



Minutes of BTBA AGM

Saturday 23rd July 2022 2.00pm

Present – Council members	Chairman: Vice-Chairman: Legal and Governance: Treasurer: Membership Services: Company Secretary: Technical Service: Team England: Inclusion and Diversity: Regional Officer Central: Regional Officer South: Youth Bowling:	Lisa Blann Ron Griffin Jo Cundy Terry Searle Kayleigh Wilkinson David Steiner Paul Le Manquais Chris Hillman Simon Herbert Michael Kimberley Matt Smith Stephen Toop
Invited delegates	Bedfordshire: Buckinghamshire: Dorset: Durham: Kent: London: Middlesex: Northamptonshire: Northumberland: Nottinghamshire: Oxfordshire: Shropshire: Staffordshire: Sussex: Warwickshire: Yorkshire:	James Wheeler Karen Parslow Lynn Squibb Anthony Robson Chris Taaffe Neil Taylor Roger Gain Craig Ellis Dave Malpass Les Keates Kenneth Iredale Paul Williams Dave Hawkes Will Line Sarah Goodwin Katie Jowsey
Life Members	Keith Tomblin Linda Buckland	



Apologies	Martin Webster Paul Loberman Mark Stoner Stuart Watson Chloe Dixon Hayley Russell Ruth Rathbone		
Item on Agenda	Discussion/Points raised	Who	Action
1. Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to everyone for coming today. • Housekeeping for the meeting – all on mute so that there is no microphone feedback and we are not talking over other people. Please us the raise your hand for voting and also for AOB for anything to be raised at that point. • If anyone is struggling to hear, please click on more actions where you can turn on live captions. • Jo Cundy is taking the minutes so please be clear and concise to support. 	JC/LB	
2. To approve Minutes of the 2021 AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of 2021 Minutes • Proposed: Ken Iredale • Seconded: Dave Steiner • Vote - 26 in favour, 1 abstain, 1 life member non-voting 	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: Craig Ellis • Seconded: Ken Iredale • Vote: 27 in favour, 1 life member non-voting • Approval of the reappointment of Newton Magnus as accountants • Proposed: Chris Taaffe • Seconded: Ron Griffin • Vote: unanimous 	LB/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounts accepted. • Approval of accountants for the next year.



<p>4. To approve the National Council Nomination for Chairman for 2 years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Blann has been proposed from the National Council • Proposed: Jo Cundy • Seconded: Matt Smith • Vote - 25 in favour, 1 against 1, abstain 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Blann accepted as new BTBA Chairman for the next 2 years.
<p>5. To approve the National Council Nomination for Vice Chairman for 2 years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron Griffin has been proposed from the National Council • Proposed: Jo Cundy • Seconded: Matt Smith • Vote - 24 in favour, 0 against, 3 abstain 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron Griffin accepted as new BTBA Vice Chairman for the next 2 years.
<p>6. To receive the 2022 BTBA Annual Review Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All received – emailed as part of the delegates pack. • Proposal – Chris Hillman • Seconded – Sarah Goodwin • Vote – unanimous 	LB/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report accepted
<p>7. To receive responses to Member's questions received in writing at Head Office admin@btba.org.uk</p>	<p>Questions received in writing from Local Associations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 questions received from different local associations • 1 from Warwickshire • 3 from Bedfordshire • 24 from Middlesex • See appendix 1 for the questions and answers • Answers to be read by Kayleigh Wilkinson 	NC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior counties to be cancelled for this year – to be communicated to all by Junior Inter County Team. • All members are welcome to get in touch with the BTBA if they have new ideas they would like to share or how to implement. • Strategic document to be shared with all members
<p>8. AOB</p>	<p>Dave Hawkes - Staffordshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised the following queries regarding the inter counties; the number of teams to go through to the finals, long way to travel to the round, 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DH to email into admin regarding fundamentals – RG



