW** and copy to Regional Officer's (RO) for regional updating.

## 5.0 Office of the Chair – Martin Webster

**5.1** **KT** asked if Team England payments for the Women only events can be directed to Women's National Council (WNC). **RG** explained that the entry fees included a sanction fee that was charged at all sanctioned events. **TS** to speak to **KT** explaining what the fees are and if the WNC wanted monies then a request should be made.

**5.2** Nuneaton: The Friday night league started in September 2019 but have been told they can no longer play in Nuneaton on Friday's, as the bowl is unavailable for leagues or events Friday's, Saturday's or Sunday's. They were offered Nottingham as alternative venue.

**5.2.1** **JC** to contact Rob Thurlby, to establish contact with Tamworth asking if the BTBA certified the lanes would they take the league and events? **MW** to respond to Steve Winterburn.

**5.2.2** **MS** asked, "Where do we stand when a proprietor cancels a league?" **MW** replied, "It is our role to do all we can to support the members and the league, but we also must work with the proprietors."

**5.3** Inter-County Championships: Events are booked at Nottingham. Seniors 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> October 2020, Adults 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**5.4** Tenpin Bowling Proprietors Association (TBPA): **MW** attended latest meeting and was made to feel welcome by the group once again.

**5.4.1** 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 will be National Bowling week.

**5.4.2** TBPA asked to support the Volunteer of the year award - we are awaiting confirmation of their support for 2020.

**5.4.3** Nick Keppe of Bowltech said he had installed a single lane in an exclusive housing development and there was a request that the lane is certified by us as part of the deal.

**5.4.4** **MW** to take BTBA membership joining forms to the next TBPA meeting to promote the tastecard campaign.

**5.5** British Blind Bowling have contacted **MW**. **MW** to forward to **TS** for action.

**5.6** BTBA, NAYBC and Coaching websites: The calendar is to be published asap, using links to relevant sites. **SW** to action. List of coaches to be published **SW and RG**. **SW** said Team England requires a better landing page.

**5.6.1** **SW** now has access to all relevant websites and will transition them to the main site, allowing the other sites and facebook accounts to be closed. Anything published on these websites on behalf of the BTBA is the intellectual property of the BTBA. **TS** to get NAYBC access from **SH**.

**5.7** **SW** to provide Exec with User ID and Passwords for all the sites and social media accounts, following a tidy up of the main website and social media. All NC and Exec will need to have Google accounts to allow access to a shared drive for documents that **SW** is arranging.

**5.8 PLM** has been updating a list of ICC winners and teams over the years, it was agreed that we should arrange for a link from D. Granger's site . It was asked if we want the BTBA history stored outside of the BTBA, the general consensus was it was fine. **PLM and SW** to action links to history. **RG** Explained that our website was for factual information only, news reporting was Talk tenpin and other news sites.

## **6.0 Membership Services – Terry Searle for Lisa John**

**6.1 LJ** wrote to the executive and the contents of her email were discussed.

**6.2.1** tastecard is a tool to enable the BTBA to grow its membership, it was also to be targeted at all non-sanctioned leagues. We now have a 3-year deal with Tastecard, **everyone** should use it to promote membership, in 2019 we had 21 supporter members due to this promotion.

**6.2.2 LJ** has done a great job in getting tastecard, it has been well received by the members. There needs to be a focused marketing campaign, it was agreed that counties getting new members will receive an additional £2.50 per signing. **SW** to produce and lead campaign.

**6.3 VH** asked if we can use the new shirt vendor to promote membership? **TS** to discuss with successful supplier.

## **7.0 Sport Development – Terry Searle**

**7.1** Coaching: There were 2 applications for Head of Coaching, both had very different approaches, a long discussion followed on what the council wanted from coaching, are we looking for a new system or do we continue with the existing ETBF. It was agreed that coaching needs to be split into 2 parts, firstly we need a Head of Education to ensure delivery of ETBF Level 1 and 2, but access needs to be made simpler, also all agreed that we should revert to ETBF qualification method, where once a coach told us they has completed either 150 or 200 hours that would see the coach qualified to the relevant ETBF level, there is no longer a need to pass a assessment.

**7.2** EduCare would also belong to the Head of Education.

**7.3** There is the National Coaching squad, this is the people working with Team England, they will be run independently of Head of Education as there aims are very different, so they will be run by the National Coaching Manager. **TS** and **IO** to speak to relevant applicants.

**7.4 VH** asked if feedback could be sought from members? **TS** to explore.

**7.5 MS** what do we need to do to ensure our coaching qualification is up to date? **TS** responded that we currently have 13 EduCare courses , there is a minimum of 4 that all coaches must pass, and at this current time it will be enough.

