



Minutes of National Council Meeting

Saturday 25th September 2021 10.30am

Present	Lisa Blann, Ron Griffin, Terry Searle, Pete Stevenson, Jo Cundy, Dave Steiner, Chris Hillman, Paul LeManquais, Mark Stoner, Paul Loberman, Stephen Toop, Stuart Watson, Katie Tagg, Vicki Harman, Simon Taylor		
Apologies/early departures	Martin Webster – Apologies Simon Taylor, Pete Stevenson, Stephen Toop – left early		
Item on Agenda	Discussion/Points raised	Who	Action
1. Declaration of interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk Tenpin • DS owns a proshop • Professional Bowls Corporation • Qubica AMF 	All	
2. Review actions from previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC to send out new forms to new members of the council • TS to send out budget agreements to all – resend please • Team England document to be sent out to the National Council – just needs to be finalised • PLM/RG set up files in Teams, PLM has sent out in report • PLM did a voting form for Annual Awards • Update on EYC qualifications for Worlds? No further news on this at the moment – could have been a rumour as not clarified • Senior Team England Managers post has been sent to SW, will be up this weekend • LB contacted Tastecard – they have extended the dates on the codes – now have a new contact will continue comms • PS and CH meeting re Team England; this is ongoing • LB guidance sent out on how to sanction leagues • DS about online Nationals form with PLob – ongoing • Agreed at last meeting BTBA National events would be a standard membership for non-members. Increased from £3.00 to £10.00 for local events, still wanted to find out about international players such as Welsh or Scottish players. This 	LB/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC to send out new forms to new members of the council • Team England document to be sent once finalised • PLob to update tournament rules from the 1st November re non-members fees • LB to complete 'how to guide' • LB to complete guidance for members • ST to send RG list of YBC officials



	<p>needs to be added into tournament rules – PLOB has had some kickback. PLOB will update the tournament rules from the 1st November.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duplicate members on the database is an ongoing issue • Advert for Director of Membership Services went out and we had 4 applicants – applicants will be informed early next week of the successful applicant. • LB to complete 'how to guide' - need to complete • LB complete guidance for members – ongoing • Officials from YBC's to be sent to Ron – ST still collating this to send over to Ron. Can send over what you have now to get started. 		
3. Chairman's Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Simon to the National Council as Head of Coaching – to get our coaching programme back on track. • BTBA approached by IBF about sending a team to the World Championships – put us in a strong position with IBF – positive steps moving forward. • Fully behind our decision to go – for the greater good of our sport this is a good move. Thank you to everyone who has supported this decision – it was not an easy one but the future is definitely brighter for our sport because of it. We have had some really positive responses to the news. • Central Regional Officer – Michael Kimberley • Southern Regional Officer – Matt Smith • Both will be officially announced on the 1st October – to go live on that date. LB will supply SW with all the information ready for that on Friday. 	LB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New regional officers to be announced on Friday 1st October – LB to give SW information for this
4. Sport Development Update	<p>Youth Bowling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are starting to see YBC's coming back • Southampton confirmed last night will not be coming back • Virtual high series tournament still going - 130 entries so far and 5 weeks to go. 12 YBC's have currently entered it • Club Hub – 8 new YBC members from this 	PS/S T/STa /CH/P Lob	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ST trialing Lottery ready to go in October • ST to share information in Teams from the Junior Symposium • STa talk to SW re suitable platforms for sharing/communicating