	<p>have to stay overnight, we are small county who have to rely on Senior players to make the team, then long journeys to the finals. Cost of living is high, and the cost of petrol is high, also only 2 teams qualifying from their round – this is disgusting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Also asked about orphan bowlers due to Chesterfield as he had not heard back from anybody if this is possible.• Regarding Coaching - Stephen Toop supported the association and found a centre that was willing to hold a YBC, then to get the coaches involved they all said no as they did not want to pay for retraining. This cost is too high to retrain.• JC answered regarding different venues so for this year you will have a long way to go, but next year you may have a shorter journey. Unfortunately we can only go to centres that are willing to host the tournament.• JC explained the reasons behind changing the number of ladies teams who will make the adult finals. This was due to there being a disproportionate number of teams in the three regions, so we have adjusted how many qualify from each region based on the number of teams entering each reaching.• RG answered regarding coaching. Bowling has moved on over the last 20 years, previous courses have not run for a long time and the game has changed a lot. EBF qualifications are to ensure the qualifications have some meaning, not just something that we made up. BTBA worked with EBF and there is value in taking the course – including different styles of bowling, takes into account new technology. We do need to adjust and develop with the times, and I am disappointed that there are still people out there who do not want to train up – we have a fundamentals course that those coaches can take. This is not 2 days, it can complete over a period of time, with smaller costs – so a general progression through. Leading towards an EBF qualification, we know that the cost is high, and there are opportunities for local grants from the BTBA, and YBC's can ask the	<p>to ensure reply sent to all LA's.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Footnote to be added to annual report re Derbyshire Local Association.• New format for Bowler of the Year to be launched on Monday 25th July 2022.• Think Tank to be held later in the Year – discuss Super Senior county category.• Sarah Goodwin offered to run a 'friendly' event for the Junior county teams who did trial – Stephen Toop to liaise with Sarah.• KW to complete a breakdown of members by age – data to only include numbers of members.• DH to chase Staffordshire to reply to PLM re Senior County Finals.
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	<p>BTBA to support with this. You can spread the cost over a period of time, but most local councils do have grants that can be applied for. This is us protecting the bowlers that we have by having up to date training for them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DH would like the BTBA to send out some information to him around the fundamentals. DH is to send an email to Ron or Admin regarding this and a response with the necessary information will be included. This should also be sent to all Local Associations. <p>Michael Kimberley – Central regional officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Annual Review noted the committee the Derbyshire committee had resigned which is inaccurate. They did not resign, they just did not stand for re-election. LB confirmed a footnote would be added to ensure the correct information is listed for Derbyshire. <p>Paul LeManquais</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BTBA Annual Awards. As of Monday the process will go live. A document will be shared to outline this. Members can vote in 5 different categories. Male/Female for both adults and seniors and the Chairman's award. One vote per member, any duplicate votes will be removed. There are other awards that are currently not voted on by members at the moment. <p>Karen Parslow – Bucks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult bowlers are becoming seniors and seniors are becoming super seniors. Is there an opportunity for a super senior event in the future? No think tank this year – PLM mentioned that there will be and Karen can raise later in the year.• Thank you to all the volunteers on the BTBA and on this screen, well done to everybody <p>Sarah Goodwin - Warwickshire</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Juniors counties being cancelled; we could run a friendly event for those that have made their teams and she offered to run an event. If anyone is interested please email warwickshire@btba.org.uk <p>Ken Iredale – Oxfordshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysis of age of members stops at over 21, can we have a range of where members – how many seniors or super seniors for example? KW will be able to do this and this will be circulated with the minutes.• Why were the membership fees frozen? Surely we should be increasing the fees annually regardless. Why are we not slowly increasing the fees so that there is not a big jump. LB confirmed that this was something we had planned to do but Covid did scupper some of the plans to increase the membership for say a £1 a year. KW confirmed we are still being impacted by Covid; getting members back, lapsed members etc so did not want to put the price up but we are reviewing the prices currently, constantly trying to increase the value of the membership also. <p>Dave Steiner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ages of our membership – the majority of them are over 50, but the default will automatically make them over 50 – so if members do not put in their date of birth it could skew the figures slightly. More over 50 members in Europe so this is a trend across EBF. <p>Paul LeManquais</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I have not had a response from Staffordshire regarding the senior ladies. DH will get onto it. <p>Paul Williams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICC trials: does the centre have to be sanctioned? Currently have no foul lights – wires have been cut in recent refurb.		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The answer is yes a sanctioned centre should be used as per the ICC rules, however there have been exceptions – on a case by case depending on circumstances.• NT mentioned that Lewisham has not been sanctioned for a good number of years. JC explained that London have dispensation because of their situation. JC said it is case by case. JC explained that she would want all the bowlers to be able to play and would look at individual queries.• JC you can hold your trials outside of your association – no need to ask permission from anybody especially not the association they are in. DH also mentioned the same for Staffordshire as they hold their trials in a neighboring county. <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LB - Thank you again to you all for supporting and attending today• The minutes and appendix will be sent round to you as soon as they are available.• RG – Thank you to Lisa for the last 2 years, let's hope the next 2 years are a little easier• Thanks again – hopefully see you in person at some point soon!	
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