



## Minutes of National Council Meeting

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020 12.00pm

Present	Lisa John, Ron Griffin, Terry Searle, Martin Webster, Eric Harvey, Jo Cundy, Dave Steiner, Chris Hillman, Paul LeManquais, Mark Stone, Paul Loberman, Stephen Toop, Stuart Watson		
Apologies	Katie Tagg, Vicki Harman, Richard Lambkin(did not receive invitation)		
Item on Agenda	Discussion/Points raised	Who	Action
1. Declaration of interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talk Tenpin</li> <li>DS owns a proshop</li> </ul>	All	
2. Review actions from previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rule 305 – PLM all done - rules amended and on the website</li> <li>List published on the website of Bowler of the Year? PLM will be bringing this up later in the meeting.</li> <li>Document control and being uploaded to TEAMS? SW have added the ones he has, if anybody has anything that they think should be on there then send it to SG. DS define exactly what you want there? Anything that you think is relevant, pass through JC and then can add. Folder system each area to have their own. SW look into that and see if we can organise it.</li> <li>Only amend documents when you have been asked to.</li> <li>Add your initial after the name of the document to show you are the owner of the document.</li> <li>Extension of a further 6 months to the centre sanctioning. PLM has informed the bowls of this.</li> <li>CH proposed TS seconded</li> </ul>	LJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JC to send relevant forms to new council members</li> <li>PL to send DBS no to RS</li> </ul>
3. Chairman's Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World bowling change – is now International Bowling Federation – bring in line with Swiss law where they are based and to be seen as more of a sport.</li> <li>LJ has been asked to be on the Rules committee and has been asked to Chair.</li> </ul>	LJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LJ to circulate article that is to be published in January with the council.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strings – BTBA contacted by the USBC on our views on strings. PLM helped LJ draft a response and they were thankful for our feedback no comeback as yet with any further questions.</li> <li>• LJ also contacted by Paul Lane – about the certification of strings, Roger Creamer put him in connection with LJ. The article will be published in January.</li> <li>• DS wanted to highlight to everybody all the rules and specifications will come out of IBF with the new set up. Specifications will be set scientifically.</li> <li>• CH USBC rules will also be affected – ETBF will still have their own rules but no immediate impact. But will for World events – IBF want to be holding the rules not USBC.</li> <li>• LJ to keep us all posted.</li> </ul>		
<p>4. Legal and Governance Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JC talked about the new Covid document can be started on Jan 2021 – start date? Discussion – start date will be published date which will be today.</li> <li>• JC shared about CTBF being in contact and a planned virtual meeting. To share info once it has happened.</li> <li>• PLM number of string centres – Tenpin company</li> <li>• String lanes – lanes not certified by the association mean we have not been asked to.</li> </ul>	<p>JC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LJ to send document out today – send to SW add on the date to state when it is from</li> <li>• JC to ensure that Under 22's for the Presidium is clarified.</li> <li>• PLM to check if he can share info re string centres with JC.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p>5. Treasurer's Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tastecard – unlikely that we will get an extension.</li> <li>• Number of members at this time - 2020 – 1804 Registered 2019 – 3609 Registered (approx.)</li> <li>• Tastecard plans based on an increasing membership so could take 3 years to build back up to where we were.</li> <li>• Membership numbers are down and revenue is down.</li> <li>• Everything is paid</li> <li>• Next big bill is insurance in Jan – around £1500 TS gone out for some quotes to consolidate all of the insurances.</li> </ul>	<p>TS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LJ to ask about extension with Tastecard</li> <li>• All to send any admin fees to TS before the end of the year.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We pay £1000 a year for ETBF licenses – TS understanding that we cannot issue them, MH can issue them. EH will update later in the meeting.</li> </ul>		
6. Sport Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Had a few meetings with the different departments. Each department will share with the NC.</li> </ul> <p><b>Coaching</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New coaching scheme has started.</li> <li>Next Level 3 is in Sept 2021 – would like Richard and Curtis to complete this next year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Team England</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CH updates – WYC cancelled and ECC cancelled.</li> <li>Only ones scheduled to go ahead, EYC – March, EWC - June, EMC - August, at the moment.</li> <li>Have a document to present to people but want EH to look at it and then present to exec and council. Lots of work involved, had a forum and working with PL.</li> <li>Not much else to report on TE at the moment</li> <li>£10,000 being held by ETBF from the EYC, what are their plans in regard to this. LJ to include that in her correspondence to ETBF.</li> <li>Going forward 3 team managers have set up a meeting with them about what we are going to decide. Decisions around teams. Will keep us posted in regard to this.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tournament Officer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PL everything in regard to tournaments are currently on hold.</li> <li>Have spoken/keeping in touch with Daniel Bonfield – BTBA Tour, Chatfield – ESBT, Stephen - JBE, Chris S – Tenpintour.</li> </ul>	EH/C H/PL /ST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CH to share Team England document with EH and then with council.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have dates in the calendar and thanks DS for sharing the European dates.</li><li>• Started a tournament database</li><li>• PL shared with the NC – having a meeting on Monday with SW regarding how to work this on the website.