



Minutes of BTBA AGM

Saturday 10th July 2021 at 2.00pm

Meeting Conducted via Microsoft Teams

Council Members	Chairman: Lisa Blann Vice-Chairman: Ron Griffin Legal and Governance: Jo Cundy Treasurer: Terry Searle Business Development: Martin Webster Sport Development: Peter Stevenson Company Secretary: David Steiner Technical Service: Paul Le Manquais	Tournament Officer: Paul Loberman Team England: Chris Hillman Women's Council: Katie Tagg Regional Officer North: Mark Stoner Regional Officer South: Vicki Harman Communications: Stuart Watson Youth Bowling: Stephen Toop
Delegates	Buckinghamshire: Karen Parslow Dorset: Lynn Squibb Essex: Ruth Molineaux Hampshire: Maurie Phillott Kent: Chris Skudder Lancashire: Ruth Rathbone London: Matthew Smith Middlesex: Tracy Lofty Oxfordshire: Kenneth Iredale Shropshire: Wally Taylor	
Apologies	Chris Hillman, National Council Paul Le Manquais, National Council Lynn Squibb, Dorset Delegate Ruth Molineaux, Essex Delegate Chris Skudder, Kent Delegate Wally Taylor, Shropshire Delegate	



Item on Agenda	Discussion/Points raised	Who	Action
1. Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll call completed – as above • LB welcomed all to the meeting and said that she was looking forward to her first meeting • The last year has been pretty tough for all as outlined in the annual review • Our members are the most important thing and their safety comes first – hence why decisions were made and not always received well but we dealt with the situations that arose and want to thank all the council members and our members for supporting us through this time • Now we need to get bowling back on track and get leagues back up and running when our members feel safe enough to do so. We will be here to give support and guidance, so please call upon us if you need us. 	JC/LB	
2. To approve Minutes of the 2020 AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of minutes • Proposed: Matt Smith • Seconded: Ruth Rathbone • Vote: Unanimous in favour 	LB/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes accepted
3. To approve the Financial Statement and Balance Sheet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of accounts • Proposed: Vicki Harman • Seconded: Tracy Lofty • Vote: Unanimous in favour • Approval of the reappointment of Newton Magnus as accountants • Proposed: Ron Griffin • Seconded: Terry Searle • Vote: Unanimous in favour 	LB/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounts accepted • Approval of accountants for the next year



<p>4. To receive the 2021 BTBA Annual Review Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All received 	<p>LB/All</p>	
<p>5. To approve the amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of the Association</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Amendments to Memorandum and Articles Article 1 - Vote Article 4 - Vote Article 5 - Vote Article 10 - Vote Article 13 - Vote Articles 45, 48 and 49 - Vote Article 74 - Vote Article 96 – Vote Blanket vote as no individual issues were raised by the delegates. Proposed: Lisa Blann Seconded: Maurie Phillott Vote: Unanimous in favour 	<p>LB/All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All amendments agreed to the Memorandum and articles for articles listed.
<p>6. To receive responses to Member's questions received in writing</p>	<p>Questions received from Oxfordshire:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I note from Companies House website that the 2020 accounts have already been (on 13th May 2021). I presume that this is an oversight, in view of the fact that the "members" need to approve the accounts. Should the accounts not be approved, who will be responsible for amending the figures and re-filing. <p><i>We were awaiting approval at the AGM and discovered by your question that the accounts had been published by the accountants following a misunderstanding between the new and outgoing</i></p>	<p>Council Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of the minutes to be sent to the accountants



treasurer. We signed the accounts as correct when we should have waited until after the meeting. We confirm it was an error and T Searle will work with the accountants to correct any errors if there are any discovered.

- A copy of the minutes will be sent after today's meeting
2. There is a substantial figure of £30,800 shown as debtors. What does this represent, as there is normally not a figure this high for debtors.

This is an accrual for marketing. There is a three-year agreement in place with Taste card and the £30,800 is their payment for the next two years. The next accrual is for £15,400.

3. In the report, the membership numbers show that a substantial majority of the members have lapsed. What is the current numbers on a comparative basis?