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lottery is now live with ST trialing it at the moment. • Joined the YBC symposium on back of EYC – good session – 2 people in the room and the rest online. Europe have the same problems that we do, how do they get bowlers back, declining numbers. Shared some good materials – ST will share the link, download material and add into Teams. • Created a tournament – Youth Matchplay Accumulator – scratch, no divisions, cash prizes. Currently limited to 28 entries, will be first come first served. 27th and 28th Nov – if well liked then can be developed for next year. • Bowler Score recognition scheme – run out of badges – YBC’s are now demanding more – ST get some ideas on what we can do moving forward – can put together and send round in an email. • Ongoing research into YBC’s continued by Tracy • First tournament last weekend – North of England • Today South of England starts • Season starts again in January <p>Coaching and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New to the job • Want to set up communication between coaches • Coaches and players, coaches and parents etc to look at sharing videos • Team England teaching others • Make it all a bit more vibrant • Want to communicate more between coaches to compare notes for example share a video of a player any tips/suggestions • Talking to SW about the right platform • We need to offer a programme to the bowls that we offer the coach and equipment they provide the children. This is an 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council members to share any coaching materials they have with STa so that he has a full picture of what has gone before • JC to review Triple Crown documents • JC to find out when the next Presidium is going to be – needs to be soon! • Team England Senior managers position to be advertised • CH to send PLOB link on criteria for rankings for countries • PLOB to add financial reports online • PLOB meeting with Middlesex in October regarding non-sanctioned events • CH/PS check that any Juniors playing the adult trials have the right level of membership • PLOB to send entry forms to Area Associations as well as other relevant information about events happening in their area •
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	<p>opportunity for the bowls to make money – could get the children interested to then maybe join the YBC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Want to make coaching cheaper to obtain the right information. Want to work on this going forward.• LB yes we do need to make it more affordable and more accessible for all, but it should still generate revenue for the association.• Simon very eager for any material – please send him anything from current to the old phases• DS will send over, members of the council to send over to Simon to sift through• JC reminder about safeguarding in sharing with the right platform• RG has ETBF 1 and 2 info that he can share also some of the strategies, happy to help in any way that I can• TS – will post it to Simon• SW – Did have WhatsApp groups but will catch up with Simon about this• PS wanted to add that Simon has been working with PS and the Youth committee – early days – good start <p>Team England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IBF – very pleased that we are taking part and understand the dilemma that we did have. Bowlers have fed back they appreciate the openness and honesty around the situation.• Team manager is Ron G for the Worlds in Dubai – there is going to be A LOT of Covid testing – want to wish him and the team all the best• Team England Trials – had a large amount of numbers – very pleased as we did not expect the numbers wanting to play• CH did mention waiting list and the possibility that players may drop out		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emailed all a document from Steve Allen for the Triple Crown JC to have a look and feedback• As soon as the trials are completed first mens Europeans and then the womens Europeans. Will be around £1500 a bowler, CH looking at different sponsorship avenues.• DS - Triple Crown - JC will need to attend the Presidium to discuss any changes• DS have the formats changed for events for next year? To the IBF formats? CH not sure on the formats as yet – will look into. DS said ETBF will line up with IBF formats. CH expression of interest does not seem to show a change in formats but will look at it.• Great to have a new head of coaching, looking forward to appointing a new Senior Manager.• CH we are ranked 12th in the world and 5th in Europe• Once managers in place can have a full Team England meeting• Once document is finalised it will be exciting going forward and improve our stance in the world.• PLOb is there a criteria on rankings for World Level – CH will send PLOb the link, also to LB.• JC feedback on TC• ST stated that England Juniors will be starting qualification from January so keep him informed <p>Tournament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18 tournaments sanctioned so far this year• 7 sanctions pending came in the last week – working way through those• Online entry form used for 4 BTBA back to bowling, senior open and the trials – automated confirmation is working well, does take a while, still needs a bit of work to ensure that it is working.		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sanction request form - looking to add it online to speed up some of the back log with sanctioning to add into the database. Looking to find somebody to help with this – around entry forms especially checking• RG people only read when there is a breach of the rules• RG - financial reports – could this also go online? RG would be grateful. Plob looking at the software - need some addons so will use some of the sanctioning funds to pay for these.• Financial reports to be added online soon• Tournament player database starting to get some scores, working with Dan Bonfield.• Still pending a guide to creating an entry form and adding the tournament rules• Talking to Dave Grainger about their HOF database which can be difficult to maintain – have been helping him with that – not a priority but is good for the BTBA to be involved in that.• Had some feedback from a tournament manager and others that Middlesex that are running events that are not sanctioned – Plob reached out to chat about it. They are trying to encourage bowlers to come back to bowling/new bowlers on a Sunday morning. Need to set a timeframe on this from the 1st November as a possible cut off. Meeting in October to discuss this.• DS a member of the Middlesex county did write in a few weeks ago asking if they could run non sanctioned events and we said no. DS to forward email to Plob so that all things are covered.• KT - Middlesex have been running events for longer than this period. There is an event that starts this weekend or next up until the middle of November.• RG we have not bowled for a while – when will the bowlers be under a Team England code of conduct and do the		