</li></ul> <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RG - European events – PL spoke to AB/TB we will only focus on sanctioned events – European events can also be added to the calendar adults and senior.</li><li>• To work with Jerry also – PL will talk to him around sanctioning</li><li>• At the moment using the free version – would be worth paying the fee, around £10-£15 a month. Will look at this</li><li>• DS some dates are set, they should be blocked out. Data into database – can it accept mass loads eg Nationals can be automatically uploaded to the database. PL yes the data can be uploaded and the records can be linked together.</li><li>• SW – want to look at not having too many uploads or places to get things, will discuss this with PL on Monday.</li><li>• Also add Team England dates for both Adult and Senior teams</li><li>• Having our own calendar is great moving forward.</li><li>• Virtual bowling document that LJ emailed round – next course action for LJ to take it to Andy at IBF to see what he thinks. PL wanted to say thanks to MW for the input – need to be careful with the pitch – would be amazing to get it ratified. LJ wants to talk to him 'off the record' about the idea and what does he think.</li><li>• EH spoke to LE during the week – can he mention anything to his 900 members on his Facebook page. LJ happy for him to say something that it is progressing.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PL to investigate costings of database going forward.</li><li>• DS send PL list of dates that need to be blocked out.</li><li>• Virtual bowling document that LJ emailed round – next course action for LJ to take it to Andy at IBF to see what he thinks.</li><li>• EH to speak to LE re virtual event for an update.</li><li>• PL to investigate 'Lane talk' app.</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RG – seniors event in March is this realistic? Each country will have their own lockdown issues. Surprised at the date and that it was approved. PL has been cautious with LE about it and was just working towards a date. It is just tentative, currently the document is a draft.</li><li>• MS – discussion around lane talk app – PL to investigate.</li></ul> <p><b>Youth Bowling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ST – numbers 770 at the start of the year, as of today 275 registered youth bowlers. Could be down to 140 due to lapse dates this could be the number.</li><li>• Have adjusted the calendar tournaments start from March and not January – may run out of time for Team England qualifying as not able to run all of the events – closely monitoring</li><li>• Recruitment – scouts run a virtual event – 3900 took part in the English side of this event. ST has made contact with the Scout and Guide associations to see if we can cross – between them they have a million members.</li><li>• Website publishing children’s activities – organized clubs, costs, times locations etc mostly karate judo etc ST in contact with them to have the YBC’s registered on that website.</li><li>• Counties is a concern due to numbers and ages.</li><li>• Biggest concerns at the moment is numbers of members, how tournaments can run and the knock on effect to Junior TE.</li><li>• Regional reps out talking to the YBC’s North Derek Simpson, Central Dave Tagg, South Stuart Watson. Coaching promotion but also pastoral care. How can we help, what do they need? Do they know how many might be returning?</li><li>• Question around under 18’s</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ST report back on contacts made with the scouts and website advertising children’s activities.</li></ul>
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<p>7. Business Development Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MW latest situation with proprietors couple of weeks ago. They have received some new applications including the Airport Bowl. Big issue with World Bowling to IBF and promoting bowling as a sport and not hospitality. They do not want that to happen as in the process of trying to claim back VAT and will only get that back if they are classed as hospitality. Asked LJ to ask IBF about this. To have a document that says that bowling is both, sport and hospitality. LJ has contacted Andy, he has spoken to Gary at the proprietors and they are now in direct contact with each other.</li> <li>• MW shared % about centres that are opened/closed across the UK</li> <li>• TS shared a document regarding ice hockey. All centres in Wales to shut next Friday according to news.</li> <li>• Working with Hadley regarding shop items.</li> <li>• Council members thanked MW for their new BTBA 'facemasks'.</li> </ul>	<p>MW</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MW to feedback how 'shop' items are going.</li> </ul>
<p>8. Membership Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers down almost exactly 50% numbers shared above</li> <li>• New membership incentive – no data as yet on how many people have purchased it.</li> <li>• MS extremely quiet at the moment – most of the region will be in Tier 3. Leagues have reduced by 50% in own centre as people not coming back yet as not feeling safe yet.</li> </ul>	<p>LJ/M S</p>	
<p>9. Inter County Championships</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think Tank to be in November – discussion around is it the right time? Could look to hold one in the Spring in 2021 due to uncertain times.</li> <li>• County boundaries – 1961? Are these going to be reviewed?</li> <li>• Working group off line set up by Christmas</li> </ul>	<p>JC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JC to set up a working party to look at and come up with a plan in regards to county boundaries and how to incorporate all those who want to bowl.</li> </ul>
<p>10. BTBA Annual awards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enquiry regarding this year's awards.</li> <li>• Going to extend to the 2020-21 awards from Sept 2019 – Aug 2021</li> </ul>	<p>PLM/ LJ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LJ to draft a statement re bowler of the year awards.</li> </ul>



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11. Website changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PLM to complete this offline</li></ul>	PLM	
12. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SW final changes of NAYBC will all be gone by the New Year.</li><li>• MS receive emails spam – you can unsubscribe</li></ul>	All	
13. Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next meeting 30th January 2021</li></ul>	LJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DS to send an invite to all around a date.</li></ul>