Please see the table below for a direct comparison in membership numbers

Member State	2020	2021
Lapsed	2229	4592
Awaiting Approval	77	131
Registered	3586	1234
Inactive	4	11
TOTAL	5896	5968

- DS added that these numbers are constantly changing



	<p>4. What efforts are being made to reconnect to the lapsed members, and is there any indication of the knock on effect to membership income.</p> <p>The Chairman has already reached out to the lapsed and awaiting approval membership to connect with them. We are seeing an increase in applications for tournament sanctions which will also allow us to reconnect with the lapsed members. We have already started to see a rise in membership numbers and believe that this will only increase further once bowlers become comfortable enough to return to the lanes and leagues can recommence. We will be doing all that we can to support our Local Associations and League Secretaries when they are ready to return.</p> <p>The financial knock-on effect of the membership drop has meant that our budget has considerably reduced for services and expenditure. Membership income is down against plan due to Covid 19 restrictions and people not willing to renew whilst bowling centres have been closed. There are a solid few that understood we still must run an association and the costs, whilst being contained, remain there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB wants to thank the members who did continue to support the association throughout the pandemic – as there are still items to be paid. Thank you to all attending today – to say thank you for being BTBA supporters. 		
7. AOB	<p>Buckinghamshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Questions – we are pleased to have kept hold of our committee even though we only have 22 members. Thank you for keeping it all going during these difficult times. 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC to confirm email with Matt Smith • ST to ensure that Tracy Robertson has contacted TL



	<p>Dorset</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not in attendance <p>Essex</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not in attendance <p>Hampshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No questions – thank you for keeping it going in difficult times <p>Kent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not in attendance <p>London</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Could there be a directory of names of people in local area associations on the website so that members know who they can contact within an association. Something to look into further, as we will need to gain permissions from those people. National Council will investigate further.• League sanctioning – We have never been asked to submit a final league sheet. If it is submitted where can it be seen? To help make league sanctioning credible. Jerry did ask for leagues to submit their final standing sheet. Not all sent them back. MS did ask that some members ask what do we get for our membership – LB will send a leaflet out to MS to support with answers on this ‘what do I get for my money?’ It is a list to share.• JC did you reply to my email regarding counties? JC stated that she had but would confirm, JC thanked Matt for the ideas and the time that had gone into the plan put forward.		
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	<p>Middlesex</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TL – sanctioning – lots of bowlers are questioning whether they should return to being a BTBA sanctioned league after lockdown. We need to be more proactive to get back the people who have gone, but not sure how you are going to do this. LB mentioned that this is something that the council are aware of and have discussed it and will need the local associations to support with this. We will address it.• If we want bowling to continue and go forward we need to get it out there, particularly media – but we need to get youngsters involved. We need to give power and money to YBC’s to target the younger people such as Brownies, scouts, schools etc. to get younger people involved. LB reiterated that we are here and if you need anything then come to us and ask for the help. JC added about the positive press for Verity and the positive impact that has had on our sport. SW has reached out to 30 local radio stations and they have said thanks and then no comeback. But there have been recent positives which we need to continue and start using different platforms – YouTube channel etc. ST added to what SW said about the promotional activity with Tracy Robertson. ST will get Tracy to reach out and make contact with TL. <p>Lancashire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Would the YBC’s, if they bowl high scores, get them sanctioned if the centre is uncertified. DS confirmed that centres did receive extensions to their sanctioning – but there are some centres who are not certified.		
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	<p>Unfortunately, high score awards are not given out in uncertified centres.</p> <p>Oxfordshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have answered our questions as sent prior to the meeting <p>Shropshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not in attendance <p>Council members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PL wanted to add a note about the rule change for Tournament entry forms. They do not need to put in lineage. There are going to be some more changes regarding fees for non-members etc. and we will be updating the rules in the next couple of weeks. PL has also replied individually to tournament managers regarding recent tournament applications <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you again to you all for supporting the BTBA• LB will get our communication sorted• Thank you for helping me through my first AGM• If anybody needs help or support with anything then please get in contact• We would like fresh bodies on the council and the Director of Membership Services position is coming up in the next couple of months		
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Meeting concluded at 15.00.