## 8.0 Women's National Council – Katie Tagg

**8.1 KT** "I was approached at the airport doubles by a who asked about getting an event up and running. After looking at the calendar and panicking I only found one date in which was a possibility without clashing with someone else. After speaking to airport bowl, they have reserved the 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> July weekend to hold a female only event. The WNC are happy to accept this and are committed to holding an event on this date! (Finally).

"I have spoken with Stuart (**SW**) and I am going to get a BTBA WNC Facebook set up in the New Year with the potential to manipulate the BTBA logo to include the WNC but have not got to that stage yet! We will recruit another member to help the committee and go from there."

"As this is the first women's event in over 4 years, with my aim of getting more women back into the sport, I would like to request the support of the council. Ideally, I would like the 'TE contribution' of the entry to go towards 'Women's Team England' alone to try and increase participation. I'm not sure how possible this is but it's something I would like to include with the entry fee."

"I have been offered a small amount from a local junior's dad as sponsorship with the aim of getting more to increase participation."

"It's fantastic what Fallon Sherrock is doing for women in sport after her participation in the darts World Championship. However, my aim is not to get more integrated events in bowling, but to more empower women and get their events recognised."

## 9.0 Youth Bowling – Terry Searle

**9.1 SH** resigned stating family and work issues as the reasons, **TS** to thank **SH** for his efforts to date and accept his resignation.

**9.2 TS** to contact Stephen Toop, Youth bowling tour manager. **TS** to restart a Youth Bowling Committee with hands on involvement. **SW** agreed to help with the start up.

## 10.0 Technical report – Paul LeManquais

**10.1** The number of certified centres has dropped to 47 which includes one USAF base sanctioned by the USBC. Three other centres have BTBA certification, one in Scotland, one in Wales the other in Gibraltar. Brighton, area manager won't agree to it and Ilkeston, MFA won't pay, are the two losses.

**10.2** Working relationships with BV continue to develop. BV have recently overlaid Cleethorpes, a centre that hasn't been inspected for some time. The owners were still of the opinion that lane inspections were done the 'Maurice Glazer' way i.e. from the bar and not on the lanes. The inspection was completed and highlighted issues which were corrected by the installation team proving the worth. However, there is a distinct aversion to the BTBA at this centre and I feel this will be a one off.

**10.3** Altrincham is expected to be inspected as a new build soon but getting the pinspotters to run properly seems to be their priority at present.

**10.4** I have contacted Newcastle who stated that want to sanction the centre but needed to do work on some lanes first.

**10.5** Hollywood continue a drive to install string machines. Brighton has been converted and Portsmouth start on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**10.6** Consideration of another Inspectors Course, I have two names already.

**10.7** Inspection of Newcastle Bowl.

**10.8** Revision of BTBA rules with respect to pinfall on string machines

**10.9** Storage of Centre reports and other lane inspection material on a 'central' server

**10.10** Overcoming the 'there is no need for inspections' belief by many uneducated centre managers and now an area manager in Hollywood. This is heard most from centres who say they don't need it as we have no sanctioned leagues.

**10.11** Although a difficult challenge, negotiating a company-wide agreement would be a valuable step forward. A point to discuss at the TBPA meeting perhaps.

## **11.0 Finance/Treasurer's Report – Ron Griffin**

**11.1** RG presented a Profit and Loss Statement for 2019, it was noted that this was by far the fastest we have ever seen this report.

**11.2** Membership was down to £86K from £100K and coaching was £4.5K under budget, we had aspired to break even this year but will come in at a relatively small loss.

**11.3** All NC members were reminded that when the treasurer send the monthly account statement, this should be checked to ensure you receive any allocated monies but also inform of any unknown or missing transactions from your section.

## 12.0 Legal – Jo Cundy

**12.1** Review of Mem. and Arts. needs to be ready for AGM. **JC & RG** to review Mem. and Arts. and our Time for Change document.

**12.2** Somerset now has a Charter.

## 13.0 Team England – Terry Searle

**13.1** Uniform tender document was agreed - skorts were removed from the tender. Document is being sent on 7<sup>th</sup> January to Adrenaline, ETBF (BH), Mint sportswear and Striking Shirts.

## 14.0 Any Other Business

Kenneth Forrester of Acocks green YBC was awarded a British Empire Medal for his services in the New Tears honors, **MW** to write to K. Forrester.

Stand up to Cancer event will go ahead in Nuneaton, once again all thanked Cherise Moor for her ongoing endeavors. **RG** to send a list of what is booked for Nuneaton and Nottingham to NC.

**VH** A new bowl has opened in Bromley.

ICC Junior events U12 booked. We need venue for both U16 and U22, needs to be minimum of 26 lanes, **JC** to look at possible North and South qualification events.

AGM will be 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020, currently in Crick. **TS** to facilitate.

Next Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in Luton, then 26<sup>th</sup> April in Crick (pre-AGM)

Minutes submitted by: Terry Searle (**TS**)

Minutes approved by: Martin Webster (**MW**)