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	<p>bowlers have a code of conduct for the up coming Worlds. Please send to JC that this is the right one. CH will ask bowlers who qualify to sign up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VH a lot of leagues who are not getting sanctions as they want to get people back to bowling – so lacking in number of leagues who will be sanctioned• PS got to go – brother bowling at South of England• KT – seen new members from sanctioned events such as the Summer Doubles• PLOb asked KT about any links to events - KT will send this over to PLOb• PLOb can check numbers in bulk against the database – 2 adults and 5 seniors entered into the Trials are currently not members• LB membership for tournaments – when the tournament is an Adult event, all members must be standard membership as a minimum• VH – number of youth bowlers playing adult trials – will need to check their membership• LB also when playing adult leagues must have standard membership• PLM – question asked of me – in years gone by fill the form in and local areas got the form – would it be a good idea that the local association where an event is taking place can have a copy of the entry form to know that an event is happening. They do know that an event is happening but PLOb does not necessarily send them the final entry form.		
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<p>5. Treasurer's Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TS membership is now on its way up and money coming in. Also money from trials and sanctioning. • Capital account looking more healthy • Not in a position to fund everything as yet – but a lot more positive • Budget requests being sent out. 	<p>TS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TS to re-send Budget requests
<p>6. Business Development Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB gave summary as MW not present • Not had many proprietors meetings but will have a face to face in December • Will be attending another meeting with a group of people from Dom Gall and the proprietors • Had a long chat with Pete Terry about recent BTBA movement of tournaments so Nottingham will not be having tournaments all weekend. Only on a Saturday up until 1 and then can have Sunday all day. Nottingham would have had counties, but we cannot run with these parameters • JC to chat with PLM regarding counties • PLM to speak to Double Tree regarding the deposits that they have for Adult and Senior counties • Mint sportswear Partnership – Link now on the website. For every shirt purchased and sent to a UK address, members get 20% discount and BTBA get a commission. It is on the news page – can we put a link on the homepage so it does not get lost in news page. • Plob is there a page where links are for benefits? LB yes on membership page 	<p>LB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC to meet with PLM re next steps for counties • PLM to speak to Double Tree re deposit – possibly use towards a county Think Tank
<p>7. Membership Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB - Membership numbers 1872 have gone up so positive outlook • Members waiting approval – means they haven't paid – as soon as they pay they become members. 	<p>LB/M S/VH/ KT/S W</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sometimes they need a reminder, but it is not an automatic reminder.• PLoB - Some members cannot be found on the member list but is on the database – LB speak to ‘Just go’ about it and other teething problems since the Domain change. <p>Regional Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VH this will be her last meeting – will be working with Matt Smith to do a handover• From the 1st of October will have a full quota of regional officers• So now need to build up the communication with area associations etc• MS nothing really to add at the moment• Numbers are looking good as leagues return• VH numbers not coming back as much yet <p>Women’s Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will be sending round the proposal for development of women’s bowling.• Middlesex – holding an unsanctioned ladies event <p>Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SW – some things are not quite working on the website – things not searching properly so sorting that• Social media is the way• Have programmed future updates• Lots going on• Instagram stories also to be added – an interest item• Also some interest with YouTube• Weber Cup – all the photos for Instagram etc• Diary of events – to try not to miss anything linking to different outlets• Educare courses – completed all		
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8. Legal and Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC quick update on an ongoing fact finding – ST is completing and will update at next meeting. • PLM – sent his report to all any questions – none • PLM referenced Weber Cup with regards to a referee. BTBA have not been approached in this regard. • Inclusion and Diversity will be moved under Legal 	JC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC to send Code of conduct, conflict of interest policy and Business interest form to all new members of the council
9. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RG – presented Steve Thornton with his Hall of Fame award • RG – International licenses – what to do to bowl in Gibraltar – get a gold card or email admin for a license for a one off event for £10.00 • RG – Poole at Branksome – brought leagues down before Covid but have done so even more now, out by 9.00 on Mon 9.30 and Wed, lanes dressed at 9.30 in morning and no other dressings, not put on before paid, approaches are bad, all in all an unsatisfactory affair – is there anything that we can use to say this is not adequate to run a league – asking for advice/guidance • CH – for DS European Women’s will be qualifier for world games in July and World Cup in 2022 and no change in format • CH – for RG when you go away – funding sources – get players to sign things that we could raffle etc when you return • PLOb – next year – with BD leaving we currently have nobody to step in to start organizing events etc. Working on a job spec and he has mentioned a couple of people for potential candidates – by next weekend can have a job spec to go online. • MS – Barnsley new bowl opening up • MS – Enquired regarding the working county party • LB – county think tank could use the Double Tree as part of the deposit that we may not get back from the adult/senior counties 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RG to obtain some signed objects for CH to raffle from the World Championships • JC to follow up the counties working party



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DS – Code of conduct if the current one is not the one I have on record then I need an update JC to send		
10. Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LJ and DS to meet to plan in dates of next meetings – will make a couple in person• Next meeting TBC will be in November	LB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LB and DS to set dates for the year, at least 2 will be face to face• DS to send an invite to all around a date.